

Streetsville United Church

Anniversary Tidings 2026



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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, June 20th at 11am

Memorial Walk, Hymns, Cake and Refreshments starting at Jon Clipperton Park and ending at Streetsville United

Sunday, September 27th

Dr. Victor Shepherd, our Minister from 1978-1999, will be returning as Guest Preacher at our Sunday Worship service

Sunday, October 18th

Rev. John Tapscott, our Minister from 2000-2020, will be returning as Guest Preacher at our Sunday Worship service

Saturday, November 21st

Join us for an anniversary celebration dinner, plus entertainment provided by our Boomer Band, fellowship time and other activities in our Auditorium

DID YOU KNOW?

2026 marks the 150th anniversary of our much-loved Sanctuary, being dedicated by the Methodist Congregation in 1876. Since that time our building and community have changed and expanded, but the original charm of our heritage building remains. Just as faithful Christians have gathered for the past 150 years, we continue to worship and pray here today.

We are also using this opportunity to belatedly celebrate our congregation's 200th anniversary, which was in 2021 and was therefore interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Streetsville area was settled in 1821, and Methodists soon began worshipping in a simple log structure erected on a farm in the area.

Our church is organizing a number of special events to mark these incredible anniversaries. Key dates are printed on the left of this page, and more information can be found below. Please feel free to reach out to Rev. Joe or our church office for more information, and stay tuned for additional details!

JUNE 20th: MEMORIAL WALK

A Memorial Walk is being led by our Minister Rev. Joe Hopkins, our Music Director Michelle Chung and our Outreach committee on June 20th, beginning at 11am.

The walk will begin at Jon Clipperton Park, which is across the street from the Methodists' previous church building near the corner of Church Street and Maiden Lane. From there we will proceed to the Streetsville Village Square and then onto our church, singing hymns and enjoying fellowship along the way. Once we arrive at our current church, cake and refreshments will be provided.

This event is weather dependent and no rain date has been set, so we will be praying for sunshine on June 20th!

SEPTEMBER 27th & OCTOBER 18th: GUEST PREACHERS

Two of our beloved past Ministers will be returning this fall as guest preachers at Sunday worship services. Dr. Victor Shepherd will be preaching on September 27th and Rev. John Tapscott will be preaching on October 18th. Lunch events are planned after both services to mark these exciting dates, and we hope all will join us to welcome Dr. Shepherd and Rev. Tapscott back!

Dr. Victor Shepherd was our Minister from 1979-1999 and resides in the Streetsville area to this day. Since being with us, Dr. Shepherd has ministered to other congregations in the area and has taught theology at the University of Toronto and Tyndale University.

Rev. John Tapscott was our Minister from 2000-2020 and has since moved to Cape Breton Island. Rev. Tapscott continues to be active, most recently serving as an Interim Minister at a Presbyterian church. We are extremely thankful that Rev. Tapscott has agreed to travel back to Ontario to be with us in October.

We will also warmly welcome back Dr. Shepherd's wife Maureen and Rev. Tapscott's wife Adelaide. Both have been very important in our church community, and we look forward to being with them as well.

NOVEMBER 21st: CELEBRATION DINNER

To cap off our celebrations, we are planning an Anniversary Celebration Evening on November 21st in the Auditorium. This event will include fellowship time, a three-course plated dinner, and entertainment provided by our Boomer Band. This will be a ticketed event, and we are expecting to fill our Auditorium.

Further details will be provided as plans are confirmed. Check bulletins and future Tidings for updated information. Until then, please mark your calendars and save the date to ensure you don't miss this exciting event!

KEY DATES IN OUR HISTORY

1821: Methodist settlers to the Streetsville area began worshipping in a log structure on old Alpha Mills Road (north of Britannia)

1835: The Methodists constructed a frame building near the corner of Church Street and Maiden Lane

1847: A brick church on the same site replaced the frame structure

1875: Needing a larger building, the Methodists purchased our current lot at Queen Street and Barry Avenue and began erecting a Victorian Gothic Revival building at a total cost of \$6,942; the cornerstone was laid on July 1st, 1875

1876: The building was completed and the Methodists moved to our current location; the church was dedicated on February 27th, 1876 by Rev. Egerton Ryerson

1925: The Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches in Canada joined to form the United Church of Canada; our congregation became Streetsville United Church, and was joined by much of the congregation from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church across the street

1953: A new wing was added onto the back of our Sanctuary, including a Minister's office, Sunday School rooms, a choir room and a kitchen

1965: A Christian Education wing was added onto the north side of our Sanctuary, including a library, additional Sunday School rooms, meeting rooms and an auditorium

1994: Major repairs were undertaken on our Sanctuary, including repointing the brickwork and restoring the large stained-glass windows



Streetsville Methodist Church c.1910