

June 19, 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**



**“First Nations Heritage
 Park, Calgary AB”
 photo**

Let Us Pray

Samantha Miller

Our Creator of heaven
 and of the universe,

We thank you for working
 continuously, courageously, and
 diligently within each of the lives
 present on Mother Earth today.
 We thank you for your loving
 protection that has kept us all safe
 throughout our time so far here on
 Mother Earth.

We thank you for guiding the space
 that is held in allowing us all to
 share, learn, and grow together in
 you.

We thank you for providing the
 people of our church with the
 courage and dedication to learn
 how to travel together in your name.

Creator, forgive us for when we have
 fallen short in missing the mark in
 our daily lives both here and at
 home.

Lord, forgive us for when we either
 unintentionally or intentionally
 quieted the voice of our youth and
 Elders so that they feel they are
 only present as a “tick in the box.”

Lord, forgive us for when we’ve
 allowed fear of being seen to limit
 our expression and praise for you.
 Lord, forgive us for when we
 sought out our own desires instead
 of yours.

Lord, forgive us for the times we
 spoke before we sought
 understanding.

Creator, continue to remind us that
 we cannot work alone without you.
 Creator, I ask that you please give us
 the strength to leave our desires
 aside so that we allow you to
 flourish in our hearts.

May we leave our time together in the
 overflowing of your love. And allow
 you to remind us that the work we
 have done here is just the
 beginning.

In Jesus name,
 Amen.





Summer Breaks

See You In September

Lunch with Lorrie

Lunch with Lorrie will be taking a "summer break", returning in September.

Hosted by Marian Childerhose,
Pastoral Care
Rev. Lorrie Daly-Price,
The Donway Covenant United Church



DCUC Knitting Group

To make way for all the exciting summer activities taking place in our building we will take a "summer break", returning in September.

Look for the announcement in the August 28th edition of the Wee VOICE!

Andrea Sloan



Tuesday Book Study Group



After our meeting (on ZOOM) next Tuesday, June 16th at 10:00 am, our Book Study Group will be taking a "summer break".

We will start up again on Tuesday, September 8th, at 10:00 am.

Eileen Russell

New members are always welcome. Call the church office to receive the ZOOM invite.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Genesis chapter 21: verses 8 ~ 21
Matthew chapter 10: verses 24 ~ 39

"Sent With a Purpose"

In the reading from Matthew's gospel, Jesus prepares his followers to be sent into the world with a purpose larger than themselves. He does not promise an easy path, but he does promise that our lives matter in God's unfolding work.

Jesus invites us into a deeper understanding of love - one that is courageous, active, and not limited to comfort or convenience. It is a love that shows up in ordinary places and for ordinary people, reflecting God's compassion and justice.



Every one of us is sent - into our families, communities, workplaces, and daily encounters - to live out that love in real and practical ways. Purpose does not expire, and God's call does not fade with time.

Where might God be sending you right now to share love in a simple but meaningful way?

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price

Why Wear Orange on National Indigenous Day of Prayer Day



Wearing orange on the National Indigenous Day of Prayer honors the thousands of Indigenous children who were forced to attend residential schools. It symbolizes the loss of culture, freedom, and identity these children experienced and affirms that every child matters.

FRIDAY COFFEE DROP BY

We're Back!!!!

**Fridays between 1:00
and 3:00 pm in the
church Living Room
Drop by to get caught up
with friends, or to make
some new ones!**

Everyone is Welcome!

SUMMER IS COMING!

Would you be willing to host Fellowship Time in the Auditorium after Worship one Sunday? No coffee nor tea to prepare as we serve lemonade and iced tea (we will provide). If you can, please talk to Elda McDowell. We all will greatly appreciate it!



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

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

SERVICES for the SEASON of PENTECOST

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| Jun 21
10:30 am | <i>Fourth After Pentecost
"Sent With A Purpose"</i> |
| Jun 28
10:30 am | <i>Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
Canada Day
"Where We Belong"</i> |
| Jul 5
10:30 am | <i>Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
"God at the Kitchen Table"</i> |
| Jul 12
10:30 am | <i>Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
"God in the Garden
and the Green Places"</i> |
| Jul 19
10:30 am | <i>Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
"God in the Sidewalks
and in the Neighbourhood"</i> |
| Jul 26
10:30 am | <i>Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
"God in Conversations
We Almost Miss"</i> |
| Aug 2
10:30 am | <i>Summer Series
Emmancipation Sunday
"God Still Walks With Us"</i> |



Join us for Worship in our Sanctuary

The Worship Committee



**Want to know what's going on?
What's coming up?
Go to our web site and find out!!!**

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

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

Follow us and Like us on

Facebook

Donway Covenant United Church



Margaret Taylor

October 20, 1915 - June 17, 2026

It was with great sadness we received the news on Wednesday that our dear friend Margaret had passed on.

