

Streetsville United Church

Fall Tidings 2018



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CALENDAR

Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Special Services

Oct 7 Communion & Thanksgiving

Nov 5 Communion

Nov 12 Remembrance Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Sep 29 – 7 – 9 pm

Coffeehouse Music Night – featuring the talents of Bruce Worthington! [Click Here](#)

Sun Oct 14 – Potluck Luncheon Mark your calendars now! [Click Here!](#)

Sat Oct 27 – 9:30 to 3:00

UCW Harvest of Craft Sale [Click Here!](#)

Nov 1 – Dec 8

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

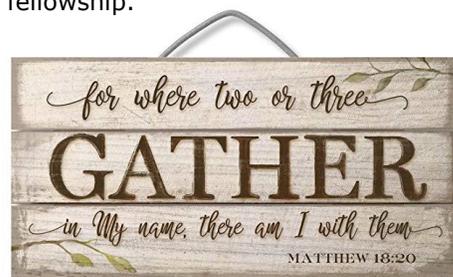
After the hot summer days of 2018, it is pleasant to now feel the cooling breezes of autumn. People find different ways of coping with hot summer days. Some stay in their pools or at least close by. Some go to the cottage or a beach. One man told me that he tried to escape the summer heat by taking a boat ride across a lake. But he found it just as hot out in the lake as he did on shore. Some days were like that. There was little relief. Some among us simply prefer to stay inside where it is air-conditioned.

We like to think of our church as a warm place. Certainly there were hot summer Sundays on which we derived some relief from fans and air conditioning. But I am speaking of the spiritual atmosphere of the church. We trust that here people are warmed by the love of God and by the warmth of our fellowship. John Wesley spoke of his heart being strangely warmed during one church service as the truth of the Gospel dawned upon him. We cannot control such experiences, but we can at least seek to make the church a place where it could happen to any of us. The church is a place where we can be warmed by the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. The Bible invites us to "draw near to God and he will draw near to you." Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst." This fall, I trust that we will be warmed, encouraged and strengthened by God's presence and by one another as we draw near to God.

Several Sunday Scripture readings over the summer months had to do with Biblical wisdom. One key verse (repeated several times) is "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The Psalmist does not mean that we are to be afraid of God. He is saying that true wisdom starts with our acknowledgement of God's goodness, his power and sovereignty. Wisdom recognizes that God's truth is higher than our truth and that he has power to heal, save and instruct us. Even in this world, God still has something to say to us! The beginning of wisdom is to humbly acknowledge God. And as you draw near you discover that God's perfect love in Jesus Christ casts out all your fears and gives you peace.

As I welcome everyone back from our summer activities and holidays, let me say that I am looking forward to all of our fall events, especially the music night with Bruce Worthington on Saturday, September 29. Let's give Bruce a real Streetsville United welcome. It should be a great night of music, laughter, food and fellowship.

Rev. John





THANKSGIVING

Monday Oct 8

FALL POTLUCK

Save the Date: **October 14** Fall Potluck. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. Stay for lunch after church and enjoy a time of food and fellowship with our church family. It's an annual event you won't want to miss!

FALL GROUP STUDY - 40 Days in the Word

6 Weekly Meetings in the Fellowship Lounge:

**Thursday Group – Nov 1 – Dec 6
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Saturday Group – Nov 3 – Dec 8
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

Please sign up in the Narthex by **Sun Oct 7** so we can order enough workbooks (\$20 each) for all who attend. Or call Rev. John or Kelly at 905-826-1542

SUNDAY NOV 4 2:00AM



TURKEY SUPPER

Sat. Nov. 24 5pm – Annual Turkey Supper sponsored by the Men's Group. More information to come so be sure to save the date.

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HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE: SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 27, 2018

Happy September Greetings to all! The UCW will be ramping up our schedule of craft and jam making and gathering lists of helpers for our main Fundraiser for the year as October 27th fast approaches! We had a very successful jam making session in the church kitchen in July and have plans for another session this month. Thank you all for your kind donations of 250 ml jars! Crafts continue to be made and we are hoping to add a couple more Craft Vendors as well. This year, we will be looking for additional congregational help in several areas, so please watch for notices in upcoming bulletins and requests during announcements of help that is needed.

We have appreciated so much all the help and support that we have received each year in every area, Cafe food and serving, baking and preserves, crafts, Attic Treasures etc. and we will continue to need your help to make this event a success once more. Please call Katie Powell for any inquiries about the Craft Sale: 905-824-6851.

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!



CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

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

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee is looking to add members to the Welcome Team. The Welcome schedule is made available for 4 months at a time with 3-4 assignments during that time. The next schedule will soon be planned and each member's individual preferences are considered. The next schedule is for the months of November, December, January and February.

The Worship Committee is responsible for scheduling Nursery and Communion coverage and volunteers are needed with those activities too. Please consider becoming involved in any or all of the above activities. Please call me to answer any questions at 905-607-4991 or at annaloughlin@me.com. Or ask anyone on the Worship Committee: Heather Drew, Wally Bridel and Ruth Kochanuk.

During Reverend John's vacation, Streetsville United Church welcomed Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd as guest preacher. Thank you to Robin Dalgleish and Larry Barnes 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.

