

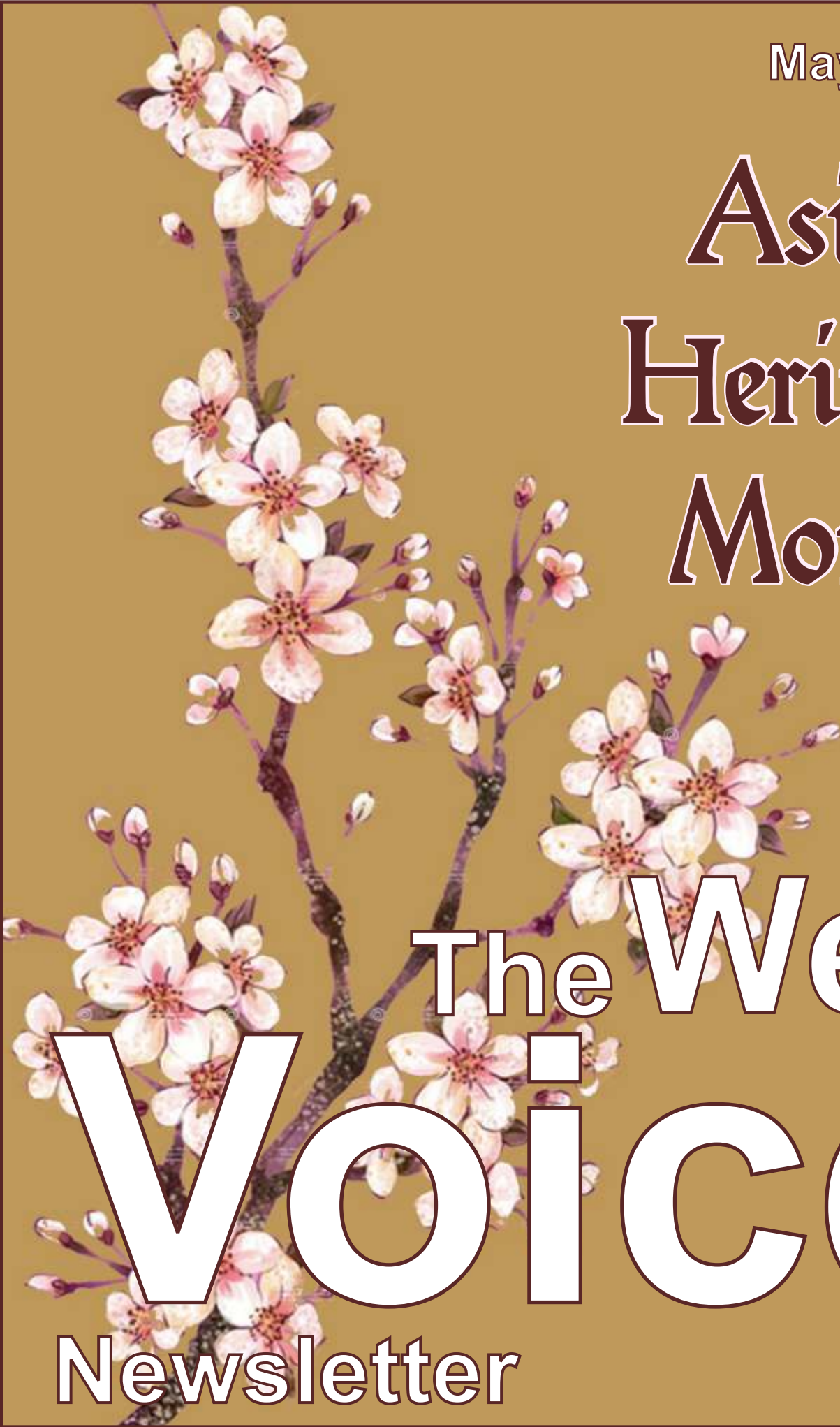
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The  
**Donway Covenant  
United Church**



## **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**



**“Asian Heritage Month”  
poster Government of Canada**

Asian Heritage  
Month



## **PHILIPPINES 1965 MOTHER AND CHILD**

By Enrique Villasis

*The lamplight is feverish.  
This is all they own.  
The mother knows a few myths:  
From old civilizations  
with throats slit by war,*

*Devoured by forgetting.  
At the end of every story  
A love is chipped away.  
This is all she can offer  
Along with an arms-breadth  
of light. Memories blaze*

*As they raze faceless words  
such as father.  
That every conversation  
with a child means  
crossing a bridge  
Towards a lie. Hope remains  
uncertain in the small*

*Smile of this child,  
in the tremulous captive voice  
That insists on forming syllables  
to comfort him. No sleep  
Tonight. Outside, the darkening  
wind points with its lips, rises*

