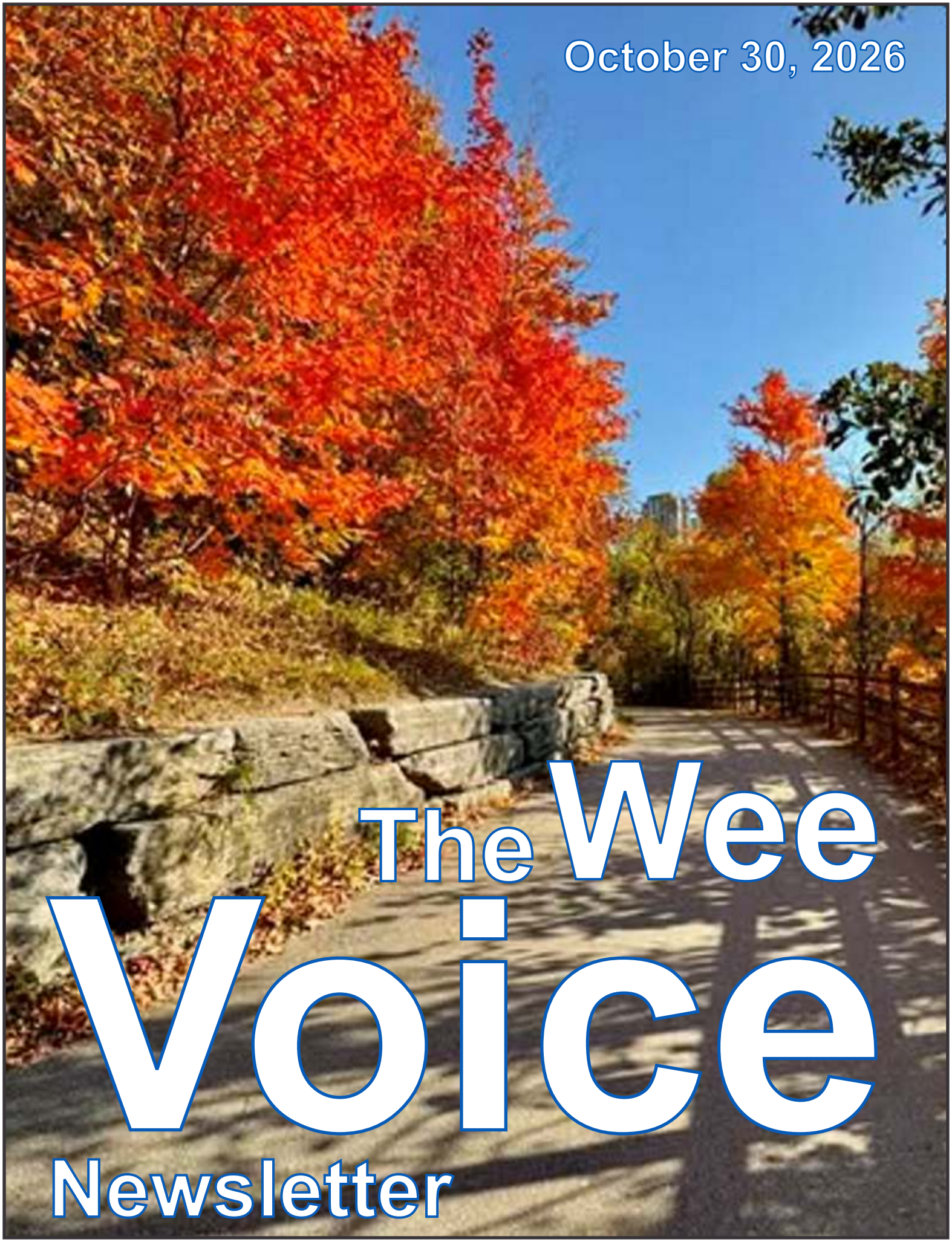

October 30, 2026
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The Donway Covenant United Church

Our Mission

"To follow Jesus by sharing God's unconditional love as the Spirit empowers us."

Our Vision

We will follow Jesus...

- By being a local Christian church within the United Church of Canada; a community anchor for spiritual exploration and growth where life, worship, knowledge, service and song all contribute to our larger story.
- By welcoming and involving people of diverse faith, ethnicities, abilities, ages and stages of life, economic situations, sexual orientation and gender identities.
- By caring for all members with compassion, empathy and joy.
- By acts of service, reaching out to engage and support our community, the country and the world.
- By building bridges within our community, as a congregation recognizing the variety of religions and spiritualities in the most diverse city in the world.
- By using our facilities for religious, social, cultural, educational, or other programs that reflect our values.

