

May 22, 2026

PENTECOST  
*sunday*



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



**“Pentecost Banner”**

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**The Wind  
 Beneath My Wings**

**CLICK  
 to listen**



## **Wind Beneath My Wings**

by **Jeff Silbar** and **Larry Henley**

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh  
 It must have been cold there  
 in my shadow  
 To never have sunlight on your face  
 You were content to let me shine,  
 that’s your way  
 You always walked a step behind  
 So I was the one with all the glory  
 While you were the one  
 with all the strength  
 A beautiful face without a name  
 for so long  
 A beautiful smile to hide the pain  
 Did you ever know that  
 you’re my hero  
 And everything I would like to be?  
 I can fly higher than an eagle  
 For you are the wind  
 beneath my wings  
 It might have appeared to go  
 unnoticed  
 But I’ve got it all here in my heart  
 I want you to know I know the truth,  
 of course I know it  
 I would be nothing without you  
 Did you ever know that  
 you’re my hero?  
 You’re everything I wish I could be  
 I could fly higher than an eagle  
 For you are the wind beneath my wings  
 Did I ever tell you  
 you’re my hero?  
 You’re everything,  
 everything I wish I could be  
 Oh, and I, I could fly higher  
 than an eagle  
 For you are the wind  
 beneath my wings  
 ‘Cause you are the wind  
 beneath my wings  
 Oh, the wind beneath my wings  
 You, you, you, you are the wind  
 beneath my wings  
 Fly, fly, fly away, you let me fly  
 so high  
 Oh, you, you, you, the wind  
 beneath my wings  
 Oh, you, you, you, the wind  
 beneath my wings  
 Fly, fly, fly high against the sky  
 So high I almost touch the sky  
 Thank you, thank you  
 Thank God for you,  
 the wind beneath my wings

# Join us in the Celebration of Communion

Sunday Worship  
May 24th



## 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



These were the items the knitting group delivered to the Abiona Centre on Friday.



**Our next meeting is  
Monday, May 25th**



## JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Acts chapter 2: verses 1 ~ 21  
John chapter 20: verses 19 ~ 23

### ***“What Kind of Wind Is This?”***

Pentecost begins in a time of waiting. After Jesus' ascension, the disciples gathered together uncertain about what would come next. Then suddenly, like a rushing windstorm, the Holy Spirit burst into their lives with power, energy, and courage. People from many nations heard the good news in their own languages, and fearful disciples found their voices.



This week we reflect on how the Spirit continues to move in our lives today - not only in dramatic moments, but also in ordinary seasons of uncertainty, change, and even chaos. The Spirit of God cannot be confined to buildings, traditions, or expectations. Pentecost reminds us that God is always creating connection where there is division, hope where there is fear, and new possibilities where we only see obstacles.

As churches and communities navigate a changing world, Pentecost invites us to trust that God's Spirit is still alive and active among us - guiding, renewing, and calling us forward with courage, imagination, and hope.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price



***It's Lilac Time of Year***

# JUST A REMINDER

There won't be **The Wee**  
**Voice**

(no edition on  
May 29th, nor on June 5th)

nor will there be a  
**FRIDAY COFFEE**  
**DROP BY**  
(not on May 29th,  
nor on June 5th)



## 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



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 PENTECOST

- May 24 Pentecost Sunday  
10:30 am Communion  
"What Kind Of Wind Is This?"
- May 31 Trinity Sunday  
10:30 am guest preacher:  
Rev Lee-Ann Ahlstrom
- Jun 7 Second After Pentecost  
10:30 am Pride Sunday / Union Sunday  
"What Is Your Calling?"
- Jun 14 Third After Pentecost  
10:30 am Father's Day/  
Indigenous Day of Prayer  
"We Are Sent Out"
- Jun 21 Fourth After Pentecost  
10:30 am "Sent With A Purpose"



### Join us for Worship in our Sanctuary

The Worship Committee

## SUMMER IS COMING!

Planning has started - we will gather in  
the Auditorium for Fellowship Time after  
Worship throughout the summer, so no  
need to worry about outdoor set up, heat,  
rain, insects, nor being unsteady on the  
lawn!

Would you be willing to host 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!

## WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

Follow us and Like us on

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Donway Covenant United Church





**Home Essential Newcomer Support**

# H.E.N.S. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER May 16th

H.E.N.S. (Household Essentials Newcomers' Support) is a ministry that operates out of the space of the church's former manse. Essential household items and clothing are donated, and displayed. Newcomers to Canada can come, by appointment, to choose what they need to help establish their new home. This outreach ministry is a partnership between H.E.N.S. and the Donway Covenant United Church.

I had the honour of attending the **H.E.N.S. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** on behalf of the **Outreach Committee** of the **DCUC**, and saying a few words.

