

Streetsville United Church

Fall Tidings 2025

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CALENDAR

Weekly Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Special Services

- Oct 5** World Communion Sunday
- Oct 12** Thanksgiving Sunday
- Nov 1** All Saints Sunday
- Nov 9** Remembrance Sunday
- Nov 23** Christ the King Sunday

Save These Dates for Advent and Christmas Worship Services

- Nov 30** 1st Sunday of Advent & Holy Communion
- Dec 7** White Gift Sunday
- Dec 14** Rockin' Advent with the Boomer Band
- Dec 21** Choir program (with guest handbell choir from Christ First United Church)
- Dec 24** 7 PM Christmas Eve service with candles & Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun Oct 19 – after worship
Potluck Luncheon**

**Sat Oct 25 – 9:30 to 3:00
UCW Harvest of Craft Sale**

**Sat Nov 15 – Coffee House Doors
open at 6:30pm**



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Have you noticed a big rose bush that has been growing in a flowerbed in the church courtyard between the office entrance and the sliding door? I'm not sure what kind of rose it is, though it reminds me of the multiflora rose that I would battle each summer on my parents' property. Its flowers are quite pretty while they bloom but watch out for the thorns! This particular rose bush grew so much that its branches started growing over the landing in front of the church office entrance. I finally pruned back those branches—but only after a member of our church got pricked by the thorns! Our spiritual lives can become like that unruly rose bush. Hopefully God grants us spiritual growth and helps us to metaphorically blossom so that everyone can enjoy the beauty that emanates from our close relationship with God in Jesus Christ. However, if we're not careful, our growth might prevent people from engaging us or even cause harm with metaphorical thorns that we usually don't notice. We need to faithfully prune our spiritual lives! Jesus teaches us this lesson in his Farewell Discourse in John 15:1-11, and this teaching has guided us in our early autumn worship series called "Pruning for Fruitfulness."

What might you need to prune in your spiritual life so that you can grow fruit that glorifies God? What might our church community need to prune so that we grow in fruitfulness? I invite you to reflect on these questions along with a fresh look at our relatively new mission and vision statements. God surely desires that we grow, both as individuals and as a church community. I pray that we open ourselves to God's love in Jesus Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit as we grow, prune, and produce spiritual fruit.

Peace,
Rev. Joe



SUNDAY NOV. 2 2:00 AM



Set your clocks back 1 hour!

Personal Information Change

If any of your information has changed (address, phone, email), please let Heather 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

Save the date! Let's eat together and socialize! Pastoral Care is holding the annual **Fall Potluck Luncheon** and it will be after worship service in Auditorium A on **Sunday October 19th**. Bring a food item to share, your plate and cutlery, and catch up with your church family over lunch.



COFFEE HOUSE

SUC will be hosting a Coffee House on Saturday November 15 in the auditorium. Save the Date and bring along friends and neighbours for a fun evening of music, coffee and dessert. Tickets cost \$20 each and children under 12 are free. Tickets will be sold in advance at coffee hour starting Oct 26. All proceeds from this event will support SUC.



MISSION / VISION COMMUNITY REPORT

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Engaging and Living our Mission & Vision



Centred on Christ, serving God and our neighbours.
To be a vibrant multigenerational congregation within our diverse community sharing God's truth and unconditional love.

Engagement



Initial focus was to create shared understanding of vision.

Accountability



Check out the bulletin board in the Narthex for on-going updates and evidence of implementation.

Reporting
October Tidings



and February AGM

STRENGTHS

FINANCE -

Reintroduced designated loose offering on Communion Sundays to enable Minister outreach to neighbours in need.

WORSHIP - Mission/Vision language inherent in all aspects of service: call and response, sending words, benedictions.

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OUTREACH - Coldest Night, Refugee Support, Pathway Programs, Food insecurity, CAS layettes

OPPORTUNITIES

PASTORAL CARE -

Promote value of receiving help and breakdown stigma of doing things on your own.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL - Actively recruiting diverse personnel for leadership positions.

BANDS - Resurrect coffee house community event.

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PROPERTY - Trustee motion to explore feasibility study for redevelopment of SUC property.