We are an AFFIRMING Congregation



East Don Trail
photo by
Dharmesh Patel

Merry Autumn

Paul Laurence Dunbar

It's all a farce, - these tales they tell
About the breezes sighing,
And moans astir o'er field and dell,
Because the year is dying.

Such principles are most absurd, -
I care not who first taught 'em;
There's nothing known to beast or bird
To make a solemn autumn.

In solemn times, when grief holds sway
With countenance distressing,
You'll note the more of black and gray
Will then be used in dressing.

Now purple tints are all around;
The sky is blue and mellow;
And e'en the grasses turn the ground
From modest green to yellow.

The seed burrs all with laughter crack
On featherweed and jimson;
And leaves that should be dressed in black
Are all decked out in crimson.

A butterfly goes winging by;
A singing bird comes after;
And Nature, all from earth to sky,
Is bubbling o'er with laughter.

The ripples wimple on the rills,
Like sparkling little lasses;
The sunlight runs along the hills,
And laughs among the grasses.

The earth is just so full of fun
It really can't contain it;
And streams of mirth so freely run
The heavens seem to rain it.

Don't talk to me of solemn days
In autumn's time of splendour,
Because the sun shows fewer rays,
And these grow slant and slender.

Why, it's the climax of the year, -
The highest time of living! -
Till naturally its bursting cheer
Just melts into thanksgiving.



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Revelation chapter 7: verses 9 ~ 17
Matthew chapter 5: verses 1 ~ 12

"The Saints We Have Known"

It's funny how the people who have been part of our lives continue to shape us, often in ways we don't even realize. A familiar expression, a favourite song, or a little habit can bring someone we love back to mind and make us smile.



This Sunday is ***All Saints Sunday***, a time to remember those who have touched our lives and left something of themselves with us. And I think there's a lovely connection between that remembering and the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes. When Jesus speaks about those who are blessed, he doesn't point to the most successful, the most powerful, or those who seem to have everything figured out. Instead, he speaks of the merciful, the gentle, the peacemakers, and those who hunger for what is right. People whose goodness may not always attract much attention, but whose lives make a difference.

And perhaps that's why these words fit so beautifully with ***All Saints Sunday***. Because when we think about the people who have shaped our lives, aren't these often the very qualities we remember? Someone who showed us kindness when we needed it. Someone who stood by us through a difficult time. Someone whose love made life a little better.

They weren't perfect, of course. None of us is. But perhaps being a saint has less to do with perfection and more to do with the love we share along the way. And that leaves us with something worth pondering. Whose love has helped shape your life? And what might someone remember about the love you've shared with them?

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price

JOIN US for CAKE at COFFEE TIME



after Worship (November 1)

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



Fellowship Committee

The Church Office

is open four days a week *(regular hours)*
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

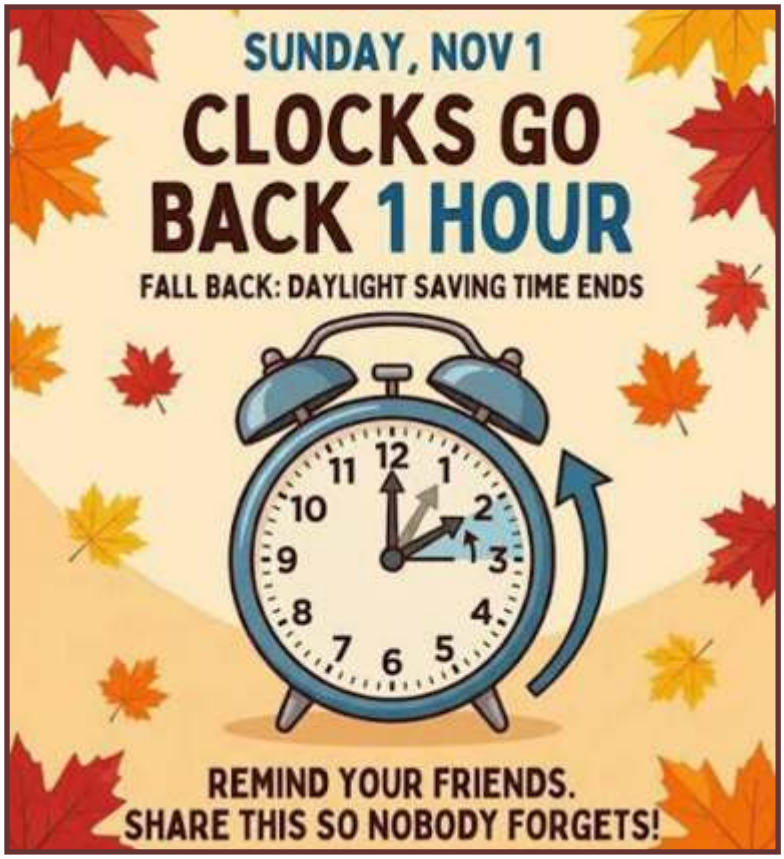
You should be able to catch me every morning and some afternoons. Call ahead to ensure I am at the church.