As I looked around the room, I saw a lot of diversity/differences in the **H.E.N.S. Team**.

Here is a snapshot of the people who make up the **H.E.N.S. Team**.

Some are tall, some are short. Some are young, some are old. Some of us live close by, others come from a distance (downtown, Richmond Hill). Some of us were born in Canada. Others are newcomers to Canada who want to give back, or have a meaningful volunteer experience. There are different cultural backgrounds and different religions. Some are Muslim; some are Christian. Some are volunteers from our church. Some are volunteers from the D.M. community. We may have differing political views, but one thing we have in common is our humanity. We are all human. Leo Tolstoy said *"The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity."*

That is what we have in common...  
the desire to serve humanity,  
the desire to help newcomers who are struggling,  
the desire to make their life a little easier.



This is an amazing partnership between the H.E.N.S. organization and the **Donway Covenant United Church**. It only works because of the dedication of so many volunteers who work tirelessly, giving up hours, even days, each week of their valuable time, without pay, sometimes without thanks, sometimes with frustration, but always with kindness and a spirit of cooperation.



I love this quote from Maya Angelou:  
*"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."*

I think that sums up what H.E.N.S. is all about. Thank you, **H.E.N.S. Team**, for showing up each week with a smile and kindness. Thank you for being a rainbow in someone's cloud.

**Vivian Yarwood**  
Chair of Outreach

Would you like to help? **CLICK HERE** to learn more

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# SUMMER *and* ICE CREAM

## *Did You Know?*

## The Science of Ice Cream: What Makes It So Irresistible?

From the first creamy bite to the sweet, cooling sensation, something about ice cream keeps us coming back for more. But have you ever wondered why ice cream feels so magical? Let's dig into the science behind your favourite frozen treat and uncover what makes ice cream so downright irresistible.

### ***The Perfect Balance of Fat, Sugar, and Air***

Ice cream's signature creamy texture doesn't happen by accident - it's a delicate balance of three key ingredients: fat, sugar, and air.



Fat (usually from milk or cream) gives ice cream its rich, smooth mouthfeel. It coats your tongue, enhancing the flavour and creating that satisfying, velvety texture.



Sugar does more than sweeten, it lowers the freezing point, keeping your ice cream soft and scoopable instead of rock-hard.



Air (yes, air!) is whipped into the mixture during churning (or chopping in the case of rolled ice cream). Without it, ice cream would be dense and icy. The right amount of air gives it a light, fluffy texture that melts beautifully on your tongue.

### ***The Science of Flavour Release***

Ever notice how ice cream seems to taste better than other cold treats? That's because fat acts as a flavour carrier, holding onto aromas and releasing them slowly as the ice cream melts in your mouth. This gives you a longer-lasting, more intense experience. We're obsessed with the way ice cream melts, creating a flavour story every time you take a bite.

### ***Temperature and Texture: The Brain's Reward System***

Ice cream's cool temperature isn't just refreshing, it triggers your brain's reward system. Cold foods stimulate the trigeminal nerve (the same one responsible for "brain freeze"), creating a sensory jolt that wakes you up and leaves you feeling refreshed. Add in the creamy, smooth texture, and your brain gets flooded with dopamine - the "feel-good" chemical associated with pleasure and reward. Your brain is already hardwired to love ice cream!

### ***The Emotional Connection***

Ice cream is nostalgia. It's summer afternoons, late-night cravings, and shared moments with friends. Research even shows that the sweetness and richness of ice cream can trigger happy memories, which enhances how much we enjoy it.



### ***So.... Why Is Ice Cream So Irresistible?***

The answer? It's a perfect mix of science and emotion. From the creamy texture and bold flavours to the cold sensation and nostalgic feelings. Ice cream is built to make you happy!

***Forget the calories and ENJOY!!!***

# Annual The Donway Covenant UC Fellowship Spring Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday, June 17th ~ in the Auditorium  
Gathering at Noon ~ Luncheon at 12:30 pm

**ARE YOU COMING? IF YES, PLEASE SIGN UP  
ALL ARE WELCOME**



**PLEASE  
RSVP**

**CHURCH OFFICE**  
**(416) 444 - 8444**  
donwaycovenant@msn.com



**EVERYONE'S WELCOME !!**

## 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 28th, 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**

## FOOTPRINTS SUMMER DAY CAMP Back for Another Summer!

CLICK HERE for more info

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



### THE CAMP EXPERIENCE

Summer is one of the best times for a child. At **FOOTPRINTS SUMMER DAY CAMP** it is our goal to expose the campers to a broad and varied program of activities that will help to foster physical, social and spiritual development in each of them. We believe that each child has been given unique gifts and talents. Our plan is to encourage them to discover what theirs are.