ACTIONS

MEN'S GROUP - Ash Wednesday children's message prior to pancake supper.

WORSHIP/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - use cloth for the cradle ideas to involve youth as scripture readers, musical praise & coffee fellowship assistants.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN - Spring dinner bring a friend event.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - focus on C.E. activities that enhance understanding of diversity.



MACGREGORS MEAT



FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

Information packages were emailed to members from the church office. If you did not receive the flyer and brochure, please contact the church office so you don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to enjoy restaurant style protein options. No order is too small to benefit our church fundraising efforts. Help us to make this a record sales event. Questions can be sent to Kevin Dowling at kipd4@icloud.com

This August, 56 school supply bags were distributed to the kids at Pathway housing! The Joy Givers launched this program (a change from the summer bags from past years), raising most of the funds at the Easter bake sale. Friendship Circle and Sunshine groups also contributed. Bev Mathew and Martha Heeney purchased and assembled the supplies into bags. In August, they were distributed to the moms at Arbour Mills and later to the kids at Forest Ridge during a special hot dog lunch.



UCW

The UCW., in collaboration with the prayer ministry at Eden United Church, has been able to provide prayer shawls to members of our church and the community. The handmade prayer shawls carry blessings, prayers and love to those who are suffering challenges and in need of comfort. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl or wish to make one, please speak to a member of the UCW.

UCW THE HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE – SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

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, tea and pop. Muffins and sandwiches will be 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 24 before 2pm. Please be sure to use new storage containers and please pack 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 25th! Come one and all!

STREETSVILLE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN PRESENT
HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE
BAKING ~ CRAFTS ~ VENDORS
25 OCT 2025 | **STREETSVILLE UNITED CHURCH**
9:30AM – 3:00PM | 274 Queen St S
FREE ADMISSION

PATHWAY

Pathway Community Programs supports the Breakfast program and Food Pantry at our two housing locations of Arbour Mill and Forest Ridge. These food programs are also supported with bread donations from Cobbs Bakeries with their end-of-day products. We are looking for a volunteer to pick up bread for Pathway at the Cobbs location at Eglinton and Hurontario one Wednesday evening a month at 7:30 pm. This would then be delivered to the Arbour Mill site. If you could donate about 2 hours once a month for this delivery or for more information, please contact Randa Tadros or Bev Mathew.

MUSIC

Christmas Carol Singing at the Square, 2025.

Last year, Streetsville United Church choir and our congregation gathered at the Streetsville Square for caroling in December.

Although it was a very cold day, it was successful. We had an opportunity to sing with people from the Streetsville community and share our faith with them.

This year the Streetsville BIA has invited our choir and congregation to sing and lead Christmas carols at the Tree Lighting Event on November 21st at Streetsville Square. This will be a great opportunity to share our faith and connect with the community. We invite everyone who wants to celebrate Jesus Christ's birthday to join us and sing Christmas carols from 6:30 to 7:30 on November 21st.

Hope many can join us!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Fall Preview

The Fall scripture and sermon focus uses biblical references to nature and Christian discipleship. The theme is Pruning for Fruitfulness. Church members are challenged to deepen their relationship with God and Jesus' teachings through plant metaphors and Minister led excursions that follow Sunday sanctuary services:

Sept. 7th - Roots (Memorial Park)

Sept. 14th - Stems & Trunks (Streetsville Cemetery)

Sept. 21st - Branches (Streetsville Rotary Park)

Sept. 28th - Leaves (Pollinator Garden)

Oct. 5th - Flowers, Fruits & Nuts (Leslie Log House)

Oct. 12th - Planting Love Letters (SUC Memorial Garden)



Looking Ahead to Advent

The Season of Advent is just around the corner. If you would like to take an active role (e.g., White Gift, Lighting of the Advent Candles, Scripture Reader) in any of the Advent services, please contact the church office or speak to one of the Worship Committee Chairs.

There is no better time to put your Faith into action! Our Choir will be performing on Friday **November 21st** at the Tree Lighting Service in the Square and their concert is already scheduled for Sunday December 21st. A joyous season, hallelujah!

