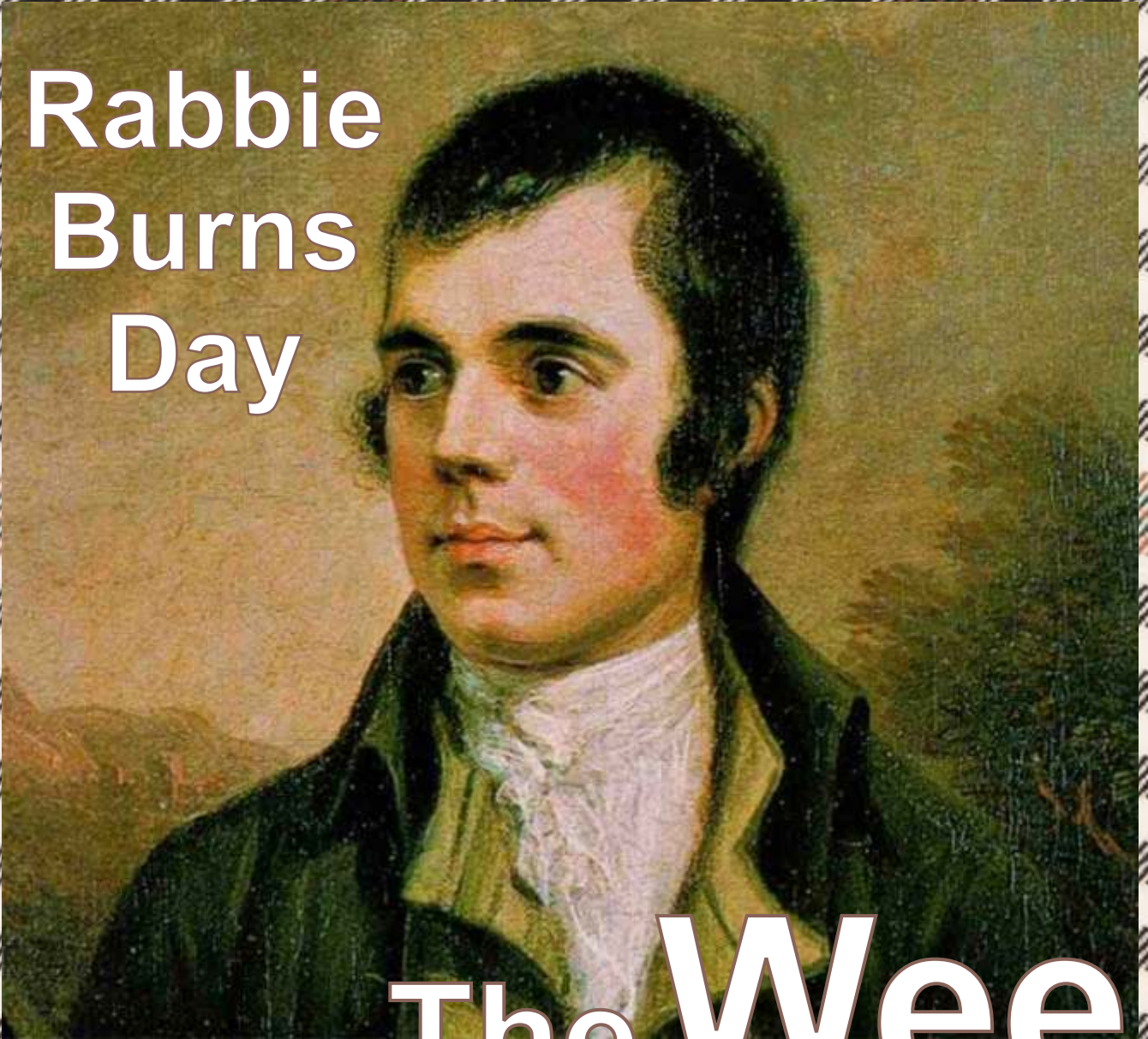


January 23, 2026

Rabbie  
Burns  
Day



# 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



**Portrait of Robert Burns  
stock image**

**Rabbie Burns Day January 25th**

## Ae Fond Kiss

by **Robert Burns**



Ae fond kiss, and then we sever;  
Ae fareweel, and then forever!  
Deep in heart-wrung tears  
I'll pledge thee,  
Warring sighs and groans  
I'll wage thee.

