

# Streetsville United Church

## Fall Tidings 2024



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### CALENDAR

**Weekly Sunday Services** 10 a.m.

#### Special Services

**Oct 6** Communion

**Oct 13** Thanksgiving Sunday

**Nov 3** All Saints Sunday

**Nov 10** Remembrance Sunday

**Nov 24** Christ the King Sunday

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun Oct 20 – after worship**

**Potluck Luncheon** [click here](#)

**Sat Oct 26 – 9:30 to 3:00**

**UCW Harvest of Craft Sale** [click here](#)

**Sat Nov 16 – 9 am**

**Fresh Start Meeting** [click here](#)

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### MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Harvest time is nearly upon us! Though for the many of us who live among the paved-over lands of the GTA, it may not be so obvious. After all, in our complex, global supply chains, we get to enjoy harvests from around the world and at all times of the year. If we are not careful, we might experience alienation from the natural cycle of planting, growth, and harvest and not realize what all is required for the fruitfulness of this autumn season.

This is also true of spiritual growth and harvest. In our rapidly secularizing culture, it is easy to miss the things that produce spiritual fruit. We all want to experience love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (the famous fruit of the Spirit of Galatians 5), yet are we willing to put in the spiritual work for such fruit to grow?

Over the last two years I have had the honour and pleasure of working with individuals of faith who have taken steps into new spiritual territory in their lives, and it is fruitful territory. Over the last year I have seen folks in our Streetsville United Church work the spiritual soil of our church community, and we are seeing the fruit of renewed mission, vision, and values appear. Don't you want to share in the harvest of spiritual fruit both as individuals and as a community of faith?

In these autumn months we have many opportunities for spiritual growth, and I may not even be aware of all of them! I challenge you to make the most of this harvest season and join our siblings in Christ in the spiritual work of our church community. As you read about the activities of our congregation, open yourself to the work of the Holy Spirit and reflect on which activities you are drawn to. Even if you can't participate in these activities in-person, please pray for the folks who can – and contribute to our community life in whatever ways you are able. God will bless your contribution, and we will share our spiritual fruit far and wide.

Peace,

Rev. Joe



**SUNDAY NOV. 3 2:00 AM**



**Set your clocks back 1 hour!**

## HODGEPODGE

### 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](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca)

### Giving Envelopes

The church no longer uses personal dated giving envelopes. However, you can find some on the welcome table in the Narthex (at the top of the stairs). Take a box if you want one for each week or only as many as you need. Make sure to write your name on the envelope. If the church office does not have your contact information, please send it to [info@streetsvilleunited.ca](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca) (a tax receipt can not be offered without address information). **The dates and numbers on the giving envelopes are irrelevant.**

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The **MacDougall Fiddlers** will be returning to entertain us at the UCW Christmas Service. **SAVE the date – Tuesday December 3, 2024**, and plan to attend!



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## HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE SATURDAY OCTOBER 26



This annual event is the largest fundraiser for our church each year. Our UCW is once again busy preparing for this day so that, with your support, we will be able to support our church, our community and other missions. We know that you look forward to the wonderful Country Kitchen with its' delicious variety of homemade pies, cakes, cookies, muffins and many other treats. The seasonal harvest has been jammed, jellied and preserved just for you so be sure to visit us in the Fellowship Lounge. The great variety of crafts made by our congregation and friends will be in the Heritage Hall again this year. Here you will find knitted sweaters and throws, hats and mittens, crocheted and quilted items that will be the perfect gift or item for you or your home. Christmas decorations are always special gifts and of great style and variety here. The community vendors are back in the Auditorium with a variety of products – be sure to check them out for the wonderful craftsmanship and skills of their makers. The Men's Group of SUC will have coffee and muffins available downstairs in Heritage Hall, a welcome break for tired shoppers.

