

Streetsville United Church Summer Tidings 2018



*School is out,
but Church is
still in session!*



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CALENDAR

Regular Sunday Services 10 am

Summer Preaching Schedule

Rev. John will be on vacation from July 1 to August 4.

June 24	Rev. John
July 1	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
July 8	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
July 15	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
July 22	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
July 29	Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd
August 5	Communion Rev. John
August 12	Rev. Dr. Shepherd
August 19	Rev. John
August 26	Rev. John
Sept 2	Communion Rev. John

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

In this Tidings we have included a paragraph about the chimney swifts which nest in the unused chimney on the west side of the church. They migrate south for the winter, but faithfully return each spring. Apparently, our church is the largest nesting spot in Mississauga for these tiny birds. They are usually seen in the evening just at dusk, and often birdwatchers from the community gather in the parking lot to catch a glimpse of these fast moving birds. It is good that our church can provide a safe home for them.

How often our Lord used illustration from nature. As someone said, he may have been a carpenter by trade, but he was a gardener at heart, a real outdoorsman. How often he spoke of birds and trees and seeds and flowers. Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 5:26). "A mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:30,31)

Our church not only provides a shelter for the chimney swifts, but for us too. This church is our spiritual home. That is why we love and treasure the church. Here we find rest and shade in the arms of Jesus; here we are reminded that wherever we go we abide in the love and grace of God. Here we find strength and hope and comfort in the word of God. Here we work together in fellowship to support one another and to sow the precious seed of the Gospel through word and deed, so that many may find a home in the shade of God's love.

We have had a busy winter and spring. Many activities and events have taken place. I thank you for your faithfulness and for all that we have been able to accomplish together. God is at work among us, using and equipping us for his good purposes as he builds the church in this place.

Yes, many of us will be going off for vacation time this summer. But like those chimney swifts we will inevitably be drawn back to the spiritual home God has provided for us here. Though our congregation is inevitably smaller in the summer there is always a special sense of fellowship when we gather for worship. Please take note of our summer schedule and attend worship whenever you are in town. And remember that our sanctuary is now climate controlled so that worshippers may be more comfortable on hot summer Sundays.

May God bless you all this summer and keep you always in his love and grace.

Rev. John



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday June 24 - Summertime Picnic – 9th 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 14 – Fall Potluck Lunch – Mark your calendar for this annual chance to share a meal and fellowship with your church family!

Saturday October 27 - Harvest of Crafts Sale See [Harvest of Crafts Sale](#)

Saturday November 17th – Annual Men's Turkey Dinner - Please keep Saturday, November 17th free for the Annual Men's Turkey Dinner. More information to come in the early fall.



The Sunday School year is winding down. The year end celebration and party will be held on Sunday June 10th during the service. I would like to take this time to thank all the teachers for their hard work and commitment.

I would encourage the congregation to continue to use the library as there are many interesting and informative resources.

We are looking forward to welcoming Amir Majid this fall in his role as the High School Sunday School leader.

If you are interested in assisting with the grades 3-5 class, please contact Richard Wilkins.

Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for all their work this year.

Cathy Hitchcock, Chair

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.



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The 43rd General Council



Risking Faith Daring Hope

The 43rd General Council of the United Church of Canada is being held on the campus of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) located at 2000 Simcoe St. North, Oshawa, ON from Saturday, July 21, through Friday, July 27.

The Festival of Faith, open to all, kicks off GC43 on Saturday and Sunday July 21-22 with a celebration of work and witness through the arts. Events include; music, interactive art, workshops, spirituality, coffee house, artisan market and the Alvin Dixon Memorial Run/Walk. Detailed information can be found at generalcouncil43.ca/festival.

All are also invited to attend the opening worship service on Sunday, July 22 at 10:00am or to follow the service online with the GC43 livestream on the United Church YouTube channel.

Stay up to date on all that is going on at GC43 by visiting the website generalcouncil43.ca or subscribe online to receive daily news updates.

