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When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

- John 15:26



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 15:26

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Where in God's World Are We?

Connecting with the Stories of Our Neighbourhood

by Brenda, Eva and Colleen

"We care for only what we love. We love only what we know. We truly know only what we experience. If we do not know our place—know it in more than a passing, cursory way, know it intimately and personally—then we are destined to use and abuse it."

Steven Bouma-Prediger, *For the Beauty of the Earth: A Christian Vision for Creation Care* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2001), 37.

On April 16, we are planning an intergenerational worship gathering celebrating, sharing and hearing the stories of our neighbours - so we can get to know them better, celebrate them, and learn to care for them more deeply. Except it comes with a bit of a twist....it might not be the neighbours you'd expect....instead of 2 legs, they might have 4, or maybe 6 or 8 or maybe none at all. Maybe they trickle and flow instead of walk and run or maybe they just stay still.

We want to create a local, interactive, community created display sharing all the parts of our neighbourhood that God created and that he loves.

'The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it.' -
Psalm 24:1

We invite and encourage anyone who is able to participate in sharing the stories of our neighbours and our neighbourhood. Share knowledge you

already have or learn something new!

The six topics/categories we have chosen are: Water, Land/Soil/Geology, Creatures, Plants, People, and Waste/Energy. Please visit this [link](#)/QR Code to view the full list of questions and sign up for a topic. tiny.cc/CreationCareSunday

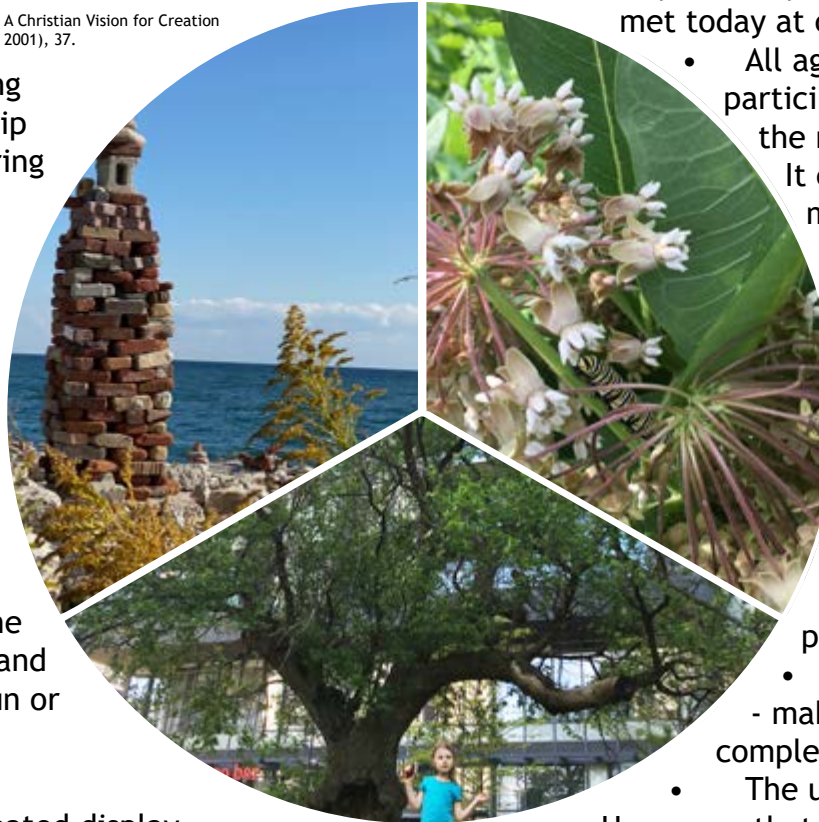


Guidelines/Recommendations:

- Choose 1 question from 1 of the topics listed (or feel welcome to write and answer your own question for one of the topics!)
- Create your story by yourself, with a friend, someone you met today at church, your family
 - All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! The more people who participate, the richer the experience of sharing will be. It could be anything from a collage made of magazine clippings by a 3 year old to an in-depth essay by a PhD graduate.
 - Research and record what you learn in whatever form you choose (such as a poem, story, essay, drawing/painting, sculpture, spreadsheet, graph, collage, song etc). Be creative!
 - When researching please be sure to use reputable/reliable sources of information as we aim to share information that is as accurate as possible.
 - The time commitment is up to you - make it short and sweet or as long and complex as time and interest allows.
 - The use of recycled materials is encouraged!

Use paper that has been used already on 1 side or materials that are headed for the recycling or garbage. Again, be creative and try to re-use/re-purpose materials.