If you have donations of preserves or jams for the Country Kitchen, please contact Sandy Hayashi at 905-569-9966 to arrange delivery or pickup for labelling purposes. Donations for the Crafts in HH will be greatly appreciated – contact Kerry Poulsen 905-826-1933 or Lorraine Treanor 905-826-3761.

All donations of Baking will be accepted in the Fellowship Lounge on Friday October 27 before 2pm. Please be sure to use new storage containers and please package cookies and squares in 6's or 12's for ease of pricing.

Lawn signs will be available for pickup in October so please take one and help spread the word! Flyers are also available in October bulletins and on the Welcome table in the narthex – please share with friends and neighbours.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends on October 26! Come one and all!

### QUILT RAFFLE

A number of our UCW members are part of an active quilting group that offered to create a quilt to be raffled at this year's Harvest of Crafts Sale. From their stash of quilting fabrics, Sandy Hayashi has sewn the blocks, and the group has arranged them into the design you see below. Sandy then sewed all the blocks together and has hand quilted the entire project into this beautiful piece of art. The quilt measures 65"x72", a perfect size to cozy under on the cool evenings ahead. Many thanks to Sandy and the quilt group!

Karen Monk and Katie Powell, both members of this quilting group, will be coordinating the sale of the raffle tickets. They will be available for \$5.00 each from members of the UCW and at coffee hours each Sunday in October. They will also be sold at the sale October 26 and the raffle draw will take place later that afternoon. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy this lovely quilt!





What is a **Prayer Chain**? It's a group of people committed to praying for a specific reason or person. A prayer chain starts with a prayer request which is passed along to members of the group to pray over. It is a powerful way to support one another and lift up others' needs and hopes to God.

We could use your help! **Our church prayer chain** is hoping to add individuals willing to pray with us. Please connect with Kate Sparrow if you would like to learn more about how our Prayer Chain works and if you would like to join us.



Our **Pastoral Care** team is here for you! Along with our Minister, we are a group dedicated to supporting members with specific needs. We do this through phone calls, emails, and visits, and care about others' well-being. Please reach out to any member of your Pastoral Care committee: Carol Beattie, Nadean Harley, Ruth Kochanuk, Laura Mara, Chris Monk and Kate Sparrow.

**MACGREGOR MEAT FUNDRAISER RETURNS!**



As requested, and in demand, the Macgregor Meat sale will return this fall! John Wilton will once again coordinate the project. The information and order sheets will be sent out to everyone when the program for this fall is available in October. Orders will be **due Thursday October 31** with **delivery to the church at 5:30 pm on Thursday November 7**. Let your friends and family know this great opportunity for quality meat products will be available once again. Thanks in advance for your continued support of this fundraiser!



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**FINANCE REPORT**

August YTD financial numbers are slightly worse by \$564 than the previous year's YTD and \$15,741 better than our eight-month linear budget. While this is very good compared to our budget it is unfavorable compared to last year and we anticipate it getting worse over the next few months. Facility Rentals are only slightly better than last year and our eight-month linear budget. Envelope Offerings are (\$5,546) below our eight-month linear budget. Our YTD deficit is (\$4,113) compared to a deficit of (\$3,549) last year. Expenses are well controlled and are favorable to budget for eight months by \$11,420. This is primarily due to Operating Our Church Home less than budget (\$6,209) with Property under spent for large projects YTD.

Happy to report, SUC received \$5,000 check from Heritage Mississauga for the Masonry repair work. Many thanks to those that filed the application and supporting documentation.

Please support SUC as you are able even if you are not in church attendance. Donations can be made by PAR, E-transfer, Canada Helps and postdated cheques.

**Reminder if you have not reviewed your PAR or automated giving's in over a year to kindly review and if you are able to increase it, please reach out to Bev Mathew.** There has been a significant drop in PAR giving's during 2024 and it is important that we do everything we can to increase envelope offerings.

