

April 17, 2026



The Wee Voice

Newsletter



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**



**"A pair of hands cupped together
 holding the planet Earth"
 Getty images**



Earth Day

by Jane Yolen

*I am the Earth
 And the Earth is me.
 Each blade of grass,
 Each honey tree,
 Each bit of mud,
 And stick and stone
 Is blood and muscle,
 Skin and bone.*

*And just as I
 Need every bit
 Of me to make
 My body fit,
 So Earth needs
 Grass and stone and tree
 And things that grow here
 Naturally.*

*That's why we
 Celebrate this day.
 That's why across
 The world we say:
 As long as life,
 As dear, as free,
 I am the Earth
 And the Earth is me.*

Poetry Month



The Emmaus Trail

Jerusalem's newest hiking trail visits a site from the Gospels and more

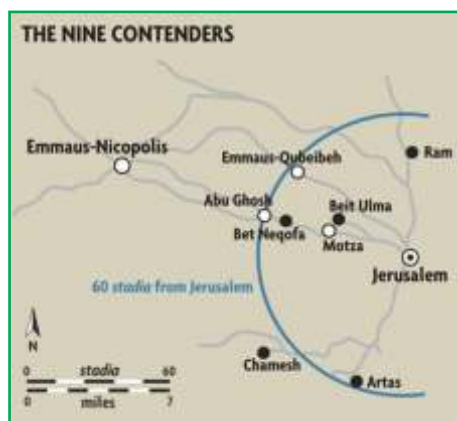
Tourists and pilgrims alike can now embark on a newly inaugurated 20 km walking trail and discover for themselves the trail to Emmaus. The **Emmaus Trail**, as it is known, is part of a network of trails maintained by the **Jewish National Fund**. It begins at the **Saxum Visitor Center** in Abu Ghosh (the site that the Crusaders identified with Emmaus) and terminates at Emmaus Nicopolis. Hikers can now walk in the footsteps of Jesus or simply discover the beauty of the Judean Hills and all the archaeological sites along the way.



A section of the new Emmaus Trail, which allows hikers to walk from the outskirts of Jerusalem through the picturesque Judean foothills to one of the possible sites of Emmaus Nicopolis.

Photo courtesy Henri Gourinard.

Different traditions place Emmaus at various sites west of Jerusalem. While the villages of Abu Ghosh and el-Qubeibeh (both c. 7 miles from Jerusalem) have traditionally been identified with the biblical site, a more likely candidate may be Emmaus-Nicopolis (around 19 miles, which is where the Emmaus Trail ends.



CLICK HERE to learn more

<https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/the-emmaus-trail/>



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Acts chapter 2: verses 14a and 36 ~ 41

Luke chapter 24: verses 13 ~ 35

“A Walk With a Stranger”

This week we hear a story from the closing chapter of Luke's Gospel - a quiet, tender moment that unfolds along an ordinary road.

Two travellers walk toward Emmaus, carrying the weight of grief and confusion. Everything they had hoped for seems to have come undone. As they talk, turning over the events again and again, a stranger joins them. He listens. He walks with them. He begins to open the story of God in a way that stirs something deep within them.

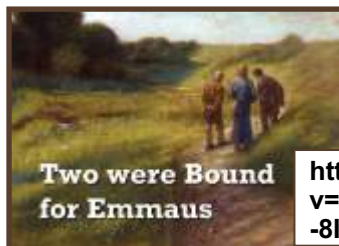


And still - they do not recognize him.

It is only later, in the simple, familiar act of breaking bread, that their eyes are opened. In that moment, they understand: the one who had been with them all along was the risen Christ.

This story invites us to wonder where Christ meets us on our own roads of uncertainty. It reminds us that even in our confusion, even in our grief, God is still drawing near - walking beside us, speaking into our lives, and kindling hope within us.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price



Two Were Bound for Emmaus,
written by Bob Hurd,
sung by **Sunday 7pm Choir**

Two were Bound
for Emmaus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3bZKOHQ-8I&list=RDv3bZKOHQ-8I&start_radio=1



The
Donway Covenant
United Church



Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 19th
Immediately after Worship



“Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s, and unto God the things that are God’s.”

Matthew 22: verse 21

It’s that time of year again! Every year I promise myself I will get the taxes done early. **Ha Ha!** I spent last weekend filing out the form, checking it, correcting it, checking it again.....and finally sending it off.

Don’t forget the deadline is Thursday, April 30th!

Tom Joyce



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 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?

Follow us and Like us on

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Donway Covenant United Church



In Celebration of EARTH DAY

The Outreach Committee

**Reminder For those
who have signed up:**



**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.**



**United
Nations**



Human Rights to Water and Sanitation

Access to water and sanitation are recognized by the United Nations as human rights – fundamental to everyone's health, dignity and prosperity. However, billions of people are still living without safely managed water and sanitation.

Marginalized groups are often overlooked, and sometimes face discrimination, as they try to access the water and sanitation services they need. Governments must take a human rights-based approach (HRBA) to water and sanitation improvements, so that no one gets left behind.