Who shall say  
that Fortune grieves him,  
While the star of hope  
she leaves him?

Me, nae cheerfu' twinkle lights me;  
Dark despair around benights me.

I'll ne'er blame my partial fancy,  
Naething could resist my Nancy;  
But to see her was to love her;  
Love but her, and love forever.  
Had we never lov'd sae kindly,  
Had we never lov'd sae blindly,  
Never met - or never parted -  
We had ne'er been broken-hearted.

Fare thee weel,  
thou first and fairest!  
Fare thee weel,  
thou best and dearest!  
Thine be ilka joy and treasure,  
Peace, enjoyment, love,  
and pleasure!

Ae fond kiss, and then we sever;  
Ae fareweel, alas, forever!  
Deep in heart-wrung tears  
I'll pledge thee,  
Warring sighs and groans  
I'll wage thee!

**Ae Fond Kiss,**  
sung by **John McDermott**

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# Caring For One Another

In these longer, darker winter months, many people experience uncertainty, worry, and physical or emotional challenges. The season can feel especially heavy for those who are tired, unwell, or facing difficult circumstances.



May we be attentive to one another during this time, finding small and meaningful ways to offer comfort, kindness, and a sense of peace to those who need it most.

**Rev Lorrie Daly-Price**

# JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

**Isaiah chapter 9: verses 1 ~ 4**

**Matthew chapter 4: verses 12 ~ 23**

## “Turning Points in Life”

This week’s reading from Matthew begins with Jesus hearing that John the Baptist has been arrested. In response, he leaves the district and travels to Galilee, where he continues his ministry.

In Capernaum, we find Jesus “by the sea.” Some of us have lived by the sea, shaped by its rhythms and communities. Some have holidayed there, taking a break from daily routines. Matthew’s description almost reads like a travelogue: “*Living by the lake... walking by the sea... men fishing in their boats... men mending their nets...*” Tranquil, familiar, and full of ordinary life. Who wouldn’t want to spend time there?



And yet, against this calm backdrop, extraordinary things are happening. Jesus begins to call his disciples - ordinary men, busy with their daily work - into a new purpose. The rhythms of daily life become the setting for a turning point that will ripple far beyond this village.

It reminds us that life’s most meaningful turning points often arrive quietly, amid ordinary, steady moments.

**Rev Lorrie Daly-Price**

## Noticing the Light

**Rev Lorrie Daly-Price**

*On a winter day, the world feels quieter.  
Snow softens what is worn and weary,  
and the light feels different-  
lower in the sky, more fragile, more precious.  
We notice it because it doesn’t linger.*

*Epiphany is a season of noticing.  
It reminds us that God often arrives quietly-  
not in flashes of brilliance,  
but in small moments:  
light on snow, breath in cold air,  
a kindness when the days feel long.  
Even in winter, the light is still here.*

*So we pause and ask:  
Where is the light showing up today?  
What hope or truth is being revealed?  
May we have eyes to see it,  
hearts open to receive it,  
and courage to follow where the light leads-  
even when the way feels uncertain.*



# JOIN US



## at **COFFEE TIME**

Do you find it harder to get out in the winter months? Are you missing the fellowship of friends?

If you are able to make it to church on Sunday mornings, why not stay for **COFFEE TIME** after the service?

Time spent with friends, if only a half hour or so, will do wonders! Hope to see you there!

**Fellowship  
Committee**

## Has Your Name Tag Gone

**Missing?** Let us know, we'd be happy to make you a new one!

Wearing your name tag helps our new friends get to know you!