Please see the chart below:

Streetsville United Church - Income Statement YTD August 2024 vs YTD August 2023 and Budget

	Actual YTD August				8-month Linear Budget		YTD Actual as % Annual Budget	Annual 2024 Budget
	2024	2023	Variance		YTD	Variance		
			\$	%				
<b>REVENUE</b>								
Envelope Offerings - General, Initial, Special	\$ 103,454	\$ 100,865	\$ 2,589	3%	\$ 109,000	\$ (5,546)	63%	\$ 163,500
Loose Offering, Canada Helps, UCC Foundation	\$ 7,823	\$ 9,575	\$ (1,753)	-18%	\$ 9,000	\$ (1,177)	58%	\$ 13,500
United Church Women	\$ 5,000	\$ 300	\$ 4,700		\$ 3,333	\$ 1,667	100%	\$ 5,000
Facilities Rental - Total	\$ 56,981	\$ 56,088	\$ 892	2%	\$ 54,047	\$ 2,934	70%	\$ 81,070
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 14,844	\$ 11,921	\$ 2,924	25%	\$ 8,400	\$ 6,444	118%	\$ 12,600
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 188,101</b>	<b>\$ 178,749</b>	<b>\$ 9,352</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$ 183,780</b>	<b>\$ 4,321</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>\$ 275,670</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>								
Personnel	\$ 120,042	\$ 108,783	\$ 11,260	10%	\$ 122,086	\$ (2,044)	66%	\$ 183,129
Operating Church Home	\$ 52,628	\$ 54,274	\$ (1,646)	-3%	\$ 58,837	\$ (6,209)	60%	\$ 88,255
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 19,543	\$ 19,641	\$ (98)	0%	\$ 22,711	\$ (3,168)	57%	\$ 34,066
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 192,214</b>	<b>\$ 182,698</b>	<b>\$ 9,516</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$ 203,633</b>	<b>\$ (11,420)</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>\$ 305,450</b>
<b>NET INCOME - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (4,113)</b>	<b>\$ (3,549)</b>	<b>\$ (564)</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>\$ (19,853)</b>	<b>\$ 15,741</b>		<b>\$ (29,780)</b>
<b>OUTREACH / BENEVOLENT FUND</b>								
Outreach/Benevolent Receipts	\$ 15,818	\$ 15,142	\$ 675		\$ 15,000	\$ 818	70%	\$ 22,500
Outreach/Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 10,362	\$ 13,118	\$ (2,756)		\$ 15,000	\$ (4,638)	46%	\$ 22,500





## Upcoming Worship Series

### October Worship Series

#### "Cycling through Suffering"

**Oct. 6** – "Deals with the Devil" and World Communion Sunday; Job 1:1; 2:1-10

**Oct. 13** – "Suing God" and Thanksgiving Sunday; Job 23:1-9, 16-17

**Oct. 20** – "Questions from the Whirlwind"; Job 38:1-7

**Oct. 27** – "Repentance & Restoration"; Job 42:1-6, 10-17

### November Worship Series

#### "Paying Attention"

**Nov. 3** – "Heroes Instead of Villains" and All Saints Sunday; Hebrews 11

**Nov. 10** – "Peace Instead of War" and Remembrance Sunday; Luke 19:41-44

**Nov. 17** – "The Present Instead of the Future"; Matthew 6:25-34

**Nov. 24** – "Heavenly Power Instead of Earthly Power" and Christ the King Sunday; John 18:28-38

### December worship series

#### "Cloth for the Cradle"

**Dec. 1** - First Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion

**Dec. 8** - Second of Advent; White Gift program

**Dec. 15** - Third Sunday of Advent; choir Christmas program

**Dec. 22** - Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve with Holy Communion service (time TBD)



Let's eat together and socialize! The annual **Fall Potluck Luncheon** will be after worship service in Heritage Hall on **Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>**. Bring a food item to share, your plate and cutlery, and catch up with your church family over lunch.

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During the summer months, worship, fellowship and the pleasure of guest musical performers offered more food and inspiration to our

Christian Journey. With sermon titles including: "Justice Without a Crown, When the Giant is the Least of Your Problems, Generational Drama and Jesus on a Picket Line" our curiosities were piqued while we related scripture to our daily lives and God's plan for his disciples.

