

Streetsville United Church

Fall Tidings 2016



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CALENDAR

Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Special Services

- Oct 2** Communion
Oct 9 Thanksgiving
Nov 6 Communion
Remembrance Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Sep 24 – 9:30 – 12:30

Book Sale – see [Used Book Sale](#)

Sun Oct 16 – after worship

Potluck Luncheon

Following church. Please plan to join us and bring a dish to share as well as your own cutlery and dishes. A wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and welcome newcomers into our congregation. Mark your calendars now!

Sat Oct 29 – 9:30 to 3:00

UCW Harvest of Craft Sale

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The hot summer of 2016 is finally giving way to the shorter and cooler days of fall. Many of us welcome the relief. Certainly this past summer was one of the hottest and driest in memory. The grass and trees, gardens and crops all wilted under the stress. But did you notice how they responded when the rains finally came? The whole of nature seemed to perk up and grow again and show forth its natural beauty. It caused us to rejoice in the wonder of God's good and wondrous creation.

Something similar can happen to God's people. We know times of spiritual thirst, times when our weary and empty souls are in need of refreshment. King David wrote about this in Psalm 63, "O God, you are my God; I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." Then David tells us what he did to find relief and refreshment for his soul. He went to worship! "So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you." David went into the sanctuary and there he was touched and filled with the love and the presence of God. His thirst was quenched and his soul revived.

This can be true for us too. Even though many of us have enjoyed a time of physical refreshment over the summer months, we may have drifted away from God and worship (though we had wonderful summer worship services and good attendance). Our souls need to be watered with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the strength of the Holy Spirit. The fall is a time when many of us return to the sanctuary of God and discover again the steadfast love of God which fills and satisfies our soul. I look forward to our sanctuary filling again with eager and expectant worshippers.

As you can see, our activities for the fall are underway and they are listed here in Tidings. I would like to draw a few items to your attention.

First, I would ask that our Sunday School children and teachers note that Richard Wilkins is our new Sunday School superintendent. We welcome Richard gratefully to this position and ask that you direct all inquiries about Sunday School and its activities to him. Secondly, our search for a Youth Ministry Leader is still ongoing and by God's grace we will fill this position soon. Finally, I ask you to take note of our welcome back pot-luck following worship on Oct. 16. This is a great time of food and fellowship which we all look forward to. Thanks to all the faithful people who organize this and all of our activities. You are greatly appreciated!

Rev. John



PASTORAL CARE

Lemonade in the courtyard may be over, but our fellowship continues this fall! You are warmly invited to join our church family at the **Fall Potluck Luncheon** after church in the Auditorium on **Sunday October 16th**. Bring your favourite food item to share along with your plate and cutlery, and we'll have a wonderful time socializing over food...double the fun!

And...please remember...the Pastoral Care committee oversees our Prayer Chain and helps Visit members of our church family who need our support. If you know of someone who needs our care, let us know by contacting Reverend John or Kelly at the church office.



HARVEST OF CRAFTS

The UCW will hold its annual **Harvest of Crafts Sale** on Saturday October 29 - Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend, help out (bake, serve etc) and shop! If you are making preserves - jams, jellies, pickles - over the summer please keep us in mind and set a few aside for our Country Kitchen - all donations are greatly appreciated!

USED BOOK SALE

Saturday Sept. 24 9:30am - 12:30pm - we will hold a book sale to hopefully help deplete the number of books etc on hand. If you can **VOLUNTEER** at this event, please speak to Adelaide 905-812-9483 (this sale will be open to the Community).

CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Please help us keep our food cupboard well stocked by supporting our weekly requests in the bulletin.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

During Reverend John's vacation, Streetsville United Church welcomed Bruce Worthington and Dr. Victor Shepherd as guest preachers. Thank you to Robin Dalgleish for providing organ and piano accompaniment, while John Shillingberg was away. The congregation appreciated music provided by members of the choir who sang solos and duets.

Worship Committee

NEWS FROM UCW

As fall returns UCW units are meeting again for another season of faith, fellowship, and fun. We are actively preparing for our fall Harvest of Crafts and other events. We welcome all women of our congregation to come out to any of these unit meetings:

Sunshine Circle meets the first Tuesday evening of the month in the Fellowship Lounge - contact is Ev Courtney (905-826-5665).

TTT meets the second Tuesday afternoon of the month in the Fellowship Lounge - contact is Mary Dobson (905-826-1784).

Friendship Circle meets the second Thursday afternoon also in the Fellowship Lounge - contact is Deb Simpson (905-826-6900).

We warmly welcome any new members to come and see what we are all about!