*In revolt. There is a mole  
on the infant’s sole  
and with every  
Rumble, the other foot hides it,  
hides that which defines  
Its fateful treading.  
The babe lets milk into  
its mouth.*

*The dark’s fangs bite into flame  
and before curtains  
Are drawn, the mother begins  
telling the story  
Of a child that ate lightning  
and is transformed  
into a firefly.*

Translated by **Mikael de Lara Co**

# The Month of May

by Wendy Cope



*O! the month of May,  
the merry month of May...  
Thomas Dekker (d.1632)*

*The month of May,  
the merry month of May,  
So long awaited, and so quickly past.  
The winter's over, and it's time to play.*

*I saw a hundred shades of green today  
And everything that Man made  
was outclassed.*

*The month of May,  
the merry month of May.*

*Now hello pink and white  
and farewell grey.*

*My spirits are no longer overcast.  
The winter's over and it's time to play.*

*Sing fa la la la la, I dare to say,  
(Tried being modern but it didn't last)  
The month of May,  
the merry month of May.*

*I don't know how much longer I can stay.  
The summers come,  
the summers go so fast,  
And soon there will be no more time  
to play.*

*So carpe diem, gather buds, make hay.  
The world is glorious. Compare, contrast  
December with the merry month of May.  
Now is the time, now is the time to play.*

## JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Acts chapter 7: verses 55 ~ 60

John chapter 14: verses 1 ~ 14

### "On The Journey"

In this Sunday's service, we turn to a reading from the gospel of John, where Jesus speaks to his disciples in the upper room on the night before his death. It is a moment marked by uncertainty and change. The ones who have walked closely with him are now faced with the unsettling reality that the journey they have known is about to shift in ways they do not yet understand.



Into that space of confusion and concern, Jesus speaks words that have echoed through generations: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled."* He does not dismiss their anxiety or pretend the road ahead will be easy. Instead, he offers them something deeper than certainty - he offers himself as the way forward.

This week's reflection will explore what it means to trust God in the midst of life's journey, especially when the path feels unclear or unfamiliar. Drawing on images of travel, story, and everyday experience, we will consider how faith is not about having all the answers, but about learning to take the next step in trust, knowing we are not walking alone.

**Rev Lorrie Daly-Price**

## The Journey

- Lea Salonga -



# JOIN US for **CAKE** at **COFFEE TIME**



after **Worship (May 3)**

We will be gathering at **Coffee Time** for a piece of "Celebration Cake", as we celebrate all the birthdays, anniversaries, voyages and other special occasions that will be taking place in the month of May.



**Fellowship  
Committee**

# SERVICES for the EASTER SEASON



May 3 5th Sunday of Easter  
10:30 am **"On The Journey"**  
John 14: 1 ~ 14

May 10 6th Sunday of Easter  
10:30 am **Christian Family Sunday/  
Mother's Day**

May 17 7th Sunday of Easter  
10:30 am **"So...He Went Where?"**



## Join us for Worship in our Sanctuary

The Worship Committee



### May the 4th Be With You!



It was on May 25, 1977 that **Star Wars** first lit up the big screen and a whole generation greeted each other with **"May The Force Be With You"**

## Just To Be Clear! from the **Redevelopment Team**

As we heard at our **Annual General Meeting**, the **closing date** for the sale of the property is targeted for the latter part of this year. However, this does **not** mean that we will then have to leave the building. The **Redevelopment Committee** is currently working with **Options for Homes** on a lease agreement for a nominal monthly rent until such time as a date has been established for demolition and construction to begin. It is then we will have to move into temporary worship space.



## 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**



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

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

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**Donway Covenant United Church**





JAPANESE CANADIAN  
CULTURAL CENTRE  
カナダ日系文化会館  
6 Sakura Way, North York, ON



## SakuraFest 2026

April 28th to May 9th

**SakuraFest** brings the entire **JCCC** to life with a celebration of spring, creativity, and community. Throughout the festival, visitors can explore hands-on workshops, art experiences throughout the building, and special events inspired by the beauty of cherry blossom season. Relax under the cherry blossoms with our Hanami experience in the parking lot, and also enjoy film nights.

Want to know when our Cherry Blossom trees are blooming? Keep an eye on our watch page.

Workshops include outdoor field recording sessions, a writing circle, and drawing sessions - inviting participants to slow down, create, and connect with the season.

Visitors can also experience **Omote Ura**, the spring artwork currently on view in **Heritage Hall & Court**, presented as part of the **JCCC's** seasonal programming and on display throughout **SakuraFest** until May 9th.

