

Stir-Up Sunday

November 21, 2025



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



Ode to a Christmas Pudding

Susan Jarvis Bryant

O fragrant orb of dark
and luscious depths
Made with magic conjured
every year
By souls who know the spell
- those tricky steps
That summon plummy
culinary cheer,
You started as a heap
of shriveled fruits
Steeped in sticky sherry
till imbued
With zest of festive spirit
to your core -
A merry mix of boozy
berry notes -
A waft that wreathes the mind
and lifts the mood
To jig beyond the
decked-with-holly door.

O figgy sphere of
glossy liquorice hue,
Your touch of nuttiness
smooths out the sweet.
Black walnuts add a smack
of crunch and chew -
They make a spoon
of you a treat to eat.
Your spicy-clove and
kiss-of-citrus zing
Enswathes me in a hug
from times long gone
When Gran hid
silver sixpences in you.
O birthday dish to laud
the barn-born King -
The Way, the Truth, the Life -
God's sinless Son -
Bliss flickers in your
spectral blaze of blue.



Now Bring Us Some Figgy Pudding
photo from **Scottish Dream Tours**



Reign of Christ Sunday

November 23rd, 2025

The Not-So-Ancient Origins of Christ the King Sunday

Christ the King is not a festival of great antiquity, supplying the church year with neat narrative punctuation from time immemorial. In fact, the festival didn't emerge until the twentieth century, and at first it had nothing to do with the end of the church year at all.

Pope Pius XI established **Christ the King Sunday** in 1925 to counter what he regarded as the destructive forces of the modern world: secularism in the west and the rise of communism in Russia and fascism in Italy and Spain, harbingers of the Nazism soon to seize Germany. Pope Pius intended to oppose the rule of Christ to the totalitarian claims of these ideologies. By intention or coincidence, the festival of **Christ the King** also landed on the last Sunday in October, coinciding with the Protestant celebration of the **Reformation**.

In 1970, its observance was moved from end of October to the last Sunday of **Ordinary Time** and thus to the end of the liturgical year.

LUTHERAN FORUM

Did You Know?

Advent (from the Latin **Adventus** meaning "coming/arrival") marks the beginning of the liturgical year. **Advent** was chosen to begin the year as a representative of the time in history that Christ was not known to us. With his birth, the beginning of our faith was founded. The liturgical year ends with the feast of **Christ the King**, his reign over the universe.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Jeremiah chapter 23: verses 1 to 6
Luke chapter 23: verses 33 ~ 43

"It's Not Too Late.... There's Always Hope"

This week is the hinge week between the liturgical seasons of Ordinary Time and Advent. On this Sunday the Church celebrates "**Christ the King**" or "**Reign of Christ**." It is the time when we pause to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' kingship before we dive into the mysteries of light and darkness, hope and sorrow.



We would expect to find passages this week that proclaim the pomp and circumstance typically associated with kings. We might expect something glorious perhaps about Jesus sitting on his throne, decked out in splendid robes and a jewelled crown. At the very least a shiny moment from one of the gospels like Jesus being transfigured on the mountaintop.

But no. We find none of these. What we find instead is a crucifixion scene. A stripped suffocating man, wracked with pain. A crowd of mockers spouting out words of hate. A man hanging between thieves, speaking blessing and promise to one less fortunate than himself. This is our King.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price

SERVICES for OCTOBER and NOVEMBER



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

**Join us for Worship
in our Sanctuary**

The Worship Committee



***My Door Is
Always Open***

Drop by anytime during the day,
Monday to Thursday

You should be able to catch me every
morning and some afternoons. Call
ahead to ensure I am at the church.

Lorrie Daly-Price

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 STAY UP TO DATE?

Follow us and Like us on

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Donway Covenant United Church



JOIN US After Worship for
a time of Fellowship in the
Auditorium. Tea or Coffee and
great conversations!