COFFEEHOUSE MUSIC NIGHT

On **Saturday Sept. 29** we welcome back our former youth minister **Bruce Worthington** for a delightful evening of song. Bruce has performed twice here in past years and requests for his return have finally been answered. Country & western, folk and gospel renditions, which we fondly remember from his time with us, add up to a very satisfying performance. Refreshments will be served. This is an entertainment bargain! For just \$10 you can enjoy dessert, coffee and great music. As well, Bruce will have copies of his new CD for sale for an additional \$10. **Doors open 6:45 pm in Heritage Hall.** If you would like to contribute a dessert, please sign the list in the narthex.

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NEWS FROM UCW

As fall returns, two UCW units are meeting again for another season of faith, fellowship, and fun. We welcome all women of our congregation to come out to either of these unit meetings:

Sunshine Circle meets the first Tuesday evening of the month in the Fellowship Lounge – contact is Katie Powell (905-824-6851).

Friendship Circle meets the second Thursday afternoon also in the Fellowship Lounge – contact is Lorraine Treanor (905-826-3761).

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

BLOOD DONATION CHALLENGE – TAKE 2!

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!

In April, I made a plea for our congregation members (those who were able), to donate blood. This was brought to light following that terrible Humbolt tragedy in Saskatchewan. Since then there have been a number of horrible tragedies across the country. Originally I had hoped that we could reach a goal of 30 donations by June 30. This did not happen as only 9 people gave this gift of life – Blood and 3 of those already gave on a regular basis. This was disappointing. In

July I gave my 2nd donation with my 3rd one booked for the end of October. Following the recent heartbreak in Toronto and Fredericton, I am once again appealing to all of you are ABLE to please at least consider giving someone else the chance to live. Call Blood Services and ask them: Can I donate blood? They will let you know. Please speak to me if you have any questions and remember, **"It's In You to Give"**. There will be a new sign up sheet in the narthex and again would like to see 30 people donate blood by year's end. Sign your name once you have donated. Thank you. Adelaide

One Christian who donated blood at the Red Cross reflected on the experience:

"I gave my blood; Christ gave his. I gave a pint; He gave all.

The needle is small, sharp; The nails were large, dull.

The nurses, kind, gentle; The soldiers cruel, mean

The crowd applauds my sacrifice; They that passed by reviled him.

Mine is O Positive; His for positively all.

Mine, at best, will prolong a life for a while; His, without doubt, can save all forever."

BAND REUNION!



On a warm Sunday in mid-August we had some surprise visitors at the service:

Tom Smith and his wife Gwendy, and Diane & Marc Vandenburg, former church members. Tom, you may recall, was the inspiration and founder of the three worship bands (boomer, junior and senior) which we continue to enjoy today - from all the way back in 2002! He was attending a wedding and decided to drop by. As soon as we

heard of his planned trip, we contacted Marc and Diane to come and be part of a spontaneous band reunion. Here we are, rehearsing our 'greatest hits' just a short time before people start arriving: Madeleine, Diane, Vince, Tom, Wayne, Chris and Marc. Afterwards we all enjoyed lunch across the street and got caught up on each others' news.



If at first you don't succeed,
pray and try again

HODGEPODGE

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

Has your 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

MINISTRY, NOMINATING & PERSONNEL

Happy Autumn! Breaking News!

You have all heard of "it takes a village," I am sure. In the case of Streetsville United, **"it takes a congregation."** With this in mind our committee is initiating a **"What It Takes!"** program to ensure we have good participation in our various committees to take us forward in 2019. You may have noticed that we were not successful in finding someone to take over the leadership of the Pastoral Care Committee this past year. This is concerning when this work is such an important feature of a caring community.

Over the course of this fall, we hope to update you on what the committees on our Church Council (formerly referred to as the Official Board) are really doing to make your church life significant in many ways. We hope to bring you committee news on selected Sundays when each committee will be featured on the screen, during announcements and in the bulletin. Ideally this information will be available to you on a Sunday each committee is hosting coffee hour; members of the committee can then answer any questions, etc. you might have.

We hope to capture your interest!

Ev Courtney, Chair of MNP

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Bikers for Jesus

In early August, our church was approached by the Bikers for Jesus, a Wesleyan (Methodist) Christian Group from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. The Wesleyan Foundation has been providing Christian support to students at Purdue for over 100 years. Each year, this mission group sets itself an ambitious 500 mile bicycle trip to raise awareness and funds for their Christian group at Purdue, and for one of their missions - providing bicycles to Pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo. These bicycles are delivered personally to ensure they get into the correct hands. Many of you will remember Rev. Alan Robert's stories of pastors bicycling from charge to charge in Africa.

Although their request gave us short notice of their needs, our Streetsville United Church Council felt that this was a worthy request and so we opened our Auditorium A to these 11 adventurous bikers (pictured above), including their Youth Leader, Thomas Ault and their senior pastor and advisor Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne.

Thomas told us that they chose our church from all the United Church websites from Hamilton to Mississauga and surrounding area, due to our welcoming website. We hosted them for 2 nights including dinners and breakfasts and enjoyed hearing about all their studies, their biking adventures, and their inspirational mission. Being holiday time, there weren't too many SUC folk available to welcome them, but they were most appreciative of our hospitality.

If you would like to learn more about the Bikers for Jesus at Purdue University, please visit their website at www.wesleyfoundation.org or speak to Rev John, Jim Courtney, Doug Hitchcock, or Bill & Katie Powell.

