

Streetsville United Church

Spring Tidings 2019

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The great gift of Easter is hope!

CALENDAR

Sunday Services 10 am

Holy Week Events

(all services 10 am)

April 14 Palm Sunday

April 15 "I Can Only Imagine"
Movie showing Heritage Hall **7:00 pm**. See Minister's Message for more information.

April 19 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 21 Easter Sunday

Easter Celebration Service with Communion – Christ is Risen Indeed!

May 5 Holy Communion

May 12 Confirmation Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu. Apr. 11 6:30 pm – UCW Spring Potluck – see News from UCW pg. 3.

Sat. Apr. 13 – May 11 – Confirmation Classes – see pg. 3

Sat. Apr. 27 – Church Garage Sale
Please see Church Garage Sale pg. 3

Sat. May 4 – Shakespeare and the Divine – see pg. 2.

Sat. May 11 – Open Mic Night – save the date – details to come.

Tue. Jun. 4 7:00 pm – Fashion Show – featuring "Northern Reflections". Includes dessert and door prizes! Save the Date.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

A few weeks ago in worship we sang the hymn "As Comes the Breath of Spring". Perhaps I chose that hymn in the hopes that spring might come upon us a little sooner. It didn't really help.

I associate Easter with the coming of spring. I remember Easter Sundays from my childhood when the sun was shining, temperatures were warming, full streams were flowing rapidly, birds were chirping, snow had disappeared into mud, and the Maple Leafs were still in the playoffs. My family would all get dressed up in our finest clothes and attend church that day. Even though I didn't yet grasp the Easter message, I sensed there was something special about it. I remember being filled with wonder at seeing a picture or painting of the empty tomb.

Easter Sunday comes late in 2019, April 21, to be exact. By then spring should be more fully upon us, warming our bodies and our souls, too, as we marvel at God's faithfulness. Celebrating Jesus' resurrection is always a time of renewed hope and joy. The resurrection is the basis of the Christian faith, and it is the reason we rejoice and give God praise. It is wonderful to fill our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please invite a friend or family member to come with you that day.

Now before we come to Easter, it is necessary to remember for our strengthening the events leading up to Easter - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as Messiah, his agony in Gethsemane, his betrayal, and his sacrificial death on the cross for our sins. These too, are central to our hope and our salvation. To grasp the fullness of the resurrection we must reflect deeply on these events. In all these, God displays that he is for us and reveals the greatness of his love for us.

I remind you of our **Good Friday Service at 10 A.M. on Friday, April 19.** This is always a very well attended service and we thank the Men's Group for serving breakfast to the congregation before the service at 8:30 A.M. In addition, we will be showing in Heritage Hall on **Monday evening April 15 at 7:00 pm "I Can Only Imagine,"** the highly recommended and Christian movie based on the life of Bart Millard. The presentation is a moving testament to the power of God's love in Jesus Christ and the Spirit's ability to heal and direct the course of a person's life.

Let me end the message by sharing with you the first and third verse of "As Comes the Breath of Spring". May these words be our prayer and our hope as we draw near to Easter 2019.

Rev. John

As comes the breath of spring with light and mirth and song,
So does your Spirit bring new days, brave, free and strong
You come with thrill of life to chase hence winter's breath
To hush to peace the strife of sin that ends in death

You come like songs at morn that fill the earth with joy
Till we, in Christ new born, new strength in praise employ.
You come to rouse the heart from drifting to despair
Through high hopes to impart life with an ampler air.



Shakespeare and the Divine

"We know what we are, but not what we may be."

Saturday May 4, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. A presentation with a little physics and lots of harmony by Christopher Eriksson. Please RSVP info@streetsvilleunited.ca or call 905-826-1542 or 289-971-9319. This event is FREE!



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. It may also be referred to as FL in print.

UCW – United Church Women.

CE – Christian Education committee.

SUC – Streetsville United Church!

MN&P – Ministry, Nominating and Personnel committee.

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 (Spring), Summer and Fall to inform the congregation of everything the church is busy doing.



OUTREACH



Syrian Refugee Update

Our single refugee is doing well, but after almost a year here has still been unable to find a job in his specialty. He's a trained translator and has also recently taken courses to be a settlement worker. The committee has been actively giving and seeking advice to help him in his job search and we are hopeful something will come up. He's a very hardworking, sincere and kind person and we've all enjoyed getting to know him this past year.

