

Streetsville United Church

Spring Tidings 2018

He is Risen!

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CALENDAR

Sunday Services 10 am

Holy Week and Easter Services

Advent Sundays

(all services 10 am)

March 25th Palm Sunday

March 30th Good Friday

Signup sheet in the narthex. Breakfast served by the Men's Group before the service in the auditorium beginning at 8:30 am) Families are encouraged to attend the service. A children's activity will be provided during the service.

April 1st Easter Sunday

Easter Celebration Service with Communion – Christ is Risen Indeed!

May 1st Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu. Apr. 19 6:30 pm – UCW Spring Potluck – see News from UCW pg. 3.

Sat. Apr. 28 – Church Garage Sale

Please see Church Garage Sale pg. 4

Tue. May 15 7:00 pm – Fashion Show

– featuring "Northern Reflections". Includes dessert and door prizes!

Sat. May 26 – "Open Mic Night" – see pg 2.



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Thirty of us are participating in the "40 Days of Prayer" Lenten study on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is a valuable course in which we are not only learning about prayer, but also how to pray together and individually. May I say that many in our church family are being prayed for by the participants. So if some unexpected blessing comes to you, consider that it may be that someone is praying for you! In fact, the course is designed to unleash God's power throughout the congregation through prayer. God's power always flows more freely when God's people are praying. The church is renewed and God's people are strengthened as we pray for one another and for the church.

During the Lenten season we are reminded that Jesus opened the way to the Father, so that we can approach God freely and without fear. The writer to the Hebrews has a wonderful passage which sums up what Jesus has accomplished for us. "Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way he has opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh) ... let us approach (God) with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean... Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:19-25)

I encourage you to meditate on those words during this Lenten season. They remind us of Jesus' sacrifice, God's faithfulness to us, and our faithful response to what God has so wonderfully done for us through his Son's Cross and Resurrection. During this season I encourage all of us in our prayers, in our Scripture reading, in our worship and our meditations. I also encourage all of us to consider how we can offer our gifts for the strengthening of the church, so that we may mutually encourage and support one another. There are many tasks and projects which require willing hearts and hands.

I look forward to our worship services on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The congregational breakfast prior to worship on Good Friday brings us together in fellowship before we proceed to the sanctuary to gather at the foot of the cross. On Easter Sunday we shall join together in a great celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The music planned for that day, along with celebration of the Lord's Supper, will reinforce the faith and hope that Easter gives us.

May God bless us on our journey and bring us all at last to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Rev. John

Lent 2018



NOTICES

New to the Church?

If you are new to Streetsville United Church you may have found the building and jargon being used a little confusing! Following are some terms you may have heard:

Heritage Hall – this is the large room below the sanctuary that may also be referred to as HH.

Auditorium – this is the large gym like room with a kitchen and a stage on the north side.

Elevator Door – the first door you encounter from the parking lot is know as the elevator door because the elevator is in that doorway.

Fellowship Lounge – The UCW is proud to have the Fellowship Lounge, located just inside the sliding doors at the back of the church. Also may be referred to as FL.

UCW – United Church Women

CE – Christian Education

SUC – Streetsville United Church!

M & P – Ministry and Personnel

Narthex – the area just outside the sanctuary where the welcome table and coat closets are located.

Tidings – This is a quarterly newsletter that comes out at Christmas, Easter, Summer and Fall to inform the congregation of everything the church is busy doing.

Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know needs a visit or to be prayed for, please inform the church office or Kate Sparrow at 905-302-4549. Members of the church and the Prayer Chain are available to assist Reverend John.



Sat. May 26 - Open Mic Night – Auditorium 7-9 pm. If you're interested in performing during this fundraiser, please send an email to tune7585@bell.net giving your name and the songs/pieces you'd like to perform and any support you might need (e.g. MP3 Player, guitar amps, microphones). More details to come.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The students of the Sunday School meet in their classes on a weekly basis. The teachers continue to present informative and thoughtful lessons as they continue with the Lenten lessons, leading up to Easter Sunday.

Last Sunday, Bibles were given out to a number of students. They are given out to the Grade four class. Since this did not happen for the last couple of years, the bibles were also given out to the current grade fives, sixes and older students who had not yet received one.

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting another Open House in the Library so please continue to read your bulletins for the date.

Reverend John is leading the current Bible Study, "40 Days of Prayer" by Pastor Rick Warren. There are two groups that meet on either Thursday night or Saturday morning. They have been participating in thoughtful discussions and activities and learning how to have a powerful prayer life.

The Confirmation classes for Grade nine students and any older High School students who wish to be confirmed will begin soon. Confirmation Sunday will be May 13th 2018.

Cathy Hitchcock
Chair

HERITAGE HALL?

What is happening in the Heritage Hall?