Collaborating with the Chair for Christian Education, Reverend Hopkins skillfully integrated the summer reading series on the Life and Times of King David with Sunday scriptures and key sermon messages. The first Podcast Series was developed for Streetsville United and is posted on the church website. If you have a few minutes to spare, you will want to check out one of the 5-minute podcasts. They are filled with historical facts, visuals, commentaries and reflective questions. We are certain you will be hooked and like all great series, will enjoy watching the podcasts more than once. Invest in your own learning, it is never too late.

September was an exercise in prayer and safe refuge. The "Breakthrough Prayer Gatherings" called out to the Lord for the needs of the church community, its Leadership and the larger Streetsville community, while our Sunday services combined scripture, song and sermons to open our hearts to the power of prayer in Christian Faith and service.

The milestones in life are palpable at Streetsville. With one baptism in June, two funerals during the summer, celebrations of life and upcoming wedding services in the Fall and early Winter, our community of faith continues to be on hand to support, guide and pray for those within our church family and neighbours. We were particularly overjoyed when the Uwaezoke family brought forward Angel, Michelle and Eze for Baptism on September 29th.

Looking ahead to the bounties of Fall, our worship committee is grateful for the additional members joining our supply personnel for music, audio-visual, welcome team and scripture readers. If you are new to our church and would like to put your faith in action, we welcome you with open arms. Just let Kelly in the office know of your interest or leave a note in the offering plate and we will be in touch.

God Bless,

Wendy and Antoinette  
Co-Chairs of Worship



## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL NEWS

As a church we celebrate many things, not just that which occurs on Sunday mornings! This past Spring we celebrated Kelly Crewson's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our office administrator! Early in 2025, we will celebrate with Kelly as she plans and looks forward to her retirement. Kelly will conclude her time at Streetsville United effective the end of March. M&P will begin the process of reviewing the Office Admin position and job description later this Fall. Questions relating to details of the responsibilities for the position can be directed to Gail Boulton, Charlie Walsh and Teresa Judd.

Also in the near future, M&P will be reviewing positions on Church Council. We are very open to inquiries by members who seek information on committee responsibilities. Many opportunities exist for creative input and support on all committees of Streetsville United. We are also open to continuing to facilitate opportunities that support the leadership team.

Gail Boulton, Charlie Walsh, and Teresa Judd  
Co-Chairs of MNP



## FATHER'S DAY!



Fathers were celebrated at Streetsville United Church complete with a delicious cake at coffee time!

## OUTEACH COMMITTEE

This summer, a number of people in our congregation assisted with the assembly of the furniture for the Cornerstone Suites, the new Indwell building next to the church. They also helped to get the rooms ready for the clients that will be living in the building. Diane Wilton coordinated this activity with the management of Indwell. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talent.

There are presently a few opportunities still available to assist in a meaningful way at Indwell. These include: Sewing and Mending, Haircuts, Cooking and Baking classes, Coffee Time, Bingo, Karaoke and Group Volunteering. If interested contact Sonja at [volunteers@indwell.ca](mailto:volunteers@indwell.ca) for more information.

When the Streetsville United Church website is updated, further information about the Church's Outreach activities will be available. This will demonstrate that our congregation is active within the Streetsville community.

As Fall approaches, we will be looking ahead to ways that we can further assist those less fortunate. The various organizations will be shared over the next few months.

Thank you to the many people within our congregation who continue to assist with the outreach work of Streetsville United Church.

Cathy Hitchcock and Sandy Jutzen  
Co-Chairs of Outreach

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## SUC WELCOME CORNERSTONE SUITES

A number of our members attended the grand opening and 50th anniversary celebration of our new neighbours at Cornerstone Suites on Thursday September 12. We were able to tour the new residence. The suites are comfortably furnished with a bed including a homemade quilt, chair for lounging, a table and chairs, and a completely equipped kitchen and bath. The community dining area, kitchen, and media room are welcoming and have computers and tv available. A bike room provides storage for the main transportation for most of these residents. All of the staff are wonderful caring people, and everyone is just so appreciative to have this new residence here in Streetsville.