The festival also features the **Bazaar**, reimagined as a celebration of **Children's Day** (May 5th), with an expanded kids' area and family-friendly activities designed to engage visitors of all ages. The **Sakura Gala** returns as a special evening celebration bringing the community together.

Celebrate spring through art, culture, and community at the **JCCC**.

**CLICK HERE** for more information

<https://jccc.on.ca/event/2026/04/sakurafest-2026>



## Schedule of Events:

### Saturday May 2

12pm - 4pm **Bazaar 2026**

### Sunday May 3

1pm - 3pm Hanami Viewing featuring DJ Ryo

1pm - 3pm Bento on sale in person or online provided by **COO Cafe**

7pm - 8:30pm SakuraFest workshop: Intro to Field Recording and Experimental Sound Day

### Monday May 4

5:30pm - 8pm Hanami Viewing

5:30pm - 7pm Bento on sale in person or online provided by **COO Cafe**

### Tuesday May 5

5:30pm - 8pm Hanami Viewing

5:30pm - 7pm Bento on sale in person or online provided by **Kingyo Fisherman's Market**

7pm SakuraFest film:  
**5 CENTIMETERS PER SECOND**

### Wednesday May 6

5:30pm - 8pm Hanami Viewing

5:30pm - 7pm Bento on sale in person or online provided by **Nakamori Japanese Restaurant**

7pm - 8:30pm SakuraFest workshop: Intuitive Drawing w/ Yuka Yamaguchi

### Thursday May 7

5:30pm - 8pm Hanami Viewing

5:30pm - 7pm Bento on sale in person or online provided by **Kingyo Fisherman's Market**

7pm - 8:30pm SakuraFest workshop: Portraits of Community Care

### Saturday May 9

6pm - 10pm **Sakura Gala 2026** honouring Bruce Kuwabara



ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

# Reflections from the Outreach Lunch and Film

April 18th

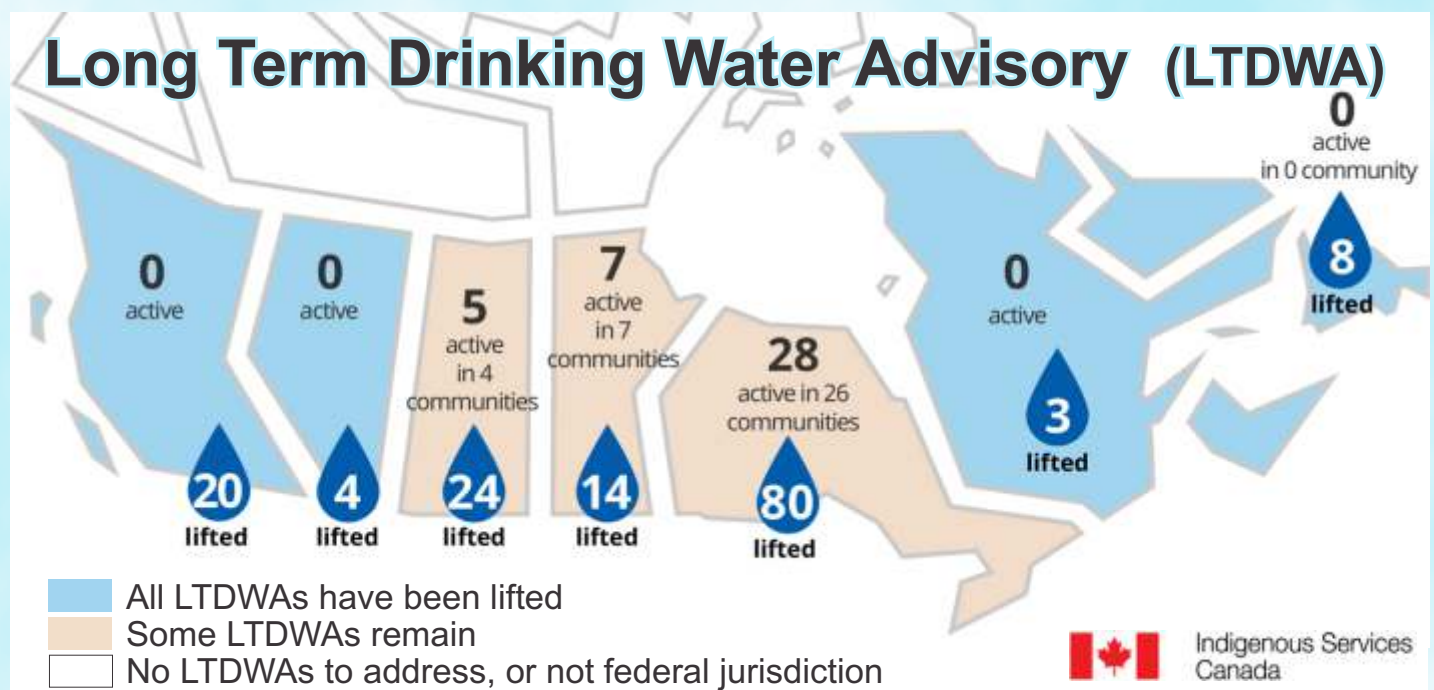
We were 19 people who gathered to learn more about the water crisis in Indigenous communities across Canada. Our films highlighted Grassy Narrows and Keskantaga, both in northern Ontario. Here are some of our learnings:

- There are 40 Indigenous communities across Canada under a long-term BOIL WATER ALERT affecting 5,592 homes and 366 community buildings.
- Many communities have infrastructure that needs repair/improvements.
- In Neskantaga, a BOIL WATER ALERT has been in place since 1995.
- Many children have never been able to drink the water from their taps.
- The water is not drinkable because it contains toxic industrial chemicals, ecoli and other harmful bacteria.
- The waters have often been polluted by industrial waste upstream, flowing into lakes and waters.
- Bathing in this water causes rashes, and skin infections.
- Eating the fish from these waters, and drinking contaminated water has caused illness, and mental health issues.
- In Neskantaga each family receives bottled water in plastic (we were shocked at two 2 litre bottles given for a week to a family of 4)

We acknowledged that our governments have made progress in lifting BOIL WATER ALERTS, but much more needs to be done (see the map below for the current status as of April 2026.)

Our responses included anger and disappointment at broken promises, profound sadness, shame, and the desire to do something to help improve the situation.

Vivian Yarwood, Chair of Outreach



# In Celebration of EARTH DAY



The Outreach Committee

**April 18th**



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

**Thank You to all who came!**

photos by Ron Yarwood



**Homeless Jesus**  
Regis College, Toronto



**When I Was Sick**  
Church of the Redeemer, Toronto



**Sheltering**  
Metropolitan United, Toronto

## Timothy Schmalz

For over 25 years Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz (born in St. Jacobs, ON) has been sculpting large scale sculptures. He is a figurative artist with his pieces installed worldwide. Some of his most reputed pieces are installed in historical churches in Rome and at the Vatican. We are fortunate that many can be found here in Toronto.

*"I am devoted to creating artwork that glorifies Christ. The reason for this devotion, apart from my Christian beliefs, is that an artist needs an epic subject to create epic art."*

*"It brings me happiness when my sculptures are installed outside; three dimensional bronze works of art are excellent advertisements for any Christian Church. I describe my sculptures as being visual prayers. When I create a three dimensional sculpture in bronze I am quite aware that it will last longer than myself."*

**LEARN MORE**

<https://timothypaulschmalz.com/>



**When I Was Naked**  
St. Patrick's Church, Toronto



**Be Welcoming**  
St Andrew's Presbyterian, Toronto



**When I Was Hungry and Thirsty**  
St. Stephen-in-the-Fields Anglican 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, May 14th, 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**

## Ladies' Fellowship

## HUGS, DAILY INSPIRATIONS FOR WOMEN

### RESTORING CONFIDENCE

*"You are my hope; O Lord God, You are my confidence"* Psalm 71

Doubts come in several shapes and sizes: doubts about God, about the future and about our own abilities, for starters. But when doubts creep in, as they will from time to time, we need not despair always with us, always willing to calm the storms of life. When we sincerely seek His presence - and

when we genuinely seek to establish a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Him - God is prepared to touch our hearts, to calm our fears, to answer our doubts, and to restore our confidence.

Be well,  
**Roberta Walker Ernst**



## DCUC Knitting Group



## Baa...Baa

**We have wool!!!!**  
*Due to an enormous donation from a neighbour of Marten and Mary!*

Andrea



## 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.

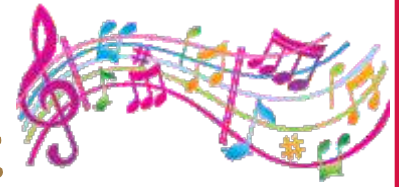
Andrea Sloan

**Our next meeting is Monday, May 11th**



 **Abiona Centre**  
For Infant & Early Mental Health

# Getting To Know You Getting To Know (All) About You



**“Where words fail, music speaks” Hans Christian Andersen**

Welcome to Jamir and Felinita, along with their two daughters, Jekkalin and Jazel who are among the newest members of the **Donway Covenant**, joining us in an affirmation ceremony this past December. This is the second of their three part story (Jamir’s story was in last week’s **Wee VOICE**).