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



USHERS & GREETERS

FASHION SHOW 2018

Thank you to everyone who supported our 6th annual "Northern Reflections" fashion show. Another success thanks to our sponsor, the models:

Teresa Baker
Carol Beattie
Linda Bowman
Maryanne Faulkner
Dammecia Hall
Ann Holmes
Bev Mathew
Katie Powell
Lorraine Treanor
Madeleine Tume

Thank you to the providers of door prizes and desserts.

\$535 was raised for the church.



Thank you for
**YOUR
LOVELY
DONATION**

A special thank you to **Bill and Juanita Hega** for the donation of a beautiful communion tablecloth that was debuted on June 3. It will make a lovely addition to our communion services for years to come!



Book Sale

The book sale on the stage is ongoing on the auditorium stage. Great selection and prices. Pick up your summer reading. New material frequently arriving so check often for that great read!

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NEWS FROM UCW

The UCW celebrated spring with their annual potluck dinner in April. Themed "Helping Hands", the evening welcomed David Armour, the Director of Philanthropy for the United Church of Canada, who spoke on the Gifts With Vision program which the UCW is supporting this year. David was very informative and entertaining and many left inspired to support this program on a personal level. Donations were brought for Our Place Peel, the youth shelter in Mississauga, to help support the youth over the summer months.

We were also pleased to acknowledge the many helping hands that were involved in the Heritage Hall kitchen renovation. From the initial planning stages to the final painting of the entire hall, many hours of skill, time and talents were volunteered to make this vision of a new kitchen become a reality. Those involved were invited to attend the dinner so we could all share in the celebration of this wonderful new space. Again, thanks everyone.



Open Mic Night

Our 3rd "Open Mic Night" was held on Saturday May 25th in the auditorium. The following people provided wonderful entertainment and we thank them for coming out and showing their talent - Jerry Hopwood, Sanket Jariwala, Kim Perrin, Vincent Tume, Caroline Tume, Kaitlin Bridel, Kristen Hopkins, Steve Town, Andrew Town, Jason Town, Chris Monk, Steve Kimbel and Dwight Egeter. Attendance for this event was ok but should have been better - much planning and work go into these fundraising events, which benefit the life of OUR church.





Canadian Blood Services *it's in you to give*

It's In You To Give Challenge! – On April 20, I did something I hadn't done in over 20 years – I donated blood. I'm encouraging everyone in our congregation who is able, to do the same – you will not regret it. The goal with this challenge is to have at least 30 people donate blood by June 30. Once you've donated, please sign the goal sheet in the narthex. Call now and book your appointment 1-888-236-6283 or go online to <https://blood.ca/en>. Also, please sign your organ donor card.

As of publication, 5 people have donated.

Adelaide Tapscott

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The church has taken another step towards becoming a greener building.

The ceiling lighting in the Heritage Hall was change to LED lighting fixtures to provide a warmer lighting atmosphere as well as to provide on-going savings in operational costs.

The total lighting cost is now less than cost of running one of the previous 12 florescent fixtures. Previously one florescent fixtures required 160 watts of power whereas each LED lighting fixture consumes just 12 watts of power.

CE hallway and classrooms that are used on a daily basis will be done next.



Dave Faulkner, Chair



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HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE SONG

(sing to the tune of "My Favourite Things")

Summer is coming and then comes October,
The 27th will arrive faster than honey from clover.
The Fall Harvest Craft Sale and all that it brings,
These are a few of my favourite things!

We put on this Sale to help our great church thrive,
As well as our charities, near, far and wide.

We look after people all over the place,
So please help us put a big smile on their face!



When the floods come and the storms rage,
And their faith is slim,

We pray and get busy selling crafts, food and jam
And help our God's people wherever we can!

To plan for this venture we need all your help,
So keep us in mind when you look at your shelves.



We'll gather in all who can buy and can sell,
Our Craft Vendors will bring their best wares as well!



Jams and pickles, Attic Treasures,
cookies, pies and squares,



We'll need chilli and treats for our All Day Café
And we'll sell 'til our shelves are bare!