**Fellowship  
Committee**



**Did you miss a Sunday Worship service? Go to our website and you can view the entire Sunday service. Updated every Monday morning.**

## 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 SEASON of EPIPHANY

Jan 25 **Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:30 am **"Turning Points In Life"**

Feb 1 **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:30 am **"Blessed"**

Feb 8 **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:30 am **"What Is Your Purpose?"**

Feb 15 **Transfiguration Sunday**  
10:30 am



**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 Daly-Price**

## WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

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**Donway Covenant United Church**





# *Lunch with Lorrie*

## **Thursday, January 22nd**



**\$217.00 was collected  
for H.E.N.S. through  
our Donation Appeal**



**36 gathered  
for lunch,  
for fellowship,  
and to learn how  
this amazing  
project impacts  
our community,  
and our city!**



# God Has Work For Us To Do

by Mark A Miller

This past Sunday (January 18th) our **DCUC** choir inspired us with a beautiful piece of music, "**God Has Work For Us To Do**". Our old sound system often does not do justice to the music, so we are including the words here, as well as a **Youtube** video sung by a choir in Ajax, ON.

*Till all the jails are empty  
and all the bellies filled;  
till no one hurts or steals or lies,  
and no more blood is spilled;*

*God has work for us to do,  
God has work for us to do,  
Till God's will is done  
and all things are made new,  
God has work for us to do.*

*Till age and race and gender  
no longer separate;  
till pulpit, press, and politics  
are free of greed and hate:*

*God has work for us to do,  
God has work for us to do,  
Till God's will is done  
and all things are made new,  
God has work for us to do.*

*...For it is  
God  
who is at  
work in you,  
both to will  
and to work  
for His good  
pleasure.*

*Philippians 2:13*

*In tenement and mansion,  
in factory, farm, and mill,  
in boardroom and in billiard-hall,  
in wards where time stands still,  
in classroom, church, and office,  
in shops or on the street;  
in every place where people thrive  
or starve or hide or meet:*

*God has work for us to do,  
God has work for us to do,*

*By sitting at a bedside  
to hold pale trembling hands,  
by speaking for the powerless  
against unjust demands,  
by praying through our doing  
and singing though we fear,  
by trusting that the seed we sow  
will bring God's harvest near:*

*God has work for us to do,  
God has work for us to do,  
Till God's will is done  
and all things are made new,  
God has work for us to do.*

**God Has Work For Us To Do,**  
sung by St. Francis de Sales  
Combine Choir (Ajax, ON)

Thanks to Anneke Allan  
for suggesting

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfxWqvqgDi8s&list=RDTfxWqvqgDi8s&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfxWqvqgDi8s&list=RDTfxWqvqgDi8s&start_radio=1)



**YOU'RE** *join us!*  
**WELCOME TO**  
**Please let us know**  
**if you are coming.**

**RSVP REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS**

These events are **FREE**.  
 Space is limited!

**Lecture: Martin Luther King  
 – Paul Dias**

**Tuesday January 27th at 2:15 pm**  
 (In-person event)

Black History Month is a time when we remember important people and events in African-American history. We learn and we celebrate the diversity and accomplishments made by civil rights leaders, freedom fighters and abolitionists. Join former journalist and lecturer, Paul Dias, as he remembers how a brave Reverend dismantled the racist system of segregation by using the most dangerous of all weapons: his words and commitment to peace.

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 (2021 census)

**Scotland the Brave,**  
 Isle of Cumbrae Pipe Band  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27cS1pDWcQQ>

*The Selkirk Grace*

*Some hae meat an' canna eat  
 an' some wad eat that want it.  
 But we hae meat an' we can eat  
 an' sae the Lord be thankit.*

**Amazing Grace, Royal Scots**  
 Dragoon Guards

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euWfTiYwRB0&list=RDeuWfTiYwRB0&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euWfTiYwRB0&list=RDeuWfTiYwRB0&start_radio=1)