Our family of four are getting used to life in Mississauga, although they will be glad when winter is over. The father has a fulltime job in his field and is enjoying his work, the mother is attending English classes 5 mornings a week and is noticeably progressing. The daughter is thoroughly enjoying senior kindergarten and is doing well and the son is attending daycare when his mother is at her English classes. They also are a very good family to work with and help and we've enjoyed getting to know them.

Pathway Non-Profit Community Development Inc. of Peel

Pathway's annual meeting will be held May 16th. More details are to be provided closer to the date. Streetsville United is one of the founding congregations and we hope as many people as possible from our congregation will be able to attend the annual meeting.

HOPE International Development Agency Dinner

Since the 1990s our Outreach committee has worked with HOPE supporting its work in the developing world. On Saturday, April 13th, HOPE will be having its fundraising dinner at the Waterside Inn in Mississauga. HOPE's work in Philippines will be the main focus this year. If you would like to attend this enjoyable and enlightening evening, please contact Peter Mackintosh (pmackintosh@fastmail.fm).

Coat Drive

Due to the success of our coat drive in February—350 coats donated—we are planning to run another drive in the fall so keep your warm, used coats for our fall drive.

HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday October 26, 2019

Just a friendly reminder that the UCW is already hard at work planning for this year's main fundraiser and we hope you can all come and help us make this as much of a success as it has always been!

The Crazy Christmas Crafters have been busy since January creating many lovely crafted items and we look forward to any contributions you can provide us with too in knitted, crocheted or other crafted pieces.

Please see Kerry Poulsen or Katie Powell for these kind donations.

Also, the Country Kitchen Crew will once again this summer and early fall be making some delicious jams and jellies for the sale.

If you have any 4 or 8 ounce mason jars, we would really appreciate them any time now in preparation for this. Please see Bev Mathew or Katie Powell for these donations. They were very helpful in reducing our production costs last year, so thank you very much.

This year we plan to expand our Vendor numbers a bit instead of having an Attic Treasure Room. If you know of someone who has a unique craft that they might like to showcase among our Vendors, please contact Cathy Hitchcock or Katie Powell. We only have a few extra spaces, so let us know as soon as possible if you know of a potential Vendor.

Please save the date and tell all your friends to save the date too!

It is always a fun time for family and friends!

Confirmation Classes

Saturdays 11 am – 2 pm April 13, 20, May 4, 11 in the Fellowship Lounge. All Students Grade 8 and up are welcome.



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!

Has Your Contact Information changed?

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

Welcome Table – Each month "What's Happening" is posted on the bulletin board behind the welcome table. A monthly calendar is posted on the board at the front door. Please take a look for events you might want to participate in. If you are aware of any events/meetings/happenings that would be helpful on these postings please email Kelly at info@streetsvilleunited.ca.

Bible Readings

FOR HOLY WEEK
April 15 - 20

Monday: John 12:1-11

Tuesday: John 12:20-36

Wednesday: John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday: John 13:1-17;31-35

Good Friday: John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday: John 19:38-42



NEWS FROM UCW



The **UCW annual Spring Potluck** dinner is approaching quickly. We invite all women of the congregation to join us on **Thursday April 11 at 6pm in Heritage Hall** for an evening of fellowship and spring renewal. The theme this year is Easter, the guest presenter is Suzanne Baresich, who gave an inspiring Christmas presentation a year ago and so we look forward to this seasonal and meaningful message through music and video.

Do plan to join us for a delicious meal of wonderful potluck dishes and an uplifting Easter message.

At this time, we also collect donations for the youth at Our Place Peel. Suggested items include: knapsacks/duffle bags, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, socks, underwear/boxers, T-shirts, pyjamas, flip flops, gifts cards for grocery stores, Tim Horton's, McDonalds, Walmart, Winners, movie theatres, phone cards. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Saturday April 27, 2019

April 27 is the date for this major FUNDRAISER for our church. We will need many volunteers the week prior and the day of to help make this event a great success.

Jewellery can be given to Adelaide up until April 20. Silent Auction items are also needed – new or gently used, better quality items. Volunteer sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Due to lack of on site storage, please bring your donations for sale from Sun Apr. 21 to Fri. Apr. 26 at noon.

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



2019 Streetsville United Church Team of Walkers!

On Saturday February 23, Streetsville United participated in The Coldest Night of the Year walk once again. We raised over \$4400! Proceeds were used to support The Dam in Mississauga, a Christian organization that Develops Assists and Mentors at-risk youth in our community. Thanks to everyone for support of this important event to help troubled youth.