SERVICES for the SEASON of ADVENT



Nov 30 10:30 am *First Sunday of Advent
Communion
"Be Ready"*

Dec 7 10:30 am *Second Sunday of Advent
"A Time of Re-Centring"*

Dec 14 10:30 am *Third Sunday of Advent
"Ordinary Becomes
Extraordinary"*

Dec 18 4:00 pm *Blue Christmas Service*

Dec 21 10:30 am *Fourth Sunday of Advent
Special Presentation of Music
"Child of Hope" by Mark Hayes*

Dec 24 7:00 pm *Christmas Eve
Communion
"Love Came Down
at Christmas"*



**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/>



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

50th
ANNI

*"To Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Buck
All good wishes and the best of luck"*

*"That's not nearly good enough
They've been our friends for ages.
You'll have to write more stuff"
I said, "Of course you're right dear
So I will take your advice
Because even though they're English
They are really very nice"*

*When we first met you at the church
It seems oh so long ago
We had only been a few times
And there were lots of folks we didn't know
But you helped us settle in
So it didn't take us long
To realize Church of the Covenant
Was where we should belong*

*So thank you Joan and Ernie
For sharing a part of your life
It has given great pleasure
to me and my wife* *Fond Memories
Colin and Marjorie*

*Memories shared of a long time friend.
Colin and Marjorie Rae*

Joan Margaret Buck

February 2, 1927 -
November 14, 2025



95 TODAY

*You and Ernie were one of the first to welcome us
and invite us to your home
and that's only one of the many reasons
I'm so happy to write this poem*

*And when you retired and moved to Alliston
you didn't forget us, but kept in touch
And although we may not have mentioned it
To us it meant so much*

*And when you invited us for lunch
We were truly delighted
To get the chance to see you again
And share stories of all the fun times
when we were at Covenant United
and when you moved to Oak Ridges
we never lost touch
and before this darned pandemic,
we got to visit you
and we enjoyed our visits very much*

Covenantspell

CAST

NARRATOR: Doug Thompson

JESUS: Barry Knibbs

MARY: Cathy Blenkin

DISCIPLES: (alphabetically) Jim Blenkin, Ernie Buck,
Joan Buck, Rob Crew, Barry Eggett,
Don Hacker, Ed Hicks, Kate Kvernstad, Fred Lindars,
Nick Pairaudeau, Wally Penwill, Colin Rae

*And to make us feel at home
You seemed to go to no ends
And we soon were delighted
To be considered your friends
You were always fun to be with
We seemed to laugh a lot
Even when rehearsing for church musicals
When perhaps we should have not.*

One number from Covenantspell was a real hit. We can't bring back the past, but we can try to do just that by bringing back two of the stars of that evening, ten years older and hopefully a little wiser, - Valerie Buck and Rob Crew.

"A Right to Eat"

Food Security and Food Sovereignty in Indigenous Communities



Twenty of us gathered last Saturday to watch the documentary **"A Right to Eat"** to learn about food insecurity among our First Nations peoples and to discuss possible solutions. The film offers an intimate portrait of life on two northern Manitoba Reserves, Cross Lake and Barren Lands. In these communities the majority of food is flown in at great cost and fresh vegetables and fruit are scarce. The result is that families are struggling to feed their children and health problems such as diabetes are soaring. A striking moment in the film occurs when a teacher asks the children to raise their hands if they have a relative who has had a leg amputated. Half the class raised their hands.

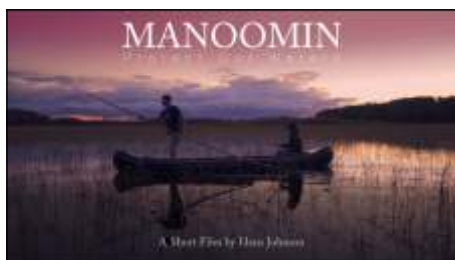
Hosted by the Outreach Committee

The Diabetes rate is eight times the national average. But it is not all doom and gloom. People are beginning to get back to traditional ways of sourcing food such as hunting and fishing and gardening and elders are helping to revive these lost skills.



