



Our Mission



“As followers of Christ, the “Meadowbrook United Church exists to glorify God and to live out God’s purpose for salvation by reflecting the unconditional love of God through dynamic Christian worship, mutual care & support, active community engagement and proactive servant leadership, working towards peace and harmony in community”.

Special Occasions



March 2016

Girls Brigade Month

20 March 2016

Palm Sunday

25 March 2016

Good Friday Service

Easter Cantata

27 March 2016

Easter Sunday Service

28 March 2016

Easter Monday

Mark Your Calendar



April 2016

Youth Month

3 April 2016

Holy Communion & Worship
Service

17 April 2016

Convocation

May 2016

Child’s Month

8 May 2016

Mother’s Day Services

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Did Jesus have to die?

God created earth and man perfect. But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's commands, He had to punish them. A judge who pardons law-breakers isn't a righteous judge. Likewise, overlooking sin would make the holy God unjust. What are the consequences of sin? *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (**Romans 6:23 NIV**). Ever since Adam's sin, every human has been guilty of disobeying God's righteous laws. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (**Romans 3:23 NIV**). Sin is not just big things like murder or blasphemy, but also includes love of money, hatred of enemies, and deceit of tongue and pride. Sin separates us from God and only through atonement can we be reconciled with Him.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect (**1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV**)

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. (**Hebrews 2:14-17 NIV**)

The verses above speak to the atoning sacrifice which is manifested in the death of Jesus. In the past under the Law these sacrifices of atonement were done through the High Priests. Hebrews 2:17 explains that Jesus is both the High Priest and the spotless Lamb. Atonement requires a perfect spotless sacrifice. So what this means is when we are "in Christ Jesus" we are covered by his blood through his sacrificial death, our sins are paid for, and we no longer have to die an eternal death. We receive eternal life through Jesus Christ. Importantly it is only through Jesus that atonement can be achieved. Only through Jesus Christ can our sins be forgiven, thus restoring our relationship with God and removing the separation caused by sin.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (**2 Corinthians 5:12 NIV**)

We can now be reconciled!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (**John 3:16 NIV**)

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! (**Romans 5:10 NIV**)

So in my opinion the answer is yes! He had to die.

References: www.gotquestions.org; www.carm.org; www.about.com; www.bibleinfo.com



INTERCHURCH & SOCIAL SERVICES (ISS)

Summary of Main Upcoming Targets

- ✚ Continuation of the “Coin Collection Drive” which was launched in support the Marverly Snack Programme.
- ✚ To strengthen the management of the RegKeizs and Stratton Early Childhood Development Centres.
- ✚ Revamp the Parenting Workshop (in collaboration with the existing Parent Teachers’ Association of the two Early Childhood Development Centres).
- ✚ Revamp the Mentorship Programme in our church community especially for students in Blackwood Terrace/Stratton communities.
- ✚ Sponsorship of at least one child form camp.
- ✚ Re-examination of the continuation/opportunities of the Citizens’ College (‘The Way Forward’).
- ✚ Identify and provide Skills Training and work opportunities for members who require same as well as for persons in the surrounding communities (in collaboration with HEART).
- ✚ Promotion of more outreach programmes.

Ongoing Programmes

- ✚ Feeding Programme
- ✚ Care basket initiative
- ✚ Citizens’ College

Partnership with Woods Ministry in the award of a scholarship to a child from one of the Early Childhood Development Centres.

“Youth Matters at MUC”

“An unexamined life is not worth living!” The youths of MUC are vibrant, multi-talented and this is borne out of their desire to serve Christ regardless of the odds! This ministry spans Sunday school, Boy’s and Girl’s Brigades, Dance Ministry, Youth Fellowship, Young Leaders Christian Forum and Young Adult Action Movement. All these sub-ministries are currently being reenergized and rebuilt and are in need of more volunteers, mentors, sponsors and role models.

For the past year youngsters have participated in various competitions, sporting activities among other events and were successful. Ajay Jarrett won the prize for age 7-9 in the NERMC Church School Bible quiz competition. Meadowbrook won the NERMC sports day and participated in high spirit and helped the Council to place first in the National Sports Day. The music ministry is comprised of homemade musicians, who are dedicated to the work of Christ and their talents will be on display at the 2016 Youth Cantata.

Like Nehemiah there are several young people who embody the spirit of rebuilding and they should be shown favour to carry out this mission. Thus future projections include training of youth members of all ages to serve in various capacities in the church and greater involvement in outreach ministries (visits to Juvenile Correctional facilities and Children’s homes as well as homes for the aged) Also, it is the hope of the youth ministry to collaborate with other MAT teams to launch Singles and Couples Ministry during Family month 2016.

