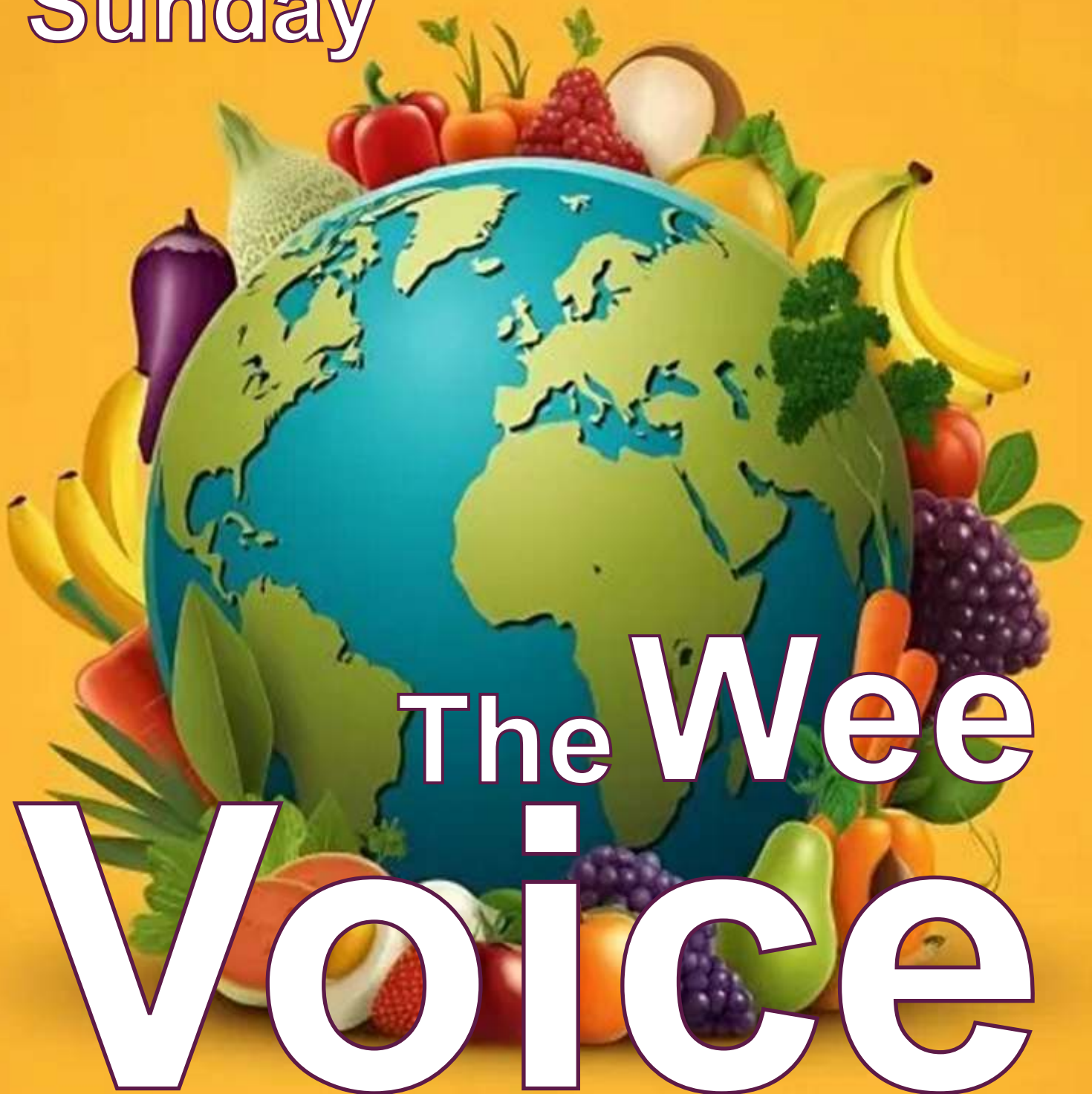


World
Food
Sunday

October 17, 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**



Zero Hunger

by **Shezah-Nadeem**

I'm sitting down eating my food
When I'm suddenly not
in the mood
I turn towards the trash
When I get a flash
I see a group of people
that are hungry
They don't have enough money
I see people crying of hunger

