

# Streetsville United Church

## Summer Tidings 2023

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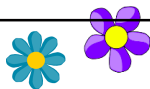


### CALENDAR

**Regular Sunday Services 10 am**  
(in person and livestreaming)

#### Preaching Schedule

**Jul 2** Communion Rev. Joe Hopkins  
**Jul 9** Rev. Joe Hopkins  
**Jul 16** Rev. Joe Hopkins  
**Jul 23** Rev. Mary Parsons  
**Jul 30** Rev. Joe Hopkins  
**Aug 6** Communion Rev. Joe Hopkins  
**Aug 13** Rev. Joe Hopkins  
**Aug 20** Rev. Joe Hopkins  
**Aug 27** Rev. Joe Hopkins  
**Sep 3** Communion Rev. Joe Hopkins



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### MINISTER'S MESSAGE

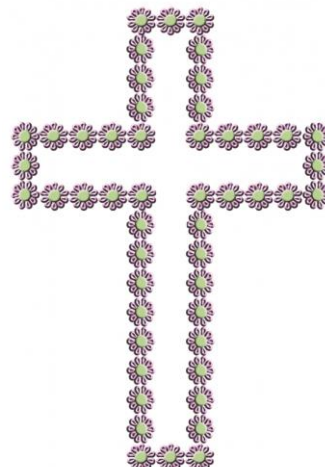
"Summertime, and the livin' is easy..." goes the famous aria from the opera, *Porgy and Bess*. The song especially evokes the laid-back mood of hot, humid summer days of the American South, yet it could certainly apply to attitudes of the GTA. After all, doesn't "May Two-Four" inaugurate cottage season?

I encourage you to seek some time of rest and restoration this summer; that's what biblical sabbath laws are all about. However, I also know that we sometimes follow the incorrect lesson of skipping church for a few months in the name of summer. If church feeds your soul the rest of the year, then you will continue to find spiritual nutrition and nurture during the summer months.

With that in mind, we'll have some special events for folks to participate in. I will lead a new small group to talk about God in the public sphere at a local bar (I'm calling it "PUBLIC Theology"). We'll have some special guest speakers to talk about Islam, community services for Black folks, and right relations with Indigenous people. And, because what is summer without baseball, we'll have a church trip to [Rogers Centre](#) to watch a Blue Jays game.

Like many of you, I will take some time away this summer (including a trip to Jamaica for a wedding!), yet I hope that you will join me for some church events in June, July, and August. After all, summer is also a season for growth, and we grow best when we are together.

Peace,  
Rev. Joe



## PUBLIC Theology

Folks have gathered in pubs, or “public houses,” for centuries, if not millennia, to share fellowship and ideas with friends and neighbours. Why not talk about God at a pub, too? Rev. Joe will lead 5-10 people **every other Thursday evening at 7 PM at Cuchulainn’s Irish Pub at 158 Queen Street South**. These dates include:

Thursday June 22  
Thursday July 6  
Thursday July 20 (Joe away)  
Thursday Aug. 3  
Thursday Aug. 17  
Thursday Aug. 31

Gather with Christian friends, enjoy a fav beverage or pub grub, and talk about God!

## SUC AT ROGERS CENTRE!

Join SUC friends to watch a baseball game between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Cleveland Guardians on **Saturday, August 26**. Planning is still in early stages, but if you would like to participate, get in touch with John Sparrow at [johnbsparrow@outlook.com](mailto:johnbsparrow@outlook.com) or the church office.



## Lemonade Outside!

The Holy Spirit moved us out front of the church on Pentecost Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> to enjoy fellowship and lemonade with worshippers and passersby. It was a lovely way to appreciate the refurbished, old front entryway of our building on 274 Queen Street and enjoy one another’s company on a sunny spring morning. Please join our after-worship gathering time each week...it’s a great way to connect with each other!



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](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca)



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## FRESH START

To accompany our new leadership, Council has approved a new program called Fresh Start.

We are planning 5-Sessions this year. Sessions we have planned are as follows: Transition, Dialogue, Entering a New System, Sharing and Understanding our History, and Power, Authority and Influence.

We had open discussions in **transitioning** our church back to “normal”. Council Members and non-council members participated in this session and strong communication channels have been opened to assist a full return to all church activities. This session included a broader number of church members, which is ideal to generate new ideas for our transition and new leadership. A congregational project was suggested, and this will be examined in the coming months.

