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The
**Donway Covenant
 United Church**



Our Mission

“To follow Jesus by sharing God’s unconditional love as the Spirit empowers us.”

Our Vision

We will follow Jesus...

- By being a local Christian church within the United Church of Canada; a community anchor for spiritual exploration and growth where life, worship, knowledge, service and song all contribute to our larger story.
- By welcoming and involving people of diverse faith, ethnicities, abilities, ages and stages of life, economic situations, sexual orientation and gender identities.
- By caring for all members with compassion, empathy and joy.
- By acts of service, reaching out to engage and support our community, the country and the world.
- By building bridges within our community, as a congregation recognizing the variety of religions and spiritualities in the most diverse city in the world.
- By using our facilities for religious, social, cultural, educational, or other programs that reflect our values.

**We are an AFFIRMING
 Congregation**



Affirming Congregation
 United Church of Canada



“Quill”
 stock photo



Mysteries, Yes

by **Mary Oliver**

Truly, we live with mysteries
 too marvelous to be
 understood.

How grass can be nourishing
 in the mouths of the lambs.
 How rivers and stones are
 forever in allegiance with
 gravity while we ourselves
 dream of rising.

How two hands touch and the
 bonds will never be
 broken.

How people come, from
 delight or the scars of
 damage, to the comfort of
 a poem.

Let me keep my distance,
 always, from those who
 think they have the
 answers.

Let me keep company always
 with those who say “Look!”
 and laugh in astonishment,
 and bow their heads.

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Pondering this Idea of Doubt

I thought a lot about the story of doubting Thomas this past week. The conclusion I came to is that it teaches us an important lesson about faith and belief. It is natural to have doubts and questions, but it is important to keep an open mind and be willing to explore new ideas and perspectives. Sometimes, we may need evidence or proof to believe something, but we should also be open to the possibility of things that cannot be easily explained.

In the end, it is our ability to believe in something greater than ourselves that can bring us hope and strength, even in the face of doubt and uncertainty. Like Thomas, we should strive to keep an open mind and be willing to explore new ideas and beliefs, while also trusting in our own intuition and inner wisdom.

Who is Thomas?

Brave Thomas. You went into the world when your fellow disciples stayed locked behind closed doors. Where did you go? Where did you find the bravery to face a world so hostile?



Scientific Thomas. You couldn't believe that the rules of science and all human history could be overturned in one person. Death was death to you. That was how things had always been. How could they be different now?

Courageous Thomas. You stood in front of your peer group and said things that you knew would be unpopular. You spoke your own reticence out loud despite your friends' convictions about what they had seen.

Exploring Thomas You sought to dig a little deeper. You weren't satisfied with the majority opinion. You wanted to explore the possibilities and see for yourself what could have happened.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price

(an excerpt from Gathering, written by former Moderator David Giuliano of General Council 44)

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Acts chapter 2: verses 14a and 22 ~ 32

John chapter 20: verses 19 ~ 31

“What Do You Believe?”

This week we hear the story often called “Doubting Thomas” from the Gospel of John. But it’s not only Thomas’ story - it’s the story of all the disciples.

They are gathered behind locked doors, afraid. And who could blame them? They have just witnessed their teacher and friend - the one they believed to be the Messiah - betrayed, condemned, and brutally executed. Fear would have been the only reasonable response. They must have wondered if they were next.

And then Jesus comes among them - and suddenly, their fear gives way to joy. It’s easy to think that’s how faith is supposed to work. That we carry our doubts and fears for a while, and then God shows up - and everything changes. The fear disappears, the questions fall away, and we are left with certainty and joy.



But then there is Thomas.

Thomas wasn't there. He didn't have that moment. And so he cannot simply accept what the others tell him. He wants to see for himself. And honestly - who could blame him? After everything that has happened, he is likely still trying to gather the pieces, trying to make sense of what comes next.

Thomas reminds us that faith doesn't always arrive all at once. Sometimes it comes more slowly, through questions, through longing, through the honest desire for something real. And maybe that leaves us with our own wondering.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price



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Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 19th
Immediately after Worship



***Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success.***

Henry Ford



**Emily will be taking
three vacation days -**

**Wednesday April 8, Thursday April 9th
and Monday April 13th.**

**The church office will re-open at 9:00 am
Tuesday, April 14th**

The Church Office

(regular hours)

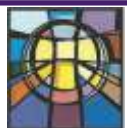
is open four days a week

**Monday to Thursday,
9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Closed Fridays

If you plan on visiting it is best to 'phone ahead so Emily knows you are coming. If you leave a voice message Emily will get back to you as soon as she is free.

(416) 444 - 8444



**Want to know what's going on?
What's coming up?**

Go to our web site and find out!!!