Then all I see is anger in me
Everyone deserves to eat
I then go back to my seat
Eat my food and think
I decide to help quick
I gather sandwich supplies
I call a few friends to help

We all go out in different places
I see thankful faces
I felt good and so did my heart
Everyone should do their part
We should think twice
before we waste
Everyone should be able to eat
No one should be hungry
on the street

The Zero Hunger Project:

Journey To End Global Hunger

by **Sumon Roy**



A compelling
exploration of the
persistent paradox
of global hunger
amid

unprecedented abundance. This
groundbreaking book delves into
the multifaceted nature of food
insecurity, revealing its hidden
dimensions and offering a bold,
actionable blueprint to eradicate
hunger worldwide.



"World Food Day 2025"
poster

*"There will be plenty of time to sleep
when you're dead"*

Benjamin Franklin

I often think of this quote, and smile, when coming to the end of a particularly busy time. And the Thanksgiving holiday is certainly one of those times! Four important birthdays, dinners with family, with friends, special occasions in our church life.....they all make it a whirlwind.

I learned a long time ago that it is not how busy you are, but how "balanced" your life is. The "measure" that works for me is to ask myself, as I sit resting after all the "commotion" is done, *"are these adding to my good memories?"*. If yes, then being tired is worthwhile. If no, then those activities need to be scaled back (no, you can never eliminate them entirely!)

I believe that the joy in life is building memories that will bring joy to your heart and a smile to your face when you reflect back on them over time.

This is not a "static" process! The "balance" when you are young (and carefree?) in your twenties, or when you are in your forties, or closing in on your eighties, is different. Failing to accept that leads only to frustration.

And "balance" is not the same for everyone. It is unique to you. Don't live to someone else's "balance" and don't expect them to live to yours.

So I sincerely hope this time of Thanksgiving has added to your "stockpile" of happy memories. Maybe we'll share them at **Friday Coffee Drop By** some day.

Tom Joyce

DCUC Knitting Group



Our meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Our next meeting will be October 27th. Beginners or accomplished knitters, we would love to have you join us!

Andrea Sloan



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Jeremiah chapter 31: verses 27 ~ 34

Luke chapter 18: verses 1 ~ 18

"Do Not Lose Heart"

Have you ever felt discouraged? Felt your spirit sag, your energy fade, or your faith waver? Wondered if the journey is just too hard to continue? In telling the parable of the persistent widow in Luke's gospel, Jesus acknowledges that it's easy to feel worn down or disheartened along the way.

This week, Jesus encourages us "always to pray and not lose heart." He tells a story about a persistent widow who appeals to a corrupt judge. The judge's status, his power, the pomp and ceremony of his lofty position – all have made him a man unworthy of his calling. Yet the widow, who feels wronged and aggrieved, continues to approach him with courage and persistence. Eventually, he relents.



She doesn't give up, and more importantly, she doesn't lose heart, even in the face of injustice and indifference.

So what about us? Where in our lives are we being called to persist - to keep praying, keep believing, keep showing up - even when the results seem slow to come? And how might God be renewing our hearts and strengthening our faith through that very persistence?

Rev 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

Emily on Vacation

(sounds like it should be a book title!!)

Emily will be taking a few days off, so the church office will be closed from 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 21st, re-opening at 9:00 am on Monday, October 27th.



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.

The next meeting will be on October 9th.

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

Did you miss a Sunday Worship service? Go to our website and you can view the entire Sunday service. Updated every Monday morning.

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

Follow us and Like us on

Facebook

Donway Covenant United Church



SERVICES for OCTOBER and NOVEMBER



Oct 19 10:30 am "Do Not Lose Heart"
World Food Sunday

Oct 26 10:30 am "God You There?"
Peace Sunday

Nov 3 10:30 am "#####"

Nov 9 10:30 am "#####"
Remembrance Sunday

Nov 16 10:30 am "#####"

Nov 23 10:30 am "#####"
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



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

Go to our web site and find out!!!

