

# Streetsville United Church

## Summer Tidings 2026



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### CALENDAR

**Regular Sunday Services 10 am**

**(in person and livestreaming)**

**Summer Worship Series –**

**“Beginnings”**

**July 5** – Evelyn McLachlan leading worship

**July 12** - **“From Good to Gone”** Gen. 1:1-2, 31-2:3; 3:22-24 (pre-creation, post-creation, exiling Eve and Adam from Eden)

**July 19** - **“Somewhere Under the Rainbow”** - Gen. 9:8-17 (God’s covenant with Noah after the flood)

July 26 - **“Bargaining with God”** - Gen. 18:22-33 (Abraham’s bargaining over Sodom with God)

**Aug 2** - **“God Will Provide”** - Gen. 22:1-14 (Abraham’s near-sacrifice of Isaac)

**Aug 9** - **“Stairway to Heaven”** - Gen. 28:10-22 (Jacob dreams of a stairway to heaven)

**Aug. 16** - **“Wrestling with God”** - Gen. 32:22-32 (Jacob wrestles with God)

**Aug. 23** - **“The Power of Dreams”** - Genesis 41:14-16, 37-40 (Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams)

**Aug. 30** - **“Making Good from” Harm** - Genesis 50:15-21 (Joseph forgives his brothers)

IS YOUR  
CONTACT  
INFORMATION  
UP-TO-DATE?



If your information has changed (address, phone, email), please inform Heather in the office. We need up-to-date information for tax receipts, Tidings, etc. Call the office at 905-826-1542 or send an email to [info@streetsvilleunited.ca](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca)

### MINISTER’S MESSAGE

The stories we tell about how we all began reveal a lot about who we are today.

During this year 2026 we are celebrating a couple of anniversaries, which celebrate beginnings. We are celebrating the beginning of our church community in its current location on the corner of Queen and Barry streets back in 1876. We are also celebrating the beginning of our church community in Streetsville on whatever street corner WAY back in 1820. On June 20, we will have a memorial walk from our pre-1876 location near John Clipperton Park to our current location (Check page 2 for details). We are still planning multiple other celebratory events in the autumn, too, so stay tuned for more details!

Throughout this summer I also invite and encourage everyone to reflect on our biblical beginnings—as in the Book of Genesis. This book does, after all, begin with the words, “In the beginning.” In addition to the stories of cosmic creation, we also read about social and spiritual beginnings: the beginning of sin, the beginning of God’s covenantal relationship with humans, the beginning of the people of Israel. Some of these stories might bring you back to Sunday school lessons in your youth. Other stories in Genesis might make you want to place age restrictions on reading the Bible. Like we’ve done in summers past, we are using a reading schedule, will host multiple in-person gatherings to discuss what we’re reading, and draw on themes from Genesis to guide our summer worship services. We might even talk with some of our Jewish and Muslim neighbours about their understandings of how the world began to enrich our own Christian understanding.

Whether you are staying close to Streetsville this summer or plan some time away at the cottage or even farther away, I hope that you will continue to engage our Streetsville United Church community. Remember that you can join our livestreams of worship services on YouTube and watch recordings of those services after the fact. I also encourage you to stay connected with us through prayer and caring communication with one another.

As we begin this summer, may God bless you with safety, rest, and loving relationship.

**Peace,  
Rev. Joe**



## ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

There are four special events planned to mark our historic building's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Details are below, and we hope all will participate to celebrate our history and inspire us going forward.

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – A Memorial Walk starting at 11am in Jon Clipperton Park and ending at our church. There will be time for hymns and fellowship as we walk, and cake and refreshments will be served once we finish.

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Dr. Victor Shepherd, our Minister from 1978-1999, will be returning as Guest Preacher at our Sunday Worship service. A luncheon provided by our UCW will follow the service.

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Rev. John Tapscott, our Minister from 2000-2020, will be returning as Guest Preacher at our Sunday Worship service. A potluck lunch will follow the service, organized by our Pastoral Care committee.

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** – An Anniversary Celebration Evening (ACE) dinner in our Auditorium including entertainment provided by our Boomer Band, with a reception and silent auction beforehand in the Heritage Hall. Tickets will be sold starting in September and will be \$40. More details to follow, but we are looking forward to gathering with our congregation and the wider community to cap off our year of celebrations.

