



Gale Gatherings

THE MISSION OF GALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS TO BE A FAMILY OF EMBRACING AND DYNAMIC DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WHO GLORIFY GOD IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

September 2019

What's happening at Gale this season:

August 19th - 23rd—KOTR
VBS

Aug. 25th—Community
Service at Gibson Park—
10:30 a.m.

Sept. 1st—Gale Church
service at 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 5th—Choir Practice,
6:45 p.m.

Sept. 6th— Food trucks at
Gale 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 8th — Rally Sun-
day—Service at 10:30 a.m.
Potluck BBQ (bring salad
and dessert to share)

Sept. 17th— Gale Lunch-
eon 11:30-a.m.– 1 p.m.

Oct. 6th—Communion

Oct. 13th—Thanksgiving

MOVED BY MUSIC

Are you moved by music? We do a lot of music at Gale and we try to blend a variety of styles into our worship. There is guitar music and classical piano songs. Sometimes there is only women singing, sometimes only men. There is clapping and actions songs. There are soloists and a full choir. Gale has a lot of music. Does it move you?

We don't know who invented music but it seems to be a unique human trait that probably started with cave-dwellers banging sticks on logs and finding the rhythm or the tone pleasing. It may have assisted in the daily requirements of hunting and gathering and shelter and even a form of communication across distances. It soon must have taken on a different perspective. It eventually became something that humans do just because they like to, not because they have to.

Music moves us and inspires us in ways that no full stomach or

overflowing bank account can ever do. And yet, when it comes down to the bare essentials that keep us alive, we don't actually need it. Any one who studied introductory psychology would

have been introduced to Maslow's hierarchy of needs – basically a pyramid chart that lists the levels of needs a human has to survive. Take a look at the triangle and you notice that music isn't even mentioned except at the very end where the word "creativity" shows up. We don't NEED music to survive – but would any of us like a life without music?

Music cannot be separated from our enjoyment of the creation or our enjoyment of God. So music gets us closer to God. And vast scores of music have been prepared over the years to reflect our God



Psalms 98:4

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:
make a loud noise, and rejoice,
and sing praise.

relationship. From the classical "Amazing Grace" to the children's "I love you" of Sharon, Lois and Bram. From Tennessee Ernie Ford's "How great thou art" to Bob Dylan's "You gotta serve somebody." From Kurt Kaiser's "It only takes a spark" to Robin Mark's "Days of Elijah." Music is integral to our relationship with God. Always has been and always will be.

What's your favourite music? What's your favourite song? Celebrate that these things bring you close to God and give thanks to God for them.

Blessings
Rev. Scott Sinclair

Note-ables by Rick McFadden, Choir Director

It is an honour to be Gale's new music director. In the short time that I have been here, your kindness, guidance and heart-warming welcome have been greatly appreciated. As the "new kid on the block", I come with some ideas that I hope all will embrace. I will be working with two committed

groups of musicians, choir and the praise team. New members are always welcome. You are also invited to be an occasional singer for seasonal events such as Christmas, Easter or the community choirs.

Other possible opportunities.

- A children's choir (seasonal)
- A youth handbell choir for Christmas Eve. and Easter
- A fundraising event for Gale's own adult handbells/tone chimes

Gale will participate in the community Choirs and Carols

event hosted this year at Woodside.

Our praise team is looking for an occasional drummer for Sept.-Dec. and also when Scott Martin is not available at other times during the year.

Psalms 98 says "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord". It doesn't say "a perfect noise", so why not join us to sing!

Blessings to all.



PAGES (Presbyterians At Gale Enjoying Stories!) by Jan Parsons

Did you know that Gale Church has a book club?

We call it PAGES (Presbyterians At Gale Enjoying Stories!) and we meet just 5 times a year, every other month starting in September and usually on the last Monday of the month.

We pick four books to read and discuss during the year - so the commitment is not too great - we have about two months to read the book coming

up. The final meeting - usually the beginning of June, is a Pot Luck Dinner. We all enjoy a fun meal together and then the discussion is about what books we might like to choose for next season. We all share the names of some of the books we have read and enjoyed. Then the hard part is picking just four of them to read and discuss the following year!