Please contact Brenda Forder (nobleb14@yahoo.ca), Eva Sham (evysham@yahoo.com), or Colleen Stevens (stevenscolleen1@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to help out with the gathering



Our Teen Life in Lebanon

by David Raso (forwarded by Jen Chrystman)



You don't know us yet, but you will! We've been waiting for years in Lebanon to come and join you in Toronto. The application process has begun in earnest and we'll have an interview at the Canadian Embassy in Beirut on March 28 at 9am. Please join us in prayer that all would go well. We can't wait much longer!

I'm David and I don't go to school. I leave for work every day at 7 am and walk to a nearby shop to filter and fill drinking water containers. I often take a simple sandwich with me to eat at lunch time. We can't afford any snacks or fruit. When I see my friends going to school, I'm jealous. My dream is to go back to school when I reach Canada. My friend Khaled visits and plays ball with me on holidays. Sometimes, we join a group and play ball on some empty land. I also love iPhones very much and dream of owning one if we can afford one after we come to Toronto.

My younger brother Abdul and sister Rama leave for school at 1 p.m. They have to go after the Lebanese kids finish school, because we're refugees. They have to walk 2 km and carry their book bags. They also walk back home after classes 'cause we can't afford bus fare, but they're getting good exercise! Along the way, they see a lot of school buses, taxis, motorcycles and workers. They also pass grocery and vegetable stores, and some cows and dogs! Abdul likes to hang out with his friends Ahmed, Ammar and Abdel Samad. Rama enjoys her friends Hala, Moon and Marwa.

I'll tell you more about us next month. In the meantime, if you're a teen and you'd like to tell us a bit about your lives, we're really interested to know lots... like, how you get to school and what the classes are like. Is it only English and math and science? Do you play any sports or enjoy activities after school? Do you get a lot of homework? My uncle Tarik can send me stories about you if you send them first to Jen Chrystman(Jen.chrystman@omfmail.com). THANKS!



The Chosen, a Show Recommendation

by Faith Holwyn

I wanted to watch a Netflix show with a Lenten theme. So I put 'Christian' in the search and the first suggestion I would highly recommend - 'The Chosen'. It is several stories of Jesus' life and I was really sorry when I came to the end of the last episode. I wanted to put this in Delve in case you haven't come across this series. The Jesus portrayed is so personable with a wonderful sense of humour and I cried several times as He interacted with hurting people - like the woman at the well and the untouchable leper. I watched as He worked His first miracle and talked with Nicodemus in secret. So I hope you get an opportunity to enjoy it as much as I did.

Do you want to share something God is doing in your life or that you see God working around you? Something that could be a positive influence for the readers? A poem, story, art, photos...? We really want to hear from you!

Email delve@springgardenchurch.ca if interested.

VOCATIONAL MISSIONS UPDATE

Maria Speare has been attending Spring Garden Church with her family since October 2020. She serves as the Executive Director for Neighbourlink North York and recently became a vocational missionary with SGC. NLNY exists to foster a resilient, sustainable and vibrant community where no single individual or group is left behind. Our mission is to engage and empower neighbours to care for each other in practical, relational and sustainable ways that give everyone the opportunity to live out their potential. You can read more about them by visiting <https://www.neighbourlink.org/>.

How did God lead you to NeighbourLink?

For as long as I can remember seeking justice and serving others has been on my heart and I have been fortunate to be able to serve others for the majority of my life, oftentimes in the most unexpected ways. When the pandemic happened God propelled me to help in any way I could. Together with a few other community members we launched the Willowdale Covid Response Network which eventually guided us to NeighbourLink.



Tell us about the community you serve.

NeighbourLink serves to fill the gaps in the community and we do so by listening to those who are most vulnerable. NeighbourLink is serving in two different ways through our pillars, the first is the general population through our Community Building Events and Volunteering. Through this first pillar we are able to engage community members and help to alleviate some of the social isolation that people have been feeling during the pandemic. The second pillar is Community Care, the majority of the people

we are serving through our programming include under-resourced single mothers, refugees and seniors.

Tell us about your role.

As the newly appointed Executive Director my responsibilities include carrying out NeighbourLink's vision and mission, recruitment and staff management, and the organization's finances.

Are there any resources that helped prepare you for this role?

I have a background in Communications, have worked for non-profit organizations, and worked in the financial sector in business risk. I also recently took part in Uptick, a 10-month leadership and discipleship program.

Where have you seen God at work?