<https://www.donwaycovenant.com/>

SERVICES for the EASTER SEASON



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|--------------------|--|
| Apr 12
10:30 am | 2nd Sunday of Easter
"What Do You Believe?"
John 20: 19 ~ 31 |
| Apr 19
10:30 am | 3rd Sunday of Easter
Earth Sunday
"A Walk With A Stranger"
Luke 24: 13 ~ 35 |
| Apr 26
10:30 am | 4th Sunday of Easter
"Cared For Along The Way"
John 10: 1 ~ 10 |
| May 3
10:30 am | 5th Sunday of Easter
"On The Journey"
John 14: 1 ~ 14 |
| May 10
10:30 am | 6th Sunday of Easter
Christian Family Sunday/
Mother's Day |
| May 17
10:30 am | 7th Sunday of Easter |

**Join us for Worship
in our Sanctuary**



The Worship Committee

My Door Is Always Open



**Drop by anytime
during the day,
Monday to Thursday**

**You should be able to catch me every
morning and some afternoons. Call
ahead to ensure I am at the
church.**

Lorrie

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

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Donway Covenant United Church



Ladies' Fellowship

Our *Ladies' Fellowship* will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 am on ZOOM under the leadership of Maureen Smith.

Our next meeting will be held on *Thursday, April 23rd, 2026, at 10:30 am.* on ZOOM.

All are welcome to attend. Please contact Emily at the church office for the **Zoom** link.
(416) 444 - 8444



FAIR TRADE COFFEE & TEA FOR SALE

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th
AT COFFEE TIME!!

THIS WEEK

COFFEE: \$15.00 per
12 oz bag



DECAF

A perky medium
roast Swiss Water
Process
certified decaf



REGULAR

Roasted with an extended
'sugar browning' to bring
out the smooth sweetness of
Colombian coffee.



TEA:
\$5.00 per box
20 tea bags
per box

Cattails, Two Haikus

by Victoria Martinez

*Sunday afternoon
dancing slowly in the breeze
cattails and long reeds.*



*we're like the cattails
we sway where the wind takes us
we dance to its tune.*

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DCUC Knitting Group

As the cold weather is now abating we are beginning to knit baby and children's items for donation to the Abiona Centre (Formerly Massey Centre), as well as a women's shelter, and various other organizations assisting mothers and their children.

If you are aware of any other institutions in need, please let us know.

Andrea Sloan



eva's

The last of our cold weather items were delivered to a very appreciative Eva's Place Youth Shelter.

Our meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, from 2:30 ~ 3:30 pm in our Living Room.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 13th



Minutes for Mission ANCHORED IN EVERY SEASON



In Tobermory, Ontario, the town pulses with the seasons. Summer brings busy roads, kayaks on the harbour, and lively streets. Winter brings quiet and long stretches of stillness. Through it all, **Tobermory United Church** remains a steady, welcoming presence at the northern edge of the Bruce Peninsula.

The building is more than a church. It hosts drumming circles, Tai Chi, bridge games, and poetry gatherings. Worship is shared with **St. Thomas the Apostle Mission**. Outside, the annual thrift shop turns donations into care, offering affordable items to the community and giving freely to those in need. Hospitality here is intentional, welcoming 2S and LGBTQ+



Credit: Tobermory United Church (sign created by Jan MacDonald)

people with courage and care. Even the building reflects this spirit, with cedar-lined walls and clear windows framing the surrounding forest.

Through **Mission and Service**, **Tobermory United Church** is connected to a wider movement of faith, creativity, and resilience.

We can keep this welcome strong. When we give to **Mission and Service**, we help ensure that churches like Tobermory stay open, connected, and full of care for everyone. Give today and be part of sustaining this vital community.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/anchored-every-season>



The "Hallelujah Chorus"

debut performance in Dublin, 1742 during Lent

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zuA_uewh4g&list=RD2zuA_uewh4g&start_radio=1



Easter 2026



photos by Victoria Martinez

Hallelujah !!

Special guests joining our choir - Cloud 9

Join Us for *Lunch with Lorrie* Thursday, April 23rd

Hello friends,

Lorrie and I are planning on a "field trip" for our next *Lunch with Lorrie* on Thursday, April 23.

Please join us as we attend the World Day of Prayer service and reception at The Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Drive.

Please let Emily know if you plan to join us and please let us know if you would like a ride.

Let's get together and support our neighbours and friends at our annual World Day of Prayer service.

Marian Childerhose



Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
Conseil œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada

World Day of Prayer



The **World Day of Prayer** is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can learn how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can join in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

The motto of the **World Day of Prayer** movement is **Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action**. Through our participation in the **World Day of Prayer**, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.

The 2026 **World Day of Prayer** materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.