## SUC ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK ALERT

We are beginning the process of gathering a team of interested people to help assemble a SUC Anniversary Cookbook, to be ready for sale at the Harvest of Crafts Sale in October. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Katie Powell.

Even if you can't specifically help with the project, please check your favourite recipes and submit up to 4 recipes by email to Katie at [william.powell@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.powell@sympatico.ca). The cookbook will be sorted into sections with recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, main dishes, and desserts. Please submit them, typed in a Word Document, to Katie before the end of July. We may not be able to use every submission, and we suspect that there will be duplicates, but let's see what we can collect.

## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

### About your Church Council!

Your elected Church Council of Streetsville United meets monthly and has been actively working on several initiatives. Some include:

- ✦ Supporting our Finance committee with ideas to generate revenue such as passing of the plate with a PAR/offering card; fundraising initiatives such as Purdy's Chocolate, MacGregor meats, Parking lot fees.
- ✦ Supporting the sub-group from church membership who continue to explore options for possible future redevelopment of part of Streetsville United Church property.
- ✦ Supporting Ministry and Personnel committee with options for recruitment of Property committee Chairperson and strengthening a 'Co-Chair' model.
- ✦ Supporting the work involved with creation and sharing of the interesting and informative 'History of Properties Associated with Streetsville United Church' document, created by one member of SUC.
- ✦ Supporting the sub-committee who applied for and received the 'Ontario Anti-hate Security and Prevention Grant' with plan to upgrade security at Streetsville United.
- ✦ Supporting the sub-committee organizing celebrations for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Streetsville United Church; they are planning several festivities and events.
- ✦ Supporting Reverend Joe with outreach initiatives including engaging SUC's wider congregation.

Thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers forming Church Council, who help keep our Community of Faith vibrant. A special thanks to those who provide extra involvement through the various sub-committees and regularly report back to Church Council for updates and discussion.

If these points raise questions or comments, please reach out to the Chair of Church Council, Kate Sparrow

Submitted by Chair of Church Council, Kate Sparrow



## UCW NEWS

Over the Spring the UCW units have been involved in many activities. The World Day of Prayer was held in March in the sanctuary. The country focused on was Nigeria and we learned many things about their country through the video shared including their flags, food, languages and religion. Thanks to all who helped during the service and in preparing the delicious tea and cookies. Once again, the Spring potluck dinner was held in Heritage Hall with lots of food and fellowship, singing some old familiar hymns and listening to our guest speaker for the evening, Ali McMurter, the daughter of Jennifer Honsa. Ali discussed her rug producing company and how most of the rugs are made in Kathmandu, Nepal where the ethics of production, safety and the employees is a priority. She also connected with a representative of Hope International while there and shared that experience with us. All three of the units collected items to donate to Streetsville Community Care and Cornerstone Suites. They were delivered to the residents and were greatly appreciated.



## OUTREACH NEWS

**Disbursement of Funds-** We presently have just under \$3000.00 in funds to disburse to various charities. As a Committee, we have decided to disburse some of the money to an organization that supports a small hospital in the DRC- the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is located in the heart of the current Ebola outbreak. The name of this registered charity is Mungu Medical and there are people who want to assist the patients but are in need of appropriate protective personal equipment. The money that is given to them will be used for this purpose to keep everyone safe. The amount will be decided upon soon, as well as other disbursements.

**Anniversary Celebrations-** The upcoming celebration for June 20th Faith Walk will be overseen by the Outreach Committee. As well as walking from the Jon Clipperton Memorial Park to the Streetsville Square and back to Streetsville United Church, they will be providing and serving the refreshments for the walkers when they arrive at the church.

**Continued Church Pamphlet Update-** Heather and Cathy updated the last pamphlet with added information about the upcoming walk. They will be continuing to do this regularly as needed to keep the information current.

Submitted by Sandy Jutzen and Cathy Hitchcock

## Donations to Community Care in Streetsville and Spring Potluck

The sweatshop girls of the Friendship Circle have been at it again. We met at Wendy's and were marshaled to the basement and immediately put to work. When the shift was over the assembly line had turned out another couple dozen menstrual pads that the nurses will take to Africa with them in September. They had also requested small bars of soap and face clothes to help with the girls' hygiene.