**Dialogue** is a much broader topic. The principles were well established and so far, council and committees’ meetings have been actively practicing the principles learned in this session.

**Entering a New System** was a challenging session. The session dealt with interpersonal relationships and behavioural models. The group dealt with group dynamics, and we discussed how different we all are and how to work more cooperatively together transitioning to a post-covid environment.

Neil Beattie  
On behalf of the Fresh Start Sub-Committee



## REPORT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Council has been active initiating some transitional/dialogue issues brought forth from the Fresh Start Program. See separate report on Fresh Start in this issue of Tidings.

### Highlights

- Teresa Judd has joined Council with the Ministry and Personnel Committee
- Council approved the Provisional Call for Reverend Joe Hopkins
- Council diligently monitors our budget position in all revenue and expenditures
- Council approved continued support in Reverend John Ambrose's initiatives with refugees from South America and Ukraine
- Council approved returning to Baptism Ceremonies
- Finance Committee initiated a complete review of rental rates. All rates have been increased for the balance of the year
- Initial discussions were presented for Regional Remit regarding Autonomous Indigenous Church... more to come in the coming months
- UCW organized a Recognition BBQ for our many volunteers who work in many ways to support our church and the community of faith in our area. Total support from Council
- Council has approved an updated policy regarding funerals

Future council issues will include our activities with Pathway, Indwell linkage, continuation of the Fresh Start Program, SUC website upgrade, updating our Community of Faith Profile, and discussion regarding an in-house Community Program, which all members of our church are encouraged to participate.

Church Members are encouraged to bring forth issues or concerns to Council. Members are also encouraged to attend any Council Meeting. (Second Tuesday of the month).

Best Wishes for the summer...

Neil Beattie  
Chair Church Council



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# Our Financial Situation

Monthly offerings continue to do better but trending less than the 5-month linear budget. Although this is encouraging, offerings are still below linear budget by (\$2,544) YTD. Rentals are less than the previous year, however, slightly better than budget YTD. The great news, with the garage sale and MacGregors Meats our receipts year to date are just shy by \$503 on YTD linear budget.

Expenses are well controlled with \$4,437 less than budget which improves our YTD deficit situation.

Overall, we have a **deficit** of \$10,637 YTD and when compared to a linear budget of \$14,571, this means we are tracking \$3,934 YTD. The first time better than budget this year! Let us keep the momentum going. Below you will see a chart showing the numbers to date.

With the summer approaching we encourage everyone to remember that church expenses do not take a holiday. We need your regular donations and ongoing support even if you are not in attendance at church.

1. Give as you are able – PAR, e-transfers, Canada Helps, cheque or cash donations - have you increased your donations within the last year?
2. Help bring people back to church – encourage those who have not yet returned, invite new families and friends to join us.
3. Support fundraising activities – garage sale, Macgregor meats, craft sale and anything else that may come along.



Streetsville United Church - Income Statement YTD May 2023 vs YTD May 2022 and Budget

	Actual YTD May			5-month Linear Budget		Annual 2023 Budget
	2023	2022	Variance	YTD	Variance	
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Envelope Offerings - General, Initial, Special	\$ 64,331	\$ 57,428	\$ 6,903	\$ 66,875	\$ (2,544)	\$ 160,500
Loose Offering, Canada Helps, UCC Foundation	\$ 3,860	\$ 8,071	\$ (4,211)	\$ 5,667	\$ (1,807)	\$ 13,600
United Church Women	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 2,083	\$ (1,783)	\$ 5,000
Facilities Rental - Total	\$ 27,220	\$ 29,433	\$ (2,213)	\$ 26,375	\$ 845	\$ 63,300
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 9,160	\$ 7,530	\$ 1,631	\$ 4,375	\$ 4,785	\$ 10,500
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 104,872</b>	<b>\$ 102,461</b>	<b>\$ 2,410</b>	<b>\$ 105,375</b>	<b>\$ (503)</b>	<b>\$ 252,900</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>						
Personnel	\$ 66,190	\$ 57,979	\$ 8,211	\$ 71,126	\$ (4,936)	\$ 170,702
Operating Church Home	\$ 36,140	\$ 33,701	\$ 2,439	\$ 34,992	\$ 1,148	\$ 83,980
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 13,179	\$ 9,196	\$ 3,983	\$ 13,828	\$ (649)	\$ 33,188
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 115,509</b>	<b>\$ 100,876</b>	<b>\$ 14,633</b>	<b>\$ 119,946</b>	<b>\$ (4,437)</b>	<b>\$ 287,870</b>
<b>NET INCOME - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (10,637)</b>	<b>\$ 1,585</b>	<b>\$ (12,222)</b>	<b>\$ (14,571)</b>	<b>\$ 3,934</b>	<b>\$ (34,970)</b>
<b>OUTREACH / BENEVOLENT FUND</b>						
Outreach/Benevolent Receipts	\$ 9,866	\$ 8,098	\$ 1,768	\$ 9,917	\$ (51)	\$ 23,800
Outreach/Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 10,855	\$ 15,131	\$ (4,276)	\$ 9,917	\$ 938	\$ 23,800