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

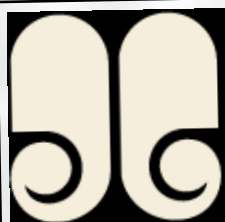
Memorial Concert

HONOURING

Marla Miller

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 3:30 PM
THE DONWAY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY RECEIVED AN
INVITATION CONTACT NORMAN:**
nmillersax@gmail.com or (416) 618 - 0799



**Toronto
Mendelssohn
Choir**

DCUC choir and **Toronto Mendelssohn** choir member, Annie Griffin, invites you to attend **Brahms' A German Requiem**, which is a deeply human reflection on love, loss, and the solace offered to those who grieve.

Led by Artistic Director Jean-Sébastien Vallée, the **TM Choir** brings their signature "*mix of subtlety, power, and precision*" (Ludwig van Toronto) to this masterpiece's soaring choral lines and rich orchestration. **ECHO**, a stunning new commission by Stephanie Martin, preludes Brahms' work, featuring the full power of the **TM Choir** and orchestra.

Annie says bring your tissues, and say hello to her in the lobby afterwards!



**Wednesday, November 5th
at 7:30 pm**
George Weston Recital Hall
**(beside Mel Lastman Square
North York)**

and
**Friday, November 7th
at 7:30 pm**
Koerner Hall
(beside the Royal Ontario Museum)

For more information, and to buy tickets, CLICK HERE

<https://www.tmchoir.org/event/brahms-german-requiem/>

THERE'S STILL TIME!!

FOOD DRIVE IS RUNNING TO THE END OF OCTOBER

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

at The Donway Covenant United Church

in support of the Community Share Food Bank

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!!!! As Thanksgiving approaches, we think of food and the bountiful harvest from our Canadian earth.....apples, potatoes, corn, brussel sprouts, squash, pumpkins,.....which will grace our Thanksgiving tables. Unfortunately, many families are challenged with food insecurity, made worse by recent economic factors. Some facts about the **Community Share Food Bank** from their website:



Community Share provides a three-day supply of food, twice per month, to individuals and families who live within our catchment area. We serve the area between Bayview Avenue east to Victoria Park and 401 south to Eglinton Avenue.



Participants can choose non-perishable items in a market-style model. Through the support of our donors, hampers always feature fresh produce, milk, eggs and bread.



They offer a delivery program to participants who are unable to come to the food bank in person; they may apply to have a hamper delivered right to their door.



Community Share currently offers a referral service for participants who would like to be connected to other social services within the GTA.



In 2013, **Community Share** and **Overland Learning Centre** partnered to create the **Overland Environmental Learning Garden (OELG)**, located next door to the food bank on **Toronto District School Board** property. The garden provides an outdoor educational space for adult **ESL** learners, as well as fresh produce for our food hampers and kitchen programs.



Many people who used to donate to the food bank are now having to receive food from the food bank

This is our annual **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**, and so we are inviting **DCUC** to financially support our local **Community Share Food Bank**. We know many congregants give to the food bank throughout the year and we are so grateful for your ongoing support!

Cheques should be made payable to: "**The Donway Covenant United Church**", and can be placed on the Sunday offering plate, dropped off or mailed to the church to the end of October!



community share FOOD BANK

www.communitysharefoodbank.ca

Thank you for your great generosity in the past. We hope you will make this year's **Thanksgiving Food Drive** a resounding success so that our neighbours will have food.

Vivian Yarwood,
Chair, Outreach Committee

Looking Ahead

I got looking at my calendar, making note of events, or "things to do" that take some advance planning. One that popped up was "**Stir Up**

Sunday", the last Sunday before the Advent

season, November 21st. Traditionally, this is the day to make the Christmas cakes or puddings so they are well "seasoned"!

Do you have a favourite recipe you'd be willing to share? If yes, please email it to me and we can share them around. My mouth is watering already!

tsjoyce@yahoo.ca





670 Eglinton Avenue East
Church Office (416) 422 - 0510

*A friend of ours is organising this Christmas wreath making workshop at **Leaside Presbyterian Church**, and is inviting us to participate. She said it would be great if people would bring along a grandchild or other children in their lives.*

It sounds fun for those who are crafty and it is for a good cause.