**The Flower of Scotland,**  
 Robin Turnbull

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5Ww-Ff0ELY>



**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**12 to 2 pm**

**\$20**

**Lunch (noon) & Entertainment**

**“UpBeat & Romantic!”**

**In the Mood for Valentine's**

**with Singer/Entertainer**

**Pamela**

**Bring Your Friends & Enjoy!**



Reservations requested by noon  
 Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Email [cafe65connections@gmail.com](mailto:cafe65connections@gmail.com)  
 or call 416 - 444 - 8881

**A Community Outreach Program of**  
**Church of the Ascension**  
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 Wheelchair Access



# Minutes for Mission

## WHERE NEIGHBOURS MEET



Credit: Brunswick Street Mission

In Halifax, NS, **Brunswick Street Mission** is a steady presence for people who need support, connection, and dignity. Every day, neighbours come through its doors to find a place where they are seen and valued.

Every weekday morning, the **Mission** serves a hot breakfast. For many, it's the most reliable meal they will have that day. Staff serve eggs, protein, toast, fruit, juice, and coffee, and they do so with care and connection. Some enjoy breakfast in the dining area, while others take their meal to go. Either way, the meal offers nourishment, but also a sense of stability and welcome.

The **Mission's** café offers a warm, safe space to land. People gather around puzzles, books, and quiet rest areas, sharing moments of calm that are often hard to find elsewhere.

The food bank continues the spirit of dignity and choice. Community members shop with a grocery cart, selecting items that fit their cultural traditions, dietary needs, and personal preferences. Gluten-free, vegetarian, and other specialized options are available whenever possible.

Staff walk alongside people navigating difficult systems - from housing and health care to replacing lost documents - always recognizing that the people they serve are the experts of their own lives. They listen, they support, and they create pathways where obstacles once felt insurmountable.

Support from **Mission and Service** helps **Brunswick Street Mission** keep doors open, meals hot, and spaces safe. Together, we walk alongside the **Mission** and its community, ensuring that it remains a place where people can rest, connect, and find small but meaningful ways to thrive.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/where-neighbours-meet>

## 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, February 12, 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

## DCUC Knitting Group



Our meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, from 2:30 ~ 3:30 pm in our Living Room. This season we are knitting scarves, mitts and hats for the unhoused or, you are welcome to bring any project you are working on.

Andrea Sloan

**Our next meeting is Monday, January 26th**





Welcome aboard, friends. This is what will hopefully be the first of four short stories about the train travels that I was so privileged to be able to take over the past couple of years, the routes I took and some of the marvellous sights I witnessed along the way.

There are four routes that Amtrak has across the West, all of which begin in Chicago if you are travelling in an east-to-west direction, they are:

**The Empire Builder**, which runs across the top of the country from Chicago to Seattle, Washington or Portland, Oregon. The route splits at Spokane, Washington, and passengers will have decided prior to boarding in Chicago which destination they wish to end their journey at.

**The California Zephyr**, which runs from Chicago to Emeryville, California,

**The Southwest Chief** going from Chicago to Los Angeles and

**The Sunset Limited**, which also runs from Chicago to Los Angeles but skirts the southern extremes of the US, actually running along the border of Mexico for a large part of its route.



Travelling with Bob (McFadden)

## We Start Our Stories on The Empire Builder



The origins of Amtrak's most northerly route go back to 1929 and at times follow the historic path forged by Lewis and Clark. It crosses majestic wilderness as it makes its way through towering mountain ranges, dense forests of fir, steep valleys, thundering rivers and vast prairies.

I begin our journey in the crossroads of the country, Chicago. Travelling by bus from Toronto, I try to give myself a few hours before boarding the train to do a little exploring. On my last trip, I arrived at Union Station around 7 a.m., and my train didn't leave until 3 p.m., so I checked my

bags, which you can do for a reasonable \$10/day. It sure beats lugging your luggage around the city. Once that was all settled, I took a stroll to Grant Park, a 30-minute walk. It's a beautiful park with an ornate entrance that holds majestic statues of Native Americans on horseback. At the opposite end of the park is a huge fountain; from there, you get a stunning view of Lake Michigan. Heading back to the station at Adams St. and South Michigan Ave. you can see the sign that marks the beginning of Route. 66. On another of our train routes, the **South West Chief**, we will actually

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follow the historic Route 66 at times. Now I'm ready to board what will be a 46-hour journey.