If you would like to see the film you can stream it here for just \$3.99

<https://cinemapolitica.vhx.tv/products/a-right-to-eat-1>



We also discussed **Food Sovereignty** in indigenous communities and how that differs from **Food**

Security. While food insecurity refers to not having sufficient food of an adequate quality to meet people's basic needs, food sovereignty refers to control over where food comes from and the right to define one's own food and agricultural systems prioritizing healthy and culturally appropriate food. In this context we

looked at the production of **Manoomin**, wild rice, among Anishinaabe communities. The short film **"Manoomin: Protect our Waters"** provides an introduction to understanding the importance of Manoomin for attaining food sovereignty among local indigenous communities emphasizing ecologically appropriate production and distribution of wild rice to tackle hunger and poverty and gain sustainable food security.

You can see **"Manoomin: Protect Our Waters"** here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-CmlJ08h7Y>

We also looked at possible solutions to food insecurity in northern communities and watched a short film which depicts an innovative way of growing vegetables in northern communities hydroponically. You can watch a CBC newsclip about this here:

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/1.5387339>



All this learning was accomplished while sharing a delicious lunch of sandwiches and cookies as well as an indigenous wild rice dish prepared by Vivian. Thanks to all those who participated!

Jane Field



"Berry Rice"

A traditional Indigenous recipe



*A recipe from the Great Lakes area,
this sweet dish can be served hot or
cold. Makes 6 ~ 8 side servings*

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Sweet Potatoes, medium size,
cut into 1 inch pieces, roasted
- 1 clove Garlic, chopped or pureed
- 2 tbs Olive Oil
- Salt
- Freshly Ground Pepper
- 1 cup Wild Rice, uncooked
- 1/4 cup Dried Cranberries
- 1 cup Fresh Berries (raspberries,
blueberries, blackberries are all
good options)
- 1/3 cup Maple Syrup (real!)
- 1 tsp Ground Cinnamon
- Nuts can be added

Known to the Anishinaabeg as manoomin,
meaning the "good berry", it became a spiritual
and cultural staple as well as a culinary one.
Wild rice is an important food source for
people and wildlife such as the waterfowl.

ROAST THE SWEET POTATOES

Preheat the oven to 425°F.

In a ZipLoc bag add the sweet potatoes, 2 tbs
olive oil, garlic, and a dash of salt and pepper.
Toss to combine.

Spread the potatoes on a cookie sheet and
bake at 425°F, turning frequently. Roast just until
they start to caramelize, so they won't be too
soft.....about 25~30 minutes.

COOK THE WILD RICE

Rinse the wild rice well. Add 1 cup of wild rice,
2 1/2 cups of water, and 1/4 cup of dried
cranberries to a pot and simmer on medium low
heat until water is gone (about 45 minutes).
Cool the rice before adding the other ingredients.

COMBINE

Add the rice to a bowl and mix in the
fresh berries, sweet potatoes, maple syrup and
cinnamon.

Vivian Yarwood



“Manoomin” (wild rice)



Today, many people are working to revitalize the hand-harvested manoomin tradition and economy and to protect the manoomin beds. Continued harvest of manoomin represents resilience for Anishinaabe people.

Relationships and responsibility, rather than rights, lie at the heart of Indigenous food sovereignty. It is a pathway of responsibility to plant and animal relatives, respect for mother earth, relationship with self and community. It seeks to uphold “*sacred responsibilities*” to nurture relationships with our land, culture,

spirituality and future generations.

Indigenous food sovereignty refers to “a *re-connection to land-based food and political systems*”

Food sovereignty emphasizes ecologically appropriate production, distribution and consumption, social-economic justice and local food systems as ways to tackle hunger and poverty and guarantee sustainable food security for all peoples.

from **Resilience.org**
submitted by Vivian Yarwood



“The Traditional Harvest”

The harvesting of Manoomin is as important to First Nations communities today as it always has been and is protected under the authority of their treaty rights. **Parks Canada**’s mandate includes the protection of natural resources on the Trent-Severn Waterway. **Parks Canada** also has a legal duty to consult with the First Nations in relation to their rights associated with the harvesting of wild rice.