The UCW, with assistance from the Property Committee, is currently undertaking the renovation of the Heritage Hall kitchen. Once again, the "Doug and Bill Kitchen Team" has been called upon to accomplish this. Ken Boulton and Gary Clipperton have provided assistance assembling cabinets and Peter Mara has been helping with plumbing and electrical. Katie Powell has even been seen with a drywall trowel and bucket of mud in hand! Thanks also to a number of UCW ladies who have been arranging lunch for the work crew.





Spotlight on...

Kim Perrin



Here at Streetsville United we are truly blessed with the musical talents of Kim Perrin. We have heard she wanted to be a music teacher, and the enthusiasm she has for music is evident in all she does for our music programs. Each week her lovely soprano voice is heard within the Senior Choir. As well, she leads the children of the Junior Choir in songs of praise. When those angelic voices sing monthly, Kim's efforts bring joy and pride to members of our congregation! She also is a key member of the lively Boomer Band, playing piano, singing and helping to lead worshipers in contemporary music. Kim, we thank you for sharing your musical gifts with all of us at SUC.



Current members and alumni of Kim's Junior Choir unite and sing at Mothers Day 2017. It was memorable, and a wonderful tribute to Kim!

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK



2018 Streetsville United Church Team of Walkers!

On Saturday February 24th Streetsville United participated in The Coldest Night of the Year walk for the 6th straight year. We fielded a team of 15 walkers and raised over \$3300! Proceeds were used to support The Dam in Mississauga, a Christian organization that Develops Assists and Mentors at-risk youth in our community. The team was pleased that the weather was moderate and a good time was had by all! Thanks to everyone for their support of this important event to give troubled youth a helping hand.

NEWS FROM UCW

The UCW has started the new year in a busy and productive way! January is a busy month for us with the monthly executive meeting, annual business meeting, and Induction service. We have proposed a plan for renovation of the Heritage Hall kitchen which has been approved and supported by the Official Board and the Property Committee. This will give improved storage, work space and area for greater efficiency for all events that use this space. We look forward to this new and improved kitchen facility later this spring! Thanks to our usual labourers for their time and commitment to this project.

Our UCW participated again this year in the joint service for World Day of Prayer. It was held Tuesday March 7 at St Andrews Presbyterian Church together with churches from Streetsville and Meadowvale. Some of our members were readers and others were members of a joint church choir. The theme was "All Gods Creation is Very Good". A reception and fellowship followed the service.

The **Spring Potluck dinner** will take place on **Thursday April 19 at 6pm** in the Heritage Hall. The guest speaker will be David Armour from the United Church House of Canada. He is the Director of Philanthropy and will be speaking on the Gifts with Vision program that we support. We look forward to an interesting and informative evening as well as a delicious dinner! We welcome guests to join us at this special UCW event!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUTREACH?

Syrian Refugee Status

Our single refugee student, who is currently living in Egypt, should be in Mississauga within the month. His apartment here is ready for him and we are just awaiting word on his flight.

Our family of four, living in the United Arab Emirate, are awaiting their final interviews and checks and we expect them here later in the year.

Pathway Non-Profit Community Development Inc. of Peel

Pathway will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on June 7th at its annual meeting at Forest Ridge. More details are to be provided closer to the date. Rabbi Englander, one of the founding members, is to be the guest speaker and many of the original founders will also be present at the celebration. Streetsville United is one of the founding congregations and we hope as many people as possible from our congregation will be able to attend.

HOPE International Development Agency Dinner

Since the 1990s our Outreach committee has worked with HOPE supporting its work in the developing world. On Saturday, May 5th, HOPE will be having its fundraising dinner at the Waterside Inn in Mississauga. HOPE's work in Nepal will be the main focus this year. If you would like to attend this enjoyable and enlightening evening, please contact Jennifer Honsa (jmhonsa@gmail.com or 905-567-5658).

We Care Kits

Outreach will once more be participating in the We Care Kit program run by the Canadian Lutheran World Relief as our Christmas project. We would like to focus on the "Sewing Kits", "Learning and Living Kits", and "Teacher's Kits" but feel free to supply any of the other kits described on the website. Details about these kits are available from <https://www.clw.org/what/we-care>.



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Saturday April 28, 2018

The date for this major fundraiser for our church is April 28. Details will follow but the request now is that you sign up and volunteer during the week April 23-27 to set up the rooms. Also the 28th you are needed. An example of devotion to this event is when a legally blind 90 year old gets on a transit bus to come and help, and this person was very helpful. So if that person could help, so can you. We never have had sufficient help.



Jewellery can be given to Adelaide at any time but preferably soon.

Silent Auction items are needed. New or gently used, better quality items please!

Last Year our annual garage sale raised over \$6,800 and we hope that with your help of donations and time we can raise the same or do even better.

Please contact Adelaide 905-812-9483 if you have any questions.

FEBRUARY 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Year To Date	2017 ACTUAL
TOTAL REVENUE	45,167	44,940
TOTAL EXPENSES	51,039	48,098
NET INCOME	(5,872)	(3,158)

Attached, please find an envelope for your special Easter offering. Your support of the church is most appreciated.