Felinita R. dela Paz, who will turn 56 in July, was born in the Philippines. She has been happily married to her husband, Jamir, for 33 years, and they are blessed with two daughters, Jekkalin (27) and Jazel (24).

Felinita has a lifelong passion for music, beginning her piano studies at age 5½ under the guidance of her parents, who were both music professors at **Union Theological Seminary**. By age 8, she was already playing piano for elementary and high school convocations. She participated in annual piano recitals at the seminary and later joined the **UTS** choir. Trained in voice by her mother and in conducting at the seminary, she developed a strong musical foundation. At just 12 years old, she was hired as a church pianist, and by 16, she began teaching piano. She later shared this passion at home by personally teaching both of her daughters piano from a young age.

For over 40 years, she has faithfully served in the music ministry across various denominations in both the Philippines and Canada. Felinita also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Cum Laude) and a diploma in Computer Business Applications.

After moving to Canada in 1994, to reunite with her husband, she overcame many challenges and built a life through continued learning, volunteer work, and service. During this time, she experienced a personal tragedy when a car accident affected

her family in the Philippines, leading to the passing of her father. In 1999, she was reunited with her mother after sponsoring her to come to Canada.

Despite these hardships, Felinita rebuilt her life in Canada through ESL studies, volunteer work, and teaching piano. She further developed her musical skills in Canada by taking piano lessons and earning piano and music theory certifications from **The Royal Conservatory of Music**. She continues to seek opportunities for further musical growth.

Professionally, she previously served in a **United Church** office and later worked in immigrant services. Felinita currently works as a Secretary with the **Toronto Catholic District School Board**, and she is also active in the **Canadian Piano Society**.

Felinita enjoys playing the piano and organ, singing, acting, and creating content on **YouTube** and **TikTok**. She also loves interior decorating, organizing her home, playing table tennis, flower arranging, and teaching piano to young children. A natural community builder, she also stepped in to take over her daughter’s role in organizing their annual street-wide garage sale, bringing neighbours together and strengthening community connections.

Although officially a member of **Donway Covenant United Church** for three months, she has been actively involved for over a year singing in the choir.

Through worship, fellowship,

**continued**



# Getting To Know You Felinita dela Paz *continued*

and meaningful connections, Felinita has experienced both spiritual and emotional growth. The warmth of the congregation has strengthened her faith and inspired her to share her gifts, making the church a true home.

*as told to Anneke Allan*

## PRAYER REQUEST:



Please keep Felinita's husband, Jamir, in your prayers as he is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. The family appreciates your prayers and support.

**((newchoir))**

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS

**50nyco**  
North York Concert Orchestra  
Rafael Luz Music Director

**MAY 9, 8PM**

**KOERNER HALL,  
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**PERFORMING HITS BY LED ZEPPELIN,  
MUSE, PINK FLOYD & MORE WITH  
AN ORCHESTRAL TWIST**

**PLUS THE QUEEN SYMPHONY  
BY TOLGA KASHIF**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [NEWCHOIR.CA](http://NEWCHOIR.CA)

(newchoir) is a choral community founded and focused on the genres of rock and pop that strives to create high-calibre joyful musical experiences for its members and audiences, emphasizing musical growth and teamwork among its members by fostering an atmosphere of respect, discipline and positivity while being accessible to as many levels of musical ability as possible.



Scott Pietrangelo  
Artistic Director  
and Producer

(newchoir) is Toronto's original rock choir, and has been blowing the roof off of Toronto concert halls since 2005. Utilizing professional rock musicians and exciting choral arrangements of a wide variety of pop & rock songs spanning the decades, newchoir is a massive rock group like no other in the city!

**Come and join us for  
a fun evening of**

**Rock n Roll**



**Wow!**

**I love the music of Queen, and did not know! (Tom)**

In 2001 Tolga Kashif was commissioned by **EMI Classics** to compose a symphony piece based on the music of the legendary group **Queen**. The **Queen Symphony** was released in 2002, and received its world premiere at the **Royal Festival Hall** with the **Royal Philharmonic**

**Orchestra** conducted by the composer. **Queen** members Brian May and Roger Taylor attended the performance, as did Freddie Mercury's mother Jer Bulsara, and the CD has been a great success, featured regularly in international Classical Top 10s.



# Minutes for Mission

## HEALTHY FOOD, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



Credit: Carlington Community Connection

Many communities are feeling the weight of isolation. Poverty, violence, and the pressures of daily life can make it harder for people to stay connected, even when living side by side.

At **Carlington Community Connection**, a chaplaincy in Ottawa, people who saw this need chose to respond. They noticed the

growing isolation around them and decided to create a place where people could be welcomed and treated with dignity.