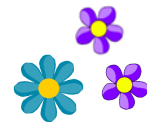


## GARAGE SALE 2023

At the end of April, we had a second post-pandemic garage sale. The team of Lorraine, Deanna, Dee, Mark, and Jennifer, along with a cast of dozens of others from our congregation, put on a very successful sale. It was a lot of work but the garage sale itself brought in nearly \$5000 for the church and the barbeque and muffin sales brought in another \$200+. All the leftover items were picked up by Diabetes Canada. We have a clean slate for our next garage sale in the spring of 2024. Thanks everyone for your work and support.



## UCW



This spring been very busy for our UCW. Our Spring Potluck was held after a 4-year Covid delay and we were thrilled to be back together with delicious food, a creative and varied display of handmade items in line with the theme "From Women with Love". The guest speaker for the event was **Kacie Hopkins**, sharing her PhD thesis on "Connection, Crafts and Research". It was an informative and interesting presentation, and we look forward to learning more as her work develops and as we try to support her as best we can. Donations were collected for families at Our Place Peel, summer items and hygiene products, which are so needed and appreciated by the clients there.



April 29th was the **Garage sale** and although this is not a UCW event, many of our members spent numerous hours organizing, sorting, pricing, selling, counting cash, and boxing the unsold items at the end. Suitable toys and children's clothing were delivered to Our Place Peel and Open Door clients. Congratulations to all involved on another successful sale!

Sunday May 7 was a new recognition day of everyone who volunteers in some way, large or small, at SUC – which is almost everyone! The message from Rev Joe acknowledged "service" and a BBQ lunch followed for all to enjoy and have a special time of fellowship. The Scouts did the cooking, the UCW organized and served the food, and supported the event financially. Thanks to the men for setting up tables. This was a wonderful celebration of all the volunteers that contribute to make our church a place not only for worshipping but spreading God's word through mission and support in our community and beyond.

The UCW supported two families recently with funeral receptions. A reception was held at the Vic Johnson Community Centre following the funeral service at the church for Gary Clipperton. For this reception the UCW provided 60 dozen cookie/squares. A full reception for the Celebration of Life of Anne Jennings was also provided and served by our UCW members. Both families are long time members of our congregation, and we are honoured to support them with this ministry in their time of loss.

[Summer gift bags](#) for Pathway families are also being prepared, sponsored by the newest unit of UCW, the Joy Givers, and assisted by the Friendship Circle and Sunshine Circle members.

We appreciate all that our members do with their time, talents, donations, and food whenever a request is made. We have been and continue to be busy doing God's work in many ways!

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## THE HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 28, 2023

This wonderful day is back again! Please reserve the date on your calendar as you won't want to miss the great variety of crafts by our church members, the Country Kitchen filled with delicious baked goods (pies, cookies, candy and many other treats) as well as jams and jellies of many varieties, and the many and varied items for sale by the Vendors who come to share their talents and products with you.

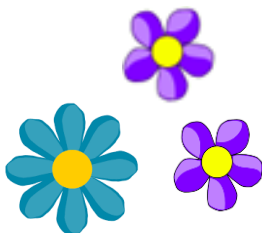
Crafters,  
keep on  
knitting,  
sewing or  
whatever  
else your  
talent is,  
that you will  
have items  
ready for  
the sale this



fall. Questions? Contact Lorraine Treanor or Kerry Poulsen.