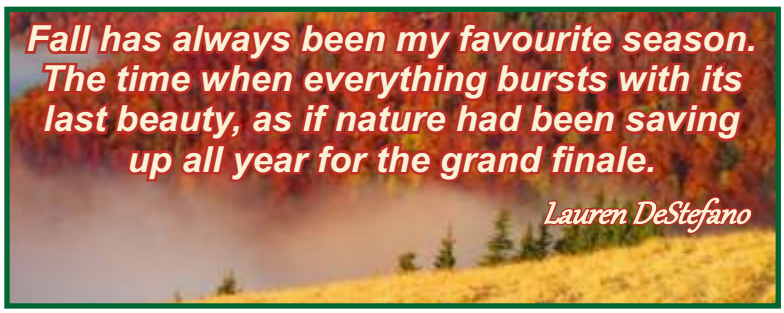
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https://www.donwaycovenant.com/

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SERVICES for OCTOBER and NOVEMBER



Nov 1	10:30 am	*"The Saints We Have Known" All Saints Sunday*
Nov 8	10:30 am	*"The Future They Could Not See" Remembrance Sunday*
Nov 15	10:30 am	*"Don't Bury Your Life"*
Nov 22	10:30 am	*"Love You Can See" Reign of Christ Sunday*

Join us for Worship in our Sanctuary

The Worship Committee

UPDATE

Effective **Monday November 2nd** the Men's washroom in the CE wing will be closed.

The floor in the area near the toilet will be excavated to find the leak in our heating system. Heating pipes descend from the loft and travel under bathroom floor to CE wing and Sanctuary. This leak effects both Sanctuary and CE Wing.



Stewardship Church Repair



The Women's bathroom will become an ***All Gender Accessible Bathroom*** until repairs are completed.

Bathrooms which require stairs are available in the **H.E.N.S.** area past the living room if you don't wish to use the **All Gender Bathroom.**

Stewardship Committee

The **Donway Covenant United Church**

What's Going On..



DCUC Knitting Group

Our knitting/crochet group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 2:30 in the living room. Our next gathering is on November 9th.

Look forward to seeing everyone and new members always welcome!



Thank you,
Andrea Sloan

Caregivers & Tots

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00 am to 10:30 am



A welcoming time for caregivers and little ones to play, connect, and share.

All are welcome!

Ladies' Fellowship

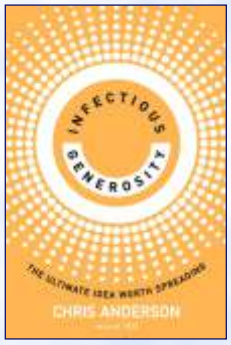
Are you finding it a bit harder to "get out of the house" these days? Do you find yourself wishing you could just chat with friends from your favourite chair?

Our *Ladies' Fellowship* on **ZOOM** might be just the thing for you! Lead by Maureen Smith, our group meets twice a month - on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10:30 am. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, November 12th.**

All are welcome to attend. Please contact Emily at the church office for the **Zoom** link.

(416) 444 - 8444

Tuesday Book Study Group



Our Tuesday Book Study Group meets weekly from 10:00 am to 11:30 am every Tuesday on Zoom. All are welcome.

Contact the office if interested in joining us and Emily will forward the link.

Eileen Russell
and Shirley McNaughton



FRIDAY COFFEE DROP BY

Every Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the church Living Room.