That response sounds simple, but it matters deeply. Volunteers and staff greet people with

coffee or tea, and a home-baked muffin. They sit together, listening and creating space for everyday connection. In these moments, people are not defined by what they are facing, but by their shared humanity.

That care is also growing in practical ways. The program now offers healthier food options, providing more nourishment during each visit. Volunteers and staff also make it possible for people to take home items like fruit, yogurt, and cheese for their children - supporting families in ways that make a real difference in daily life.

Through **Mission and Service**, this kind of response is possible. Our gifts to **Mission and Service** support the people who see a need and choose to act with compassion and care.

When we respond to isolation with kindness, something begins to change. Make your gift to **Mission and Service** today.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/healthy-food-healthy-relationships>

## *Lunch with Lorrie*

***Hello friends,***

***On Thursday, April 23 our Lunch with Lorrie meeting went on a field trip to the World Day of Prayer service at the Church of the Ascension. 18 members of our Church family attended. We enjoyed a wonderful service prepared by the women of Nigeria.***

***Lorrie, Barb Messaros and Anneke Allan participated in an excellent presentation. We were treated to a yummy reception following the service.***

***A special thanks to Father Nick, Carol and Sandra for their heartwarming hospitality. It is wonderful to be part of a caring ecumenical community of faith.***

***We will be having our final Lunch with Lorrie meeting, until September, on Thursday, May 21 in the Church living room. More information to follow.***

***Thanks to all who have attended our meetings.***

***Marian Childerhose  
Pastoral Care***



# World Day of Prayer

Thursday, April 23, 2026

**Church of the Ascension**

33 Overland Drive, Don Mills, ON, M3C 2C3

A note of thanks for the fantastic support of our church friends by attending this year's **World Day of Prayer** service hosted by **The Church of the Ascension** on April 23rd. Our church and neighbouring Don Mills churches have been involved for many years highlighting a different country each year.

This year Father Nick, and Rev. Lorrie led the service written by the Christian women of Nigeria.

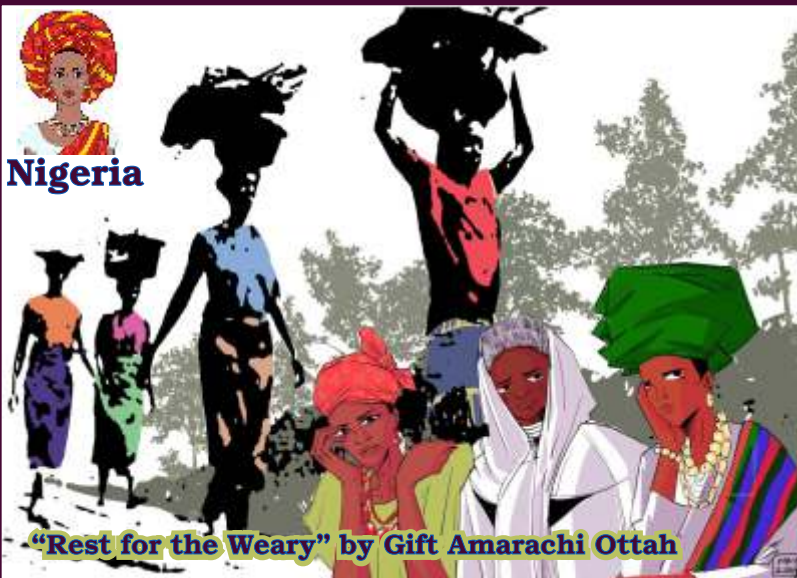
**Barb Messaros**



photos by Don Messaros and Andrea Sloan

Next year's service will be hosted by **St. Bonaventure's Catholic Church**, the **100th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer**.

**United in prayer  
for  
justice and peace**



**Nigeria**

**"Rest for the Weary" by Gift Amarachi Ottah**

# World Day of Prayer



**I will give you rest: Come**

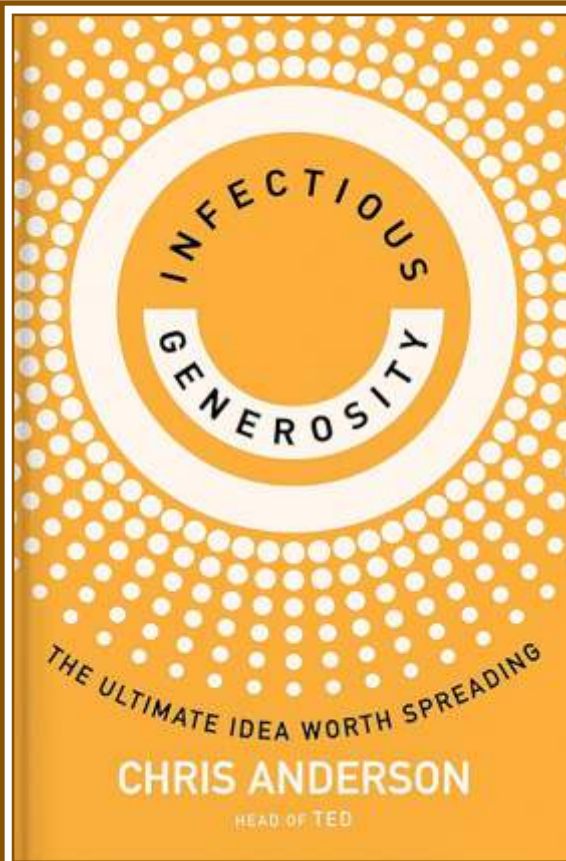
If you missed the Don Mills service you can watch the service prepared by the Board of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