Pulpit Supply

The Worship Committee has been actively sourcing additional minister supply candidates. The committee will be adding two Lay Leaders to our supply roster. We welcome Walter Reid who is a longtime member of Westminster United Church and Brian Takayesu from Erin Mills United.

Anniversary Celebration Committee

As we look ahead to 2025/2026 the worship committee would welcome the creation of a sub-committee to support any SUC 100th anniversary celebration plans or considerations. Please speak with Reverend Hopkins if you enjoy planning celebrations.

Wendy Dowling and Antoinette Clarke



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

1) **Distribution of Outreach Donations**

We have \$4000.00 available to distribute currently with more money coming available at the end of October.

Here are the organizations and amounts that will be distributed.

a) **Indwell**-\$1500.00. This was given to our speaker, Jess Brand after her presentation on August 24th. In lieu of a speaker's fee, Jenn asked that the money be given to Indwell Cornerstone, our neighbours. After the Service, a community BBQ was held by Indwell on their property. There were ten members of Streetsville United Church present, and they shared activities and food with many people from the Streetsville area.

b) **Eden Food for Change**- \$1000.00

c) **Canadian Red Cross**- \$1500.00 These donations are both local and International.

2) **Upcoming Activities**

a) Streetsville Christmas Market is on the weekend of November 21st. Our choir will be singing at the tree lighting that evening between 6:30 and 7:30pm. Sandy Jutzen is working with Barsha Tanakadoo, the General Manager of the Streetsville BIA and hopefully Streetsville United Church will have a table again this year on Saturday November 22nd. Last year the Outreach committee members, the UCW members and other volunteers from the congregation assisted with the day. As more information is received, Sandy Jutzen and Cathy Hitchcock will help co-ordinate the day with members of our congregation.

b) Karen Monk has organized having scarves made for Christmas presents for the clients at Indwell. She has several people who are interested in assisting and have already knitted about 20 scarves. There are now 40 clients in the building. If you are interested in assisting with knitting, please

contact Cathy Hitchcock about available wool.

c) Although it seems early to start connecting with the organizations that we support for the Christmas season, things move very quickly at this time of year. Cathy Hitchcock will be doing so in the next couple of weeks to assess their needs. The gift cards, presents and food items for various local organizations at the Christmas season has been an opportunity for our Sunday School families and other congregation members to participate as they are able. Over the last few years, this has been a wonderful showing of care, love, concern and sharing of our members' time and treasures. Also, Willowtree Montessori School is happy to contribute to the project as in past years. Cathy Hitchcock will also be reaching out to our renters this Fall to invite them to participate.

Cathy Hitchcock and Sandy Jutzen



CHURCH COUNCIL

Our **Church Council** is a group from within our church who meets once a month. September 's meeting covered many topics including our refreshed bulletin boards, and opportunities for community outreach and engagement.

Anyone of our church family is welcome to attend any church council meeting to listen and provide input. Please feel free to attend our October meeting; watch for a bulletin announcement. We'd be glad to see you there.

Kate Sparrow

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It's Fall, and a new season for Sunday School! We welcome all who are returning as well as welcoming newcomers joining us at Streetsville United Church. A great thank-you to our teachers, Dee and Mark Hopkins, Deanna Hodges, and our faithful assistant Madeleine Tume. We look forward with anticipation to an exciting fall season leading to Christmas! Watch for announcements about the White Gift Service, as well as other activities for students.

Library

While the renewal of our library is ongoing, it is certainly open for browsing and borrowing! We have opened a children's section as well as a young adult section and continue to look for new additions to update the collection. Book borrowing is on an honour system and the bag for returns is with the library cart in the narthex. Borrow, read, enjoy, return!



Leslie Guimond

BULLETIN BOARDS

Bulletin Boards - Have you noticed the change? Sharon Smale and Andrea MacLean are giving our 19+ church bulletins a fresh new look. Peek and share your thoughts, we're thankful for their hard work!