The **Harvest of Crafts** sale is our biggest event of the year. This year it will be held Saturday October 29. With the various venues- Craft Room, Cafe, Baking and Preserves, Attic Treasures and Vendors - we look to all of our congregation to assist in many ways. Over the next few weeks you will be hearing of various ways you can give us a hand. At this time if you have preserves from the summer please save us a jar or 2. If you are a crafter and have homemade item(s) for the Craft room it will be appreciated! Most importantly for now - Save the Date - Saturday October 29 and plan to join us as a helper and a shopper!

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER

Search Report



The search continues for a replacement for Bruce! In May, we drafted and posted a job description for a part-time youth ministry leader. You can download and read the job description on our web site at <http://streetsvilleunited.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Youth-Position-Summary-2016.pdf>.

Since then, we have received 10 resumes. Four applicants were invited for an interview and we interviewed two of these applicants in July. We haven't found the right person yet, but we're hopeful.

As fall returns, we hope to receive applications from students returning to school who are looking for a part-time position.

If you know someone who would be interested in the position, please direct them to the ad on our website or speak with any of the Search team members. Word of mouth and networking are often the best ways to find a job!

Search Team Members:

Nicole Santos

Christine Viau

Wally Bridel

Teresa Judd

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please start collecting your gifts to fill Christmas shoe boxes for children overseas. Once again our congregational goal will be to fill 150 boxes. Boxes will be made available at the end of October with a return deadline of **Sunday, November 13.**



HODGEPODGE

Book Sale is ongoing on the auditorium stage. There is an amazing variety of books, CD's & DVD's and at great prices. Drop by and have a look!

Personal Information changed?

– If any of your information has changed (address, phone, email), please let Kelly in the office know. Up to date information is needed for tax receipts, tidings, etc. Call the office 905-826-1542 or send an email to info@streetsvilleunited.ca

Rev. John's Sermons – Hard copies of his weekly sermons are available in the narthex on the wall near the welcome table. Online versions are posted on the church website.

Welcome Table Center - There is a monthly calendar and "What's Happening" on the bulletin board behind the welcome table. Please take a look for events you might be missing! Also, if you are aware of any events/meetings/happenings that would be helpful on this posting please email Kelly at info@streetsvilleunited.ca.

PRESBYTERY REPORT



As mentioned in the Annual Report, the 42nd General Council of the United Church of Canada met this past August in Corner Brook Newfoundland and authorized that five remits should be considered by pastoral charges and presbyteries (three others to be considered by presbyteries only). If passed they "will bring substantive, denomination-shaping changes to our church's Basis of Union". The five Category 3 remits to be voted on by congregations and presbyteries are:

- Remit 1: Three Council Model
- Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement
- Remit 3: Office of Vocation
- Remit 4: Funding a New Model
- Remit 6: One Order of Ministry

Presbyteries alone will also vote on the following three Category 2 remits:

- Remit 5: Ministry Partners
- Remit 7: Candidacy Pathway
- Remit 8: A Step Towards a New Model of Membership

Over upcoming meetings, the Executive and Official Board of Streetsville United Church will discuss how to best handle the remit process so that there is proper consideration and deliberation before the voting deadline of mid 2017 for remits 1, 2, 3 and 4 and early 2018 for remit 6. Those wishing to see the actual wording of the remits and the study guides provided, may do so at the 42 General Council web site at; gc42.ca/remits

Ken Boulton
Presbytery Representative

Church Chuckles

The Sunday School Lesson:

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later on in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."



Marriage and Coffee:

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I would like to welcome everyone back to our Fall services. I would like to also welcome and thank Richards Wilkins for taking on the role of Sunday School Leader. Most of our teachers are returning this year with some new additions.

Sunday School begins on September 11th and more information will be coming soon.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of our Sunday School.

If you are interested in assisting with the Toddler Center, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Cathy Hitchcock, Chair

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SPECIAL EVENT!



Rev. John and Adelaide celebrated a special anniversary in August.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Willow Tree Montessori School - a new tenant is renting in Streetsville United thanks to the on-going rental coordination effort by Doug Hitchcock. The school own by Sandra Perri has started off with 5 pre-school children and is expected to grow during the winter months.

Local Area Network Upgrade - new wireless access points have been installed to provide universal and comprehensive WiFi access throughout the church property.

Auditorium Sound treatment - with the design work completed and the material delivered, on-site painting has begun with the sound treatment panels. With 9 different colours selected these 2 foot square panels will be arranged in to provide a collage.

Bathroom Faucets upgrade - upgraded faucets have been installed in all the washrooms.

Video Streaming of Sermons - a new video streaming arrangement has been installed to transmit and capture the sermons. A by product of this effort the equipment has been updated in the nursery to provide high quality video and sound. Eventually John's sermons will be able to be viewed on the church's web site.

Bicycle Rack - People come to the church by car and by walking. Now people will be able to ride their bicycles, store and lock them safely on the church grounds.

