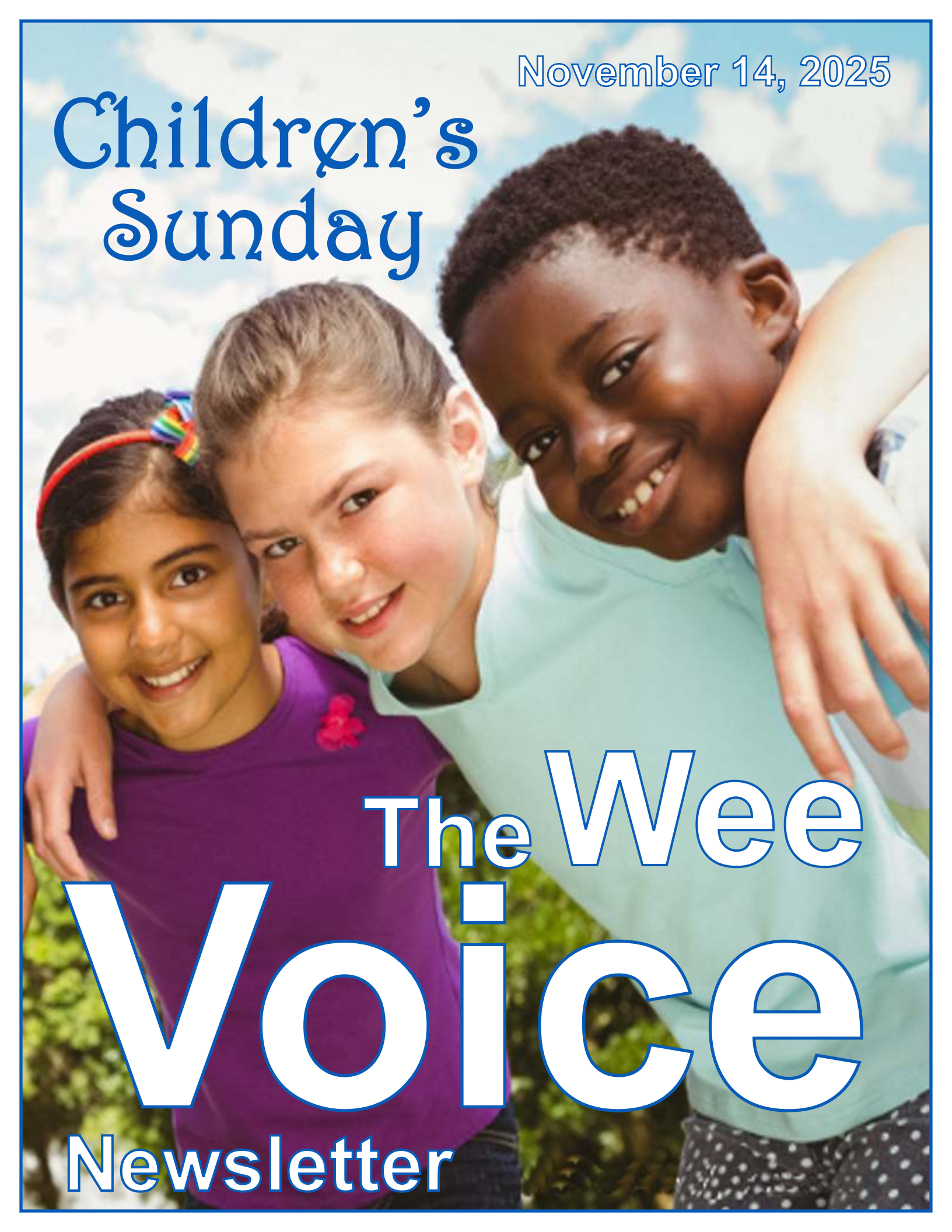


November 14, 2025

Children's Sunday

A photograph of three children of diverse backgrounds smiling and posing outdoors. A young girl with dark hair and a rainbow headband is on the left, wearing a purple shirt. A young girl with light brown hair is in the center, wearing a purple shirt. A young boy with dark skin and short hair is on the right, wearing a light blue shirt. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and green foliage at the bottom.

