



Parish of St. Barnabas

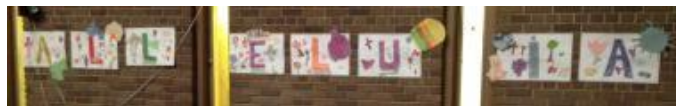
Hi and welcome to our summer newsletter! Well, Sunday school is officially finished, and school is almost done for the year. We have all worked hard this year and now it is time for some fun, rest, and renewal.

*“Come with me to a quiet place and get some rest” so they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. (Mark 6:30-32)*

**What we have done since Easter**



Each week during Lent, a Sunday school child would place a symbol on the banner, while a teacher and Rev. Pamela, read out the meaning of the symbol.



On Easter Sunday after Rev. Pamela read the Gospel, the Sunday school children followed her up to the altar carrying letters that they made spelling out Alleluia and placed them on the altar rail. There were also four baptisms that Sunday!



For Mother’s day Allison, Jamie, Nathan and Emmanuel read out loud a beautiful poem, the rest of the kids held up balloons, at the end of the service they all went out into the congregation and gave flowers to all the women .

**Unscramble these words!** – ivncaoat, ortshs, toh, gnmciap - awesome if you did!

Check out the hallway Sunday school art exhibition!

**Our picnic is today, come Join us !**



**JOKES**

What do frogs drink on a hot summer’s day? – *Croak a cola!*

What does the sun drink out of? – *Sunglasses!*

Why do bananas wear sunscreen? – *Because they peel!*



The first people to ever see a rainbow were Noah and his sons. *(Genesis 9:8, 13)*

Did you know that a praying mantis is the only insect that can turn its head like a human?

Dogs are mentioned 14 times, lions 55 times and cats are not mentioned at all in the bible.

Jesus was only 12 when he amazed people in the temple. *(John 2:1-11)*

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes opened!

**Poem** – *Love of God* by Jamie Callender (9 yrs old)

The Love Of God is great ok mate  
The Love Of God is a love dove  
The Love Of God is awesome it's not a pawsome  
The Love Of God is cool it's not a fool  
Enjoy The Love Of God ok love dove



**Announcements**

**June 22** – Strawberry Luncheon

**September 21** – Sunday school registration and Back to Church Sunday. Bring a friend!



**Movie review –The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry** by: Nathan Callender

Set in the summer of 1970, *The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry* tells the story of Dustin, who has gotten his first crush on a girl named Tanya, and his friends. Nick, the class bully, is harassing Dustin and his friends. One day an old neighbor, Jonathan Sperry, asks Dustin to mow his lawn. When he's finished, he gives Dustin lemonade, an extra dollar and starts witnessing to him about Jesus Christ.

Soon, not only Dustin but also his friends are coming to Mr. Sperry's house for a Bible study. They're continually harassed, however, whenever they pass by Nick. They want revenge, but Mr. Sperry tells them to love their neighbor, so the question is, will love work to transform the hard-hearted, mean spirited Nick or will he continue to harass Dustin and his friends?

[The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry](#) is a very sweet, kind-hearted evangelistic movie. The children come to Christ, and the movie wants to bring audiences to Christ.

I would definitely recommend this to you.



**Once upon a Time** an interview with Rev. Pamela by the Sunday school.

**Allison: What is your favorite colour?** – Any shade of purple: dark, light, lavender, mauve. **Do you have a pet and did you have a pet when you were younger?** - I have always had pets: when I was growing up, I had a black standard (i.e. large) poodle named Buttons (given to me on my 10th birthday); & my family had a Siamese cat called Topaze. Right now I have a large black cat called Leo—he is very fierce, but also likes to sit on my lap. **Daniel: Do you like sheep?**-Haven't known any sheep personally, so I don't really have an opinion. We read a lot about them in the Bible, so for that reason; I'm inclined to like them. **Random question: Did you have a favorite stuffed toy?** - When I was a little girl, I had a small teddy bear named Binky (there's even

a black & white picture of us together). I also had 2 favourite dolls, called Marianne & Joyce. I kept these to give to my daughter, but, alas, they were destroyed in a basement flood the summer before she was born. I don't currently have a favourite stuffed toy—although I still have some of my daughter's favourite stuffies at my house, including a lamb called Larry. **Seriah: - Do you have a favorite fruit?**-absolutely- cherries!



**Summer Safety Tips** – Now that the summer is here, and the days are longer, warmer and we are outside more having fun let's not forget the following:

Don't leave kids or pets in a hot car, not even for a few minutes.

Swim safely, no child or adult is drown proof.

Beat the heat, make sure to use sunscreen, hat, avoid peak sun times and drink lots of water.

Protect your food; it is grilling time so check internal food temperatures, and refrigerate if necessary.

When biking, wear that helmet, and pay attention.

*“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.” (Mathew 24:32)*

**A few words from Marie Claire Richer Callender**

We thank God for the many blessings we experienced at Sunday school this year- from our amazement to witness the number of kids coming to Sunday school every Sunday to the fun we had in preparing the Christmas pageant, Easter, Mother's Day - the kids are just inspiring! They challenge us and teach us to speak of the miracle of Jesus in the simplest terms.

On a personal note, I also thank God for Debbie - for her help and dedication to produce the first children newsletter!

Let's pray for the protection of all children in parks and playgrounds this summer. Amen

**Have a great summer and see you in the fall!**

*Newsletter created by Debbie Shane*