By working with First Nations partners, **Parks Canada**’s goal is to protect the natural resources on the waterway while at the same time balancing the needs of recreational users and respecting Treaty Rights.



The traditional homelands of the Anishinaabeg (the plural of Anishinaabe), including all seven **Williams Treaties First Nations**, encompasses the vast majority of central and southern Ontario, including the entirety of the Trent-Severn Waterway. The seven **Williams Treaties First Nations** who call the land surrounding the Trent-Severn Waterway home are: The Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Alderville First Nation, the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island.

All of the **Williams Treaties First Nations** were a highly mobile people who travelled throughout the region to hunt, harvest, and fish. The Anishinaabeg believe that wild rice (Manoomin) as well as the other three sacred foods, corn (Mndaamin), strawberries (Odeminan), and fish (Giigoonkewag), were gifts from the creator. To some of the **Williams Treaties First Nations**, Manoomin remains an important part of their lives.

Our Annual Cookie Day Is Fast Approaching.

Hello good friends.

Christmas is just around the corner and the time is coming soon for our **Annual Christmas Cookie Day**. This is a time honoured tradition. We are hopefully requesting home baked Christmas cookies for our cookie tins.

On Tuesday morning December 9, 2025 we will gather in the Church living room to pack the cookie tins and prepare them for deliveries to our members and friends.

We are a “caring” congregation who willingly care and share our hospitality.

If you are willing and able to bake your favourite Christmas cookies, please take them to Emily’s office on Monday, December 8 before 4 pm or please deliver them to the Church living room by 10am on Tuesday, December 9.

We also would really appreciate some folks who could deliver cookies and have a short visit with our recipients. Please consider this act of kindness during our Christmas season.

“Let’s care and share”.

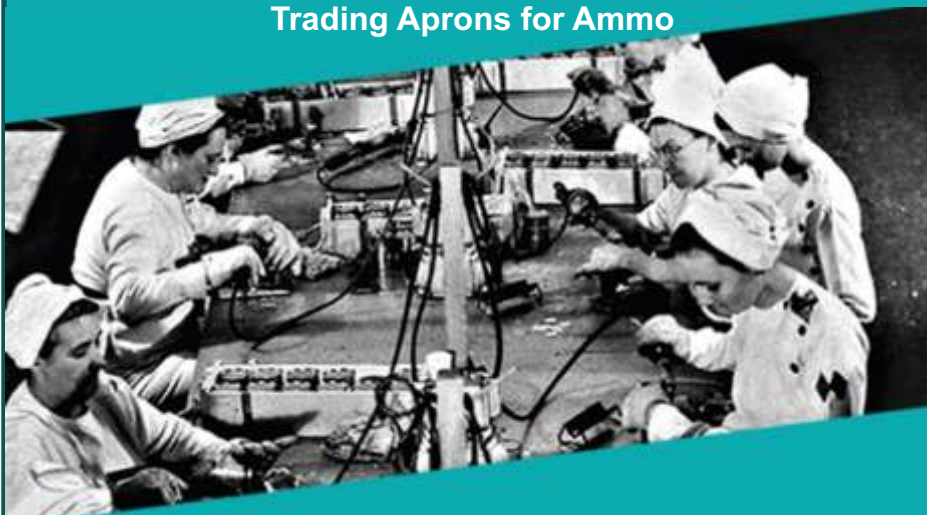
In gratitude,
The Pastoral Care team.



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

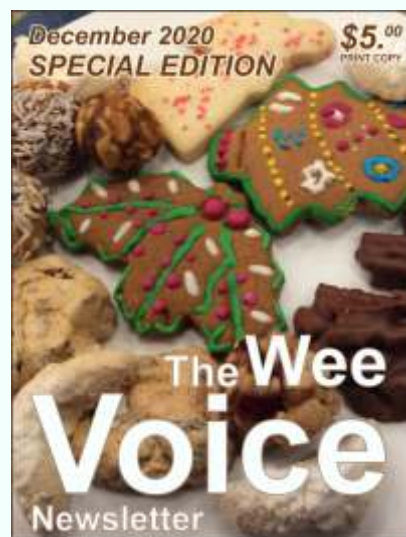
Discover the true story behind Scarborough’s top-secret munitions factory. Hear about the “Bomb Girls” who helped power Canada’s war effort.
Don’t miss this fascinating talk!