Stewardship, Evangelism & Worship News!

To encourage persons to grow into a deeper commitment, a deeper knowledge and a deeper relationship with Christ through:

Prayer and Fasting – every 4th Saturday monthly

Discipleship Classes – Every Sunday afternoon at 5pm

We are also involved in the following: Worship Planning, Liturgist Training, Floral Circle, Music Sunday, Bible Teaching conference, Visitors Sunday, Evangelism month, Stewardship month

Our first visitors Sunday for the year will be on Easter Sunday.

Liturgist Training will be on April 9, 2016

Bible Teaching Conference will be in June, 2016



Communication & Technology

This management team exists to facilitate the development of authentic Christian community by using technological tools to:

- Get members to connect with each other
- Provide relevant & current information about what the church is doing & opportunities to serve
- Enhance corporate worship using sight, sound & internet resources
- Provide technical support to admin staff & the pastoral team to ensure efficiency in operations
- Contribute to personal spiritual development by making available message/sermon archive, bible studies, highlighting testimonies & developing a library of relevant Christian articles

Upcoming Plans/Events

- Launch a 2016 Edition of our Church Pictorial
- Quarterly release of our Newsletter (on the Web & in print) beginning with this Easter edition
- Re-design the MUC website to integrate social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.) & a drive to encourage members to use it regularly for information & communication
- Plans to use multi-media to enhance other areas of the worship service e.g. Notices

How you can serve?

- Volunteer to become a Multimedia(Site) Operator (especially for the 10:30 service)
- Web design skills to help to re-design and maintain our website & social media platforms
- Photographers & videographer needed to document the exciting things happening at Meadowbrook
- Join one of our mission action teams (MAT) to help shape the development of authentic Christian community. Come to one of our regular monthly meetings to get more info on how you can serve.(We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month)





EFC – Fostering Spiritual Growth and Development, Care, and Support

At the core of the team’s mission this year is the strengthening of fellowship here at Meadowbrook United Church. Already the team has initiated initiatives in this regard. We have restarted our birthday celebrations which will be held every two months. In February we had our celebration for those born in the months of January and February. It was a wonderful and pleasurable evening. Not only did we have a culinary competition with coconut delights, but we were able to reflect on important characters in the bible through the various activities that were planned. Our next birthday celebration for March and April is planned for April 16, 2016. Our theme for the culinary competition is potato.



Members celebrated birthdays in January and February



Coconut delights on display

Please look out for the other activities being planned such our family dinner (July 2016), Health Fair (October 2016) and District Sunday. Please come out and give your full support. Blessings!

FPA Management Team

Our church community was truly blessed spiritually and materially during the first quarter of this year. An area in which this blessing was clearly evident was in the enabling activities of Finance, Property and Administration Management Team as summarized below.

The Church's income for the months of January and February this year was 40% higher than the same period last year. This increase is largely represented by a 6% increase in offerings and 52% increase in harvest ingathering. Close management of this improved inflow by the FPA Management Team enabled the Church to bring its inescapable external and internal obligations to a current state, fund requests from other Management Teams for budgeted projects and implement some planned maintenance at the manses and church compound. During the period the FPA also carried out staff appraisals, reorganized office personnel to cope with changing administrative demands and commenced the building of the chicken slater house at the Pringle Home.

We are truly thankful for the enabling improvement during the first quarter of this year and pray for continued guidance by the Holy Spirit as we all seek to deepen our Christian commitment and support the work of the Church.

MATTHEW 18:20

'For where two or three are gathered together unto My name, there am I in the midst of them'





Palm Sunday

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Bobby stayed home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Bobby asked them what they were for.

'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father told him.

'Wouldn't you know it,' Bobby fumed, 'the one Sunday I don't go and He shows up.'



Who are our Elders?

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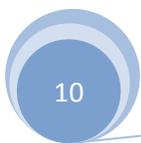
An elder is a member of the church who is in good standing, and who also demonstrates the characteristics and ability to carry out the role of the office. Such a person is elected by members of the Congregation to assist the minister/pastor in helping the church achieve its full potential through its spiritual and administrative development.

The duties of an elder include:

Working with the pastor in providing pastoral care and support including visiting members of the congregation, Helping members to discover and use their gifts within the community, Helping persons to commit to Christ and towards church membership, Preparing and serving elements at Communion, Assisting in ensuring the orderly administration of the worship life of the congregation.