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



photo by WITS Programs Foundation

Greatest Love of All

Michael Masser
and Linda Creed

This is the first verse of a song made famous by Whitney Houston in 1985

*I believe the children
are our future
Teach them well and
let them lead
the way*

*Show them all
the beauty they
possess inside
Give them a sense
of pride to make it
easier*

*Let the children's
laughter remind us
how we used to be
Everybody's searching
for a hero*

*People need someone
to look up to
I never found anyone
who fulfilled my
needs*

*A lonely place to be
And so I learned to
depend on me*



Thinking About Making Our Church Your Home?

We welcome you to become part of our church family!

If you've been attending worship and feel ready to take the next step in your faith journey, we'd love to officially welcome you as a member.

Becoming a member is a way of saying "Yes!" - **Yes** to belonging, **Yes** to growing in faith, and **Yes** to sharing God's love together.

If you'd like to learn more or are interested in joining, please speak with Rev. Lorrie or contact the church office.

All are welcome - always!



Would you like to "revisit" a past edition of the Wee VOICE?

All copies, yes over 250 editions!, are archived digitally and we would be happy to email them to you

***Send your requests to
tsjoyce@yahoo.ca***

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

**Isaiah chapter 65: verses 17 to 25
and chapter 12: verses 1 ~ 6
Luke chapter 21: verses 5 ~ 19**

"Do Not Be Weary"

A new heaven and a new earth... wars and persecutions... at first glance, they don't seem to belong together. What were the lectionary folks thinking? These seemingly contradictory passages we will hear this week invite us into the tension of endings and beginnings - the vision of what is yet to come, the promise of what can and will be. They speak of times of trial and times of peace. It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

This is the contradiction we live in every day. We are caught between despair and hope, between those who urge us to be realistic and the deep, restless stirring of our vision for a better life. We are caught between voices that declare the world is falling apart and those who imagine a different reality - a life renewed, whole, and just, a life that can come to be, will come to be, if we only trust in the promises of God and live faithfully into them. In these passages, we are reminded that faith does not deny the brokenness of our world; it names it, sits with it, and yet dares to envision a new creation rising out of it - a life redeemed, a world restored.



So the question for us today is this: will we live as if that new creation is already breaking into our world?

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price

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**



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

SERVICES for OCTOBER and NOVEMBER



Nov 16 "Do Not Be Weary"
10:30 am **Children's Sunday**

Nov 23 "It's Not Too Late....."
10:30 am **There's Always Hope"**
Reign of Christ Sunday

**Join us for Worship
in our Sanctuary**

The Worship Committee



Are You Ready ? Do You Know What It Means?

In **A Charlie Brown Christmas**, Charlie Brown cries: "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Linus, with his security blanket, takes center stage and recites the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, verses 8 ~ 14.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom
his favour rests."**

During his recital Linus drops his blanket (like a mic) and at the end, picks up his blanket, returns to Charlie Brown, and says: "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown." Linus is speaking truth!

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Donway Covenant United Church



**Want to know what's going on?
What's coming up?**

Go to our web site and find out!!!

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



World Children's Day

November 20, 2025

For every child, every right.

"On World Children's Day, we celebrate the youngest members of our human family. But today is also a moment to recognize the enormous challenges children face in our deeply divided, tumultuous and often violent world.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as **Universal Children's Day** and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the **UN General Assembly** adopted the ***Declaration of the Rights of the Child***. It is also the date in 1989 when the **UN General Assembly** adopted the ***Convention on the Rights of the Child***.

Mothers and fathers, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals, as well as young people and children themselves, can play an important part in making **World Children's Day** relevant for their societies, communities and nations.

World Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.