All are welcome! Bring a friend ~ Meet a friend ~ Make a new friend! ~ Have a coffee!



Great conversation!!

We're Still Collecting!

We are still requesting clean, dry and folded outer Milk bags for the Sleeping mat project at St. Gabriel's Church; eyeglasses for the Lions club; plastic bread tabs for the Lions club; and metal pop tabs.

Please leave the donations in a basket in the Church Narthex or in the wicker picnic basket outside of Emily's office.

Thanks for caring.

Marian Childerhose

Join Us for Lunch with Lorrie

Thursday, November 26th
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Architectural Styles That Shaped Toronto

A fascinating journey through history, architecture, and our city! Join us for a delicious lunch and an entertaining presentation with our special guest speaker, Edward Nicolucci, Urban Designer with the City of Mississauga.

Have you ever wondered about the stories behind Toronto's beautiful historic buildings? We'll travel back over 4,000 years to discover the remarkable architectural styles of ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance. Then we'll return home to explore some of Toronto's best-known buildings, uncovering their fascinating histories and the architectural influences that shaped our city.

Come for the lunch, stay for the stories, and discover Toronto in a whole new way!

Edward Nicolucci, B.Tech., B.Arch., OAA, LEED AP, brings extensive experience in architecture, urban design, and city planning. He has held several senior roles with the City of Mississauga, including serving as an advisor in the City Manager's Office during former Mayor Hazel McCallion's tenure.

Suggested donation: $5 per person. All donations will support our church's outreach projects, helping us make a difference in the wider community.

Kindly let Emily in the church office know by Monday, November 23 if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

(416) 444 - 8444

Everyone is welcome!

Rev. Lorrie Daly-Price,
The Donway Covenant United Church

Light Up the Tree

Friday, November 27th
1:00 to 3:00 pm

Hope you can join us in the Sanctuary as we decorate our 2026 Christmas Tree. Our gathering will be capped off with the lighting of the tree!

Coffee, tea and hot apple cider will be served in the Narthex accompanied by some delightful holiday treats.

Hope you can join us!



Lunch and Film Event

Saturday November 21, 11am – 1:30 pm

Hosted by the Outreach Committee



In recent years, the **Outreach Committee** has focused on a theme for education and fundraising initiatives. Some of these have included climate change, refugees and newcomers to Canada, and Food and Water insecurity of Indigenous communities in Canada.

This fall and through Advent, the **Outreach Committee** is focusing on ***YOUTH HOMELESSNESS***.

Therefore, the **Outreach Committee** would like to invite you to join us for a learning event and lunch on Saturday, November 21st, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm in the Living Room.



We will have a speaker from **Eva's Place**, (a local youth shelter at Leslie St and the 401), who will outline some of the reasons youth become homeless as well as the programs they offer to help youth.

We will also see a short documentary film entitled ***"No Place to Call Home"***. It is filmed in Toronto, narrated by a youth, with several interviews. It also suggests ways we can get involved in helping youth. And it encourages young people to get involved.

The Outreach Committee

This event is free but please RSVP to the office by Monday November 16th!

HOPE YOU PLAN ON COMING!



Annual Fellowship Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday, December 2nd ~ in the Auditorium

Gathering at Noon ~ Luncheon at 12:30 pm

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS..... INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOURS ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!

We ask that you sign up either at Coffee Time following Worship, or through the church office so that we can plan according!

St. Mark's Christmas Marketplace

Saturday, November 14, 2026
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Light refreshments will be provided

SALE ITEMS

Baking, Preserves, Pickles, Crafts, Knitting, Quilts, House Plants

RAFFLE ITEMS

Basket from McEwan's, Jewelry, Wine and Chocolate package, Gift Basket
Tickets $3.00 each, 2 for $5.00, or 5 for $10.00

GENTLY USED ITEMS

Books, CD's, DVD's, Puzzles, Collectibles, Costume Jewelry

Please bring your own shopping bags.

ST. MARK'S

1 Greenland Road, Toronto ON M3C 1N1
(416) 444 - 3471 **stmarkstoronto.org**



During World War I, heavy artillery fire churned up the lime-rich clay soil of Western Front battlefields in France and Belgium, waking dormant red poppy seeds that grew in massive numbers over the graves of fallen soldiers.

In Flanders Fields

In May 1915, Canadian military physician Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote the poem ***"In Flanders Fields"*** after losing his friend on the battlefront, immortalizing the sight of the red flowers blowing between the crosses.

