

Meadow Brook Calendar

- June 3 (Saturday) – Love Leamington Serve Day
- June 10 (Saturday) – Car Wash / Yard Sale Fundraiser for SOAR team
- June 25 (Sunday) – Baptism and BBQ Lunch – One Service only
- Aug 8-11 (Tues- Fri) - Meadow Brook VBS - Gadgets and Gizmos | SK - Grade 5

COMMUNITY LIFE

Baby Congratulations

To John and Sam Richardson on the birth of their son, Isaiah on May 22. Praying God's rich blessings on your family!

Wedding Congrats

Congratulations to Frank Fehr and Liesa Wiebe on your recent marriage (May 6) May God richly bless your future together!

A Note from Sarah Walker...

Dear Meadow Brook Church,
It has been an honour to serve my church family as the interim Children's Director! I have loved spending time with your kids as they all hold a special place in my heart. I have been taught and blessed through my relationships with each of them. I have found so much joy in hearing stories from you, of how Jesus is becoming real in their hearts at the youngest of ages, and how they are putting their faith into practice. To all the volunteers in kids ministry and special events, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart! You have made this job easy with your grace, enthusiasm and eagerness to serve.
I have had a lot of fun and I will miss hanging out with the kids each week, but I know that they are in the best of hands and I have full confidence that "new" Sarah will lead kids ministry forward to where God is leading, with wisdom and passion!
With love, Sarah Walker



June 2017

MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

MB Kids At the end of May, we say goodbye to Sarah Walker, who for the last two years has served as the interim MB Kids director here at Meadow Brook! We are grateful for all of Sarah W's hard work, and ask you to join us in thanking her for a job well done! We are excited to welcome Sarah Elachkar as our new MB Kids Director, who will start June 1st! Please join us in giving Sarah E. a warm welcome and helping her to feel at home and settled here at Meadow Brook!

Missions Sunday Two Sundays in April were "Missions Sundays," where we focus on our missionary families that our church supports. We had Derek here, sharing about his work with First Nations peoples. We took up an offering for our missionaries, and we raised just over \$21, 400! This is just amazing, well done Meadow Brook! What a wonderful way to show our missionaries that we love and support them! Thank you for your generosity!

Love Leamington On Saturday, June 3rd we are taking the day to look beyond ourselves and find a way to serve and bless our community around us! We have a few options for you that you can sign up for in the foyer outside the sanctuary, or we also encourage you to find your own way to be a blessing somewhere!

Podcasts Podcasts are online services that you subscribe to in which audio files download to your phone, tablet, or computer automatically as they are uploaded online! It is much easier than going to a website and trying to find them! We have 3 podcasts at Meadow Brook: our Sunday Morning podcast, where our weekly sermons are posted; our Worship podcast, where the previous Sunday morning's worship songs are posted so that you can get more familiar with them; and our Daily Devotional podcast, where we have a short and sweet 5-minute teaching posted daily from Mon-Fri to help encourage and teach you throughout the week! On Apple products, you can just search for "Meadow Brook" in the podcast app to find these and subscribe to them; for Android users, download the "Castbox" or "Podcast Republic" app from your app store, and then search for "Meadow Brook" in that app!

One Service This summer, for the summer months, we will temporarily return to one Sunday morning service, which will happen at 10am! We want to give our hard-working volunteers a break from two services, and with many people away at various times over the summer for vacation, we can all fit in one service for the summer months. We will start this on Sunday, June 25th, which is also our water baptism service and our church BBQ after the service!

MISSION FOCUS

MEADOW BROOK MISSIONS

D & M

In a recent email D shared that he and M have come to the conclusion that returning to T.rkey is not possible.

After a recent trip to Austria and having talked with their regional supervisor, D and M feel the Lord is leading them to pursue ministry to the Turkish people in Austria.

There is a high population of Turks in Austria, as well as it is in close proximity to travel in and out of T.rkey itself. Their ministry will be working with the Turks and refugees currently in Austria, with the goal of starting a T.rkish fellowship. D will also connect frequently with H.k.n and their T.rkish partners.

Please pray for D and M about the following items:

1. They want to bring prayer teams to T.rkey and keep supporting the work of BL4P (building leaders 4 peace.)
2. They will be moving to Linz, Austria in the near future where their children will write a school entrance test, and they'll be looking for a home. Please pray for the Lord's guidance and help for both of these items.
3. Pray that, as they pack up their apartment in Erz and ship their belongings to Austria, that they can have all of this settled by the time their children need to start school.

D & M are excited about this next step in their ministry. Let's do our part by supporting them in prayer!

SOAR MONTREAL July 7-18 2017

We will be taking a team of students to Montreal again this year and would very much appreciate your prayers and help with our fundraising. These are our Soar Team Members:

Leaders: Pastor Xavier, Jamie Friesen

Students: Thalía Fehr, Zac Wiebe, Isla Froese, Brady Malott, Esther Fehr, Annabelle Heys



Car Wash & Yard Sale: Saturday June 10 at Meadow Brook

(If you have anything to donate for the yard sale please contact pastor Xavier)

Lost & Found

If you are missing any items which have been left at MBC, please check our Lost & Found (located by the Welcome Centre at the Main Entrance). All unclaimed items will be donated to Thrift Store or Yard Sale if not picked up.