"Child rights are human rights. They are non-negotiable. But in too many places today children's rights are being misunderstood, disregarded, or even denied and attacked. World leaders must uphold their obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and respect, protect and fulfill the rights of every child, everywhere.

Investing in children today secures a better future for them, and us all.

World Children's Day provides an opportunity to focus on the issues that matter most to children.

unicef  for every child



There are few images more heart-rending than that of a girl or boy who is forced to work or is denied the opportunity to go to school.

Despite increasing global recognition of the rights of the child, there are currently approximately 168 million children between the ages 5 and 17 who are engaged in child labour.

This accounts for almost 11% of the child population as a whole.

Children in hazardous work make up almost half of all child labourers numbering 85 million (55 million boys and 30 million girls) and this number is used as an estimate of the number of children in "the worst forms of child labour."



Minutes for Mission

FROM SLEEPLESS NIGHTS TO SHARED STRENGTH



Helping children and communities grow.



Credit: Fairview Resource Centre

Becoming a new parent can be overwhelming, with the constant demands of caring for a newborn, sleepless nights, and the pressure to make the right choices for your child. The exhaustion of balancing daily responsibilities while navigating the unknowns of parenthood often leaves new parents feeling unsure and isolated. It's a time filled with great joy, but also uncertainty, as parents adjust to their new roles and work to create a safe and nurturing environment for their little one.

At **Fairview Resource Centre** in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the **New Parents Support** group aims to walk with parents as they navigate the complexities of raising a newborn. Once a week, parents gather to meet with a public health nurse who provides education and answers questions. From expectant parents to those with babies up to 18 months, the program provides resources for those who might not otherwise have access to in-person support or resources.

Parents connect not only with health professionals, but form deep bonds with each other, and some are still in contact many years later. Many of us have heard that *"it takes a village to raise a child,"* and **Fairview Resource Centre** is truly taking action to give a positive space for children in the community to flourish. Thank you for walking alongside our **Mission and Service** partners as they help children and communities grow.

Your support of **Mission and Service** is vital to the continuation of incredible programs like these.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/sleepless-nights-shared-strength>

Thinking (Dreaming?) of Christmas Baking? Brace Yourself !!!!!!!

As the Advent season approaches planning has begun for all those special treats that bring back Christmas memories. High on that list in our house is Nanaimo Bars! Our tradition is that these only appear at Christmas to keep them **SPECIAL!**

Being the "nerd" that I am, and I say that in the nicest way, I like to keep track of the costs in my kitchen. This includes preserves, main courses, soups, and baked goods.

Now most of us are only too aware of the



increases in food costs this year. Every time we go to the supermarket prices have gone up....and not just red meat, but basics like eggs, butter, bread..... And, I know that Nanaimo Bars have always been an expensive treat. But, I guess I wasn't prepared when I worked out an 8" x 8" pan (yielding 16 squares) now costs more than \$16.00 just for ingredients!

Of course I'll still make them! **Duh!** It wouldn't be Christmas without them. But maybe not quite so many pans this year!

Tom Joyce



Light Up the Tree



Friday, November 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Hope you can join us in the Sanctuary as we decorate our 2025 Christmas Tree. Our gathering will be capped off with the lighting of the tree!

Hot chocolate and hot apple cider will be served in the Narthex accompanied by some delightful holiday treats.

Hope you can join us!

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 on **Thursday, November 27th**.

You are certainly welcome to attend. Ask Emily (church office) for the **Zoom** link.

Join Us "FRIDAY COFFEE DROP BY"



Bring a friend ~ Meet a friend!
Have a coffee! (or tea, or juice!)

EVERY FRIDAY
Between 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm
in the Living Room

LOVE SINGING? JOIN OUR CHOIR?

Have you always wanted to try it out but never got around to it? Well now's a great time to give it a go:

The choir rehearses Wednesday mornings at the **Donway Covenant UC** from 10:30 to 11:30 am, but if you can't make that time don't fret! We meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings as well to give us ample time for reviewing hymns and anthems.

