

Meadow Brook Calendar

- Jan 7 – 10:15am – The Bridge Recruitment Day at MBC (Fellowship Room)
- Jan 11 Jr & Sr Youth resumes
- Jan 15-19 – Week of Prayer (for everyone)
- Jan 23 – MB Kids Kickoff
- Jan 26-28 – Jr High Retreat – Camp Crossroads
- Jan 29 (Mon) – 7pm – Annual General Meeting

Community Connections

Thank you to our Baking Bunch who baked dozens of cookies before Christmas which were shared with our community friends at SECC, Super Store, The Bridge, TSC and Giant Tiger.

Essex County Community Bulletin Board

- Jan 8 (Monday) – 12 noon – Colasanti's After Five for Ladies. Cost \$20. Our guest speaker is Joan Cocks and her message "Once Upon a Time". Jan Bateman of Bateman's 'Make Your Move' will be our feature. To make your reservation call Sharon 519-326-0421 by Fri. Jan. 6th. Come and bring a friend!



JANUARY 2018

MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2018! We pray God's fullest blessings over you and your family, and over our church family as well, as we start into this brand new year together!

Christ-Stories Starting on Sun, Feb 4, we will be starting a new sermon series called *Christ-Stories: Parables for Today*, digging into some of the best and most challenging teachings of Jesus! This is going to be a crucial series for Meadow Brook, as God is going to do some amazing things in our hearts and in our walks with Him! We will have a Study Guide to accompany the series (like we did for The Good Fight), which will be available at the HUB for \$5! We also strongly encourage you to jump into a Life Group (info available at the HUB) to walk through this teaching with some other believers!

Week of Prayer We like to start off every year with a week focusing on prayer, covering a variety of topics as we seek God's blessing for 2018! We would like everyone who calls Meadow Brook "home" to come out to at least one session! Our week of prayer will be January 15-19, with a prayer gathering every evening from 7 to 8pm. We will also relaunch our noontime prayer gathers that same week, where we meet in the sanctuary from 12pm-1pm on Tues-Thurs every week.

Our focuses for the evening sessions are:

- Monday** – Church Family
- Tuesday** – Healing
- Wednesday** – Leadership
- Thursday** – Families & Youth
- Friday** – Our Community

COMMUNITY LIFE

Congratulations

To Robert Lumley & Rose on the birth of their daughter, Rosalyn on Dec 16.

Condolences

To the Lumley family for the loss of Tim's father this past week. May you experience God's peace during this time.

Precept Course –

Luke Part 1 (2 classes to finish) Jan 23rd and 30th,

Luke Part 2 - Feb 6 - March 20. 'The Saviour of Sinners' – 7 week course – Feb 6-March 20. 930am or 645-830pm. Cost \$20. Contact Elly Dyck @ [519-398-8438](tel:519-398-8438) or ellydyck@gmail.com

MEADOW BROOK KIDS**Kids Club**

We are so excited to kick off 2018 on January 23rd at 7pm – 8pm. We have a fun evening planned of reconnecting after our long break. Our main lesson focus for January will be the practicality of the Gospel. We will look at Mark 12:41-44 and Mathew 16:13-20.

MB Kids Sunday Mornings

2018 is here and we are ready! We are starting things off this month with the Gospel and how we are to live it out! Kids will learn what the word “gospel” means, and how it changes our life. God keeps all His promises and puts His plans into action. Because God has kept His promises to us, we can make a plan and stick to it. One of the best plans you can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. Commit to practicing faith by reading God’s Word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out your faith every day.

MB Tykes Sunday Mornings

This month we’re going to run with the words ‘WATCH THIS!’ and they will be said... A LOT! For all of you science experiment fans, you’re going to have a blast! Any messes that will be made will be TOTALLY worth it. We want to invite preschoolers to WATCH THIS as we do a few impressive things so we can lead them to the ONE who can do ANYTHING! The goal for this month is to learn that Jesus is the one to watch, because JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING!

Note: For BOTH Children and Volunteers

Remember to sign in at the Children’s ministry desk. This is important as we use this for our attendance.

MEADOW BROOK YOUTH

Jr and Sr High weekly events will resume on January 11! Everyone will be at the church to kick off the year together.

January Events:**Jr High:**

January 11: Family Feud

January 18: Bible Studies & Worship

January 25: No event

January 26-28: Jr High Winter Retreat

Sr High:

January 11: The Mad Dash n’ Bash Obstacle Challenge

January 18: Bible Studies & Worship

January 25: Cook-Off

Jr High Winter Retreat: January 26-28 - All Jr High students are invited to come on this weekend getaway! It will be an awesome time with lots of fun and much more! Please visit our website for details and to register. The deadline to register is January 14. www.meadowbrook.ca/deepfreeze

MISSION FOCUS

ERIC & JULIA ROSE

Eric and Julia Rose are very thankful for the sense of partnership they feel with those of us at Meadow Brook through our encouragement, prayers, and our financial commitment to them. They have been encouraged by seeing what God is doing on campus, specifically watching God work in the lives of those who do not yet know Him. The following are some things they'd like us to pray about.

1. Pray that the Lord would work in the lives of a group of interested seekers as they are involved in small group studies.
2. Three Montreal students have come to faith in God. Pray that they would continue to grow in their new relationship with God. Being a witness to friends and classmates has been an emphasis, so pray that this is the beginning of much fruit.
3. Julia is back on campus this year and she is thoroughly enjoying working with female students leaders in the area of discipleship. She would value your prayers for this important work of training young leaders.
4. An urgent and long term prayer request is for a number of the female students, who while maintaining good grades, are struggling with anxiety and depression. McGill is a highly competitive school and Eric and Julia feel inadequate and deeply concerned. Please pray for both them and the students they are trying to help. If you want to pray for specific students, email Julia at juliajrmrose@gmail.com and she will send you some specific names.
5. There will be a campus wide outreach at McGill from Jan. 14- 20/18. They hope to have about 15 different talks and see around 1500 students attend. Pray for Christians to bring their friends, for the publicity and for people to come to faith in Christ.

Eric and Julia are doing a great work for the Lord on the university campus. Let's make sure we support them with our prayers!

SOMDY JUSSE - Going to Thailand



On Monday January 15 Somdy Jusse will be leaving for a six week mission trip to Thailand, he will return on February 28. He will be leaving Chanh and Sarah in Canada. Please be praying for them as they are apart. It would also be very much appreciated if any of the church family would connect with Chanh and Sarah during that time to just let them know that they are not alone and that we are family.

Also keep praying that details and funds will come together for a 2 year term for the whole family starting this summer.

Especially pray that there will be an affordable option for Sarah's schooling in Thailand.

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This Sunday, January 7th, Maria Peters and Wanda Rodrigues from The Bridge will be at the church to do volunteer recruitment. They will be available in the Fellowship Room after both services. If you would like to sign up to volunteer at the Bridge or just want more information on all the volunteer positions, please go see them. The following are available positions: Kitchen volunteer coordinator, Kitchen staff, Mentors, Nutrition Program Coordinator, Nutrition Program support, Welcome Area Coordinator, Welcome Area Staff, Administrative Support, Fundraising and Community Outreach Team, Recruitment Coordinator Volunteer, General Support, Maintenance Coordinator, General Maintenance Team, Volunteer Driver.



A Glimpse of the renovated BRIDGE