

# Streetsville United Church

## Spring Tidings 2026

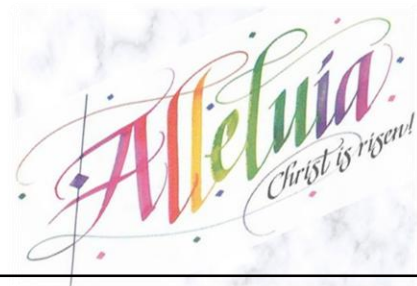


274 Queen St. S.  
Mississauga, ON L5M 1L8

905-826-1542

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

[www.streetsvilleunited.ca](http://www.streetsvilleunited.ca)



### CALENDAR

#### Sunday Services **10 am**

##### Services in person and online

##### **March 29 - Palm Sunday 10:00am**

service with the children waving Palm branches and singing

##### **April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service**

**6:00pm** at Eden United Church

**April 3 - Good Friday 8:30am** starting with breakfast, followed by the service

**April 5 - Easter Sunday** service at **10:00am**.

Services listed above are on YouTube via the website under the Worship tab

[www.streetsvilleunited.ca](http://www.streetsvilleunited.ca)

**For details of the above events and more, please see Upcoming Events on the next page.**



**Update your contact info!**

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

Throughout the season of Lent this year I have been encouraging worshippers and church members to embrace God's craftsmanship of ourselves. We've explored the images of the Divine Potter molding clay, God's Spirit working through humans, and Jesus' love stitching us together as a body of believers. I've also worked with small groups of folks to explore spiritual gifts, designing worship services, and providing pastoral care—which are really explorations of God's continuing craftsmanship. Even if we've been part of a church community—even if we've worked as church leaders—God's not done crafting us!

Indeed, God is not done creating, and God's continual project of creation leads to the New Creation in Christ. As St. Paul writes in his second letter to the ancient church of Corinth, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Cor. 5:17)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the first fruit of that renewal of all creation. One day God will finish creation, and heaven and earth will merge into one blessed realm in which "the home of God is among mortals" (Rev. 21:3). That day has not come, yet we can have confidence in God's grace at work within us through the saving work of Christ. When we turn and re-turn to Christ, the Holy Spirit renews our minds that we may "discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

Embrace God's good creation—even yourself! Embrace spiritual renewal. Embrace confidence in the love and grace of Jesus. And have a happy, joyous, and transformative Easter!

Peace,  
Rev. Joe



## CHURCH COUNCIL

We would like to keep our Community of Faith at Streetsville United informed about some discussion topics at our recent monthly Council meetings: Church Council members continued discussions on the topic of possible development of our church property, which could contribute to our Church's finances. These ideas are long-term and require a great deal of thought and collaboration. Conversations, consultations, and information gathering are ongoing. Church Council supported the Finance committee in discussions about how to help reduce our church's ongoing Operating deficit. We reviewed the many ways Streetsville United supports Outreach initiatives and voted to support the Finance team's proposal to temporarily reduce the percentage given to Outreach from envelope offerings. Church Council as a group supported the work of each committee and appreciated the efforts by all Council members to find ways to live out the Vision and Mission of Streetsville United Church, to be centred on Christ, serving God and our neighbours. We invite anyone to attend any Church Council meeting held monthly; the date is posted in our weekly bulletin. Kate Sparrow, Chair of Church Council

We were able to order Easter treats from Purdy Chocolatier as part of the Spring 2026 Fundraiser organized by Geraldine Hicks. Streetsville United benefited financially and those who purchased enjoyed high-quality confections!



## OUTREACH NEWS

- 1) New Committee Members - We would like to welcome Nanci Anderson and David Curry to the Outreach Committee in a resource capacity. Thank you for volunteering to join us.
- 2) Coldest Night of The Year - On Saturday February 28th, 14 people from the church joined the CNOY walk. It was a lovely evening to walk, with some ice along the way, but everyone completed the five kilometres. Thank you to Bevan Jutzen for taking over the role of team captain. Your commitment to the position helped all of us. At this time, \$5,695.00 dollars from the team has been raised. \$200.00 through a company matching program will come in in April and another congregation member will be donating collected money before the end of March. Streetsville United Church had the second highest donation for a church group in the area for the Dam and received a gift certificate. It was given to the Benevolent Fund. Thank you to everyone who participated in the walk.
- 3) Current funds to be dispersed- The committee now has \$2,943.84 to disperse to various charities.
- 4) Streetsville United Church pamphlet - Heather Murray and Cathy Hitchcock will be updating the pamphlet in the next few weeks. There will be information about upcoming events, including Easter services and the Garage Sale.