Jammers and bakers – please take advantage of the wonderful local produce this summer and we look forward to receiving your jams and jellies (250 ml preserving jars), other preserves and baked goods in October. Once again do not label jams and jellies as we will do that later. Questions? Contact Katie Powell or Bev Mathew

Thanks for your support and have fun crafting, baking and jamming this summer!



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## A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY FOR LONG-TIME MEMBER CAROLYN STEWART

Carolyn's special birthday celebration took place Sunday afternoon May 28th at her Heritage Glen Retirement Residence on Glen Erin Drive. Carolyn's happy face certainly shows her joy & her sparkle. Carolyn went from table to table visiting with everyone. It was indeed a very special party in Carolyn's honour.

Carolyn's family hosted a wonderful open house celebration with a delicious selection of sandwiches, veggie & fruit trays, a beautiful cake & a selection of beverages. Friends from all areas of Carolyn's life attended, from her church family, her square-dancing days, neighbours, etc.

Carolyn's daughter Debbie said their Mom had such a good time she didn't go to bed until nearly midnight after reading all her cards with her family members.

Carolyn enjoys receiving phone calls from her friends after lunch as well as in person visits any afternoon.

Sincerely Carol Beattie on behalf of your Pastoral Care Team at SUC.



## Worship Committee

The Season of Pentecost will ignite our natural and developing curiosity as Christian followers. Fortunately, our Minister, Reverend Hopkins will be with us throughout the summer months to challenge and inspire this journey of faith along with Michelle Chung, our creative Music Director. Michelle is hard at work coordinating special choir and music performances for the summer months. Don't fret If you are not able to attend church in person, the expanded AV Team will ensure the services are live-streamed and available on the church website. A sincere thank you to Michelle and her extended family for purchasing new music for the choir and congregation. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> Streetsville United held its first [Baptism](#) on a regular Sunday Service since pandemic measures restricted this sacrament. We look forward to welcoming and supporting the Wipp family and the Mallinson/Ricci parents and their children. June 18<sup>th</sup> is our Father's Day special service with Guest Minister, John Ambrose. Performing on that day is the dynamic Boomer Band. What an exciting month!

Have you ever wanted to be more active in your faith and service within the church? Look no further; we joyfully welcome additional greeters to the Welcome Team or Scripture Readers during the Service. Contact the Church Office or either of the Worship Co-Chairs if you want to learn more about these important roles.

Antoinette Clarke and Wendy Dowling  
Co-Chairs Worship





## UCW Joy Givers

Please see our Happy Joy Givers Team. **New members are always welcome.** We meet on the second Thursday of each month.



Thanks to the contributions of the Joy Givers and other UCW members that enabled us once again this year to create 32 Summer Wellness Kits for our Pathway Families.

The kits were packed with great summer treats including Bear Paw cookies, granola bars, and lollipops. The skipping ropes, tennis balls, sidewalk chalk and colouring books with pencils will inspire added creative fun. Each kit was topped off with sunscreen, hand sanitizer and bandaids.

The kits will be shared before the last week of June so the kids can enjoy the surprises before the end of the school year.

## BAPTISMS

On Sunday June 11th, Streetsville United community of faith welcomed two young ones into our church family through the sacrament of Baptism. It was a joyous event as we witnessed Reverend Joe baptize Cole Ricci and Owen Francis Wipp, grandson of Ernie and Kim Perrin.



This is a photo of Owen and his family as we celebrated and enjoyed cake, coffee, and fellowship together.

## MOTHER'S DAY AT SUC



What a beautiful Mother's Day gift, hearing children of Streetsville United Church singing with the Choir on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to all involved in making this possible...it was a blessing to all.

## Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Spring Meeting

On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council (HFRC), at its annual spring meeting, admitted and welcomed Rev Joe Hopkins into full membership in the United Church of Canada as an ordained minister in word and sacrament. Congratulations Rev Joe!

The service held at Wesley United Church in Welland, Ontario was attended by approximately twelve members of Streetsville United Church (unfortunately, not all in attendance are pictured below). For those who were unable to attend and who would like to see the service it can be seen on YouTube or the HFRC website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dmzzzbslb1E>

While it is almost two hours in length, it is well worth viewing.



Once again, we congratulate Rev Joe, we are so blessed to have you in our midst and to be our spiritual leader!

