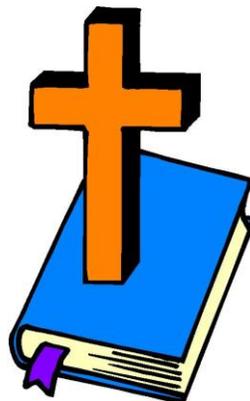


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Summer Tidings 2017



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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 25	Rev. John
July 2	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
July 9	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
July 16	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
July 23	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
July 30	Bruce Worthington
August 6	Communion Rev. John
August 13	Rev. John
August 20	Rev. John
August 27	Rev. John
Sept 3	Communion Rev. John

Emergency Pastoral Care for the month of July:

Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner, St.
Stephen's-on-the-Hill United
Church 905-278-9245

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

On Saturday May 27, I attended the Hamilton Conference ordination service in Port Elgin United Church. Four candidates were being ordained to the ministry by Hamilton Conference that day, including Deborah Fisher, who was a candidate from Streetsville United. Karen Gravelins from our congregation was one of those who laid hands on Deborah as she took her ordination vows. It was a wonderfully encouraging and uplifting service and I had the opportunity to receive the elements of Holy Communion from Deborah. The service reminded me of my own ordination 30 years ago to the day by Toronto Conference in Orillia, Ontario. I was pleased to bring best wishes to Deborah and present her with a gift from the congregation – a lovely portable communion set that we trust she will find useful in her ministry. There are a few photos from the service in this edition of Tidings. Currently Deborah is serving Forest United Church in Forest Ontario, between London and Sarnia, where she lives with her husband John and daughter Emilia. We are proud of Deborah and her accomplishment and wish her God's blessings in her ministry.

Now we are not all called to the ordained ministry of the church, but each Christian has been called and set apart for ministry. We are all called and gifted to be ministers of God's magnificent grace in Jesus Christ. Each of us has been given a special gift by God's Holy Spirit and our gifts are activated by that same Spirit. The variety of gifts which the Spirit has distributed among God's people is remarkable, from gifts of prophecy and preaching and teaching, to gifts of hospitality and administration and service. Each of us is invited to ask ourselves, "Is my gift being activated by the Spirit? Am I using my gift in service to the church and to my neighbours?" The church and the work of God's Kingdom is diminished if your gift is lying fallow. But the church is blessed greatly when you offer your gift for the church's work and the advancement of God's Kingdom. So may God stir up the gifts he has placed within each of us for the blessing of our church and of one another. I am thankful for all of you and the gifts that you bring and offer. It is a blessing to be part of the work God is doing in us and among us here.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you wherever you go and travel during this summer season. And please be sure to attend our worship services on the Sundays you are in town. You will be touched by God's presence and by inspiring proclamation of God's word.

Rev. John

P.S. The new air conditioning system is now installed and should be working in time for our summer services. Many thanks to Ken Poulsen for the hours of work he has spent working with contractors and others on this project, and also to Doug Hitchcock and Bill Powell for helping with the installation.

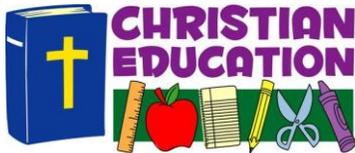
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday June 11 - Summertime Picnic – 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 15 – Fall Potluck Lunch – mark your calendar for this annual chance to share a meal and fellowship with your church family!

Saturday October 28 - Harvest of Crafts Sale See [Harvest of Crafts Sale](#)

Saturday November 18th – Annual Men's Turkey Dinner - Please keep Saturday, November 18th free for the Annual Men's Turkey Dinner. More information to come in the early fall.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I would like to thank all the Sunday School teachers and leader Richard Wilkins for their dedication and hard work this year. As an integral part of Streetsville United Church, the Sunday School is a valuable and important component. It is the commitment week by week of all involved that makes it successful.

We are so pleased to have Jeremy as our new Youth Leader. You are encouraged to continue to read bulletins and the church website for upcoming Youth events.

All the best this summer. Sunday School will resume in September.

Cathy Hitchcock, Chair



"I looked, and the Ten Commandments don't say *anything* about running with scissors!"

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Welcome Jeremy

We warmly welcome Jeremy Hennessey to our staff as our new ministry leader. Jeremy leads the high school Sunday School class on Sunday mornings and has some exciting plans for the youth group meetings and activities. We look forward to working with Jeremy and supporting him in his work. I encourage all Streetsville United youth to participate whenever possible in the programs that Jeremy is offering.

Rev. John



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!