Lest We Forget

November 11th

Help us pay tribute to Canadian veterans and join us on Aggie Hogg Gardens Road for our annual ***Remembrance Day Ceremony*** from 10:45 to 11:30 am.





Rev Lorrie Daly-Price will be participating in the service. There will be a solemn laying of wreaths. A bugler and a piper will be in attendance. A reading of ***In Flanders Fields*** by the Don Mills Scout Group.

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A great Christmas concert is a signal that the Christmas season has begun.

I'd personally like to invite you to the ***Festival of Carols*** with the **Toronto Mendelssohn Choir**. This event is so popular that we added an additional performance two years ago, and if last year's audience was anything to go by, we will sell out all three again this year.

With holiday favourites such as ***Silent Night*** and ***O Come All Ye Faithful***, to the cheery ***Jingle Bells***, to new favourites such as ***Stick With Love***, and many many more, our audiences leave with smiles on their faces and peace in their hearts. We singers, too, enjoy giving you such a delicious musical taste of the holiday season.

Don't miss it! **Annie Griffin**

CLICK HERE to buy your tickets

https://www.tmchoir.org/event/festival-of-carols-2026/



Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M4T 1Z9
(just north of St. Clair)

Three Performances
December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
from 7:30 to 9:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Hello Friends,

East York Concert Band is filling the air with Christmas music, in preparation for our annual Christmas concert.

Sunday December 13th at 2 pm

Thank you for your support in the past and I hope we can count on your support again for our upcoming concert. (More details to follow).

With gratitude, your favourite flute player, ***Vivian Yarwood***

Calling All Singers

Is this your year? Make it a little special and join the choir!



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 9:45 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

Welcome to Café 65!



Bring your Friends & Enjoy the Afternoon!
Food, Fellowship and Fun for Seniors!

GREAT ENTERTAINERS singing GREAT HITS!

November12th — **Joe Zambri**
December 10th — **Filipa Sousa**

Second Thursday each month
12 to 2 pm
Lunch (noon) & Entertainment

$20

Reservations by noon
Tuesdays prior to event
e-mail cafe65connections@gmail.com
or call 416 - 444 - 8881

Café 65
A Gathering Place for Seniors

A Community Outreach Program of
Church of the Ascension
33 Overland Drive, Don Mills, ON, M3C 2C3
Wheelchair Access

Song of the Witches:

"Double, double toil and trouble"

by William Shakespeare

Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn and caldron bubble.
Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the caldron boil and bake;
Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting,
Lizard's leg and howlet's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.



Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn and caldron bubble.
Cool it with a baboon's blood,
Then the charm is firm and good.



Minutes for Mission

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ANIMATORS



The United Church's Leadership Animator program helps young people grow in faith, develop leadership skills, and discover their gifts. Through mentorship and hands-on experiences, youth are helping shape the future of the church.

What does it mean to be a leader in the church? For eight young people from across the **United Church of Canada**, this summer was an opportunity to explore that question through the ***Leadership Animator Program***.

The ***Leadership Animator Program*** employs six youth (ages 15-21) from across Canada to participate in leadership development, vocational discernment, collective conference leadership, and church staff placements. Now in its third year, the ***Leadership Animator Program*** continues to empower youth and expose them to the life of the wider church.

This past summer, the ***Leadership Animators*** took part in **General Council**, helped lead workshops and discipleship groups at **Collective 2026**, and spent time shadowing church staff to learn more about the work happening in congregations and communities.

They also ensured they took the time to learn from one another. During time together at Crieff Hills, they shared stories about their lives and experiences in the church, enjoyed a nature walk, and explored the church's role in truth, reconciliation, and decolonization.

Opportunities to connect happened online, too. Through daily gatherings, the young leaders took turns guiding worship and land acknowledgements, while learning about everything from anti-racism and Indigenous reconciliation to church history, finance, and growth.

But leadership isn't just about learning how to organize an event or lead a group. It's also about building relationships, encouraging others, and helping people recognize their own potential.

Through these experiences, the ***Leadership Animators*** each year gain confidence, explore their passions, and discover the many ways they can be involved in the life of the church. They're also bringing fresh perspectives and voices to a wider church where youth leadership continues to grow in importance.