Margaret was a very special women, touching many of us, both in our **Donway Covenant** family and in the wider Don Mills community in a very warm and loving way.

To properly pay tribute we invite all who wish to share a memory to submit a piece, with photos in you wish, that we will compile and include in next week's **Wee VOICE**. (Please submit by email to tsjoyce@yahoo.ca by end of day Tuesday, June 23rd).

Tom Joyce, Publisher and friend



Annual Fellowship Spring Potluck Luncheon



July 17, 2026

*Thanks to all who came,
joining in the Fellowship
of a shared meal!*

photos by
Victoria Martinez



Annual Fellowship Spring Potluck Luncheon



Thanks to Marlene Daly for organizing our charity raffle. \$140.00 was raised for



FOOTPRINTS
SUMMER DAY CAMP



Marilyn Eileen Walker

June 9, 1943 - March 20, 2026

Marilyn Walker became a member of our Church family many years ago. She was an active participant in Church activities.

She joined our Ladies' Fellowship group and we all shared happy times together. She offered devotions and always readily served us tea and coffee at lunchtime, sometimes even in a fancy china cup and saucer. She always enjoyed being involved in our Ladies' Fellowship Potluck luncheons.

She was also a valued member of our Hospitality group. She happily served at Coffee hour, Church receptions, the Elegant Tea Room at the Fall Fair and the Fair Trade Cafe at our Fair Trade Fairs.



She was respected and loved by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her.

Sadly Marilyn passed away in March after a lengthy illness.

Rest in peace dear friend.

Marian Childerhose
Ladies' Fellowship and Hospitality

Personal Memories of Marilyn Walker

by Anne Anderson



Marilyn Walker, Anne Anderson, May Ralston

When I met Marilyn over 20 years ago we soon became friends. We found out that we liked many of the same things. As soon as lobster season came around, Marilyn and I would head to Longo's on Laird or to Diana's on Lawrence to relish a plate of seafood chowder and a delicious lobster roll. Our idea of Heaven! We were in strong agreement on the subject of food; exchanging soup, bread and dessert recipes especially but without a doubt Marilyn's biggest passion was Date Squares! She was always first in line at any church bake sale and was happy when she was able to take some home.

I heard from many friends that Marilyn was an accomplished bridge player (I never mastered the game!) and as well as playing with her regular group she would often fill in when other groups were short a player. Her brain and body were kept active in other ways too. After watching a demonstration of Scottish Country dancing at our church, and with a bit of a push from me, she decided to join our regular weekly dance group. With practise and determination, Marilyn was thrilled to be able to attend the Tartan Ball one year, a gloriously elegant event held at the iconic Royal York Hotel. What an amazing night that was! Square dancing was another of Marilyn's favourite activities which she excelled at and she managed to persuade me that it was something I ought to do! So I did! We had so much fun and lots of laughs. Marilyn really enjoyed the friendship of the group and the square dancers enjoyed her in return. A

mutual square-dancing friend told me that he remembers Marilyn often talking to him about the good times she had at church, the friends she had made and how the church helped her recover from her depression.

Marilyn and I used to enjoy 'thrift store' shopping together and usually came away with some treasure or article of clothing. Even though she already had about 165 stuffies at home, Marilyn couldn't resist buying 'just one more!' After an enjoyable and fun morning we would often stop in somewhere for lunch or come home for some sardines on toast with Bill and me. Food was a shared delight and pastime! Marilyn was an accomplished knitter and over the years created some wonderful blankets for lucky babies. Another skill she had was doing sudoku puzzles and we always shared our daily progress and speed at completion.

For many years, Marilyn joined my friends and me on a daily walk in our neighbourhood, treating ourselves on Fridays to a coffee and Danish at Panera or Baretto's. Sadly, Marilyn's life changed and for the past two years she had been living with dementia in a long-term care home in Unionville. She died on March 20 this year. Marilyn and I were content sharing the simple pleasures of life. I really miss her friendship; and I miss her hearty chuckle!

Rest in Peace, my dear friend!



Elda McDowell, Pat Shield, Marilyn Walker

FALL SALE 2026

FRIDAY, October 2nd
4:00pm - 7:00pm

AND !!!!!

SATURDAY, October 3rd
10:00am - 1:00pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 Home Decor

 Media &
Books

 Antiques &
Collectibles

 Electronics

 Clothing

 Housewares

 Sporting
Goods

 Seasonal
Items

 Toys

 Outdoor
Equipment

 Preserves &
Baked Goods



Preserves & Baked Goods
on Saturday ONLY

Start planning for sure, ***BUT PLEASE DON'T***
bring any donations to the Church (if possible)
until after Labour Day.