Jane Field

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Saturday, November 8

Proceeds to our sponsored
child in Ethiopia, Tarikwa

\$25 includes:

**Artificial Wreath. Decorations,
Instructions, Refreshments**

**Add to the fun and bring a child or
grandchild! (*only one per adult please!*)**

Session 1: 10:00 - 11:30 am

Session 2: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

**Please email your name, phone number,
and indicate am or pm session to:**

admin@presbyterianchurch.ca

(Please indicate if you will need any accessibility assistance)

**Once confirmed, an e-transfer of \$25.00
will be required to hold your spot.**

We are limited to 12 wreaths per session.

Please confirm by November 1st.



Are You Ready For Halloween?

Halloween falls on a Friday this year, so we expect more than the usual ghosts, witches, and assorted scary little ones than other years. When you love kids, especially the little ones, how can you not get excited as you shell out the candies on Halloween?

Tom Joyce

Join Us for *Lunch with Lorrie*

**Tuesday, October 21st
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
*NOTE NEW DATE***

Lorrie and I are looking forward to starting our *Lunch with Lorrie* gatherings on Tuesday, October 21. 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

Family Thanksgiving Dinner



photos by Victoria Martinez



Minutes for Mission



40 DAYS OF ENGAGEMENT ON ANTI-RACISM ARE UNDERWAY



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The 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism are underway, and now is the best time to join in. Wherever you are on the journey, today is the right day to take the next step. Across Canada and beyond, people are gathering in faith and courage to confront racism, to listen deeply, and to act for justice.

This is not a quick or easy process. The conversations can be uncomfortable. They reveal where racism lives - in systems, in communities, and within ourselves - and they push us to ask: What does justice look like in real life?

Every day in this program offers tools to walk this path: prayers that ground us, reflections that shift perspectives, stories and videos that bring lived experiences into focus, and action steps that help turn awareness into change. These resources

are created by ministers, lay leaders, educators, and community members - people who bring lived experience, wisdom, and hope.

This work is not just about understanding racism. It's about dismantling it.

From October 14 to November 28, 2025, the 40 Days include:

- ◆ Live online events with dynamic speakers every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. ET
- ◆ Weekly short videos with accompanying reflections and action items
- ◆ Downloadable resources designed for both groups and individuals

The learning doesn't stop there. All resources remain available online so that individuals, congregations, and community groups can keep learning, keep talking, and keep acting. Anti-racism is a lifelong journey.

Your **Mission and Service** gifts make this vital work possible, not just for 40 days, but every day. Through your generosity, the **United Church of Canada** continues to live into its commitment to becoming an anti-racist church, and to work toward a world where every person is treated with dignity, equity, and love. Thank you.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/40-days-engagement-anti-racism-are-underway>

Why Wee?

Over the five years we have been publishing **The Wee VOICE** we have often been asked "**why Wee?**". Vague answersthe original quarterly newsletter was



The VOICE, and this one is smaller (or was when it started!). But secretly it has always been that I simply liked the sound of it! Recently I saw this short video that maybe says it better than I can.....at least it should put a smile on your face!

CLICK HERE

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/UGBFYcIKW_U



World Food Day 2025

***Hand in hand for better food
and a better future!***

World Food Day 2025 is calling for global collaboration in creating a peaceful, sustainable, prosperous, and food-secure future. By working together, across governments, organizations, sectors, and communities, we can transform agrifood systems to ensure that everyone has access to a healthy diet, living in harmony with the planet.

In some places, the severity of food insecurity is overwhelming. An estimated 673 million people are living with hunger. Elsewhere, rising levels of obesity and widespread food waste point to a system out of balance - where abundance and absence coexist, often side by side.

Agrifood systems are also a major source of greenhouse gas emissions. Yet they offer real potential to reduce those emissions through the way food is grown, harvested, and shared.

Greater and more targeted investment, new ideas, and deeper cooperation are needed. From governments and international organizations to farmers, researchers, businesses, and consumers, including youth,

everyone has a role to play in shaping the transformation of agrifood systems.