Deborah Fisher's Ordination

As mentioned in Rev. John's message, Deb Fisher's ordination was on Saturday, May 27th in Port Elgin at Port Elgin United Church. Deb was a member of our congregation who became inspired to go into ministry and has now achieved that goal. Deb is now the minister of Forest United Church in Forest, in Lambton Shores, near Sarnia. Rev. John attended the ordination service. Karen Yoshiki-Gravelsins, who was one of Deb's support persons through the lengthy process, was part of the service (laying on of hands when Deb was taking her ordination vows). It was an inspiring service, with five others who became Ministers of the United Church with about 400 in attendance. It was also exactly 30 years after Rev. John was ordained!



Deb, her husband John and daughter Emilia



Deb with Karen Yoshiki-Gravelsins and Rob Gravelsins

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 visits them when there is 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.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee would like to invite anyone interested to join the Welcome Team for the September Schedule.

The Welcome team is just that...an opportunity to welcome everyone to church on Sunday. Various positions have duties, which include welcoming, assisting with seating and operation of the elevator.

You may do all or one of the assigned positions in a 4-month period with a maximum of 3 dates in that period. You may also indicate your availability and the Welcome Schedule will consider your preferences.

It is a good way to meet people and extend a welcome to new and regular members to church.

If you would like more information you may talk to anyone on the Worship Committee: Pamela Tume, Wally Bridel, Heather Drew or myself. I can be reached at 905-607-4991 or anna.loughlin@sympatico or after church at coffee. I can give you a brochure that lists the responsibilities in each position.

Anna Loughlin, Chair

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FASHION SHOW 2017

Our annual 'Northern Reflections' fashion show was held on May 16. Dressed in red and white for the 150-year Canadian celebration were our lovely models: Maryann Faulkner, Anita King, Martha Heeney, Bev Mathew, Deborah Kwinter, Donna Moss, Randa Tadros, Diane Wilton, Jill Gaynor, Ruth Kochanuk and Heather Drew. Thanks to everyone who helped make this fundraiser another success. Northern Reflections at the Erin Mills Town Centre has been very gracious in providing the fashions. If you have never come to this event, plan on it next year - it's lots of fun!



Special Thanks to Les as Emcee and Wayne for sound production



Our fabulous models!

HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE

As we all look forward to those lazy, hazy crazy days of summer, the UCW would like to make a request.

Our main fund raising event is just a few months away with our annual Harvest of Crafts Sale taking place this year on **Saturday, October 28th**!

For those new to our congregation, this sale features our own Craft Room with crafts made throughout the year by our Crazy Christmas Crafters who meet weekly during much of the year to create special crafts for Christmas, kitchen and household accessories and more. We are very fortunate to have donations of crafted and knitted items (infant to adult items), mittens, scarves and a variety of other crafts.

We also feature a variety of talented Vendors who bring Christmas decor, jewelry, crafted clothing items and much more.

Our Attic Treasure Room includes special items that include china, glassware, figurines etc. that are donated to pass on to another home.

We plan to have a separate area for Children's and Adult Books, so please keep us in mind when you are sorting.

The Country Kitchen features special jams, jellies, preserves, pickles and mouth-watering baking.

Our All Day Cafe is a favourite spot to meet with family and friends to enjoy our famous chili, soup, sandwiches and desserts.

The UCW would appreciate very much if you would kindly set aside a few jars of your best jams, preserves, pickles etc. and perhaps some of your homemade crafts, knitting and check your cabinets for any Treasures or books that you could donate to our sale.

Please set aside Saturday, October 28th and tell all your family and friends to join us for this fun event! Many people start their Christmas shopping on this day!

In supporting our Harvest of Crafts Sale you will be aiding the UCW in all the work we do to support our church as well as our local and international charities.

For further information, please contact Katie Powell 905-824-6851

Good food, fun and fellowship at the UCW Spring Potluck!



NEWS FROM UCW

The UCW women have had a productive winter and spring. They have been instrumental in many of the changes taking place in the office wing of the church: Kelly's office has been repainted and has new office furniture for greater efficiency, Rev John's office has been repainted, the choir room has been repainted and storage has been improved along the backwall and the food pantry. The very old kitchenette has been refurbished with new (recycled) cabinets and repainted for a new, cleaner, and improved environment.



Choir Room Kitchenette Transformed!



Storage Makeover in the Choir Room

The Fellowship Lounge is also updated. A new TV screen and technology system has been installed with thanks to Property and new doors to the kitchenette and storage cupboard update the room and increase the storage security.