Cathy Paterson



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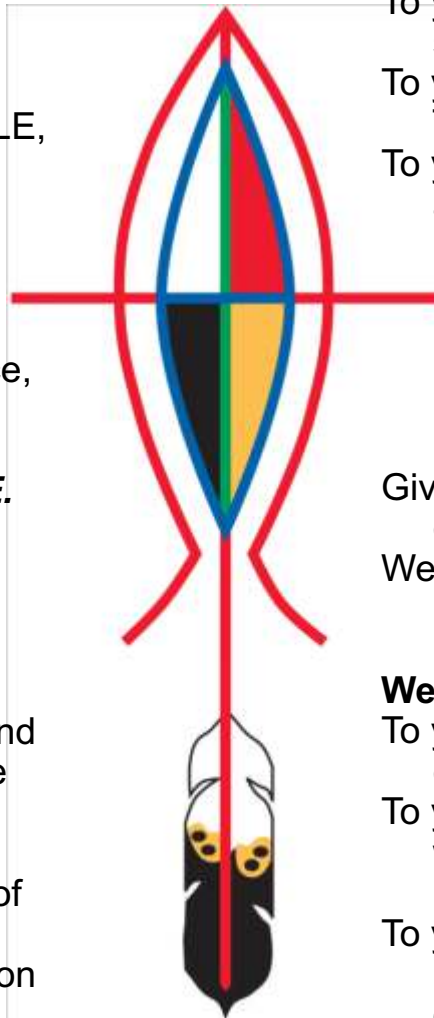
Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name. Honouring the Four Directions:

We face East:

To your symbol colour RED, the hue of revelation;
To your animal symbol the EAGLE, the strong and nurturing;
To your lesson calling us to the balance of your Spirit in harmony with brothers and sisters;
To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,
We pray:
COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour of GOLD for the morning star.
To your symbol of Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly.
To your lesson calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of humility;
To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision;
Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul,
We pray:
COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.



We turn to face West:

To your symbol colour BLACK, still and quiet.
To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;
To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful;
To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty;
To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;
Give us your strength and the courage to endure.
We pray:
COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

We turn to face North:

To your symbol colour WHITE of clarity and brightness.
To your animal symbol the Swan which bring us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things.
To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humour;
To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;
Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing.
We pray:
COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain;
To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and loving embraces all,
To the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:
COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME

**There are several interpretations of the colours of the medicine wheel.
A Cree adaptation is used here.**



Minutes for Mission

CAMPFIRES AND CONFIDENCE



Credit: Arthur Kidston memorial Camp

For 60 years, **Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp** has been a place where children and youth can unplug from screens, connect with nature, and discover new strengths in themselves. In 2026, the camp is celebrating six decades of outdoor adventure, friendship, and belonging on the shores of Long Lake in Nova Scotia.

At **Camp Kidston**, children and youth spend their days canoeing and kayaking, trying slack lines and bog-walking, exploring the outdoors, making crafts, and building confidence through games and leadership opportunities. Campers are encouraged to try new things, build friendships, and simply enjoy being kids.

Our gifts through **Mission and Service** help make these experiences possible by providing specialized recreational equipment and supplies that go beyond the basics. New life vests for paddling programs, updated sports equipment,

and nature exploration kits help make camp safer, more engaging, and more accessible for every child.

These gifts are about more than equipment. They help children build confidence as they learn new skills and discover what they are capable of. They help ensure that every camper, regardless of background, can fully participate in the fun, learning, and adventure that camp offers. And they help create memories that young people carry with them long after summer ends.

Even during the challenges of the summer of 2025, including extreme heat and a region-wide fire ban, **Camp Kidston** was filled with joy and creativity. Campers enjoyed waterfront adventures, theme days, team-building activities, and imaginative campfire alternatives created by staff. Leadership programs for teens continued to grow, and families spoke about the sense of belonging their children experienced at camp.

As **Camp Kidston** celebrates its 60th anniversary, our gifts through **Mission and Service** are helping ensure that children and youth can continue to experience the wonder, friendship, and confidence-building that camp makes possible for years to come.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/campfires-and-confidence>

Tales from our trip to Scotland

I fully recognize this is a matter of personal opinion, but in my mind I am firmly convinced there is no more beautiful city in the world than Edinburgh, Scotland! In our recent trip of sixteen days we spent seven of them in Edinburgh, and while we filled our days completely we only touched the surface of the museums, the churches, the galleries, the historic sites, and the shops that Edinburgh has to offer.