As **FAO** marks 80 years, the Organization stands ready to continue to work alongside its members and partners. The focus is clear: to find practical, lasting solutions that respond to today's challenges and help achieve a food-secure world for all, for today and tomorrow.

Consumers also carry part of the solution. Choosing healthy diets, wasting less, and helping to protect the soil, water, and biodiversity that make food possible are small acts that add up. Speaking up for those facing hunger, engaging with decision-makers, and staying attentive to change; these are some of the ways to take part.

The choices we make every day shape the world we live in.



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

YOU'RE *join us!*
WELCOME TO

These events are *FREE*.
Space is limited!

**Please let us know
if you are coming.**

RSVP REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

**Presentation: The Magnificent 7:
Research-Backed Keys to Living
Well Every Day, with Julie Guthrie**

Wednesday October 29th at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Join Coach Julie for an engaging and practical presentation that explores the 7 Dimensions of Wellness, the history behind the model, and how small, simple changes can make a positive difference in everyday life. The educational session will also highlight current relevant research being conducted Worldwide across the holistic spectrum. Whether it's moving safely, connecting with friends, challenging the mind, finding purpose, or simply feeling more joyful, participants will learn how each dimension contributes to living a more empowered, informed and balanced life.

Programs you might find of interest!



Ozobots for Seniors

**Friday October 17th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

Come explore, in a hands-on workshop, the basics of coding using Ozobots - tiny robots that follow colour-coded commands! Participants will use markers to draw lines and create simple sequences that guide their bot through mazes, loops, and fun challenges.



Understanding Behaviours of Dementia

**Wednesday October 29th
from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Led by the Alzheimer Society of Toronto, this presentation is designed help participants better understand why people living with dementia express changes in their behaviour. Tips for those supporting the individual experiencing them will be explored.



Lola Reid Allin Armchair Travel: CHILE Explore Top to Bottom

**Wednesday October 22nd
from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Join Lola on an adventure that begins in the northern Antofagasta Region, where Flygirl Lola leads us on a hike to the driest desert in the world. Crunch across salt flats, marvel at ancient petroglyphs, and tread carefully through the Southern Hemisphere's largest geyser field. Move south, amble art-festooned laneways in Santiago and Valparaíso then sample Colchagua Valley wines. A flight south then takes us to the hiking trails of Torres del Paine in Patagonia followed by a multi-day, small-boat cruise to the End of the World at Tierra Del Fuego where we'll stroll with penguins and beavers.



Wednesday Night Movie "Unsung Hero" 2024

**Wednesday November 5th
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

When David Smallbone's successful music company collapses, he moves his family from Down Under to the States, searching for a brighter future. With nothing more than their six children, suitcases, and their love of music, David and his pregnant wife Helen set out to rebuild their lives. Based on a true story.



Finding Joy Through Photography for Older Adults

**Friday November 7th
from 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

Discover the joy of photography in your golden years! This welcoming workshop invites participants to explore photography as a creative outlet and memory-keeping tool. With easy-to-follow guidance, they'll learn how to take better photos using smartphones or digital cameras whether capturing family moments, nature, or everyday beauty. No experience needed, just curiosity and a willingness to try something new. Please bring a charged smartphone (any model).



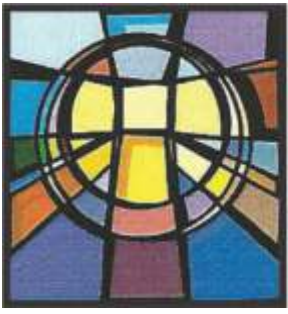
How to Avoid Frauds and Scams for Older Adults

**Friday October 24th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

Retired lawyer, Sheldon Parker, offers general information for older adults about identifying and avoiding frauds and scams. The presentation will cover a wide range of related topics including computer, phone, ATM and credit card security, and different types of frauds and scams like bank fraud, romance/dating scams, and more.

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

***Toronto Public Library is pleased to share
that starting October 19, all 100 branches
will open on Sundays year-round from
12-5 pm, except on holiday weekends. This
will mean more access to library spaces,
programs and services all year long.***



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

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