If you'd like to sing with the choir, please send me a quick email at

scottpietrangelo@gmail.com

letting me know you're interested and inquiring about next steps. Looking forward to making harmony together!

Scott Pietrangelo
Music Director

Join Us for *Lunch with Lorrie*

Thursday, January 22nd
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
IN THE NEW YEAR!!!

Lorrie and I are looking forward to starting our *Lunch with Lorrie* gathering on Thursday, January 22nd. We will gather at 11am in the Church living room.

More information to follow. Anyone is welcome to join us (men included) for a relaxed and friendly time. Please advise Emily if you are planning on attending.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact one of us.

In friendship,

Lorrie and Marian

A Very Merry Christmas

Christmas is coming and we, fans of our favourite Flute player, are really looking forward to attending Vivian Yarwood's Christmas concert on Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2025 - **"A Canadian Winter Celebration"** with the East York Concert Band, will be held at 2 pm at St. Clement of Ohrid Cathedral, 76 Overlea Blvd. in Thorncliffe Park.

Following the concert many of us gather for a friendly dinner at Sorento Italian Kitchen, 900 Don Mills Road.

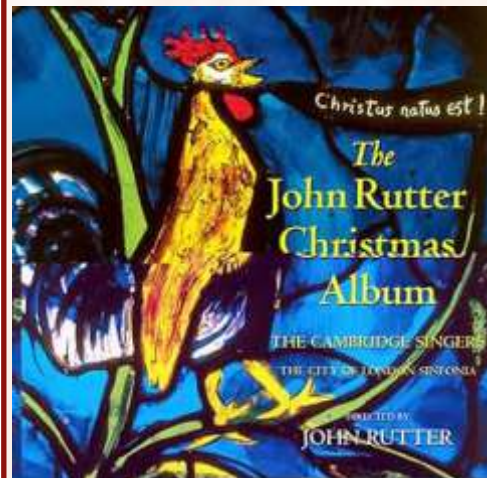
SORENTO ITALIAN KITCHEN
900 Don Mills Road

Please consider attending Vivian's concert and joining us for dinner afterwards.

Please contact Norm and Marian Childerhose if you wish to have dinner with Vivian's Fan Club.

Enjoy the upcoming Christmas season.

Norm & Marian



Selections from **The John Rutter Christmas Album** with **The Cambridge Singers** and the **City of London Sinfonia**

Nativity Carol

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tq8mgYBUJgk&list=RDtq8mgYBUJgk&index=1>

Love Came Down at Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4l6x8lcclz8&list=PLXpQCRhZw2lb4G6O0qZH7OV2J2FRW7PW3>

What Sweeter Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yckjpO1vvnE&list=PLXpQCRhZw2lb4G6O0qZH7OV2J2FRW7PW3&index=17>

Joy to the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GP1L-QgXWCg&list=PLXpQCRhZw2lb4G6O0qZH7OV2J2FRW7PW3&index=18>

Silent Night

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9S9rHVjG-k&list=PLXpQCRhZw2lb4G6O0qZH7OV2J2FRW7PW3&index=23>

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1NILBDZOjc&list=PLXpQCRhZw2lb4G6O0qZH7OV2J2FRW7PW3&index=22>



EAST YORK CONCERT BAND'S
ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

A Canadian Winter Celebration



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025 @ 2:00 PM
ST. CLEMENT OF OHRID CATHEDRAL
76 OVERLEA BLVD, EAST YORK

FREE PARKING
CASH BAR & REFRESHMENTS
ADULTS: \$15.00
STUDENTS: \$10.00
CHILDREN (12 & UNDER): FREE

FOR TICKETS:
TICKETS@EASTYORKCONCERTBAND.CA

I hope you will plan to attend to support a great community band, and your favourite flute player! Please contact me by November 30th to order tickets.