MEADOWBROOK UNITED CHURCH LIST OF ELDERS 2016

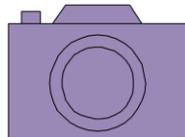
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- District 2** – Trevor Bent 885-3525 - Hillman Rd., Oaklands, Dunrobin Court & Meade Cl. *
- District 3** – Kerry-Ann Battick 478-4368 - Arlene Gardens, Hughenden, Glendale, Pennant Dr., Lyndale *
- District 4** – Carleen Murphy 412-0900 - Havendale Dr., Elphinstone, Knightsdale, Turnbridge, Park & Lorna Ave, Linstar Cl. & Riverside Dr. *
- District 5** – Elise Douet 929-0190 - Vermont, Burbank, Kirk & Crane Ave., Highland, Madison & Morningside Dr. *
- District 6** – Edna McLean 941-0971 - Westmeade, City View, Smokey Vale & Ursa Major *
- District 7/29** – Elon Beckford 818-2515 Armour Heights, Oakridge, Orange View, Stony Hill & Temple Hall *
- District 8** – Dawn Barrett-Adams 359-4746 - Randwick Dr., Aston & Meadowbrook Ave., *
- District 9** – Valerie Haughton 924-4993 - Roehampton, Addington, Blackwood Terrace, Donmair & Beverly Cl., *
- District 10/15** – Debbie Meek 340-8734 - Woodley Dr., Meadowbrook Main & Sunnyfield, Hialeah & Coolshade Dr. & Springburn *
- District 12** – Christine Chung 818-3900 - Portmore & Spanish Town *
- District 13** – Carolyn Lake 925-4191 - Hathaway, Belgrade Mews, Highland Cl. & Oldgate Drive, Chevy Chase, Mayfield Dr. *
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- District 17** – Jacqueline Brown 924-5370 - Valentine Gardens & Merrick Highway *
- District 18** – Davon Wilks 779-4579 - East & West Kirkland, Plantation Dr. & Forest Hills *
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- District 27 & 28** – Selma Williams 969-5900 - Chancery, Michigan Cl. & Queen Hill, Meadowbrook Ests. Queensborough/Queensbury *



Harvest 2016 Highlights



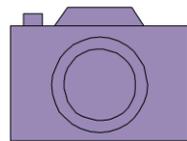
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Harvest 2016 Highlights



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The Still Small Voice

I walked the earth in all its beauty
Savouring all its pleasures
Bearing all its pains and bruises
Learning life's lessons
Sharing life's burdens
Longing for life's successes
Searching along life's way for guidance
I turned a corner one day
Knowing that I was lost but must go on
Listening for the still small voice
Saying "Come to me all you who are heavily laden for my burden is light"
So now I walk the earth in all its beauty
Keeping close to Him who is whispering in my ear.

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Sis Maisie Gore transitioned on the 19th of March 2016.

May her soul rest in Peace.

**There are 6 Areas in which you can get involved,
show some interest and ask an Elder today!**

Youth

Encourage wider participation of young persons in the life and witness of the church and to encourage growth.

Finance, Property & Administration (FPA)

Supervises all the financial, administrative and property affairs of the church.

Education, Fellowship & Care (EFC)

Promote Christian nurturing and discipleship by managing the church's educational programmes. It also organizes programmes to enhance fellowship among members.

Inter-Church & Social Services (ISS)

Promote goodwill and fellowship and collaboration with the community and partners of the church.

Communication & Technology (C&T)

Improve and enhance internal and external communications in order to enrich the worship experience.

Stewardship, Evangelism & Worship (SEW)

Enhance the worship experience of those attending service, and develop and promote an inspiring, enriching and spiritually fulfilling worship experience for all services.

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

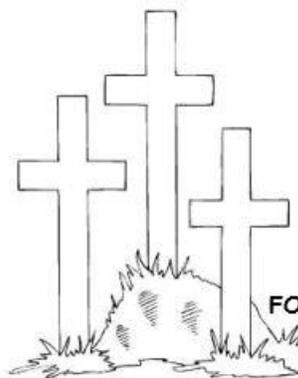
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."



Have you heard the Good News?

Find the words on the right, then use the remaining letters to reveal the hidden message below.

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- CROSS
- DISCIPLES
- EASTER
- EMPTY
- FORGIVENESS
- MARY
- MEADOWBROOK
- TOMB

Romans 6:9a GNB