Respectively submitted by Sandy Jutzen and Cathy Hitchcock



Streetsville United Church Walkers and some Mississauga Firefighters



Back by popular demand! **The 2026 Spring Macgregors Meat Fundraiser** will roll out in April with delivery planned for Tuesday, May 12th. Information packages will be emailed directly to congregation members. Watch your email for this great opportunity to fill your freezer and begin spreading the word to family, friends and neighbours.

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS!

**Palm Sunday March 29 10:00 am** - Service with the children waving Palm branches and singing

**Maundy Thursday – April 2 6:00 pm** - Maundy Thursday Service at Eden United Church

**Good Friday Breakfast – Friday April 3 at 8:30 am - 9:45 am** in the auditorium before worship. Good Friday service to follow at 10:00 am.

**Easter Morning Sunrise Service! – April 5 at 8:00 am by the dock at Lake Aquitaine.** Park at the Meadowvale Community Centre. This is a joint service with Eden United. Streetsville United will continue to hold its Easter morning worship service here at 10:00 am in our sanctuary.

### **Garage Sale: Save the Date! Saturday, April 25**

If you are doing any purging or spring cleaning, or if any of your friends or neighbours are, please think of us! We are looking for donations including:

- Small Household Items
- Electronics • Small Kitchen Appliances • Linens • Dishes • Sports Equipment • Tools • Books
- Jewelry • Games • Puzzles • Albums • Children's Toys • Games
- Books • Children's Clothing

NOTE: We have decided, for this year, to accept new or nearly new adult clothing as long as it is CLEAN and organized. We ask that you do not drop off large bags of clothing, instead, please sort and carefully select only new or nearly new items for donation to our garage sale. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT LARGE FURNITURE

If possible, please store your donations for now and we will accept them at the church in April. Jewelry donations are being accepted now so that we can get them individually packaged and priced. Please contact Lorraine Treanor (ltreanor12@hotmail.ca) or

Deanna Hodges(deannahodges@rogers.com) with jewelry donations or if you have any other questions.

Lawn signs are available. So please take one and advertise our garage sale on your front lawn!

**SAVE THE DATE AND YOUR DONATIONS!**

**May 24 – Potluck Luncheon – after church in Auditorium A**

## PASTORAL CARE



## HOMEMADE COOKIES

The Pastoral Care committee was busy in December preparing pretty boxes of homemade cookies for shut-ins and elderly parishioners. Rev. Joe used his scouting skills to tie ribbons around the boxes.

## POTLUCK LUNCH

The potluck lunch after church on January 25th was well attended despite the horrible winter weather that day. Hearts, souls and bodies were filled with good food and fellowship.



## PANCAKE DINNER

Thank you to the men of the congregation for preparing and serving delicious pancakes and sausages for Shrove Tuesday. The evening ended with the Ritual of Ashes conducted by Rev. Joe, a very meaningful service.



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Are you a broken but hopeful believer who struggles to fit everything into your day? Do you sometimes feel adrift and find comfort in the wisdom of scripture and the motivation of reflective sermons? The Streetsville United Church Website ([www.streetsvilleunited.ca](http://www.streetsvilleunited.ca)) offers congregants the ability to revisit services to deepen one's understanding, appreciation and commitment to follow Jesus. All of our Sunday Services are archived and available to download or watch live from the website. Congregants can find recorded sermons behind the Sunday Service blue tab or by clicking the YouTube link.

The recent Lenten Series was an emotional and inspirational exploration of God's plan for each of us including the history behind the dedication of our sanctuary in 1876. If you have never explored the church website or visited a service online you may be missing out on the power of this platform to influence your Christian journey. The Worship Committee challenges all readers to set a goal this Spring to watch or rewatch at least one service online. You might consider sharing the "Time with God's Children" with grandchildren or sing along with our choirs or bands to infuse energy into your day. The "Prayer of Confession" could be your daily compass. You are deserving of the gift of time to learn how the website might further put your Faith into action. Accept this challenge. Open yourself to the work of God's creative spirit.

While Good Friday and Easter Sunday have always been cherished services, this year a special Cantata "The Solemn Shadows" will be performed by our amazing choir on Good Friday. You won't want to miss attending in person or online to experience this tribute to the greatest sacrifice of all time.

## UCW JOY GIVERS

The Joy Givers UCW group recently continued Outreach efforts for The DAM youth centre by collecting and donating some snacks shown here. One Joy Giver delivered them to the centre and we continue to find ways to support other local Outreach endeavours



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We continue to welcome newcomers to our Sunday School and are looking forward to some happy Easter events. Continued thanks to our faithful teachers, and all who are happy to help with both Sunday School age and nursery age. We are also thankful for the adult CE events that Rev. Hopkins develops for so many of our congregation who seek to understand and grow in faith and knowledge. We are looking forward to some new events for this summer!

