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## Rev. Cheryl's Youth Newsletter for July

God will meet you where you are  
in order to take you where he wants you to go (Tony Evans)

Hi everyone

Hope you are surviving this heat spell and are keeping well and safe.

I think the pandemic has been particularly hard on children and youth but it's also been particularly hard on their leaders - how do you plan a dynamic church program when in-person meetings are not possible?

What is impressive is how well many of you have managed. This month's newsletter shares some of how children/youth ministry is changing and where - **possibly those of us who don't have an active children/youth program at the moment can tap into other groups that do have something online or get ideas on what they could do with their own children and youth.**

*If you find resources that are particularly useful, please let me know so I can pass them on to others. If you have stories that you would like to share - please send them to me so I can include them in next month's newsletter.*

Cheryl  
Presbytery Ministry Animator  
(<https://www.cherylgaver.ca/PMA/>)

(And here is the link to this newsletter's [PDF](#)).



## New Beginnings



### Welcome - Sarah Driediger

*Parkwood, Ottawa* has a new Summer Program Assistant. A high school grad who intends to "do university online" next year, Sarah is working from home for the most part during this pandemic.

### Welcome - Mark Hamilton

*Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre* has a new Managing Director. He started work June 1st.

*Gracefield* has finally re-opened for guest accommodation - this includes tent and trailer folk. Please keep in mind that *Gracefield* is open but it is not business as usual. Physical distancing measures **must be respected**. For more information, check out *Gracefield's* webpage: <https://gracefieldcamp.ca/2020/06/29/opening-july-1st/>

## Virtual Activities through the Week

### Weekly

**Weekly Church Resource Email.** *St. Andrew's, Ottawa.* Sydney sends out emails, jam-packed with video, activities and helpful links for all ages. For more information, contact Sydney at [sj@standrewsottawa.ca](mailto:sj@standrewsottawa.ca)

**Sunday School Material for July.** *Knox, Ottawa.* Knox's Sunday School teachers are providing weekly curriculum materials that you can use as a family. July's materials are available [here \(https://www.knoxottawa.ca/news/knox-sunday-school--161\)](https://www.knoxottawa.ca/news/knox-sunday-school--161)

### Thursdays

**9:30-10:30 a.m. Bible Story Time with Sydney.** *St. Andrew's, Ottawa* has a weekly story for children/youth with *Sydney McIntosh*, Christian Education Coordinator. For more information, or to get Zoom access to the event, contact Sydney at [sj@standrewsottawa.ca](mailto:sj@standrewsottawa.ca).

### Sundays

**Sunday School Online.** *St. Paul's, Ottawa.* Pastor Tamara invites "you" to join her on [St. Paul's Kids Facebook Page](#). For more information, contact St. Paul's at [office@stpaulspcottawa.com](mailto:office@stpaulspcottawa.com).

### Tuesdays

**7:00 p.m. - Family Hymnsing.** *Parkwood, Ottawa.* Keith and Kristyn Getty have been hosting a family hymnsing every Tuesday on Youtube. Words are on the screen and, from time to time, there are guests along with their 3 daughters. Here's the link to this week's hymnsing: [https://youtu.be/Az89\\_MSeJLU](https://youtu.be/Az89_MSeJLU).

### Fridays

**3:30 p.m. Youth Chat with Sydney.** *St. Andrew's, Ottawa.* Open to youth ages 12 and up. For more information or to get Zoom access to the event, contact Sydney at [sj@standrewsottawa.ca](mailto:sj@standrewsottawa.ca).

**7:00 p.m. Youth Group Online.** *St. Paul's, Ottawa.* Pastor Jeffrey invites the youth to join him for Zoom meetings every Friday. For more information, contact St. Paul's at [office@stpaulspcottawa.com](mailto:office@stpaulspcottawa.com).

## Upcoming Virtual Events

**Bible Story Time with Sydney**  
Thursday, July 23 - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Virtual Gathering for Youth & Families**  
Sunday, July 26 - 7:00 p.m.

*St. Andrew's, Ottawa* has a weekly Zoom Sunday School Adventure for children/youth with *Sydney McIntosh*, Christian Education Coordinator. For more information, or to get Zoom access to the event, contact Sydney at [sj@standrewsottawa.ca](mailto:sj@standrewsottawa.ca).

*Knox, Ottawa*. Knox's children, youth and families will meet using Zoom. It's a time to see one another, catch up on what everyone has been doing, play some games together, have a Bible-based activity and finish with prayer.

For more information, contact [knoxsundayschoolottawa@gmail.com](mailto:knoxsundayschoolottawa@gmail.com)

## Vacation Bible School

### Backyard BOLT - Towards Faith in Jesus

**August 11-13 - St. Andrew's, Kars**

The team at **Go! Curriculum** has designed a 3-day "backyard" VBS for churches and families during the COVID19 shutdown.

Each day, there are stories, teachings, video, games, crafts - easily scalable for any sized-group, adaptable for different locations and age-appropriate for ages 5 to 85!

For more information or to register, contact Liz Chan at [lizchan.2014@gmail.com](mailto:lizchan.2014@gmail.com).



### Compassion Camp

**August 17-21 - St. Andrew's, Ottawa**

The theme for this year's at-home/virtual VBS is compassion for others, ourselves and the world. It is geared towards children 4-12 years old but there are also activities specifically designed for preschool-age children. A sample session is available [here](#). (please ignore pricing information on the page).

For more information, see [St. Andrew's webpage](#) and/or contact Sydney McIntosh at [sj@standrewsottawa.ca](mailto:sj@standrewsottawa.ca).



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