Vivian Yarwood

vjyarwood@gmail.com

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*Beautify Your Home
or Give as a Gift!*



Order Today! or until November 24

**Pick up at Church of the Ascension on
Thursday, December 11 (2 pm) or Friday, December 12 (11 am)**

4.5" pot - \$10

8" pot - \$25

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Prices include HST

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A Church of the Ascension FUNDRAISER

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Annual DCUC Fellowship Christmas Potluck Luncheon



Wednesday, December 3rd ~ in the Auditorium

Gathering at Noon ~ Luncheon at 12:30 pm

ARE YOU COMING?

IF YES, PLEASE SIGN UP

ALL ARE WELCOME

If you are able to attend we need you to
phone, or email, the church office, or sign
up during Coffee Time to let us know. It is
always so hard to know how many will

attend, how many places to set, and how
much help is needed. By **RSVPing**
you will take some of the mystery away!

PLEASE HELP OUR PLANNING....SIGN UP TODAY!

PLEASE

RSVP

CHURCH OFFICE

(416) 444 - 8444

donwaycovenant@msn.com



WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP ?

Set up before the luncheon?

Clear during the luncheon?

Clean up after the luncheon?

**IF YES, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS AS WELL, INDICATING
WHERE YOU COULD FIT IN, AND A VERY BIG THANK YOU!!!**

THE KNITTING PILGRIM



PRESENTED BY

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

670 Eglinton Avenue East

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 3rd
7:30 pm**

written by Kirk & Claire Dunn,
directed by Jennifer Tarver

A one-man multidisciplinary show
that combines personal storytelling,
image projection, and three huge
hand-knitted panels called "Stitched Glass."

"A stunning piece of theatre...
glorious and so moving."

Lynn Slotkin, *The Slotkin Letter*



15 years of knitting.
90 pounds of yarn.

One man's artistic
and spiritual journey.

**Tickets: \$20.00 in advance
\$25.00 cash at the door**

Church Office

(416) 422 - 0510

email leasideknitting@gmail.com

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**BRING YOUR OWN KNITTING (OR CROCHETING).
KNITTING DURING THE SHOW IS ENCOURAGED!**



The Knitting Pilgrim explores Kirk Dunn's
artistic and spiritual journey knitting

Trailer: [click here](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkcVLT3pZRI>

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.

Our next meeting will be
November 24th.



Beginners or accomplished knitters,
we would love to have you join us!

Andrea Sloan



Excitement is in the air! Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at **Jubilee United Church's** annual Christmas concert. This year, our special guest is none other than the amazing vocalist, Jackie Richardson. If you don't know her yet, you sure will after this concert event.

Jackie Richardson is a renowned Canadian jazz, blues, and gospel singer, as well as an accomplished actress. With a career spanning several decades, she is celebrated for her powerful and soulful voice. Jackie has received numerous accolades, including the Order of Canada, recognizing her significant contributions to the arts.

Join us for an evening of beautiful music from the Jubilee Choir under the direction of Jeannie Wyse. We're so excited to sing for you. Thank you for supporting our music ministry!