God invited me on this faith journey nearly 3 years ago. To see the supernatural changes and growth that the organization has gone through over the past few years has been such a blessing on my life and so many others. I have witnessed God at work and so many miracles over the years, there are so many stories I can share. Please come chat with me to hear some.



How can Spring Garden Church support you as you serve NLNY?

Prayer for the work and my family is always greatly appreciated.

EASTER

Maundy Thursday Communion & Prayer

Join us the Thursday before Good Friday at 8:00 pm April 6th ONLINE for a time of communion and prayer centered around Jesus' Last Supper before his arrest. Please email Anne at anne.barron020@sympatico.ca for the zoom link (the same as our regular Thursday evening prayer). We will be partaking in Communion. If you would like to join us in Communion, please prepare yourselves something to eat and drink.

Good Friday Worship Gathering At 10 am we will gather for a Good Friday Worship Gathering with Communion. Children's program available for JK-Grade 5 in the multi-purpose room; the nursery/toddler room will be open.

Easter Sunrise Liturgy & Communion

Come at 6:15 am to the church(in-person only) for liturgy and communion.

Easter Sunday Worship Gathering Join us for our Easter Sunday Worship Gathering, starting at 10am. Online and in-person. Our regular Children's program available for JK-Grade 5, youth will stay upstairs.

Easter Egg Hunt & Continental Lunch

Following our worship (around 11:30 am), we'll be hosting our egg hunt on our church's property out on the lawn (pending weather). We're taking extra steps this year to manage time and numbers, so we'll be staggering the egg hunts for kids to ensure everyone has a fun and safe experience. See more on this at tiny.cc/SGCegghunt. For more information or if you want to help out, contact Jeremy@springgardenchurch.ca.



We will also be sharing a continental Lunch. Bring in light lunch items (Baked goods, fruits vegetable etc.) to share. No need to sign up.



Supporting Seniors in our Community

Are you interested in connecting and supporting seniors in our community? If so, Willowdale Manor and NeighbourLink North York are inviting us to participate in a BINGO event which will be taking place on **Thursday**

13th April from 4 pm- 6 pm at Willowdale Manor (175 Cummer Ave.). Specifically, they are looking for volunteers to connect with the seniors attending this event and offer them support. If you are interested in receiving more information or you are available to volunteer at the BINGO event, contact Emily at(emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca).

Creation Care Sunday, Intergen & Park Cleanup

On April 16, 2023 at 10am, We will start the day with a Creation Care Intergenerational Worship Gathering followed up by going to Willowdale Park and the surrounding ravine to clean up. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided. All are welcome. This is also a great opportunity to engage children in serving. SEE MORE ON THE INTERGEN ON PAGE 3 or go to tiny.cc/CreationCareSunday.



Newcomer's Welcome Tea

Join us on Sunday **April, 23 2023** from 4 pm - 6 pm to give or receive a warm welcome to newcomers from Ukraine. It is difficult coming to a new country and starting from scratch, which is why NeighbourLink North

York and Spring Garden Church are partnering to organize these bi-monthly events to help connect fellow newcomers with other residents in their neighbourhood. This is an event to make friends, network, and learn about useful resources. We will have fun, food, and most importantly, we are building a supportive community for Ukrainians in North York. If you would like to volunteer to help setup, cleanup and/or provide a snack or refreshment, please let Emily know (emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca).

Neighbourhood Potluck, SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 29th. More information to come.

SGC Community Garden

As the snow slowly melts it won't be long before it is time to prepare and plant the SGC Community Garden! Over the past several years the garden has been a place of growing for both plants and people as we meet and work with each other and our neighbours. It has been a joy to see people of all ages excited about the garden and learning through the experience. The produce that we harvest is shared with local organizations that assist people facing food insecurity, last year this was through Neighbourlink.

Would you like to be involved? We need volunteers to help with planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, and more. Harvesting is the most fun and we could really benefit from additional help throughout the summer months (usually on Wednesday evenings). All ages and abilities are welcome! If you would be interested in learning more about the garden or volunteering, please contact us at garden@springgardenchurch.ca. We will have an information/planning meeting at the end of April and would love to see you there!