The dignitaries were all in attendance, the MP, MPP, local councillors, and Chair of the Region of Peel. The speeches were all moving, especially the one from Brian, a former resident of 25 Thomas St, who was moved to Lakeshore Lofts, and has now been brought back home to Streetsville. Having lived in squalor at this same location, he was brought to tears in appreciation to be able call this beautiful, comfortable and caring residence his home.

Rev Joe led in a joyous blessing for this amazing new residence as we thank God for Indwell and all who have supported the creation of this residence in our community.



## FRESH START

Over the last 2 years SUC has chosen to participate in the Fresh Start program developed by the United Church of Canada to ease the transition of a new minister into the Community of Faith. Under the guidance of the facilitator, Rev Kathi Philips of Erin Mills UC, we have had many valuable sessions which have stimulated discussion, increased dialogue, encouraged feedback, and have helped to guide the Vision and Mission team.

We are now planning the last two sessions to conclude this program and invite you to SAVE THE DATES and attend.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 9am in Heritage Hall** – as this will be a double session to include two related modules on Conflict, Conflict Awareness and Conflict Management, please note the earlier start so we can conclude by noon.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 9:30am in Heritage Hall** – Power, Authority and Influence – Rev Kathi recommends this as a good conclusion - it has a positive message about building trust as foundational for our relationships.

We look forward to your participation as we conclude this insightful program and practice what we have learned.





## CHURCH COUNCIL

Welcome back one and all! Even though Council does not sit through the summer months, the committees meet regularly to plan church events.

The Finance Committee meets regularly and has presented the figures throughout the summer months to the Church Council. Thank you for your valued input and keeping our expenses well controlled.

Some of the events worked on throughout the summer months are:

- o Mission and Vision committees met with church members and are closing in on new revised statements.
- o Summer Bible study groups were formed to study King David & the book of Samuel.
- o Fresh Start meetings have been planned for November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- o Property has attained grant money for our Heritage Status of \$5,000.
- o Council is considering a proposal from Pathway to build a Senior Retirement Home to be designed on our Parking Lot #3, corner of Barry and Victoria Avenues.

On a Very Happy Note & Special Occasion...you're invited to Drop In & extend very happy anniversary wishes to.....Ken & Kerry Poulsen on their 60th Wedding Anniversary at 1745 Kildare Avenue on Saturday **October 12th, from 2-4 p.m.**

On a sadder note, we will be saying goodbye to Kelly Crewson with her upcoming retirement in March 2025. Please reserve the date for a reception when it becomes available.

Neil Beattie  
Council Chair



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**Note: Fridays are his day off**

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday School is back in session!** We welcome children who come to learn of Christian faith through stories, music, and activities, and we are grateful for the teachers and helpers who make Sunday School a happy and exciting time.

**Bible Studies!** Our summer session on 'The Life and Times of King David' provided an approachable and invigorating opportunity to learn and deepen our knowledge and faith. The podcasts, booklet and relaxed group meetings were 'summer focused' to allow us to take part wherever we found ourselves - the cottage, backyard, or living room. Watch for further opportunities to learn and study more about our Christian faith and life!

**Library:** The library is being renewed! We have completed stage one and are now moving to categorize, label, and publicize the wealth of Christian literature and reference material we have in our library. We also have a book cart each Sunday and display books related to the sermon series, topics of interest, as well as children's books. Borrowing is on an honour system, and we welcome all to seek out items of interest.



## PROPERTY



Property guys in action, fixing the lights up top in the Sanctuary; and installing new lines for the sprinkler system for the Memorial Garden, which was re-built as part of the Indwell Cornerstone Suites project.