★ *a Jubilee Christmas* ★



with

Jackie Richardson
AND THE JUBILEE CHOIR

29TH
OF
NOV
AT 7:30PM
doors open at 7PM

**GET YOUR
TICKETS
\$35**

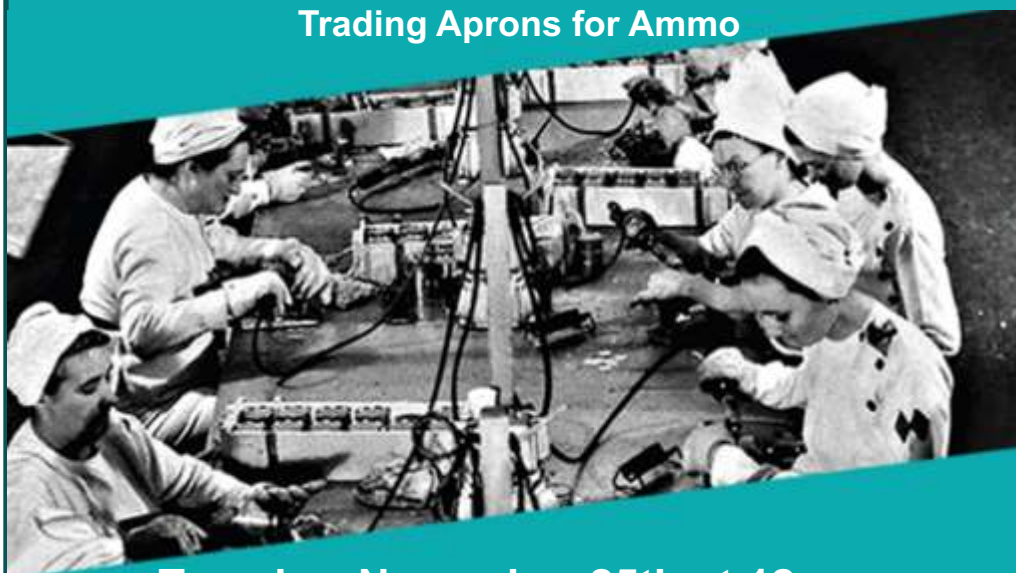
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NORTH YORK

ANNUAL EPIC COOKIE SALE AT INTERMISSION
PLUS LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Lunch and Learn with Barbara Dickson author of

Bomb Girls:

Trading Aprons for Ammo



Tuesday, November 25th at 12 pm

Northlea United Church
125 Brentcliffe Road

Discover the true story behind Scarborough's top-secret munitions factory. Hear about the "Bomb Girls" who helped power Canada's war effort.

Don't miss this fascinating talk!

Register at 416 - 425 - 5252

(deadline for registration - Friday, November 21st at noon)

BOMB GIRLS

Same War, Different Battles



Many may remember the series produced by **Global TV** and aired in 2012 ~ 2014....nineteen hour long episodes.

A Canadian series, it won 8 awards and was nominated for an additional 12.

It can be streamed on **Prime Video** and **Acorn TV**.

Toronto Artisan MARKET

**Saturday, November 15th
and Sunday November 16th**
12:00 ~ 6:00 PM

CF
Shops at
Don Mills

Toronto Artisan is a community based non profit organization designed to support and benefit local artists, artisans, and the community.

We create accessible and inclusive events dedicated to nurture and promote artistic talent,

and help support the economic development of our local artists and vibrant city.

And we create programs designed to assist and promote Black, Indigenous, POC and LGBTQ+ artists and makers to ensure equal opportunity and diversity in our community.

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

Concert: The Nostalgics

Friday November 14th at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Join us for an afternoon of wonderful music performed by The Nostalgics, featuring Eddy Ottenbrite on bass, Dan Rafferty on keyboard, and Jason McConnie on guitar. Since 2013, they've been bringing joy to everyone across the Metro Toronto area with lively concerts filled with timeless tunes. From the 1920s through the 1970s, they play the classics you know and love - the music of your life. Get ready to clap your hands, tap your feet, and sing along as we take you on a nostalgic musical journey

Presentation: "Music That Went To WWII" by James Kekanovich

Tuesday November 18th at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Join James Kekanovich for a presentation touching on "Music That Went To WWII". James will discuss how music was a powerful force unifying people everywhere - on the land, on the sea, in the air, during WWII and onwards into history. James will discuss, interpret and evaluate some legendary music including: *Long Ago and Far Away*, *Pennsylvania 6-5000*, *Marie*, *Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye*, *Comin' in on a Wing and a Prayer*, *We'll Meet Again* and many more!