We visited the Castle, St. Giles Cathedral, Grayfriars Kirk and cemetery, Greyfriars Bobby statue, the Makers Market inside Tron Kirk, The Real Mary King's Close, Scott's Monument, Dean Village, the Royal Botanic Garden, Princes Street Gardens, the Writer's Museum, the National Museum, the National Gallery, the Royal Yacht Britannia, Leith distillery, the Royal Mile, Victoria Street (inspiration for Diagon Alley), Grassmarket.....and yet there was so much more we simply didn't have time for. On the next page I will give a brief overview.



Tales from our trip to Scotland



Edinburgh Castle

A visit to Edinburgh must include a visit to the castle! There has been a royal castle on the rock since the reign of Malcolm III in the 11th century, and the castle continued to be a royal residence until 1633. From the 15th century, the castle's residential role declined, and by the 17th century it was principally used as a military garrison.



St Margaret's Chapel



Great Hall

A lot of climbing to get to the upper most reaches! We rewarded ourselves to "high tea".

For those of us who love the bagpipes I can only imagine the thrill of being in the courtyard for the **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo!**



Greyfriar's Kirk and Greyfriar's Bobby

John Gray (died 15 February 1858) was a gardener who came to Edinburgh in 1850. Around this time



he looked after Greyfriars Bobby. Bobby would follow John Gray while he was at work. Gray reportedly died of tuberculosis on 15 February 1858 and was buried in Greyfriars Kirkyard. For 14 years the dog stayed at his master's graveside.

In 1961 Disney released a movie, "**Greyfriars Bobby, The True Story of a Dog**", which sentimentalised the devotion of the dog, and the story has remained in the hearts of dog lovers every since!

We finished our day strolling around the graveyard which has an amazing history, not the least being the gravestone of Tom Riddle, causing Harry Potter fans to beware! The National Covenant was signed in the

graveyard (as it was a place of free legal public assembly) in 1638



MORE NEXT WEEK!



Toronto Botanical Garden at Edwards Gardens

755 Lawrence Avenue East, North York
(Lawrence Avenue East at Leslie Street)



Join Us in the garden!



Last Chance!
Tuesdays
in June 23

7:00 pm
to Dusk

Live music by
'Scotch & Soda'
(Laird Brown and Warren Beesley)



Toronto Botanical Garden and
Edwards Gardens on beautiful Spring day



Thursday nights at 7 pm
in July and August.

July 9 - Messenjah
Reggae music

July 16 - Latin Swing
Orchestra,

Latin music

July 23 - Mimi O'Bonsawin
Folk music

July 30 - Medusa
World music

Ladies' Fellowship

Our *Ladies' Fellowship* will meet continue to meet during the summer months, on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10:30 am on ZOOM under the leadership of Maureen Smith.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 25th, 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



Programs you might find of interest!

Branch Art Exhibit: Works by Sinye Tang Throughout June all day

Throughout the month of June, works by artist Sinye Tang are on display at Don Mills Branch.

Sinye Tang (she/her) is a Chinese-Canadian artist, food enthusiast, and amateur kayaker residing in Toronto. Her artwork is informed by urban forays into nature and in search of delicious bites. She enjoys starting her watercolours in nature or on the water, and collaborates often with her husband, Evan Manuella, on line and wash.



Introduction to the Libby App Friday June 19th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Discover the Libby app and unlock access to thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines from the Toronto Public Library. In this beginner-friendly session, you'll learn how to browse, borrow, and read or listen on your device. Bring your own mobile device if you'd like to follow along.



Music From the Golden Age of Scottish Fiddle Music and the Time of Poet Robert Burns

Monday June 22nd
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Toronto-based Celtic fiddle & guitar instrumental duo, Alana & Leigh Cline perform Scottish fiddle tunes from the late 1700's/early 1800's. Fiddle music of the time period will be discussed. The performance will also include some tunes that have connections to poet Robert Burns.

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



Seniors Social Hour - Listening Club: A Music Social for Seniors

Monday June 29th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon where participants can connect over shared musical experiences while enjoying some light refreshments. **Music Share for Seniors** staff will play your favourite songs while you share the memories they inspire. Or sit back, listen and enjoy the musical experiences of those around you. Get ready to jam out while connecting with new friends!

Music Share for Seniors is an organization dedicated to reducing senior social isolation through personalized music-based programs and meaningful social interaction.

This program is geared towards older adults and seniors.



9th Annual Community Book Share

Saturday July 4th
from 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Join us to promote literacy and recycling in your neighbourhood! Bring your gently used books, CDs and DVDs and take some gently used items home. Lots of free books!

Donations in good condition are welcome, but not necessary. Feel free to drop off items any time on or before the event.

Come out for coffee and meet your neighbours, library staff, and volunteers.



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.

20 minute limit during high demand. Longer questions may be referred to a 1 hour book a librarian appointment.



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 12 years of being an Affirming Congregation



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