The right to water entitles everyone to have access to sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible, and affordable water for personal and domestic use.

Physical presence is not the same as access. A water service does not serve the whole community if it is too expensive, unreliable, unhygienic, unsafely located, unadapted for less able groups or children, or non gender-segregated.

CLICK HERE
to learn more

<https://www.unwater.org/water-facts/human-rights-water-and-sanitation>

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.



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

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

Old Doors, Two Haikus

by Victoria Martinez

*they tell many tales
the old doors and weathered walls
if they could just talk.*

*baring lives and paths
of people coming, going
open, close, ajar.*



Poetry Month



DCUC Knitting Group

We are currently knitting baby and children's items for the Abiona Centre (formerly Massey Centre) and other organizations assisting mothers and their children.

We have a huge quantity of yarn and needles to share and would love to have you join us.



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

Andrea Sloan

Our next meeting is Monday, April 27th



Abiona Centre
For Infant & Early Mental Health



Abiona Centre is a client-centered infant and early childhood mental health organization which supports pregnant and parenting adolescents, aged 13-29 and their babies who reside at the Centre or in the community.



Abiona Centre
For Infant & Early Mental Health

CLICK HERE to learn more

<https://www.abionacentre.ca/>



Minutes for Mission

FLOWING BEYOND THE BANKS



Credit: Chipman United Church

In Chipman, New Brunswick, along the Salmon River, community isn't just an idea - it's how life flows. For over 126 years, **Chipman United Church** has been woven into the heart of the town.

The congregation is small - mostly seniors with a handful of youth, four of whom now help lead worship - and the choir is modest. But the impact is anything but small. Each month, about sixty meals are prepared and delivered through the **LIFT** program, feeding children, seniors, and

neighbours who can't leave home. The church hall hosts community groups and sports programs, and members pour hot chocolate at the Christmas parade. Service here isn't occasional; it's a habit.

When some members could no longer attend in person, the church brought worship online. What was expected to reach twenty people drew thousands. Prayer requests now arrive by email, and a painting of the sanctuary is being turned into cards to remind those who feel alone that they belong.

This is rural ministry: rooted, connected, and alive. **Mission and Service** helps sustain communities like Chipman, keeping churches at the centre of town life.

We can make a difference together. When we give to **Mission and Service**, we help ensure that churches like Chipman continue to feed, care for, and connect their communities. Donate today and be part of keeping this heart of the town alive.

From the **United Church of Canada** website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/flowing-beyond-banks>



Smile

*Smile, though your heart is aching
Smile, even though it's breaking
When there are clouds in the sky
you'll get by
If you smile through your fear and sorrow
Smile and maybe tomorrow
You'll see the sun come shining through
for you*

Music by Charles Chaplin,
Lyrics by John Turner and Geoffrey Parsons

*Light up your face with gladness
Hide every trace of sadness
Although a tear may be ever so near
That's the time you must keep on trying
Smile what's the use of crying
You'll find that life is still worthwhile
If you'll just
Smile*

Poetry Month

Songs are just poems put to music....**Smile**, sung by Nat King Cole

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyHooHnyYkw&list=RDxyHooHnyYkw&start_radio=1





Jubilee United Church

Spring Lecture Series

*Be Informed, Be Entertained,
Be Inspired*

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**



It's Spring in my Garden!

**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!

Please let us know if you are coming.

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!

RSVP REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

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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.

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ANNIVERSARY

Church of the Ascension
70th Anniversary
Fundraiser
Concert



Saturday, May 9th at 2:00 pm

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

**Kristen
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
Wheelchair Access



Programs you might find of interest!



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.

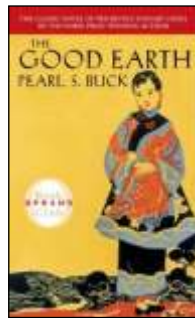


April's Book "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck

**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

Drop-in Tech Help

Every Monday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Have questions about your tablet, phone, laptop, email or eBooks? A librarian will be available to help you.



Apple Devices for Beginners

**Friday April 24th
from 10:00 to 11:30 am**

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.



Seniors Social Hour - BINGO

**Monday April 27th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

Join other older adults in your community for an afternoon of BINGO and good fun! Bring your friends or come make new ones. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

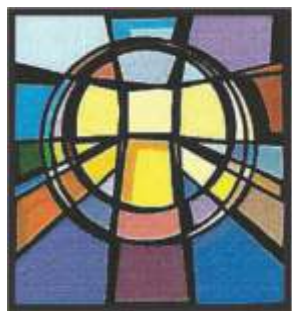


DM Poetry Circle Presents

**Wednesday April 29th
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

April is Poetry Month. Join members of the Don Mills Poetry Circle as they present authentic works created over the past year! The Don Mills Poetry Circle started in January 2017, growing out of an "Arts in the Library" program. The group meets twice a month. At the end of each meeting, the members take turns giving a prompt to write on for the next meeting and it is always interesting to hear the different takes the poets take on a single prompt.

**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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