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Deepest Sympathy

Our love and prayers are extended to Gary & Beth Rollins on the sudden and unexpected passing of their son, Robert Gordon MacDonald, age 58. Family, friends and co-workers gathered at the Lefroy Legion on Saturday, August 17th to offer their love and support. Please pray for the family during this very difficult



time.

Farewell to the Carls'

On Sunday, August 18th, surrounded by



their church family, Pastor Courtney prayed a farewell blessing upon George, Denise, and Erin Carl, who are soon moving to Spruce Grove in Edmonton, and will be joined by their son, George Jr. in a couple of months. George (Sr) retired in October of 2018, after serving 30 years as a Motorcycle Officer with the Toronto Police. Denise retired from her cleaning business "Dee Does It" and has now found a new adventure in the insurance business. Erin has been involved in the FUEL Youth, has served in the Nursery, and other kids' programs. The Carls' have been members of Innisfil Community Church since May, 2013 and have been a tremendous blessing to so many. George has volunteered in Ushering, Men's Ministries, Innisfil Food Bank, and a number of other areas. Denise has also served in Ushering, BG's, shopped for food for Men's Ministries, provided many crafts for kids'

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programs, and much more. They both have huge servant hearts and are always willing to help wherever needed. They will be really missed by their many friends and especially their ICC family! We know they will be a real blessing in their new church in Spruce Grove.

Coming Up Next Month 40th Anniversary Celebration

We are looking forward to our 40th Anniversary weekend, beginning with a Banquet on Saturday, September 7th, at 6:30 pm. On Sunday morning, September 8th, our Guest Speaker will be Rev. Sam Sibley, who served on staff here for 5 years. Our PAOC Western Ontario District Superintendent, Rev. Lorrie Gibbons, also plans to attend. The cost of the Banquet (Roast Beef Dinner) is \$20 per person. Sign up early as seats are limited. You can call the church office to sign up, or register online at Innisfil.churchcenter.com. You won't want to miss this exciting time of celebration!

Special Missionary Guests September 15

We are privileged to have Missionaries Kevin & Julia Garratt with us on September 15th. After living in China for 30 years without incident, Kevin and Julia Garratt were arrested by Chinese security officials in 2014 and accused of spying and stealing military secrets, a charge Kevin Garratt said left the couple "dumbfounded." Julia was released in February, 2015, but was put on bail with restrictions pending trial, and did not return to Canada until May 2016, while Kevin was not released until September, 2016. Come and hear their inspiring story!



HAVE A BLESSED MONTH!

Innisfil Community Church Newsletter July/August, 2019

We trust you have all had a great summer! It has been a busy time here at Innisfil Commu-



nity Church, as you will note from the highlights below:

July Highlights Canada Day Service

We had a very good turnout to our Canada Day Service, held outdoors in the field adjacent to the church. We enjoyed great worship, testimonies, child dedication, Canada Day message, and a BBQ following the service!

Family BBQs

Three Wednesdays in July were set aside for Family BBQ's. These backyard BBQs were hosted by John & Janet Koning, George & Denise Carl and Dale & Brenda Clair. Thank you!! Everyone had a great time!

Summer Camps

Thanks to the "Summer Canada Jobs Program 2019", we were able to hire 13 students this year and offer three kids' full day camps: Water Camp, Sports Camp, and Creative Arts Camp,



under the direction and leadership of Pastor Andy Hammond. All three camps were sold out quickly and reached their capacity! MP John Brassard dropped in to see the camp in action and presented "confirmation of the funding".

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August Vacation Bible School (VBS)



What would the month of August be without VBS at Innisfil Community Church? During the week of August 5th to the 9th, from 9 am to 12 noon, The Life Center was buzzing with eager, energetic, and excited kids!

This year about 140 VBS-ers and a number of volunteers experienced God's love through the African adventure "ROAR" - where "life is wild and God is good!" The stage set was outstanding, constructed by the amazing team of Tom & Jenna James! Each morning consisted of four main elements: Music, Crafts, Story Time & Games....and of course time for refreshments! We would like to express our sincere thanks to Pastor Andy and all the Team Captains and Crew Leaders for an amazing week!!

Year End Carnival

Our End of Summer Carnival was held on Saturday, August 24th. At the time of writing this newsletter, everything was set to go! The event featured bouncy castles, games, prizes, live music, classic car display, popcorn, cotton candy, barbeque.....and much more! Special thanks to Pastor Andy, students, volunteers, and all who helped make the day successful! It is wonderful to be able to provide this annual FREE event for our church and community! It is also a great way to promote our upcoming programs and make everyone aware of what is available for them and their families.

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Small Groups Starting Up!

It's that time again - brand new season! We are beginning our Small Groups in September and have already begun sign-up! In addition to the regular Sunday night groups and Wednesday Ladies Bible Studies, there are three other classes happening: "Anger Management" and "Walking Through Grief", facilitated by Pastor Courtney; and, a Spanish Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Eli Navas. More Small Groups will be added as we go.

Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

The Youth held a FREE car wash event on Saturday, August 4th. They accepted any (and all)



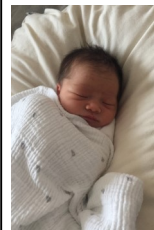
donations to help with equipment and various things required to enhance the Youth Room. Special thanks to the Manager of Swiss Chalet/Harveys for donating and serving hamburgers for the event!

Get The Scoop!

The Soul Sisters (WM) served up ice-cream treats following the service on Sunday, August 18th, and handed out information cards outlining all the events and activities coming up for this year's Soul Sisters Season!

Birth Congrats!

Congratulations to John & Janet Koning on the safe arrival of their new granddaughter! "Margaux Elizabeth Dinh was born on August 20th in Seattle, Washington, weighing 7 lbs. 12 ounces. Her mom and dad (Ellie & Quang) and big brother, Max, are so excited to welcome this new addition to their family!



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Benevolence

Innisfil Food Bank

For the first time in a few years, the Innisfil Food Bank shelves are practically bare. The demand for assistance has increased dramatically within our town (which is sad). Most of the food we have been distributing recently has had to be purchased from the monetary donations that come in. We are so thankful for "Andrew", a young man who consistently comes in on a weekly basis to shop for the food that is needed. We also appreciate two ladies from our community, Janet & Donna, who come in weekly to pack the boxes. What a blessing they have been!

Clothing Depot

The Clothing Depot was open for shopping in July and will be opened again the end of September. Eliana and her team of ladies have been extremely busy keeping up with sorting the amount of clothing that is donated on a daily basis. In order to reduce the crowds, it was necessary to enforce a rule where an Innisfil ID has to be presented on the shopping nights. Clients were coming from as far away as Richmond Hill, Thornton, Orillia, and Alliston, which made it very difficult to manage. The Clothing Depot was primarily established for the Innisfil Community as the majority of the donations are received from our surrounding area. We have seen a significant improvement since this rule was put in place in January of this year. The ministry continues to be a blessing to so many!

Facility Use

Life Touch Photography set up their equipment in the gym for their annual training the week of August 19th to the 23rd. Our own Karen French works for Life Touch and helps to facilitate the event and work with the group. We are pleased to be able to provide this venue every year.