What: Community Garden Team Meet - up

When: Sunday April 30, 2023

Time: 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Where: East Lounge



'I am surprised by how tasty purslane is. I had no idea after years of 'weeding' it out of my garden how edible it is. So now I munch on it instead of throwing it out. And it's high in iron and magnesium which I take otherwise in ill-tasting and costly liquid form.' - Colleen Stevens



'The community garden, while it has all kinds of benefits for community building, education, beautiful life-giving space and fresh food for those in need, it also makes space for our property itself to be an act of worship, "giving back" to the earth and to God.' - Greg Kay We believe in a communal God that invites us into community.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

On April 12, 23, and 30, Ben Reynolds will be leading a Bible Study at 9 am before Worship. The Bible study will be looking at the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in Luke 24 and John 20 and 21. We will be meeting in the Meeting Room (by upstairs washrooms) and finish before 10 am. Please join us and bring your Bible if you have one. For those with kids, there will be childcare.



Spring Alive, SGC Retreat

This year we want to come together as the family of God to belong and to be refreshed. Come join us for a time of rest and renewal as we spend time together at Fair Havens!

Date: May 26-28

Location: Fair Havens Ministries

Cost: \$150 per adult, \$75 children/youth

You can find more information about Fair Havens through their website including accommodations. <https://www.fairhavens.org/>. Please sign up at tiny.cc/springalive.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to email samlee@springgardenchurch.ca or check out our [FAQ page on our event's page](#).



Summer Day Camps at SGC

We invite all the kids and families who are part of our church community and our neighbours in Willowdale to sign up for our summer day camps. Register now and join the fun!

Week 1 and 2 are open to children 4 (must be potty trained) - 10 years old. **Week 3, Adventure Camp, is NOW FULL.**

Register at springgardenchurch.ca/daycamp

NOW HIRING: springgardenchurch.ca/hiring

Life Groups

Life Groups are a place where we do life together in a community centered around Jesus. They are designed for you to pursue spiritual growth, community and mission together. We offer Life Groups so everyone can have a place to belong. Life Groups are small gatherings of people who form a community. Group members share life together through friendship, learn from the Bible and other resources, pray for and give support to one another, and participate in God's mission together. They are safe places where you can meet new people, discover your gifts for service, grow as a follower of Jesus, and have a lot of fun together.

Groups gather in homes or online throughout the week. Each group is as unique as the people in it. No matter where you are in life, there is a Life Group for you.

Please email Abby at samlee@springgardenchurch.ca to join or for more information.



Kevin & Suzanna
Sundays at 1pm
Every other week
In-Person at Spring Garden



Sam and Jin
Mondays at 7pm
Every week for six weeks
In-person



Jeff & Phyllis
Wednesday evenings
Weekly
ONLINE



David
Thursdays
Weekly from 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Online and In-Person at Spring Garden

Interested in joining a Life Group, visit tiny.cc/SGCLifeGroups.

SGC Kids:

Hi Everyone!

Here is what's happening this month with our Kid's Ministry!

You can register children for worship on Sunday mornings at the child and youth check-in area. We will have sticker name tags for our children to wear so we can get to know each other during our worship time in the basement.

Here are the age groups we have available for children's worship on Sunday mornings:

Group Structure:

Nursery & Toddlers (0 - 2 Yrs) - Orange Room

Pre K - SK (3 Yrs - 5 Yrs) - Green Room

Gr 1 - 3 - Blue Room Drop Off - Yellow Room Pick Up

Gr 4 & 5 - Blue Room

Family Registration Forms 2023: For us to provide our ministry to the children of our church, we require new registration forms to be filled out by their families every year as part of our policy. Please fill out our form through this link <http://tiny.cc/SGCFamilyRegistration>

New Things Are Happening!!!

We are very excited to share that our kid's worship area is being refreshed and updated to have a new look and feel!

Here is some of what is happening!

- Changed over more Hall Lights
- Added new flooring into our Blue Room
- Finished baseboard painting in all our rooms



We're not done yet! Here's what to be excited about!

- Creating a "Spring City" theme to label our spaces downstairs
- Designing a cityscape mural throughout the kid's ministry spaces
- Redesigning the inside of our rooms to feel more welcoming and conducive for kids to engage in spiritual conversations.

If you have any questions about what is happening, please contact Jeremy for more information!

Here is what we will be talking about on Sundays!

This month's theme uses robots because all their moving gears and parts will help us talk about how Jesus can move and change things!

Rise and Shine: A 5-Week Series On Easter -

On a farm, life has a daily rhythm (for plants, animals, and people, too). "Life" is what this series is all about because we're talking



about Easter! This month, kids will explore the stories leading up to and following Easter Sunday. Together, they'll

discover we can stick with Jesus even when our days are dark, and that because Jesus is alive, we can spend our days meeting with him, trusting he's there for us, and sharing his love – not just today, but every day!