The library, while still being worked on a bit, is still available for browsing and borrowing. We welcome all who like to peruse material pertinent to our church life.



## FINANCE REPORT

The Finance committee thanks you, the congregation, for your support at the February annual meeting. The decision to reduce Outreach donations was not made easily and we look forward to increasing the donation back when possible. Your contributions and support of events will determine when that happens.

We appreciate input from members for possible fundraising ideas or other ways of donating to SUC. We are receptive to all, knowing that some will work for us more than others. The recent Fundraiser with Purdy Chocolates came from the suggestion of selling chocolate bars, which evolved into the Purdy campaign. Although the timeline is short, we see orders coming in. Time will tell how successful this will be, we look forward to your response and feedback. Another suggestion was for a Legacy Appeal – please read the note below. We may be looking for volunteers to help man the church parking lot on June 6 for Bread and Honey visitors wishing to park here. Might you be able to give an hour or 2 of your time that afternoon? More info to come. The MacGregor meat sale is returning under the coordination by Kevin Dowling. We thank everyone who is able to support any one of these events or campaigns as we work together to fight the financial deficit challenging us.

## LEGACY OPTION

At this Lenten season we thank God for His only son and the messages of faith, hope, and love that He shared with His disciples and the people to whom He preached. As we reflect on His legacy and the teachings passed on to us, it may also be time to consider the legacy we are also leaving behind. Might your legacy include a donation to Streetsville United Church? This does not need to be formal wording in a will, but a written note included with the will and making wishes known to family that a donation to SUC is your desire. Any donation to SUC would be greatly appreciated to help continue God's work in this church that you have worshipped in and loved. Remember what Streetsville United has meant to you. Can you remember Streetsville United Church as part of your legacy?



Katie Powell sharing her quilt at Sunshine Circle meeting



UCW Sunday



Kacie Hopkins, speaker at the Sunshine Circle meeting on February 17



Joan Dooley's birthday celebration at Friendship Circle Meeting in January

## UCW COMMITTEE

In celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church, Streetsville United Women acknowledge the UCW members of the past who contributed to the ongoing work of the church. We have so many things to be hopeful about with the 3 UCW units still contributing to the church in a major way. May God continue to bless the women of this church.

UCW induction Sunday was held on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Sunshine Circle hosted coffee hour and provided a cake to celebrate the occasion. We are thankful for those members who have volunteered to serve on the executive committee for 2026. Fresh flowers were placed at the front of the Sanctuary in memory of past UCW members.

Sunshine Circle members were fortunate to have a guest speaker for their February meeting. Kacie Hopkins came to share with us her research at York University on women's handcrafting in the past and how it enriches their families when stories about their work is handed down. Our members were encouraged to write letters to their families about a cherished heirloom or something they made. This will carry on the tradition with the next generation.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary at 1pm. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer committee of Nigeria. It is based on Matthew 11: 28-30. "I will give you rest, Come." We hope to see you there for this interesting and inspiring service.

The Annual Spring Potluck will be held on Thursday, April 16 in the Heritage Hall at 6pm. We will be having a guest speaker: Ali McMurter. She will be speaking about organizations that promote ethical work conditions and use ethically sourced materials. We look forward to her presentation. We are also planning to have a hymn sing, both old and new in recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. Everyone is welcome to this fun evening.

Joy Givers are planning to have a bake sale after church on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday. There will be lots of delicious goodies available during Coffee hour. Come and support them in their fundraising efforts.

Please save the date for this year's Harvest of Crafts Sale on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are planning for this event already and would appreciate your support once again. Spread the word and we will hope for the best sale ever!!!

### **Sweet Tooth Bake Sale — Back for Year Two! by the Joy Givers Palm Sunday • Freshly Made • Cash Only**

Our beloved **Sweet Tooth Fix Bake Sale** returns for its second year, bringing all the sugary joy you've been craving. Come enjoy a delicious selection of **freshly made squares, fudge, cookies, and cupcakes**, lovingly prepared by our Joy Giver Unit.

Everything will be **wrapped or packaged in festive Easter take-away bundles** — perfect to **give, share, or indulge**.

#### ♥ **Why We Bake**

All proceeds support **special projects in our church and wider community**, helping us continue meaningful work together.

#### 🍰 **What You'll Find**

- Homemade squares
- Rich, creamy fudge
- Fresh-baked cookies
- Cupcakes in fun Easter packaging

#### 💰 **Simple Pricing - Cash Only**