One last thing before we pull out, though, I advise you to take a good

look at this station's stunning architecture. With its marble floors and walls, Corinthian columns, grand staircase and opulent fixtures, it's one of the several stations along the Amtrak routes that would be easily mistaken for a museum rather than a train station.

As I mentioned earlier, this train has two options for a final destination if you travel from East to West. You can either depart in Seattle, WA, or Portland, OR, both trips taking the same amount of time. I have done both and have also travelled in different directions, from West to East. I flew to Vancouver, took the Amtrak train to Seattle and then crossed from there. Last year, I began my journey in Chicago and went to Portland. I would definitely recommend the West to East trip, as you are travelling through the Rockies during daylight hours. You do, however, miss the beauty of southern Washington and northern Oregon.

After departing Chicago, you will follow Lake Michigan into Wisconsin and the city of Milwaukee. This is normally our first "fresh-air break" where we will have 10-15 minutes to stretch our legs and take some photos of the



**Milwaukee, WI**

city famous for its beers. You can get a shot of the Miller Brewery while imagining the antics on *"Happy Days"* and *"Laverne and Shirley."* Here we head west toward La Crosse, where you'll get your first glimpse of the mighty Mississippi River. It boggles the mind that, as big as the river is here, it still has over a thousand miles to



**Mississippi River**

go before reaching its full might in Louisiana. Now we cross over into Minnesota. It's getting dark now, but the night isn't over just yet. In another couple of hours, we'll have our 2nd. and final "fresh-air break" of the day in



**St. Paul-Minneapolis MN**

St. Paul-Minneapolis. Our stop will be about 20 minutes this time, probably to allow for a crew change. About 4 a.m. we will pass into North Dakota at the city of Fargo (my favourite movie). As daylight comes we pass Devils Lake ND,



**North Dakota**

and find ourselves on the Northern Plain. You get an idea of the immenseness of

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this flat farm land as it goes on and on ceaselessly for miles and miles and hour after hour and just when you've had quite enough of this sort of topographical

wasteland, the land begins to shift its tempo. Small hills begin to appear, but not hills as we know them in the East. These hills seem to have been carved out of multicoloured rock, and I've got to admit I found this stretch of the journey to be one of the most amazing. I had wanted to see the Badlands but was told that I'd have to get to South Dakota to see that sort of scenery. If this isn't the badlands, I sure wouldn't want to have travelled on a wagon train through the real deal. I just couldn't imagine what the first settlers must have thought when they arrived here. Hopefully, the acreage they were promised if they settled in the "New World" wasn't along this hardscrabble frontier. I'd be taking the next wagongreyhound back to Bavaria.

This is the wonderful thing about train travel, you can just recline in your seat or sit at a table in the Lounge Car and let your imagination go to town. No need to be watching the road and no one in the passenger seat telling you to do so. *"Bob, you're not watching the road, you keep heading towards the ditch, watch where you're going!...."* *"Are you looking for buffalo again?"* Nope, just me and my crazy, wandering mind working overtime.

These rocky outcrops are becoming rolling hills as we cross into Montana. We are now following the Mighty Missouri as well as the Lewis and Clark Trail and will do so for the next 100 miles until we reach Wolf Point. Now here we are in Shelby MT. I mentioned in another blog that I spent a year here one night, haha. Kidding aside it is because of towns like Shelby that I enjoy solo travelling so much. I met some very nice people here who went out of their way to help a stranger. If only



Shelby, MT

there were something to do or see there, I'd go back in a second. Fun fact, we are only 53 km. from Canada. Leaving Shelby, we are getting close to the mountains, and the ground has begun to swell. The rounded foot hills are now beginning to take shape and they grow almost instantly, it seems, into high rocky crags that seem to touch the sky.