Online Resources For Home

To help serve your family better, we have uploaded all our SGC Kids' curricula online. The following link can be used to access our curriculum and use it at home, as well as find info pamphlets for following up with kids on what was discussed during their worship on Sunday mornings.

SGC Kids Curriculum Link: <http://tiny.cc/OnlineCurriculum>

SGC Kids & Youth: Egg Hunt 2023!

On April 9th, 2023, following our worship (around 11:30 am), we'll be hosting our egg hunt on our church's property out on the lawn (pending weather). We're taking extra steps this year to manage time and numbers, so we'll be staggering the egg hunts for kids to ensure everyone has a fun and safe experience. We'll provide more details in the coming weeks. For more information, contact Jeremy

We are looking for volunteers to help. If you're interested please contact Jeremy!



Spring Youth

Sunday Morning Worship Gatherings:

April 2nd, 9th, 16th: We will have regular worship gatherings for youth in grades 6-12. Following the children and youth's blessing, the youth can move into our lounge to continue in worship.

April 7th, 23rd & 30th: Youth are encouraged to join our church's upstairs worship on these days.

Youth Life Groups:

Sr High Life Groups: April 2nd & 16th - Our Sr High life group will meet in our building following the morning worship. We will gather in our youth lounge to have lunch and talk about the life and ministry of Jesus. To ensure enough food is prepared, please email Jeremy (along with any allergy/food restriction info) to let us know!

Time: 11:30 pm-2:30 pm

Cost: \$5

April 28th: Jr High Life Groups - Our Jr High life groups will meet in our building this month. Unlike our regular youth events, Life Groups focus on intentionally living life as a community. We want to engage in conversations with youth about what is happening around us and the struggles we face.

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$0 (Dinner will not be provided, but we will have snacks and treats)

Friday Youth Gatherings:

April 14th: Games Night - We will meet at our building to play some of our favourite games. To ensure enough food is prepared, please email Jeremy to let us know!

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per youth (Dinner included)

April 21 - 23rd: Sr High Retreat - Our Sr High Youth (Grades 9-12) will be away for their retreat in the Blue Mountain area. For more information, please check out our registration form, or contact Jeremy for more information.

Cost: \$85 per person (subsidies available)

Registration: <http://tiny.cc/SGCSrHigh>

****Please note this event is replacing our Craft Night****

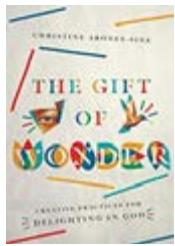
Staying Updated:

To stay up to date on what is happening for your youth, please visit our google calendar which has all our planned events.

<http://tiny.cc/YouthCal>

Do you want to share something God is doing in your life or that you see God working around you? Something that could be a positive influence for the readers? A poem, story, art, photos...? We want to hear from you!

Email delve@springgardenchurch.ca if interested.



The gift of wonder: creative practices for delighting in God, by Christine Aroney-Sine

(Note - This book is expected to arrive in the library by early to mid April)

Like many of us, Christine Sine had spent many years with an image of God who was "a very serious, workaholic type of God."

And even when her theology told her this was not true, she struggled to live into this new way of thinking. What she needed was a childlike spirituality. In this book, Christine Sine, online host of the Godspace community, invites us to pay attention to childlike characteristics that have the power to reshape us. Each chapter addresses a childlike characteristic to embrace, including delight, playfulness, imagination, awe and wonder, love of nature, the ability to live in the present, and much more. Fresh spiritual practices that engage all our senses help us live a new spiritual life that embraces the wonder and joy that God intends for us.



Digging deeper: the art of contemplative gardening, by Christine Aroney-Sine

"About ten years ago I began creating small indoor container gardens that sat on my desktop as an aid to prayer and reflection. These contemplative gardens

began as a way to create markers to help me enter into the liturgical calendar, but they increasingly became a way of life for me, providing a new technique for stirring my creativity, ordering my life, and deepening my spirituality. Sometimes my creations are inspired by the changing seasons of the liturgical calendar; at others, they grow out of the life situations that tug at my heartstrings either with joy or with sorrow. They increasingly give me joy and peace both in their creation and in their use, calling me to listen to the promptings of the spirit both within me and in the world around me."



Caring for creation: responsible stewardship of God's handiwork, by Dalvin DeWitt et al **261.8 DEW**

Is there a Christ-centered response to such environmental crises as global warming, land degradation, and species extinction? In *Caring for Creation*, Calvin DeWitt presents a biblical approach to being a good steward of the earth.



