

Streetsville United Church

Summer Tidings 2016



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CALENDAR

Regular Sunday Services 10 am

Summer Preaching Schedule

Rev. John will be on vacation from July 1 to August 3.

June 26	Rev. John
July 3	Bruce Worthington
July 10	Bruce Worthington
July 17	Victor Shepherd
July 24	Bruce Worthington
July 31	Bruce Worthington
August 7 Communion	Rev. John
August 14	Victor Shepherd
August 21	Rev. John
August 28	Rev. John
Sept 4 Communion	Rev. John

Emergency Pastoral Care for the month of July:

Rev. Neville Smith, Cooksville
United Church 905-277-2338

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As I write on this spring day the sun is shining and the weather is warming. People are beginning their gardening and planning for the long weekend ahead. As nature blooms and blossoms all around us (including the dandelions!), I am reminded of Jesus' words from Matthew 6. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." Jesus said these words to his followers in the context of not being anxious about food and drink and clothing. He tells us to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to us as well. The God of the Bible, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the great provider. Jesus tells us that we can trust in him trust in him and put our fears and anxieties to rest.

As we look back over the past months and years we can see the trail of God's faithful provision in so many ways. As a congregation we face challenges and unanswered questions, as does the whole United Church of Canada. But Jesus assures us that as we seek to obey God and faithfully do his work, God does provide for us and make a way forward. God is our light!

I am very pleased that we have met our fund raising goal for the support of the Syrian refugee family we are co-sponsoring with two other congregations. This is a good example of the truth. When we seek God's righteousness, God uses our good works and our generosity to provide what is needed, often in unexpected and surprising ways. God tells us in Micah what it means to seek his Kingdom and his righteousness – "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." As we do these things we really can depend on God to provide for our needs, as individuals and as a church. God can be trusted!

As always, I invite you to make a point of worshipping at the church on the Sundays when you are here home in the summer. Our guest preachers, Bruce Worthington and the Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd will be encouraged by your attendance as they encourage and strengthen us in Christ with their Gospel messages. The summer schedule is listed in this edition of Tidings and will be posted on our church website as well as in the weekly bulletins.

Adelaide, Julie and I wish to thank the congregation for your outpouring of support and love on the recent death of Adelaide's father, Harry Gillis at the age of 93 in Cape Breton. As we travelled to Nova Scotia for the visitation and funeral and then back home again, we were encouraged by so many thoughts and prayers and cards. It is good to be part of a supportive and loving family of Christ's people. This is what the church is all about!

May God bless you all with a safe and refreshing summer season.

Rev. John

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday June 26 - Summertime Luncheon – Annual ham, salad and strawberry shortcake luncheon after church in the auditorium. Tickets \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children under 12. Tickets on sale or reserve a ticket from Adelaide (905-812-9483).

Sunday October 16 – Fall Potluck Lunch – mark your calendar for this annual chance to share a meal and fellowship with your church family!

Saturday October 29 - Harvest of Crafts Sale – See [News from UCW](#)

Saturday November 19th – Annual Men’s Turkey Dinner – Please keep Saturday, November 19th free for the Annual Men’s Turkey Dinner. More information to come in the early fall.

CHRISTIAN education

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Sunday School classes will soon be completed for this year. The last day will be on Sunday June 12th. There will be a special get together for all the classes and their teachers that morning. More details to come. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work and dedication this year.

We are very happy that Richard Wilkins has agreed to become our New Sunday School Coordinator beginning this fall and that Carly Dowling and Ali McMurter have volunteered to teach in our Sunday School.

The search for a new Youth Ministry Leader is underway. Nicole Santos and her committee are undertaking this task. There will be more information coming forward as they progress.

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting an Open House in the Library this fall to see the improvements that have been made to the room and to share the selection of books, many of them new to the church. The date will be announced after the summer. and we hope that you will be able to attend.

Cathy Hitchcock, Chair

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Pastoral Care

2nd Annual Coffee house with Bruce Worthington

Saturday April 9th was our chance to hear Bruce perform again, and we had a great time tapping our toes, singing along, and tucking in to some delicious desserts...all for a great cause, a fundraiser for our Refugee family. Thank you to everyone who contributed, by buying a ticket and providing dessert. We were able to add \$1,131 to the Refugee fund...Well done!

Here’s a picture of Bruce that night ->



*Don't let your worries get the best of you;
Remember,
Moses started out as a basket case!*

“While the world changes, the cross stands firm.”— St. Bruno

Mother’s Day was, indeed, a special Sunday at our church. Not only did we celebrate the baptism of Charlotte Walsh, we also welcomed four young people into God’s family as they confirmed their Christian faith. Reverend John commented that each confirmand shared profound comments about what faith means to them. It is our hope that in the face of their changing world and with our help, these young people will stand firm in their faith.



Reverend John with Megan Sweetman, Nicholas Barkhouse, Caitlin Bridel and Bethany Piekkola



Summer will soon be here and with the warmer weather, we’ll be moving coffee hour outside and enjoying lemonade instead. Please join us for refreshment and fellowship on your way out of church. There’s enough shade in the courtyard for everyone to enjoy!

NOTICES

SUMMER PULPIT SUPPLY

We welcome back Bruce Worthington, who will lead Sunday services on July 3, 10, 24 and 31. Victor Shepherd will preach on July 17 and August 14.

Communion Sunday will be lead by Reverend John on August 7.

CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Over the summer our cupboard can become rather bare. Please continue to support this very important hands on OUTREACH to our community. Hunger and poverty do not go away in the summer. Thank you.



PASTORAL CARE - VISITS

The Pastoral Care committee contacts people and visit them when there's a need. They may be shut-in, ill or undergoing treatment, lonely or bereaved, and could benefit from knowing we, at Streetsville United, care. It really helps us when people let Rev. John or one of us know of someone in need; please remember to keep Rev. John informed, or contact the church office so we can carry out this important role.

Need to Reserve a Room at the Church?

To keep track and to help you know what rooms are available please call or email Kelly in the church office or Doug Hitchcock (Rental coordinator) when you need to book a room. To find out if a room and date are free you can look on the calendar outside the choir room or you can access the online calendar – contact Kelly to get access.

Kelly 905-826-1542 or email kellycrewson@streetsvilleunited.ca.

Doug 905-564-0139 or email hitchcock@rogers.com.

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2016 FASHION SHOW

Our 4th annual 'Nortner Reflections' fashion show was held on May 10 and was another success, raising \$510 for the church. Dessert, door prizes and our lovely models made for a great evening. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with this event. Our models were Marnie Elsey, Dianne Nowoselski, Diane Wilton, Lorraine Treanor, Fiona Barclay, Wendy Johnson, Carolyn Stewart, Maryann Faulkner and Hetty Tattersall.



Hetty Tattersall



Fiona Barclay



Marnie Elsey



A Number of our Models

OUTREACH

As summer approaches, 2016 has been quite an eventful year in the life of our church and our relationship to the world and to our community.

Outreach has been involved with many local groups helping financially and also involved through church members volunteering their time and talent to programs that bring hope to fellow community members.

Local groups supported financially are:

Pathway Community Programs, The Dam,

The Open Door, The Scott Mission, Eden Community Foodbank, Matthew House as well as others.

Globally, Streetsville supports a number of groups financially;

Hope International, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, The More,

Transcend as well as through the United Church's M&S fund; relief efforts, throughout the world.

As we are all aware, Streetsville United Church, in concert with two additional United Churches in the Mississauga area are sponsoring a Syrian Refugee family to Canada. The commitment of raising \$15,000.00 by Streetsville has been accomplished; we now wait for our family to arrive.

The fire in Fort McMurray has been much in the news and as we all know has had a disastrous effect on many of our fellow Canadians, a number that have family in our congregation. In support of relief efforts, the Outreach committee has set aside \$1,000.00 to be given to the Red Cross to help in the emergency.

A Prayer for Fort McMurray

(from the United Church of Canada website)

*God of our ancestors,
in a world where chaos and ruin are as close as the wind,
where fires rage out of control in Fort McMurray destroying homes,
businesses, and livelihoods;
Help us to find strength and courage from the stories of those who took refuge in you during their times of trial and despair.*

*And so with the psalmist who cried laments,
we pray for all who are in need of food, shelter, and healing.*

*With the exiled people,
we pray for the tens of thousands of people evacuated and those who have lost their homes, churches, community centres, playgrounds and workplaces.*

*With the disciples,
we pray and give thanks for the emergency responders and all those who provide moments of generosity, healing, and human kindness.*

*With our companions in Christ,
we pray for the ministry and people of First United Church in Fort McMurray.*

*In a world where safety and security can be fleeting,
where people cry out in grief, seeking rest and comfort,
Bind us together in your love as we pray the prayer of Jesus.*

[recite the Lord's Prayer]

Amen.

HAVE A SAFE AND THANKFUL CANADA DAY



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NEWS FROM UCW

UCW Harvest of Crafts Sale!

Save the Date: Saturday, October 29th 2016

The UCW is already looking forward towards our always popular Harvest of Crafts Sale in October. It is an opportunity for our whole congregation to help with this annual fundraiser for our church.

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

Jams, jellies, pickles and preserves

Knitted items: all sizes of sweaters, hats, mittens, shawls, scarves etc

Crafted items: Christmas decorations, kitchen and household decor, children's toys, dolls etc.

Attic Treasures: glass and China ware, decor and household items

Please reserve items more appropriate for the Garage Sale for next spring.

Vendors: please contact us if you know an exceptional crafter who would be a good addition to our Vendor team.

Closer to Sale there will be an opportunity for all members of the congregation to contribute savoury foods and baking for the Cafe and Country Kitchen too.

With everyone working together, we can make a wonderful contribution to our church and all the charities that we support.

Have a wonderful summer and please call Katie Powell at 905-824-6851 if you have any questions. Thank you!



GARAGE SALE UPDATE

Garage Sale Update – Our 10th annual Spring Garage Sale was held on April 29 (always the last Saturday in April). **We raised almost \$6,100.** A lot of work and planning but it was our most successful to date. THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with this major fundraiser.

The book sale continues on the stage as we have been given more donations. There is a wonderful variety of books, comics, CDs etc.

The silent auction was great thanks to the many donations from you. Please keep us in mind should you come across items suitable for this.

The cafeteria as always was well received. We could have used more sandwiches and desserts (something to remember for next year).

The kid's room, jewellery and clothing sections also did extremely well. Jewellery can be given to Adelaide any time.

Finally, should you or someone you know be moving, cleaning house etc. please consider donating to us – we do have storage space available now. Please speak to Adelaide 905-812-9483.

Get ready for next year! – Saturday April 29, 2017