"Rest for the Weary" by Gift Amarachi Ottah

World Day of Prayer



I will give you rest: Come

Thursday, April 23, 2026
at 11:00 am

Hosted this year by

Church of the Ascension
33 Overland Drive, Don Mills, ON, M3C 2C3
Wheelchair Access

In Celebration of EARTH DAY

**The Outreach Committee
invites you to join us for:**

**Lunch, Films and Discussion on the topic
of the Water Crisis on Canada's First Nations**

April 18th: 11:30 -1:30

**There is no cost for this event, but
please RSVP to Emily by April 13th**



**Access to safe water is a
fundamental human right, yet
currently 37 First Nations are
under a boil water alert. What
does this mean for daily life on
reserves without
clean water? How
has this been
allowed to
continue? What
can we do?**



**We will see short films about
two First Nations, Grassy
Narrows and Neskantaga who
have been battling this crisis
too long.**

**Come and
explore this
issue with us.**



**Marc Cullen,
Canada's Gardening
Guru**

Glen Sorbara Green

The other day, Nick Sorbara and Eric Davies (Forest ecologist U of T) hosted me on a tour of the largest first-growth forest in Toronto. Located behind Glendon College, just north of Sunnybrook Hospital, is a 50 acre track that is Toronto's best kept secret, as it is not maintained. The tree featured here is a Bitternut Hickory, over 200 years old. One of many extraordinary trees hidden in this track. Who knew?

Thank you Nick and Eric!

Marc Cullen



Bitternut Hickory

Maundy Thursday

Dinner & Service



April 2nd,
2026

photos
by
Victoria
Martinez



A Sacred Space by Anonymous

*In this sacred space
where memories are made,
We reflect on the journey
that God has laid;
From weddings celebrated
to moments of strife -
This church has been central
to each part of life.*



*With good pastors guiding
through thick and thin,
They've shown us what it means
to truly begin;
Their spiritual guidance
- a beacon so bright -
Leading us onward
through darkness to light.*

*Congratulations to our friends
at The Church of the Ascension*

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*As we gather today
for this special event,
Our hearts are filled
with gratitude well-spent;
For years of hard work
from those who have led -
Creating a legacy
where faith can be fed.*

*So let us rejoice
on this anniversary day -
For God's love surrounds us
in every way;
May our church continue
to flourish and grow -
In unity and grace
-the seeds that we sow!*

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ANNIVERSARY

Church of the Ascension 70th Anniversary Fundraiser Concert



Saturday, May 9th at 2:00 pm

“Rhythms of the Decades” **Kristen Prince**
with Singer/Saxophonist **Prince**

Tickets \$30.00

\$35.00 At Door

Come and Celebrate With Us!

Call 416 - 444 - 8881
or email ascension@ca.inter.net

Church of the Ascension
33 Overland Drive, Don Mills, ON, M3C 2C3
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Jubilee United Church

Spring Lecture Series

*Be Informed, Be Entertained,
Be Inspired*

Monday, April 13

Ms. Whitney Hilts from Delmanor returns to talk about “gut health”. Learn how your eating habits enhance or destroy your precious gut flora. What are probiotics and prebiotics?

Monday, April 20

Constable Joel Roberts from 33 Division of Toronto Police Services will give a refresher course on safety and security, with a focus on AI (Artificial Intelligence) and distraction thefts.

Monday, April 27

Ms. Arlene Chan, author of several books on the history of the Chinese in Canada, will share her knowledge, with pictures, of the history of the people and places of Toronto’s Chinese community.

Join us for one, two, or three presentations. There is no registration or fee. Come to the Garden Room at 1:00 pm to pick up tea/coffee and cookies, and enjoy them in the sanctuary. Presentations will be given from 1:15 to 2:30 pm.

**Jubilee United Church,
40 Underhill Drive, North York, ON M3A 2J5
416 - 447 - 6846**

Celebrate Spring with Brookbanks for African Grannies



**Tickets: \$35 before April 1,
\$40 after April 1**

**Purchase tickets from
Celia Ball at (416) 605 - 2881**

Visit our Marketplace for gifts and trinkets

**Jubilee United Church,
40 Underhill Drive**

Songs and Sweets

**Featuring
Emerging Voices of Amadeus Choir
Performing with other Choir Members**

Saturday April 25 at 2 pm

*Enjoy the concert
and a cup of tea
with sweet treats*



Grandmothers to
Grandmothers



YOU'RE WELCOME TO

join us!

Presentation: Take Me Out To the Ball Game - Bill Anderson

Monday April 13th at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Join us for a nostalgic baseball celebration with Bill Anderson! "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" invites you to share your favourite memories of cheering on the teams you love. We'll explore the stories behind several Major League Baseball team logos and revisit highlights from the most recent World Baseball Classic, featuring all twenty national teams. Come out, reminisce, and cheer for your favourite team!