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FINANCE REPORT

We are now at the end of the 3rd quarter and able to report on the financial status as of the end of September. The YTD revenue is strong at \$228,260 due primarily to facility rentals of \$82,000. Expenses YTD are higher than last year at \$239,470 but all were expected – increased personnel costs, church home and office administration expenses. The net deficit is (\$11,210) which is higher than this point last year (\$6,779) but better than the projected budget deficit (\$16,659) at the end of the 3rd quarter.

This fall there are a number of fundraising events described earlier in this Tidings:

October 25 - annual Harvest of Crafts sale sponsored by the UCW
 October 29 – Macgregor Meat orders are due with delivery Nov 12
 November 15 – Coffee House

We appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in organizing these events to help provide ways of supporting our church financially while still sharing their time and talents for others to enjoy. Please enjoy these and support as you are able!

Blessings to all from your Finance Team!

Streetsville United Church - Income Statement YTD September 2025 vs YTD September 2024 and 2025 Budget

| | Actual YTD September | | | | 9-month Linear Budget | | YTD Actual as % Annual Budget | Annual 2025 Budget |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2025 | 2024 | Variance | | YTD | Variance | | |
| | | | \$ | % | | | | |
| REVENUE | | | | | | | | |
| Envelope Offerings - General, Initial, Special | \$ 115,456 | \$ 114,552 | \$ 904 | 1% | \$ 125,250 | \$ (9,794) | 69% | \$ 167,000 |
| Loose Offering, Canada Helps, UCC Foundation | \$ 9,242 | \$ 8,010 | \$ 1,233 | 15% | \$ 6,225 | \$ 3,017 | 111% | \$ 8,300 |
| United Church Women | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ - | | \$ 3,750 | \$ 1,250 | 100% | \$ 5,000 |
| Facilities Rental - Total | \$ 82,003 | \$ 68,223 | \$ 13,781 | 20% | \$ 71,516 | \$ 10,487 | 86% | \$ 95,355 |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$ 16,558 | \$ 14,844 | \$ 1,714 | 12% | \$ 12,300 | \$ 4,258 | 101% | \$ 16,400 |
| Total Operating Receipts | \$ 228,260 | \$ 210,629 | \$ 17,631 | 8% | \$ 219,041 | \$ 9,219 | 78% | \$ 292,055 |
| OPERATING EXPENSE | | | | | | | | |
| Personnel | \$ 142,984 | \$ 134,924 | \$ 8,060 | 6% | \$ 140,808 | \$ 2,176 | 76% | \$ 187,744 |
| Operating Church Home | \$ 65,426 | \$ 58,644 | \$ 6,782 | 12% | \$ 66,240 | \$ (814) | 74% | \$ 88,320 |
| Other Operating Expenses | \$ 31,060 | \$ 23,840 | \$ 7,221 | 30% | \$ 28,652 | \$ 2,408 | 81% | \$ 38,203 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 239,470 | \$ 217,408 | \$ 22,063 | 10% | \$ 235,700 | \$ 3,770 | 76% | \$ 314,267 |
| NET INCOME - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$ (11,210) | \$ (6,779) | \$ (4,431) | | \$ (16,659) | \$ 5,449 | | \$ (22,212) |
| OUTREACH / BENEVOLENT FUND | | | | | | | | |
| Outreach/Benevolent Receipts | \$ 18,448 | \$ 17,448 | \$ 1,001 | | \$ 17,183 | \$ 1,266 | 81% | \$ 22,910 |
| Outreach/Benevolent Disbursements | \$ 20,311 | \$ 10,462 | \$ 9,849 | | \$ 17,183 | \$ 3,128 | 89% | \$ 22,910 |



PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Following our committee meeting, on Tuesday May 27th, it was decided unanimously to pursue a Memorial Celebration for our dear friend, Anna Laughlin.

Planning for a springtime tea was coordinated along with the UCW for a gathering planned for June 27 to involve our church family, Anna's family, friends, former co-workers, and her condo neighbours.

The wonderful celebration reception was attended by over 80 people, where the audience was encouraged to come to the podium and share stories of Anna's wonderful life. The response was uplifting for all in attendance and a fond, loving farewell to our friend.

God Bless you Anna.