### CAMP LOCATION

The Donway Covenant United Church,  
230 The Donway West, Don Mills, M3B 2V8

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Regular Camp Hours: 9 am to 4:30 pm  
After Care: 8 am to 9 am and 4:30 pm to 6 pm

Camp Administrator: Lorrie Daly-Price  
(416) 527 - 2579  
footprintssummerdaycamp@gmail.com

### FOOTPRINTS SUMMER DAY CAMP Summer Fun Starts Here!



### FOOTPRINTS SUMMER DAY CAMP 2026

**9 CAMP WEEKS**  
Campers 6 - 13 years  
Leaders In Training 14 +

**JUNE 29-AUG. 28, 2026**

**ACTIVITIES**  
Arts and Crafts, Weekly  
Field Trips, Outdoor  
Activities, Drama, Bible  
Stories Games...and so  
much more!

# Lunch with Lorrie

Thursday, May 21st  
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Thank you to all who came (28 in attendance), and to Jim Snowden for a very informative presentation.

Monies raised are being donated to



**FOOTPRINTS  
SUMMER DAY CAMP**



Reach out to our church office if you would like a copy of Jim's handout "Healthy Living at Every Age".



photos by Tom Joyce

Hosted by

Marian Childerhose,  
Pastoral Care

Rev. Lorrie Daly-Price,

The Donway Covenant United Church



# Minutes for Mission

## THE WORK OF COMPASSION



Credit: Indigenous Ministries and Justice, The United Church of Canada

Across Northern Canada, Indigenous ministers are serving communities where grief is a constant presence. They walk with families through loss, often leading funerals for young people, holding space for pain that has no easy words. It is sacred work, but it is also heavy work. And too often, it is carried alone.

In many of these communities, distance and isolation make support hard to find. Ministers are expected to be present for others in moments of deep crisis, while having few places for themselves to turn for rest, understanding, or care.

For the past two years, through **Mission and Service**, something small but powerful has taken place. Northern Indigenous ministers have gathered for a retreat. The retreat is a space for Northern Indigenous ministers to step back from having to lead and give, and step into receiving care and connection.

In Fall 2025, 16 ministers came together with facilitators for five days of rest and renewal. They shared meals and stories, sewed and beaded, and participated in ceremony. These moments provide space to breathe, grieve, and to be among others who deeply understand the weight of this work.

One minister reflected on how meaningful it can be to simply sit in a room with others who know that reality. What it means to not carry everything alone.

That is what the **Northern Indigenous Ministers Retreat** offers. Not a simple resolution, but something just as important: space. Space where burdens can be shared, even for a little while. Space where healing can begin.

Scripture reminds us to “bear one another’s burdens.” At this retreat, that call becomes real, through presence, community, and care.

This year, a third retreat is being planned at **Fisher River Cree Nation**, and retreat facilitators hope to welcome even more ministers into healing. The need continues, as does the opportunity to respond.

Through **Mission and Service**, our gifts help make this possible. They help cover travel, support facilitators, and create space for rest and healing.

When we give, we remind Northern Indigenous ministers that they are not alone.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/work-compassion>



### Fisher River Cree Nation

OCHEKWI-SIPI | TREATY NO. 5 | 1875  
200 km north of Winnipeg, MB

The **Red Turtle Lodge** in **Fisher River Cree Nation** is a vibrant hub of indigenous heritage and community connection. Nestled amidst the natural beauty of the region, the center serves as a beacon of cultural preservation, education, and celebration.

## Red Turtle Lodge

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From traditional teachings to modern interpretations, visitors of all backgrounds are invited to immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of Cree traditions and storytelling that define this sacred space



# Bee together

for people and the planet

*A partnership that sustains us all*



## Why a World Bee Day?

By observing World Bee Day each year, we can raise awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today. We have been celebrating this day since 2018, thanks to the efforts of the Government of Slovenia with the support of Apimondia, that led the UN General Assembly to declare 20 May as World Bee Day.

The date for this observance was chosen as it was the day Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern apiculture, was born. Janša came from a family of

beekeepers in Slovenia, where beekeeping is an important agricultural activity with a long-standing tradition.

Today bees, pollinators, and many other insects are declining in abundance. This day provides an opportunity for all of us – whether we work for governments, organizations or civil society or are concerned citizens – to promote actions that will protect and enhance pollinators and their habitats, improve their abundance and diversity, and support the sustainable development of beekeeping.



**Bee together for people and the planet – A partnership that sustains us all** **CLICK HERE** for the “Get involved guide”

<https://openknowledge.fao.org/server/api/core/bitstreams/592624cf-54fd-4fa2-a388-8cb6bcee6aef/content>

**Why bees matter:** For centuries bees, busy as they are known to be, have benefited people, plants and the planet. But did you know that bees are not the only ones that sustain life on earth? By carrying pollen from one flower to another, bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other

pollinators facilitate and improve food production, thus contributing to food security and nutrition. Pollination also has a positive impact on the environment in general, helping to maintain biodiversity and the vibrant ecosystems upon which agriculture depends.