Register at 416 - 425 - 5252

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

NEED SOME INSPIRATION?

There are **33** tried and true recipes, all submitted by **YOU**, our readers, in the



I’d be more than happy to email you a copy. Send me a request at

tsjoyce@yahoo.ca

Poinsettias

*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

10" pot - \$35

Prices include HST

Prepaid Orders Only

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A Church of the Ascension FUNDRAISER

33 Overland Drive, Don Mills ON M3C 2C3

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!!!**



Minutes for Mission

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY



ACT Alliance member DSPR-MECC (Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees of the Middle East Council of Churches) provides medical support to people in Gaza.

Credit: Courtesy DSPR-MECC

Through **Mission and Service**, **The United Church of Canada** accompanies global partners who bring compassion and courage to some of the world's most difficult places. Today, we hold in prayer our partners in Gaza, where the situation remains catastrophic.

Partners in the **ACT Palestine Forum** share that families are facing famine, and shortages of clean water, medicine, and shelter. The cost of even the most basic items has risen far beyond reach. Many are forced to make painful choices simply to survive. Children are especially

vulnerable as malnutrition and lack of medical care take a growing toll.

Even amid these overwhelming challenges, **Mission and Service** partners continue to serve with remarkable faith and perseverance. Through **ACT Alliance**, they distribute food parcels, clean water, and medical supplies. They offer hygiene kits and psychosocial support to children and families living through trauma. And they raise their voices for a just and lasting peace, humanitarian access, and the protection of human dignity.

Each month, the **ACT Palestine Forum** organizes a global prayer vigil for Palestine and Gaza. *"It gives us strength,"* one representative says, *"to know that people around the world are praying with us, for justice, peace, and human dignity."*

Your gifts for **Mission and Service** make this work possible. They help contribute to efforts to provide food, health care, and hope to reach those in greatest need, and that our partners know they are not alone.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by this violence, and for peace rooted in justice to take root and grow.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/together-prayer-and-solidarity>

Winter Driving

Putting winter tires on your vehicle will improve traction and control in frost, snow and icy conditions and shorten braking distances by as much as 25%

You could also get a discount on your auto insurance - ask your insurance provider.

Be sure to install four winter tires - never mix different types of tires on one vehicle.

Check your tires regularly for wear and pressure. Cold weather can bring down your tire pressure, and worn or damaged tires make it harder to drive safely.

All-season tires are not the same as winter tires and can start to lose grip at 7°C

Many winter collisions happen because drivers are going too fast for road conditions.

Don't use cruise control on wet, snowy or icy pavement - it reduces your reaction time and vehicle control.

Steer gently on curves and in slippery conditions. Hard braking, quick acceleration and sudden gear changes can cause you to skid.

It takes longer to stop on slippery roads - make sure there's extra space between you and other vehicles.

Ontario

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



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GARDEN

**Edwards Gardens
Leslie and Lawrence**



Go green this holiday season by visiting the annual **Toronto Botanical Garden Holiday EcoMarket**, an eco-minded, nature-inspired, relaxed shopping experience. Admission is **FREE**.

**November 21 to 23, 2025
and
November 28 to 30, 2025**

**Friday: 2 to 6 pm
Saturday and Sunday:
10 am to 4 pm**

There are new vendors each weekend!

Not sure if this is for you?
Check them out!

<https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/enjoy/special-events/holiday-market-open-house/>



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

THE KNITTING PILGRIM



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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,
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"A stunning piece of theatre...
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Lynn Slotkin, *The Slotkin Letter*



15 years of knitting.
90 pounds of yarn.

One man's artistic
and spiritual journey.