Essex County Community Bulletin Board

- **June 3 (Sat) 9-3pm - "Heal our Families"** Tickets: \$40 includes hot lunch at Roseland Golf and Curling Club. Great speakers and Summer Fashion Show. More details at www.thewomenofinfluence.net – See Shari for tickets.
- **June 12 (Mon) 6pm** - Leamington After 5 Christian Women's Club invites all ladies to a dinner at Colasanti's. Followed by Beauty Expert, Silke Pimiskern, from Shopper's Drug Mart. Guest speaker/musician Linda Chapman will share "Alterations Free of Charge". Cost \$18. RSVP by Fri. June 9 @ 519-326-7631.
- **June 10 (Sat) 2-4pm** - Sun-parlour Pregnancy & Resource Centre presents Margaret Fisherback Powers – author of "Footprints in the Sand" for High Tea & Desserts. Tickets \$20 call 519-819-2701 |Heritage Park Alliance church

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100)

There's just no getting around it: God really wants us to sing Him songs!

It's bad news for those of us who aren't really into music! But the testimony of Scripture is that God Himself is a musical being, and that we are created in His image, and therefore we too are musical beings, and one of the ways in which He desires us to worship Him is with the musical nature that is part of who He is and who we are.

And we are not to just bring music, but as the Psalm above suggests, *joyful* music. We are not called to just mumble our way through a song half-heartedly as we watch words on a screen, counting down the minutes until we move on to something else! We are called to fix our eyes on the Lord, put aside our own hang-ups, worries, and distractions, and then to sincerely, thankfully, and joyfully bring Him a *gift* of our musical worship, because it is a gift that He desires, and which He has specifically asked us to bring to Him.

We don't always feel joyful, to be sure. And we might feel a little awkward singing. And on any given Sunday, we may not care for the songs being sung, or the style of the music. We may prefer our worship in another format.

But we can't get away from Scriptures like the one above, and many, many others like it. We can't escape the fact that our God who gave us life and who provides for and protects us every day and who has saved us and redeemed us – *that* God – has asked for our worship in return. It is one of the key ways that we express our gratitude for all that He has done for us. One of our current worship songs say, "It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise..." Even if that breath was all that He ever did for us (and it's not!), that alone would be reason to sing grateful and joyful songs to Him forever. We don't sing in a vacuum, and we don't sing for no good reason; we sing because of who He is and what He has done for us.

We are always looking at how to do worship "better" at Meadow Brook, and experimenting with different songs, formats, and styles of worship. Over the summer months, we want to play a little bit with our service order and format, in order to help provide a smooth flow of worship, and balance this with all of the other important things we are doing on a Sunday morning! We will try moving some of the order of service around, and we will see what works and what doesn't. As we do, please be flexible with us, and more importantly, please join in with us as we come together in one of our most important tasks as a Church: to give Jesus the worship that He is worthy of, and to set our hearts on Him as we joyfully bring Him the gifts of worship that He has asked us for!

Access Youth Drop In & Nutrition

by Delores Wiens

Since June 2016 Meadow Brook Church has been involved in the Access Support Center in Leamington primarily in the area of nutritional support for at risk youth in our community. It began as a supplement to a meal program at LDSS for the summer months. In the fall of 2016 we were asked if we could continue the program even though the school year was back on because there was a need for this service. Since then we have been stocking non-perishable food items as well as a stocked freezer and some refrigerated items. Youth between the ages of 16 and 24 are able to come in once a week for approximately two bags of groceries including meat, milk, bread and assorted dry goods. Usage does fluctuate but on average 6-8 youth utilize this service each week.

For the past two Christmases we have also provided a turkey dinner for any interested youth. This was very well received by approximately 20 youth and staff.

The youth have also been the recipients of baked goods provided by the Wednesday morning Baking Team who have, since we began at Access, been baking cookies for Access.

In April of this year, in conjunction with students there on placement, we began what is known to the youth as "Pasta Tuesdays". Each Tuesday we provide supper for any youth who are interested-anywhere between 3 and 8 youth so far. Staff also are welcome to participate. Any leftovers are placed in containers in the freezer for youth to take with them.

Greg and I have had the privilege to interact with many of the youth who come in to the center and are slowly building relationships with them. The staff are also greatly encouraged by the support of Meadow Brook and look forward to our ongoing involvement at the Youth Hub on Sherk Street.

We are looking for one or two volunteers to be available to assist with the Tuesday evening suppers on an occasional or regularly scheduled basis. We also welcome donations of non-perishable food items, hygiene items, as well as household items as Access is heavily involved in housing of clients and are always in need of these things.