Each of our meetings is usually about 2 hours long and begins at 7 pm. We have set it up

so that we all share in the running of the group - we need three people to help at each meeting. We like to meet in each other's homes and we share a dessert or treat and we have different people lead the discussion. Early on we decided that we all have different strengths and interests - some are happy to host, some like to bake and others are good discussion leaders. There is no pressure to do anything - just pick something you feel you are comfortable doing.

If you like to read and would be interested in joining PAGES or just coming to "try it out" you would be most welcome. You can speak to me or email janparsons@rogers.com if you would like more information. The Plans for this year are on the Bulletin Board at the church and also on our Web Site.

Date	Book	Leader	Host	Dessert
Mon. Sept. 30 2019	Smoke—by Elizabeth Ruth <i>*(alternate for November is Orphan Train by Christina Baker)</i>	Myrna Shantz	Myrna Shantz	Karen Pond
Mon. Nov. 25 2019	The Home for Unwanted Girls by Joanna Goodman	Jan Parsons	Kim Denstadt	Brenda Walker
Mon. Feb. 27 2020	Warlight by Michael Ondaatje	Kim Denstadt	Marg Donald	
Mon. April 27 2020	The Huntress by Kate Quinn	Brenda Walker	Jan Parsons	Joan Moyer
Mon. June 1 2020	Discussion and Book Selection for our 10 th year!	Jan Parsons	Gale Church	Pot Luck

A Book You Should Read *by Rev. Scott Sinclair*

WHAT IS THE BIBLE? – Rob Bell has always been an intriguing writer. A few years ago I used his book, *“Love Wins”*, in this column. We also used his videos, *Nooma*, in our Bible studies. He challenges me and I hope his writing and theology challenge you as well. It has got him in trouble with his church – and in a good way, I believe.

In this book, *“What is the Bible?”* Bell makes us confront the disquieting questions we don’t want to ask about heaven, hell, life the universe and everything. Regardless of what we believe about the truth of the book we have to

acknowledge the importance of it in our world. Bell goes deep into parts of the book and reveals the humanity and culture behind the stories along with ways for us to make it relevant to where we are now, centuries later.

Bell’s words in the flyleaf: *“I find it more compelling and mysterious and interesting ... and divine and enjoyable than ever. Some people see the Bible as an out-dated book of primitive, barbaric fairy tales that we have moved beyond. And then there are the folks who talk about how important and central and inspired the Bible is but then butcher it with their stilted literalism and stifling interpretations. I want you to read the Bible in a whole new way.”*

New York Times Bestseller

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

Rob Bell

New York Times Bestselling Author of Love Wins

Field Update

by Fran Hill

Top picture shows the corn on the Dedication night June 20/19.

Top right: July 03/19.

Bottom pictures were taken July 31/19.

As you can see the corn is growing. Now we need for the cobs to grow and fill out.

Praying for a good yield.

Donations to this project are always welcome.



Christian Education Committee (CEC) *by Jan Parsons*

This is a group of about 10 volunteers that meet monthly to plan and organize many activities in our church. Our group oversees:

- Nursery
- Sunday School
- Youth Group
- Small Groups/Bible
- Studies
- PAGES Book Club
- Men's Breakfast
- Annual VBS Program – Kintail on the Road
- Annual Gale Fellowship Retreat at Camp Kintail
- Children's Summer Camp participation
- Biannual national CY

(Canada Youth) participation

- Communicant's class Programming, Sponsors and Social activities.
- Family Movie Nights
- Secret Sisters
- Rally Sunday BBQ
- Children's Christmas Program

There are many people in-

involved in making each of these activities happen and we are grateful to everyone who helps out! We are blessed at Gale to have many wonderful programs available for people of all ages. We hope you might find one that interests you and join in - we'd love to have you to join us!