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\$25.00 cash at the door**

Church Office

(416) 422 - 0510

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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



Stir-Up Sunday

“Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.

The last Sunday before Advent is ‘**Stir-up Sunday**’, the day when traditionally families gather together to prepare the Christmas pudding. This year that will be November 23rd.

The day does not actually get its name from ‘stirring the pudding’: it gets its name from the **Book of Common Prayer**. The **Collect of the Day** for the last Sunday before Advent starts, “*Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people*”. However since Victorian times it has become associated with the rather lovely family custom of preparing for Christmas together by making the Christmas pudding, an essential part of most British Christmas dinners.

The Christmas pudding as we know it is said to have been introduced to Britain by Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, however it is thought that a version of the pudding was actually introduced from Germany by George I (sometimes known as the ‘pudding king’) in 1714.

Usually the pudding is prepared well in advance (5 weeks before Christmas) and then reheated (and lit!) on Christmas Day itself.

On *Stir-Up Sunday*, families gather together to mix the pudding. Each member of the family

takes a turn in stirring the mixture whilst making a wish. The pudding should be stirred from east to west, in honour of the Magi (Wise Men) who came from the east to visit the baby Jesus. It’s also a good excuse to enjoy a wee dram or a cup of festive mulled wine!

On Christmas Day the pudding has its own ritual. It is topped with a sprig of holly (plastic holly is best as holly berries are poisonous) to represent Jesus’ crown of thorns. A little warm brandy is then poured over it and lit - with care, as many an eyebrow has fallen victim to an over-enthusiastic dousing of the pudding in alcohol! It is then carried proudly, alight and flaming, to the table to be served with brandy butter and cream or lashings of hot custard.

Sadly, the tradition of Stir-Up Sunday is dying out, as nowadays most Christmas puddings are shop-bought.



Want to skip the “bother”, but still enjoy the taste? Consider dropping in to **The Scottish Company** (Leslie just south of the 401)

<https://scottishcompany.com/collections/christmas-cakes-puddings>

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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Toronto Santa Claus Parade

Sunday, November 23rd starts at 12:30 pm and live TV coverage begins at 1 p.m. on Citytv. Doesn't that bring back memories!!!

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

**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!



LAST WILL and TESTAMENT

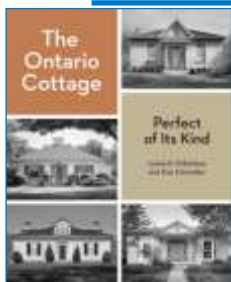
Make a Will

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.



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

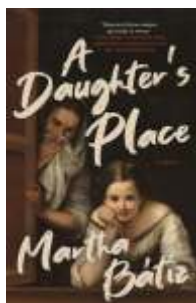
a centuries-old house form that graces landscapes across the province. **The Ontario Cottage: Perfect of its Kind** examines the timeless appeal of this humble abode.



Digital Life Skills for Seniors: Online Safety

Friday November 28th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

For people who have basic internet skills but want to learn about online safety and privacy. We will cover tips for creating secure passwords, using public Wi-Fi safely, protecting your device from malware, and how to recognize online scams. Resource handout provided.



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.



Little Black Dress Holiday Concert

Friday December 5th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Swing into the season with the sophisticated saxophonists of Little Black Dress! The ladies will perform our favourite festive tunes to celebrate the holiday season.



Holiday Concert with SideCar78

Wednesday December 10th
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Swing into the holiday season with **sidecar78**. Enjoy an evening of live festive saxophone peppered with jazz and swing tunes to set your holiday mood.

sidecar78 is Norman Miller (soprano), Mike Lewis (alto), Jeff Densham (tenor) and Graziano Brescacin (baritone).

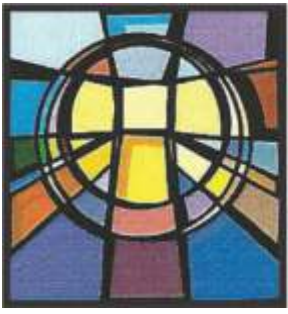


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