Wendy has also made some darling little dresses to send. With the work completed we were served cookies and tea to bribe us to return.

May God bless these wonderful nurses for their wonderful mission.



## JOY GIVERS NEWS

The Joy Givers usually gather on the 3rd or 4th Monday evening of each month, and we are always delighted to welcome new members.

March was a busy and rewarding month as we hosted a very successful Easter-themed bake sale. A heartfelt thank you to all our talented bakers and enthusiastic shoppers who helped make the event such a success. The proceeds from the bake sale will support the Vita Centre's Care Closet, helping families in our community. We were especially pleased to share a little extra joy with our friends at Cheshire House in Streetsville.



Many Joy Givers were also actively involved in the Garage Sale at the end of April, contributing their time, energy and enthusiasm to another successful community event. We have one more meeting planned before our summer break, and then we'll be looking ahead to an exciting fall season as we begin planning for the Harvest of Crafts Café and other upcoming events. We look forward to continuing to spread joy, friendship, and support throughout our church and community.



Beautiful picture created by Joan Dooley

## SUNSHINE CIRCLE

The Sunshine Circle hosted a very informative meeting for all units with the brother of Leslie Guimond, Grant Campbell, sharing his experience and book with us. Grant is a professor at Western University and so with his research skills, connections and practical experience of both parents having lived with dementia, he has written the book "Surviving Dementia Care". This book focuses on the realities of caregiving from the family point of view. It is available in our church library for anyone to borrow and benefit from Grant's knowledge and experience.



## HARVEST OF CRAFTS

It is time to make sure that you have saved Saturday October 31 for the annual Harvest of Crafts Sale! Some changes will be taking place this year. Church Crafts are moving to the Fellowship Lounge, a wonderful place to find unique and special gifts for friends or family. The Country Kitchen, where you will find your favourite sweet treat or preserve will be in Heritage Hall. This change will allow for more space for the return of a Café, provided now by the Joy Givers unit. They are looking forward to providing a simple lunch and an area for visiting and relaxation. A variety of Vendors in the auditorium will display their creations and works of art. For those of you with craft items to donate to the sale please contact Lorraine Treanor or Kerry Poulsen with things for the Fellowship Lounge. Questions related to the Country Kitchen can be directed to Bev Mathew. For those who enjoy making the preserves, the season has started as rhubarb and local berries are now available. Once again do not label the jars as all labelling and fabric lids will be added by Sandy Hayashi.

A box for the 250ml preserving jars is now in the narthex. Anyone who has empty jars can leave them there, those who preserve can take and use them.

Thank you for your support and have fun crafting, baking and preserving this summer!

As units now take a break for summer, we enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments at picnics or potlucks. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer blessed with special times with family, friends and adventures!

## PASTORAL CARE NEWS

### Potluck Luncheon

The Pastoral Care Committee hosted a potluck luncheon on May 24 after church. It was well-attended by about 50 people. As usual, the food was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. Our next potluck is October 18<sup>th</sup> when Rev. Tapscott is preaching. Plan on attending!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education at Streetsville United Church

As we reach the end of another year of Sunday School, it's time to extend a warm thank you to our teachers and helpers who support both the school age students as well as the nursery/ toddler room. Although we are ending the official Sunday School for the summer, we are developing plans for student and childcare during worship services during July and August, including opportunities for VCRs, stories, play time etc. We welcome families – parents, children, and teens to worship services at Streetsville!

### Upcoming Summer Bible Reading Program -

During the months of July and August our reading program is the Book of Genesis! We have developed a booklet to help readers keep track of where they are in the book as well as some background information and supports to help make sense of it all! These booklets are available in hardcopy in the narthex as well as digitally on-line. Dates for in-person meetings will be announced, but if you are at the cottage, relaxing in the yard, or participating in outdoor activities, the booklet is available for whenever you have the quiet time to engage in the Book of Genesis and how it informs and supports our Christian faith.