**World Day of Prayer 2026 Nigeria Service**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJ4seNnOH-A>



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



# **INFECTIOUS** *New Book!* **GENEROSITY** by Chris Anderson

*“Infectious Generosity”*, by Chris Anderson is our new main read book starting May. Chris strongly believes that it is possible to turn rage into optimism by using a fundamental human virtue: **GENEROSITY**. By telling inspiring stories, he offers us a path to start on our own generous actions, whether it be gifts of time, money, talent, kindness or even connection to make the world a better place. It starts with reimagining our mindset in our own lives. If we can do this without ulterior motives, we can actually contribute to this ideal.

### **About the author:**

Chris Anderson is a best selling author, a media pioneer and curator of **TED**, a TV forum which fosters the spread of great ideas. The format is 20 minute talks by experts in their field. I really enjoyed them.

We meet on **ZOOM** every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am and would be very happy to welcome new members to our reading/discussion group at this time. Please contact the church office (416) 444-844 or me (Eileen) (416) 757-4927 and we will send you the link so you can come and visit to see if this is your cup of tea. We would love to have you.

*Infectious Generosity is a timely, inspiring read about philanthropy in the digital age.*

**Bill Gates**

**Eileen Russell, Leader**

## **East York Concert Band's Annual Spring Concert**



# *From East to Western Sea*



*a musical trip across Canada*

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 2:00 pm  
St. Clement of Ohrid  
Cathedral Ballroom  
76 Overlea Boulevard, East York

Free Parking  
Cash Bar & Refreshments

*I hope you will plan to attend to support a great community band, and your favourite flute player!  
Please contact me by May 15th to order tickets.*

**vjyarwood@gmail.com**

**Vivian Yarwood**

Adults: \$15.00  
Students: \$10.00  
Children (12 & under): Free

# What is *Red Dress Day*?

*Red Dress Day 2026*, held every May 5th, is a National Day of remembrance and activism honouring the lives of **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S+)**. It began with the *REDress Project*, created by Métis artist Jaime Black in 2010. On this day, red dresses will be draped in trees, hanging from windows, pinned to jackets, worn as earrings and red hands painted across faces, people will be partaking in rally's and ceremonies to honour their loved ones, participating as ally's and fighting for justice.



*Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls, a Canadian Responsibility* Sophie Kiwala  
TEDxQueensU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpKa54RcfnE>

## Asian Heritage Month

## Asian Heritage: Roots, Connections, Innovations.

### Significant events in the history of Asian communities in Canada

*“Since the late 1700s, people of Asian origin have made important contributions to Canada’s history and identity. Each year, as part of its annual **Asian Heritage Month** campaign, the **Government of Canada** encourages all people in Canada to learn about how people of Asian origin have and continue to help shape Canada as we know it today. Below are just a few examples of the numerous diverse communities of Asian heritage which trace their ancestry back to more than 40 different countries, each with their own unique history and lived experiences.”*

**CLICK HERE**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month/important-events.html>



On this web site you will find interesting histories of how many peoples of Asian heritage made their way to Canada, and (sadly) how they were discriminated against. It wasn't until 60 years ago that Canada began changing immigration laws, and formalizing apologies in the **House of Commons**.