House Of Friendship *by Dave Chalmers*

Approximately 15 years ago, A group of 24 volunteers from Gale Presbyterian Church volunteered to serve Sunday night supper once a month at the House of Friendship, a men's hostel in Kitchener. Since that beginning a team of approximately 6 volunteers, from Gale, have gone to the House of Friendship on the first Sunday of every month and prepared a hot and

nourishing supper for the residents of this organization. The food is provided except for the dessert, which we volunteers usually donate, and the volunteers from Gale are asked to prepare, cook and serve it to the men and then clean up after they have eaten. The number of men varies from 20 to as high as 46. This number we serve depends on the weather and the number of residents at any particular time, living in the hostel.

The volunteers from Gale arrive at the hostel around 3:00 pm to prepare the meal for the Sunday evening. Usually we are all cleaned up and leave to come home around 7:00 pm.

Over the years we have gained some new volunteers as some can no longer help. If you are interested in doing this kind of community outreach, please let

Dave Chalmers know by dropping a note in his mail file at the church. Your help and support would be greatly appreciated as many of us are getting older and would appreciate your assistance in stepping up to help fill this worthwhile venture by being a volunteer in this program.

At the present time there are four teams from Gale so the time commitment is once a month, three times a year.

Tuesday Lunches

COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH 2019

The third Tuesday of every month (*except October which will be the second Tuesday of the month) from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Only \$12.00 (**except December's Christmas luncheon \$15.00)



Sept. 17	Cabbage Roll Casserole, hot vegetable, salad, bread, Peach Dessert with Ice Cream, beverage	Oct. 8	Harvest Roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, bread, roasted vegetables, coleslaw, pumpkin dessert, beverage*
Nov. 19	Meat Loaf, potatoes, gravy, salad, hot vegetable, bread, Apple Dessert, beverage	Dec. 17	Cost: \$15—advance tickets, 2 seating times available. **Carved turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, roll, gravy, hot vegetable, cranberry salad, desert, beverage

Gale Family News



Oliver John Zavitz, born May 14th at 8:43 pm. 6 lbs 13 oz
son of Sarah and Ben Zavitz; grandson of Richard and Carolyn Boyne, great-grandson of Jean Boyne.



Mandy and Quentin Loree are delighted to announce the birth of Ripley Allan born May 6th weighing in at 8 lbs 6 oz.

The new parents quickly refitted the nursery with "boy" attire as the ultrasound had indicated a girl.

Proud grandparents Peter and Donna Fulcher are thrilled to welcome their third grandchild into the family.



Here is a picture of an exhibit set up at the Drayton Fair.
Great community outreach -



Madison Hintz graduated from grade 8 at Westheights Public School in Kitchener



Amber Dow graduated from grade 8 at Mitchell Woods School in Guelph. She won 3 awards: the School Motto award, Music Award and the Gord Mason Award (which she won in grade 3 and grade 6 no other student so far has done this). She will be going into Grade 9 at GCVI in Guelph.



Kaitlyn Janeczko graduated from Grade 8 on June 20th from Park Manor School, and will be attending EDDS in September.

Kintail On The Road 2019 (KOTR) *by Melanie Dow and Amy Hopper*

From August 19th - 23rd we welcomed 63 campers, 11 junior volunteers, 15 adults with the campers and in the kitchen, along with 4 Kintail staff. The campers arrived each morning and gathered in their groups. Then they headed into chapel to start the day. Here the campers got to meet a detective who was trying to find the Pink Panther.

They also got to learn about the theme for the rest of the week: **SPEAK PEACE.**

In their colour groups, the children went more in depth of the theme and stories during **FLASH** time. They

learned the words Aloha, Agape, Shalom, Si Se Puede, and Ubuntu. Campers enjoyed rotating through the sessions (music and drama, arts and crafts, stem, nature, adventure) around the church. Then we came back as a large group to have time together in Indie-Ops (pick your own activity) and Prime Time (large running activity). Some activity high lights were water games, parachute and many more. The campers received two snacks each day from the church.

We thank all who donated snack items for the week, the staff and all of the volunteers. Thank you to our kitchen crew of Joan and Ally for the snacks and Hilke and Randy for the staff lunches and again the many hands that came in during the week to help them out. Hope to see you all again next year!