Presentation: Women in Aviation by Lola Reid Allin

Tuesday November 25th at 2:30 pm
(In-person event)

We welcome back Lola Reid Allin, a former Commercial Airline Transport Pilot, flight instructor, and examiner, as well as an award-winning author and photographer whose work has appeared in National Geographic and other major publications. A passionate advocate for women in aviation, she's an active member of Women in Aviation International, The 99s, and the Northern Lights Aero Foundation, and co-creator of the New Track Scholarship for female pilots.

Presentation: Diabetes – prevention and management by Whitney Hilts

Thursday November 27th at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Join us for this informative and empowering session with Whitney Hilts, Regional LivingWell Manager at Delmanor communities, who will be sharing insights on the early prevention of diabetes and the simple lifestyle changes you can make today to protect your health. Whitney will also outline a practical game plan for navigating a possible diagnosis, offering real-world strategies to help you take control of your well-being.

RSVP REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

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

Programs you might find of interest!



Tea & Movies: "My Man Godfrey" 1936

Friday November 14th
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Fifth Avenue socialite Irene Bullock (Carole Lombard) needs a forgotten man to win a scavenger hunt, and no one fits that description more than Godfrey Park (William Powell), who resides in a dump by the East River. Irene hires Godfrey as a servant for her riotously unhinged family, to the chagrin of her spoiled sister, Cornelia, who tries her best to get Godfrey fired. As Irene falls for her new butler, Godfrey turns the tables and teaches the frivolous Bullocks a lesson or two.



Make a Will

Friday November 21st
from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

November is **Make a Will Month**. TPL is hosting the Ontario Bar Association to lead sessions about the importance of having a will and powers of attorney. A member of the Ontario Bar Association who practices Trusts and Estate Law will speak about the elements of a will, what happens if you don't have one, what are powers of attorney, why they are important and special considerations to keep in mind when preparing your estate and care plans. **Note**, this program is for general information only, not for drafting individual wills.



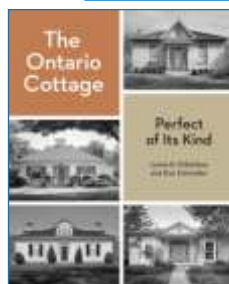
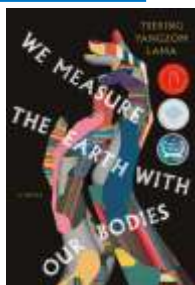
November's Book "We Measure The Earth With Our Bodies"

by Tsering Yangzom Lama

Tuesday, November 18th
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

or

Thursday, November 20th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm



The Ontario Cottage: Perfect of its Kind

Wednesday November 26th
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

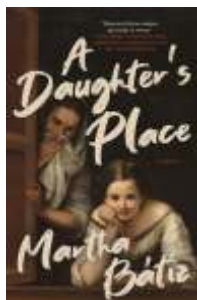
Co-authors Lynne D. DiStefano and Dan Schneider pay tribute to a centuries-old house form that graces landscapes across the province. **The Ontario Cottage: Perfect of Its Kind** examines the timeless appeal of this humble abode.



The Victorian Cult of Mourning

Wednesday November 19th
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

After the death of Prince Albert, Queen Victoria became known as "The Widow of Windsor", setting the tone for elaborate mourning customs throughout the Empire. Come to learn about hair jewellery, mutes, crepe veils, zinc tombstones, tear bottles, post mortem photography and other elements of the *Cult of Mourning*. Presented by Virginia Van Vliet.

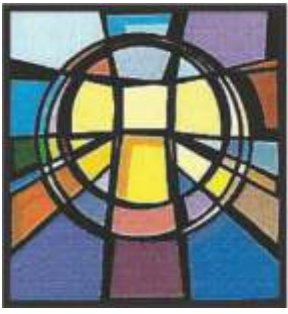


A Daughter's Place: Reimagining the women in Miguel de Cervantes' life

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

Join author Martha Batiz shares and discusses her debut novel, **"A Daughter's Place"** (2025, Anansi Press). Batiz will focus on her journey researching the life of the daughter, niece, sisters, and wife of Spanish writer Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote.

**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.

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