WOW!

A new cupboard at the front of the sanctuary is being built for storage of AV equipment.

World Day of Prayer – Streetsville United took part in this service in conjunction with 5 local churches, held at St Francis of Assisi Anglican. The new format was enjoyed and will continue next year, to be held at St Andrew's Presbyterian on Friday March 2, 2018.

Spring Potluck – The women of SUC celebrated Canada's 150th birthday on April 20th with a wonderful buffet dinner featuring Canadian dishes. Voices were raised as we sang a variety of Canadian songs, patriotic, country and fun. Minds were challenged with a trivia quiz. About 45 were in attendance to share in this enjoyable celebration, surrounded by the provincial flags and a background of red and white. See pictures at left.

Memorial Garden

We are in the process of planning a memorial garden to be located along the side of the church parking lot. We will be inviting interested congregational members to purchase pre-selected type evergreen trees, shrubs and other perennials, IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE. We will also add a number of rocks and a plaque indicating this is a special garden space. On completion in the fall we will hold a dedication ceremony for those who contributed. Further details will follow.

Vestigia

By Bliss Carman

I took a day to search for God,
And found Him not. But as I trod
By rocky ledge, through woods untamed,
Just where one scarlet lily flamed,
I saw His footprint in the sod.

Then suddenly, all unaware,
Far off in the deep shadows, where
A solitary hermit thrush
Sang through the holy twilight hush –
I heard His voice upon the air.

And even as I marveled how
God gives us Heaven here and now,
In a stir of wind that hardly shook
The poplar leaves beside the brook –
His hand was light upon my brow.

At last with evening as I turned
Homeward, and thought what I had
learned
And all that there was still to probe –
I caught the glory of His robe
Where the last fires of sunset burned.

Back to the world with quickening start
I looked and longed for any part
In making saving Beauty be ...
And from that kindling ecstasy
I knew God dwelt within my heart.

(This poem was submitted by Mary Dobson in honour of Canada 150, Bliss Carman was an acclaimed poet laureate for Canada)

HAVE A SAFE AND THANKFUL CANADA DAY



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GARAGE SALE UPDATE

This major FUNDRAISER for OUR church raised \$6,800. The amount raised each year has grown and reflects DONATIONS so if you or someone you know will be downsizing, house cleaning, etc., please think of us. We do have limited storage but you can speak to Adelaide should you have any questions. This event is always held on the last Saturday in April and requires MANY, MANY helping hands. There were aspects of the sale that were not accomplished because we did NOT have sufficient helping hands. SO PLEASE next year give some time the week of and the day of the sale.



**Get ready for next year!
Saturday April 28, 2018**

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER

I regrettably have not gotten to know too many of you yet, and sadly some names I do not remember. God has blessed my life with many things, but a good memory is not one of them yet. Regardless, I am both happy & proud to call this body of believers my own, and I am excited for the future of the journey with you all.

Some may know that I was raised in The Salvation Army, specifically with parents employed as Salvation Army Officers. This resulted in a lot of moving so if anyone has ever spent time living in Red Deer, Listowel, Burlington, Kingston, St. Catharines, Sudbury or Oakville, come talk to me about it. I would love to bond over some mutual grounds, which I already have done so with some of you. I have been blessed with the opportunity among all that moving around to be influenced by some amazing people and acquire some good education. God has also used an artsy-fartsy high school and a good degree in Theology from Tyndale to help make me the man I am today.

If anyone has become familiar with the recent Broadway musical *Hamilton*, the main character's recurring stanza says "I am not throwing away my shot". I am excited to have this shot to work with everyone at Streetsville United. I have looked forward to leading a youth ministry for some time now, holding onto ideas starting in notebooks, assorted documents and scrap pieces of paper that I will bring to fruition with the youth & young adults of this church & community.

More importantly, I will do my best to make everything I do worthy of God's kingdom. As Colossians 3:23 states; to work as if for the Lord, and not mere men. My wife and I have worked to make a youth room & I plan to use that space for some good times in the months to come, learning, playing and just figuring out some things together as a group of young believers.

Outside the basement of the church, though I want us to be just as strong. I have always been a huge fan of the book of James because it emphasizes a ministry of both faith & action. I have often referred to my spiritual journey as a system of 'input' & 'output'. Inputting God's love, wisdom & inspiration through devotions, church services and readings while outputting Christ's loving service. I want the same for the youth of this church to help build and defend a spiritual life that continues to grow and change. And therefore, will never decay.

Blessings,
Jeremy Hennessy