# DANCING IN THE PARK

If you are looking for a fun thing to do on the first four Tuesday evenings in June, come to Edward Gardens. Follow the sound of live music by Scotch & Soda - reels and jigs - coming from the large grassy area close to the Cafe. There you will see members of the **Royal Scottish Country Dance Society** strutting their stuff and enjoying every moment of it! You are likely to see some families with three generations all dancing together. Come and check it out, the first four Tuesday evenings in June from 7 till dusk. The music will get your feet tapping and you may even be tempted to join a simple audience participation dance. It's a great place to meet friends from the neighbourhood and even some from the church!

**Anne Anderson**

*Her Worship  
Mayor Chow  
Mayor of Toronto  
enjoying the  
dance!*



For more information visit the website where you can even check the programs for each Tuesday.

**CLICK HERE**

<https://dancescottish.ca/dancing-in-the-park.html>

**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

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

**TICKETS AVAILABLE  
AT THE DOOR**

*Vivian Yarwood*



# Toronto Botanical Garden at Edwards Gardens

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



**Saturday,  
May 23  
and Sunday,  
May 24  
10 am ~ 4 pm**

## TBG Spring Plant Sale

Get ready to grow something beautiful this year. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this is your chance to discover unique varieties, get expert tips, and bring home new botanical treasures to brighten your indoor and outdoor spaces. Come early for the best selection and let your spring planting begin.

## Join Us in the garden!



**Plant Shows and Sales**

**Ontario Iris Society Flower Show  
Sunday, June 7, 1 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Toronto Cactus and Succulent Club Annual Show & Sale  
Sunday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



**Sunday  
June 7,  
12 ~ 4 pm**

## Celebrate Pride at the Garden

Celebrate Pride surrounded by blooms, fresh air, and good company. Join us on the lawn for an afternoon of live music, plant swapping, and community connection in a space that welcomes everyone.



**Four Tuesdays  
in June**

**June 2, 9,  
16 and 23**

**7:00 pm  
to Dusk**

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



# Spring Blooms

**Thursday, May 28 2 ~ 7 pm  
Toronto Botanical Garden**

Join us to enjoy spectacular floral designs, award winning plants & flowers from our members' gardens and live demonstrations every hour.

**FREE  
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## Programs you might find of interest!



### Let's Talk About Grief and Caregiving Monday May 25th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Join us to learn how grief comes up when caring for an adult loved-one with health issues, such as a friend, partner, family member. Explore and discuss different types of losses and grief experiences that are common for caregivers. Learn some practical tips for managing grief and loss and have an opportunity to meet other caregivers.

Led by Susan Anstice and Lois Didyk.



### Lola Reid Allin: Highway to the Sky: An Aviator's Journey

Wednesday May 27th  
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Air transport pilot, flight instructor, traveller and photographer, Lola Reid Allin, presents her memoir,

#### **HIGHWAY TO THE SKY: An Aviator's Journey**

In 1980, Lola earned her commercial pilot license and become one of a few women in Canada licensed to fly for hire and reward. Lola explains the rewards of an aviation career and the challenges faced by women, then and now.



### Fraud Protection

Monday June 1st  
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Financial fraud targeting older adults is at an all-time high in Canada. Come and learn how to identify the signs of fraud and what to do if you become a victim of fraud. Presented by a volunteer from Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

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



### Dystopian Fiction In a Dystopian Present

Wednesday June 3rd  
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Author Rachel A. Rosen (**Cascade**; **Blight**) will explore the intersection of politics with sci-fi and fantasy, and how authors of speculative fiction navigate writing dystopian and cautionary tales when the present threatens to eclipse fiction.

### Android Apps for Beginners

Friday June 5th  
from 10:00 to 11:30 am



This class is for absolute beginners who are curious about buying an Android phone or tablet, or who have just acquired one and want to understand how it operates. Android phones include those manufactured by Samsung, Google, Motorola, and OnePlus.



### Tea & Movies: "Now, Voyager" 1942

Monday June 8th  
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Boston spinster Charlotte has had her life controlled entirely by her wealthy mother, Mrs. Henry Vale. Feeling despondent, she's convinced to spend time in a sanitarium. Soon she is transformed into a sophisticated, confident woman. On a cruise to South America, Charlotte meets and begins an affair with Jerry Durrance, a married architect. Six months later, she returns home and confronts her mother with her independence.



### June's Book "Run Towards the Danger" by Sarah Polley

Tuesday, June 16th  
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
*or*  
Thursday, June 18th  
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm





# 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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