Submitted by Leslie Guimind

## WORSHIP

The Season of Pentecost began with authentic diverse languages spoken aloud in our beautiful sanctuary. If you missed this service or will be away during the summer months you can revisit or watch our Sunday Services through live streaming on our church website. The precious sacrament of Baptism was held on Sunday May 31st. Streetsville United congregants welcomed Ella June Wipp through Baptism. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven". Matthew 19:14. Hope you will join us at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday June 20th for a Memorial Walk originating at 190 Church Street and concluding at Streetsville United. Prayer, fellowship and musical praise will infuse your summer energy. June 21st will be our Father's Day special service. We look forward to honouring Fathers, past, present and future. Performing on that day will be our dynamic Boomer Band. What an exciting month! Looking ahead to the summer, we look forward to guest preacher Reverend Evelyn McLachlan who will be our pulpit minister on July 5th and 12th.

Worship Services each week are supported by kind and talented individuals who graciously support with handing out bulletins, reading scripture or assisting with the audio and visual technology to enable our services to be live-streamed. We need additional volunteers for each of these positions. If you have ever wanted to be more active in your faith and service within the church, we will joyfully welcome and train interested volunteers. Please contact the Church Office or speak with either of the Worship Co-Chairs.

Submitted by Antoinette Clarke and Wendy Dowling  
Co-Chairs



## FINANCE

Many thanks from the Finance team to everyone who has supported the different fundraising campaigns this spring.

The Purdy Chocolate sale was a big success despite the very short timeline. SUC loves chocolate as \$2,831.50 worth of product was sold. From this we received back \$707.88. We look forward to continuing this fundraiser in the fall in time for Christmas gifting. The Macgregor meat sale was the best yet! A total of 180 boxes of meat was sold, a value of \$13,296. Profit to SUC was \$2,347. Parking in our lot on Bread and Honey Day raised \$511.

Many thanks to everyone who organized and led these campaigns and all who supported as they were able.

Please remember that church expenses do not take a summer vacation as you may be doing! PAR ensures your donations continue each month. If you contribute by e-transfer as many are now doing, please continue to support SUC over the summer. Thank you!

### Streetsville United Church - Income Statement YTD May 2026 vs YTD May 2025 and 2026 Annual Budget

	Actual YTD May				5-month Linear Budget		YTD Actual as % Annual Budget	Annual 2026 Budget
	2026	2025	Variance		YTD	Variance		
			\$	%				

#### REVENUE

Envelope Offerings - General, Initial, Special	\$ 70,831	\$ 67,506	\$ 3,325	5%	\$ 71,875	\$ (1,044)	41%	\$ 172,500
Loose Offering, Canada Helps, UCC Foundation	\$ 11,560	\$ 6,572	\$ 4,987	76%	\$ 6,729	\$ 4,831	72%	\$ 16,150
United Church Women	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,000)		\$ 1,667	\$ 2,333	100%	\$ 4,000
Facilities Rental - Total	\$ 37,518	\$ 41,604	\$ (4,087)	-10%	\$ 43,406	\$ (5,889)	36%	\$ 104,175
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 12,599	\$ 10,267	\$ 2,332	23%	\$ 7,375	\$ 5,224	71%	\$ 17,700
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 136,507</b>	<b>\$ 130,950</b>	<b>\$ 5,558</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$ 131,052</b>	<b>\$ 5,455</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>\$ 314,525</b>

#### OPERATING EXPENSE

Personnel	\$ 80,592	\$ 82,305	\$ (1,713)	-2%	\$ 79,327	\$ 1,265	42%	\$ 190,385
Operating Church Home	\$ 39,422	\$ 40,565	\$ (1,143)	-3%	\$ 36,946	\$ 2,476	44%	\$ 88,670
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 18,229	\$ 19,620	\$ (1,391)	-7%	\$ 17,728	\$ 501	43%	\$ 42,547
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 138,243</b>	<b>\$ 142,490</b>	<b>\$ (4,247)</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>\$ 134,001</b>	<b>\$ 4,242</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>\$ 321,602</b>

<b>NET INCOME - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (1,736)</b>	<b>\$ (11,541)</b>	<b>\$ 9,805</b>		<b>\$ (2,949)</b>	<b>\$ 1,213</b>		<b>\$ (7,077)</b>
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#### OUTREACH / BENEVOLENT FUND

Outreach/Benevolent Receipts	\$ 7,138	\$ 10,565	\$ (3,427)		\$ 9,546	\$ (2,408)	54%	\$ 13,240
Outreach/Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 9,806	\$ 6,470	\$ 3,336		\$ 5,517	\$ 4,289	74%	\$ 13,240