Don't forget our Craft Room when you make your donations,
Knitted mittens and sweaters, handmade for all ages.
Decorations for Christmas and some for the Fall,
We thank you right now, we appreciate it all!



So please plan to come October 27th,

We need all your help, you'll hear more in September,
Please tell all your friends and whomever you can bring
And this day will become one of your favourite things!

These verses were inspired by my dear aunt and friend Mary Dobson, who has worked tirelessly and over many years supporting our UCW and Streetsville United Church! Please call Katie Powell for any inquiries about the Craft Sale: 905-824-6851



GARAGE SALE UPDATE

Another successful event raising \$6,000, financially a bit lower than 2017. On a positive note, we had enough volunteers to help the week prior and the day of the sale! Please keep the church in mind should you be cleaning house or moving. We do have some storage space available. This fundraiser generates much-needed funds for the church and most of the money comes from the community. Again THANK YOU to all who contributed to this event.



**Get ready for next year!
Saturday April 27, 2019**



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CHIMNEY SWIFTS at Streetsville United Church!

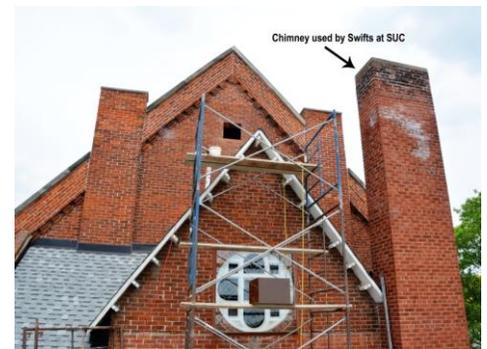


Chimney swifts are listed as Species-at-Risk in Ontario and have experienced a 95% decline in their population since 1968. Historically, Chimney Swifts inhabited large, hollow trees. As North America became settled, these habitats became scarce. Swifts adapted and began using chimneys for nesting and roosting. The City of Mississauga Forestry Department has partnered with [SwiftWatch](#) to encourage residents to help identify and monitor active chimneys in Mississauga.

Streetsville United Church is the largest known roost in Mississauga, with up to 30 chimney swifts roosting (resting) overnight in the chimney during fall migration and they can often be seen flying above the chimney throughout the year around dusk. Our chimney (no longer in use) is an important habitat to preserve and monitor this threatened species.

On May 31st City of Mississauga Forestry, and Bird Studies Canada, hosted a [SwiftWatch](#) Open House in our parking lot to watch the chimney swifts in action and recruit volunteers for the upcoming monitoring season.

Bill Powell



OUTREACH REPORT

Arrival of Our Refugees!!

We are very pleased to report that as of May 24th our first Syrian refugee has arrived in Mississauga. Tarek Youzbashi, is a 30 year Syrian who has been living in Egypt, and is now ready to begin a new chapter of his life in Mississauga. The Northwest Mississauga Constituent Group (Norwest) has a fully furnished apartment for him in central Mississauga. Tarek is fluent in English and we look forward to having a "meet and greet" with him at some point. With his arrival we are now concentrating on important matters such as OHIP, social insurance number, etc., so that he can get safely settled in.

We have also just learned that our other refugees will be arriving as of June 28th. The Nadeem Nadaff family of four is currently living in the UAE and are really looking forward to arriving in Mississauga in June. We were originally told they wouldn't be arriving until the fall so this is excellent news but it means we are now busy getting ready for their imminent arrival. We will be putting out a new request for items such as bunk beds, kitchen items, queen size bed, etc.

It has been a long journey to get to this point and we thank everyone in the four congregations making up the Norwest (Erindale, Erin Mills, Streetsville and Eden), for your ongoing patience, interest and support. We've gotten to know these people over the past year via email and we know they are so grateful and excited and amazed at the generosity of complete strangers to help them. They've asked that we relay their gratitude to you all. We'll keep you posted about their new journeys in Canada.

Have a great



SUMMER!