**Communities of East Asian heritage in Canada**

**Communities of Japanese heritage in Canada**

**Communities of Korean heritage in Canada**

**Communities of South Asian heritage in Canada**

**Communities of Southeast Asian heritage in Canada**

**Communities of West Asian heritage in Canada**

**Communities of Central Asian heritage in Canada**

*“We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all threads of the tapestry are equal in value, no matter what their color.”*

*Dr. Maya Angelou*



**ASIAN  
HERITAGE  
MONTH**



**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
12 to 2 pm**

**\$20**

**Lunch (noon) & Entertainment**

**“Celebrating  
ELVIS & FRIENDS”  
with Singer, Tribute Artist  
Joe Zambri**

**Bring your Friends  
& Enjoy the Afternoon!**

**Food, Fellowship and Fun for Seniors!**

**Reservations requested by noon  
Tuesday, May 12<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  
33 Overland Drive, Don Mills, ON, M3C 2C3  
Wheelchair Access**

**70  
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](mailto:ascension@ca.inter.net)**

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

# YOU'RE WELCOME TO

*join us!*

## Please let us know if you are coming.

### Presentation: Hernan Cortes and the Lost World of the Aztecs

Monday May 4th at 2:15 pm  
(In-person event)

With just 500 men, Cortez conquered the Aztec Empire, known to us today as Mexico. Discover this lost world that incredibly predicted its own destruction and the man who brought about its demise. Join us as we welcome back, Paul Dias for this look into the fascinating history of the Aztec Empire.

### Presentation: Mothers in Music with John Kekanovich

Thursday May 7th at 2:15 pm  
(In-person event)

Join James Kekanovich for a presentation about "Mothers in Music". We celebrate mothers as singers, songwriters, and musicians by describing and interpreting the music of Shirley Jones, Dinah Shore, Rosemarie Clooney, and Julie Andrews - to name a few! No doubt you'll be singing along and tapping your toes as you hear the music!

### Presentation: Queen Victoria

Thursday May 14th at 2:15 pm  
(In-person event)

Each May we celebrate Victoria Day: the day to honour the birthday of Queen Victoria. Many of us don't know much about the life of this phenomenal woman. Join Paul Dias as he speaks to us about the monarch whose reign ushered in one of the greatest periods of transformation in history - changing not just an island, but the entire world!

### Presentation: Aging and Emotional Well-Being

Wednesday May 20th at 2:15 pm  
(In-person event)

As we age it's important that we maintain a healthy lifestyle for both our mental and physical well-being. Key strategies for good health include maintaining social connections and regular physical activity. Join our very own LivingWell Coach, Krish, as she explores how to manage our mental health later in life.

**RSVP REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS**

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## Programs you might find of interest!



### Apple Apps for Beginners

Friday May 1st  
from 10:00 to 11:30 am

This class is for beginners who are curious about buying an Apple phone or tablet, or who have acquired one and want to install apps.

In this beginner's class, you will learn about:

- what apps are, and the benefits of using them
- the differences between pre-installed, free, and paid apps
- how to access and use the Apple App Store
- how to evaluate, download and use apps

At the end of the class, you will have a basic understanding of how to install apps on your Apple device through the Apple App Store. Bring your own device: if you have an Apple device, feel free to bring it with you and follow along with the exercises.



### Traditional Chinese Paper Cutting: As Simple as 1, 2, 3!

Monday May 4th  
from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Discover and learn how to do the traditional art of Chinese paper cutting. This 3000 year tradition is a way for people to celebrate nature and daily life. This program is designed for beginners who will be guided through making their own beautiful paper designs from simple cuts.



### Life As We Know It

Wednesday May 6th  
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Independent filmmaker Cameron

Tingley presents *Life As We Know It*, a one-of-a-kind presentation using humorous short films to get people talking about how mass culture shapes our relationships with each other, with society at large, and with the natural world. The films are produced with the theatrical troupe The Flying Spot Players. Many of the themes deal with environmental issues, media awareness, and social civility.



### Tea & Movies: "Minari" 2020



Monday May 11th  
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

A Korean American family moves to an Arkansas farm in search of its own American dream. Amidst the challenges of new life in the strange and rugged Ozarks, they discover the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home.



### Defending Democracy: Civic Engagement and the Rule of Law

Thursday May 14th  
from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

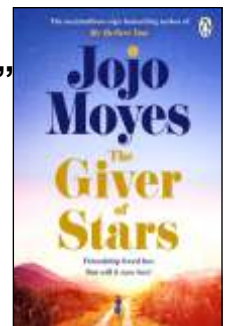
The idea that healthy societies need to be governed by rules and principles that are fair, transparent, accessible and universal is referred to as the "rule of law", and it is a fundamental cornerstone of democracy in Canada. Yet increasingly, people in Canada are observing a decline in the health of our democracy. Examples like increasing use of the Notwithstanding Clause to circumvent Charter rights and avoid the scrutiny of the courts, threats to judicial independence, and enacting legislation that permits governments to bypass other legal protections point to what many call "democratic backsliding" - governments that are less transparent, less accountable and accessible to the people they serve.



### May's Book "The Giver of Stars" by Jo Jo Moyes

or

Tuesday, May 19th  
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Thursday, May 21st  
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm



**Please call 416-395-5710  
for further details  
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