For the beauty of the earth: a Christian vision for creation care, by Steven Bouma-Prediger **261.8362 BOU**

At a time when it seems humans have erred much in their treatment of the planet, this book explores the relationship between Christianity and the degradation and restoration of the natural world, and it is perhaps the most thorough evangelical treatment available on a theology of creation care. A foremost authority of ecology and theology, Steven Bouma-Prediger claims that "authentic Christian faith requires ecological obedience." This substantive yet accessible book argues that true Christianity acknowledges the responsibility and privilege Christians have been given as stewards of the earth - the earth God created, lovingly sustains, and will one day make whole again.



Our Father's world: mobilizing the church to care for creation, by Edward Brown **261.8 BRO**

This book offers a biblical framework for creation care as well as a practical guide for students, churches, mission agencies and ordinary Christians. It is valuable for both believers and skeptics, especially those who are confused about what the Bible has to say about creation care and the responsibility of Christians

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Giving is one of the ways in which we can respond to a generous God. We give because it is a part of our discipleship and an act of worship. Please give as you feel led. For more information please go to our website at: <https://www.springgardenchurch.ca/give>.

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What's Happening

Life in Spring Garden

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Weekly

All Throughout the Week	LIFE GROUPS Connect for Community Together through bible study, prayer and sharing. Meet online and in-person. Please email samdavidson@springgardenchurch.ca for more information or to join one. See more on page 12.	
Sundays	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Join us Sunday mornings as we go through different series' (read more). Join us at: www.springgardenchurch.ca/live or come in-person.	10am
	ESL BIBLE STUDY Are you new to the English language and interested in learning more about Jesus? We are offering this weekly lesson on Sundays at 11:40am. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome. Please email Garth (garthbarron@sympatico.ca) if you would like to sign up.	11:40am
Tuesdays	PASTORAL TEAM MEETING We meet mostly on Tuesday. Please pray for us for wisdom and inspiration.	10am - 12pm
Thursdays	MOMS' MEET UP (at Spring Garden) Mothers coming together for fellowship in a baby and kid friendly environment. Contact Emily at emilykiestra@springgardenchurch.ca	10am
Every other Thursday	LUNCH-PRAYER-SHARE See page 12 Call Faith: 416 805-7529 or Email: faith.holwyn@gmail.com	12pm

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April 21 - 23	Sr. High Retreat (Blue Mountain)	20
April 23	Newcomers Welcome Tea from 4 pm to 6 pm	10
April 28	Jr High Life Groups from 7 pm to 9 pm.	20
April 29	Neighbourhood Potluck	10
April 30	Community Garden Team Meet-up at 11:45	11
May 26-28	SGC Retreat: Spring Alive	13

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Our Values

We believe in a humble God who came not to be served, but to serve. Therefore we engage in sacrificial and active service to those around us. We strive to be good stewards of God's gifts and talents by serving one another in humility. We aspire to regard others as higher than ourselves, which liberates us to creatively take risks in serving others for God's glory.

We believe in a God of grace who came to save the world, not to condemn it. Therefore, as we are continuously receiving the gift of God's grace, we seek to grow in that grace and extend it to others. We strive to define ourselves by what we are for, not what we are against.

We believe in a God who knows us, and who desires to be known. Therefore we embrace a journey of faith that requires us to constantly strive for a personal, intimate and transformative knowledge of God. We strive to be led by God's Spirit in supporting and encouraging one another in working out our faith.

We believe in a creative God. Therefore we are open to expressing our faith in new and creative ways that reflect the beauty and complexity of our creator. We are called to use our creative gifts in worship and service as we engage with our world. We take joy in the diversity of gifts that allow us to delight God and participate in His ongoing story.

We believe in a triune, relational God who calls us to come together as a diverse community of believers. Therefore, we want to walk together, supporting one another physically, emotionally and spiritually. We strive to be a welcoming, inclusive family that goes through the joys and the trials of life together, acknowledging that God uses this community to deepen and mature our faith.

We believe in a God who loves this broken world and wants to reconcile us to Himself. Therefore we are commissioned by Christ to go out into the world, meeting the holistic needs of the local and global community. God calls us to participate in a redemptive work that he has already initiated; in humility, we will partner with others to work alongside and chase after Him.

We believe in a God who is our centre. Therefore where we are on the journey is less important than that we are moving towards a deeper relationship with Christ. We believe and participate in God's redemptive work in all people, which gives us the freedom to come as we are, and to accept others as they are. We each are on a unique journey to become who God has created us to be.