Entertainment with the Nostalgics

Friday April 17th at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Join us for a delightful afternoon filled with favourite music from The Nostalgics! Eddy, Dan, and Jason - better known as The Nostalgics - are back to entertain us with their beloved mix of classics from the 1920s through the 1970s. Get ready to sing along, tap your toes, and clap your hands to the songs that bring back wonderful memories.

These events are *FREE*.
Space is limited!

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Please let us know if you are coming.

Lecture: Impressionism: Sketches of Beauty - Paul Dias

Tuesday April 21st at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Discover how a small group of struggling, often-mocked artists reshaped the art world forever. In this captivating session, Paul Dias explores the bold vision of the Impressionists - painters who defied convention, challenged cultural norms, and ultimately achieved artistic immortality (Monet, Manet, Renoir & Degas). Experience the stories, the brushstrokes, and the revolutionary spirit that transformed skepticism into one of the most beloved movements in art history.

Musican Performance: Flutist Laura Nashman

Friday April 24th at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Enjoy the enchanting flute artistry of Laura Nashman as she performs a beautiful mix of favourites - from Broadway classics like The Sound of Music and Phantom of the Opera, to Celtic gems such as Greensleeves and Skyboat Song, to beloved Beatles hits like Hey Jude. She'll also share light classical, light jazz, and more, all played with her warm, expressive style.

Invisible Caravans

by Muhammad Shirin Maghribi

English version by David & Sabrineh Fideler
Original Language Persian/Farsi

*Love's concert is calling,
but the flute can't be seen.
The drunks are in sight,
but the wine can't be seen.
Hundreds of caravans
have passed
this very way -
Don't be surprised
if their trace can't be seen.*



No Conflict

by Hafiz (Daniel Ladinsky)

Original Language English

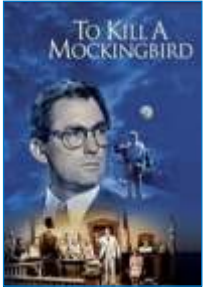
No
Conflict
When the flute is playing
For then I see every movement emanates
From God's
Holy
Dance.

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Programs you might find of interest!



Tea & Movies: "To Kill A Mockingbird" 1962

Monday April 13th
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Based on Harper Lee's semi-autobiographical novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird* is the story of six-year

old Jean Louise Finch, growing up in the Depression era of the early 1930s in a small southern town and how her father, Atticus Finch decided to defend a poor black man falsely accused of rape.



Connecting with Nature: A Pathway to Joy - How to Create a Pollinator

Wednesday April 15th
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Establishing a pollinator garden composed of native plants provides considerable advantages for fostering beneficial insects and birds in residential settings. By thoughtfully selecting and positioning appropriate native species, one can create a robust habitat that attracts bees, butterflies, birds, and other essential pollinators. You will find more enjoyment in your yard and advance both biodiversity visual appeal of the property.



From Balconies to Backyards: Planning a Successful Vegetable Garden

Monday April 20th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Want to enjoy vegetables you've grown yourself in your own backyard or on your balcony? A Toronto Master Gardener will lead a demonstration and show how to get started to grow your own vegetables. Get some tips and learn techniques for successful growing. At the end of the program, vegetable seeds or seedlings will be shared with attendees, while supplies last.

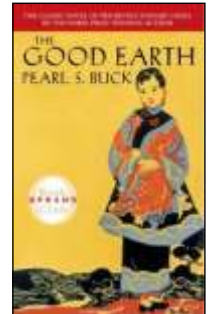


April's Book "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck

Tuesday, April 21st
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

or

Thursday, April 23rd
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm



Fashion for the Planet: Conscious Consumption

Wednesday April 22nd
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

With the rise of fast fashion brands and social media fueled consumption habits, the fashion industry ranks as the 3rd most environmentally damaging industry. Everyone participates in this in some way, so it is important that people are given the information and tools to consume clothing responsibly. Join Sabrina Rose Capista as she guides us through the fashion industry's impacts & ethics. Presented on Earth Day



Apple Devices for Beginners

Friday April 24th
from 10:00 to 11:30 pm

This class is for absolute beginners who are curious about buying an Apple iPhone or iPad, or who have just acquired one and want to understand how it operates. In this beginner's class you will learn about:

- 📱 the different parts of an Apple iPhone or iPad and where they are located
- 📱 what you need to make your iPhone or iPad run
- 📱 settings, storage and troubleshooting

At the end of the class, you will have a basic understanding of how to run your Apple device and where to find what you are looking for on your Apple device. Bring your own device: if you have an Apple device, feel free to bring it with you and follow along with the exercises.

**Please call 416-395-5710 for further details
and to reserve your spot!**



The Donway Covenant United Church



Need pastoral care?

Call the church office and
Emily will direct your call.

Minister: Rev. Lorrie Daly-Price

Music Director: Scott Pietrangelo

Church Administrator: Emily McLean

Custodian: Kim Morgan

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