East Glacier Park, MT

The sun is just setting as we arrive at East Glacier Park. In the summer it will still be light enough to see the beginning of the Rockies. Coming from the opposite direction we would be here around 9 am and would have had some terrific views.



The Rocky Mountains, MT

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As it is, we will regain daylight as we reach Pasco, WA. if we are travelling to Portland, OR, or we'll reach Wenatchee, WA if we're headed to

Seattle, WA. Having travelled from both directions and gone on both routes (Seattle and Portland) I would have to say that the section of the trip from Pasco WA to Portland OR is the more scenic of the two routes. We hug the Washington/Portland border all the way into



**Mt Hood, OR**

glimpse of Mt. Hood, a potentially active volcano and one of the highest mountains in the US. At Hood River, also looking out the left-hand side watch for Multnomah Falls, the second highest falls in the country. Another 2 hours of



**Portland, OR**

desert and rainforest and a 2,369 foot tunnel and we reach the end of our epic journey.

What a trip this has been. We've just witnessed every sort of terrain imaginable and seen just how varied this country can be. I hope you have enjoyed this trip.



**Seattle, WA**



**Columbia River, OR-WA**

Portland; the border is the Columbia River. The scenery is awe-inspiring as the train descends from the mountains down through the Columbia Gorge. I found this section of the trip to be the most spectacular.



**Columbia River Gorge, WA**

Keep your eyes open, look out the left-hand side and pray for a clear day so you can catch a

Now it's up to you to jump on a train and see it first-hand for yourself. If you have enjoyed this travelogue, please join me for more **"travelin' with bob"** adventures at:

**CLICK HERE**

**Travelinx27withBob.ca**

Keep a lookout for the next "rail" adventure in an upcoming **Wee VOICE!**

**Bob McFadden**





## Programs you might find of interest!



### Digital Life Skills for Seniors: Online Shopping Monday January 26th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

For people who have basic internet skills, and want to learn how to shop online with confidence. Whether you need groceries or home appliances, almost anything can be purchased and delivered to your home. We teach you how to find goods and services online, look for customer reviews or consumer testing results and provide tips and guidelines on how to shop safely, securely and with confidence. Resource handout provided.



### Growing Your Business without Social Media Wednesday January 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Don't let social media dictate your business growth. This workshop is for business owners who want to get off the "social rat race" and implement intentional, actionable strategies. Discover how to create momentum even during the slow business seasons, shift your marketing mindset, and connect with customers in powerful, underrated ways. Work smarter, not harder, and take control of your business's success.



### Maintaining Cognitive Health And Managing Stress With Aging Monday February 2nd from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

This presentation will discuss the latest research on the relationship between stress, lifestyle (such as exercise, social engagement, eating well, managing stress, and getting good quality sleep), and cognitive health to improve quality of life and facilitate healthy aging. Tips and tricks for incorporating recommendations into the daily life will be discussed and there will be time for group discussion and a Q&A period with the speaker, Dr. Danielle D'Amico.



### Wednesday Night Movie "Dream Scenario" 2023

Wednesday February 4th  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

A family man finds his life turned upside down when millions of strangers suddenly start seeing him in their dreams. However, when his nighttime appearances take a nightmarish turn, he's forced to navigate the consequences of his newfound stardom.



### Tea & Movies: "An American in Paris" 1951

Monday February 9th  
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Jerry Mulligan, a struggling American painter in Paris, is "discovered" by an influential heiress with an interest in more than Jerry's art. Jerry in turn falls for Lise, a young French girl already engaged to a cabaret singer. Jerry jokes, sings and dances with his best friend, an acerbic would-be concert pianist, while romantic complications abound.

### TPL Website Basics How to navigate our NEW website

Wednesday February 11th  
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

TPL has a new website! This class is a demo, intended to help get you started and explain some of the new and updated features.



### Tech Help

Every Monday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Need help setting up your library eBooks? Have questions about your tablet, phone, laptop, email or eBooks? A librarian will be available to help you with your technical questions.

**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

## **Celebrating 11 years of being an Affirming Congregation**



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