From the United Church of Canada website

https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/mission-and-service-story-youth-leadership-animators/

International Inuit Day

November 7th is a day to honour and recognize Inuit peoples all over turtle island. To honour the founder of the ***Inuit Circumpolar Council***, Eben Hopson, we celebrate the Inuit community on November 7th, his birthday. This day is intended to celebrate the identities, languages and cultures of over 160 000 Inuit peoples across Canada, United States, Greenland and Russia.

In the 1982 constitution act, the Inuit were recognized as a distinctive group of Canadian Indigenous peoples who are neither Métis nor First Nations. The Inuit are the Indigenous peoples of the North. Within Canada, the majority of their population resides in the four northern regions of the country on their traditional homelands of Inuit Nunangut. Living in the colder regions across turtle island, Inuit peoples have attempted to adapt to the harsher climate. Even with adaptations there are still many hardships faced by these communities. The extreme weather conditions in the north have led to many Inuit homes being overfilled. Facing infrastructure deficits and without food security. It is also extremely difficult for Inuit communities to get proper healthcare due to the remote locations they reside in.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Jubilee United Church
Fall Lecture Series

Be Informed, Be Entertained, Be Inspired

Monday, November 9th

History of Willowdale
Scott Kennedy's first address was R.R. #1, York Mills, at what is now the corner of Bayview Avenue and Highway 401. In 2010 he set out to document the history of vanquished North York farmland as best he could. His latest book, *Downsview Farms*, due to be published in late 2026, is the last book in series of four on the farms of North York.

Monday, November 16th

Bands Of The British Invasion
Chris Shea has been a musician since the 1960's. He has never lost his enthusiasm for music, especially the music from the 60's. His lecture is a combination of a musical performance and a presentation of musical history. In a fast-paced hour, he covers some of the best-known British bands from the 60's

Monday, November 23rd

Dementia 101: A Brain Health Approach
Laura McGill (she/her) | Public Education Coordinator Alzheimer's Society
Learn about the risk factors associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. We will discuss strategies to improve and maintain the health of the brain and ways the Alzheimer Society of Toronto can help.

Join us for one, two, or three presentations. There is no registration or fee. Come to the Garden Room at 1:00 pm to pick up tea/coffee and cookies, and enjoy them in the sanctuary. Presentations will be given from 1:15 to 2:30 pm.

Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Drive, North York, Ontario M3A 2J5
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Don Mills Branch

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Programs you might find of interest!

Branch Art Exhibit: "Pools of Presence: Meditative Collages and Photographs" by Catherine Raine

Catherine Raine loves collage-making, nature photography, and writing poetry. Motivated to share these loves with others, Catherine has exhibited her artwork in Toronto and Kansas City

"Pools of Presence: Meditative Collages and Photographs" captures moments of deep attention like watching raindrops dive into a puddle or creating a shoreline from buttons. This exhibit also celebrates mindfulness by inviting viewers to contemplate riverside grasses, a woman with a bundle, a pensive swan, and many other images.



Chess For Life: Seniors Social

from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Friday, October 30th
Friday, November 6th

The Chess Institute of Canada (CIC) invites you to join our Chess for Life program - a fun and engaging chess program designed for seniors of all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned player or interested in learning the game -

Registration required



Bone Health 101

Monday, November 2nd
2:00 – 3:00 pm

At least 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men will suffer from a fragility fracture in their lifetime. Join a volunteer facilitator from Osteoporosis Canada and learn how to improve your bone health, reduce your risk of osteoporosis and related fractures by exploring the following:

- What you need to know about bone health and osteoporosis
- The risk of fracturing a bone
- How to maintain healthy bones
- Impact of nutrition & physical activity fall prevention



The World Outside these Walls: Toronto's Asylum at 999 Queen St W

Wednesday, November 4th
6:30 ~ 8:00 pm

Fifty years after its demolition, the shadow of 999 Queen St W still looms large in Toronto. This presentation explores the asylum's origins as a temporary facility within one of Toronto's first gaols, as well as the personalities and politics that brought such a mammoth building to life. It will also look at its unique architecture, its treatment of patients and its presence as a Victorian tourist attraction.

Presented by Andrew Nablo, historical interpreter at two Toronto History Museums: Colborne Lodge and For York.



Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) for Healthy Aging

Thursday, November 5th,
Thursday, November 12th and
Thursday, November 19th
10:30 am ~ 12:30 pm

WRAP is for anyone looking to strengthen their well-being - whether you're supporting your mental health, managing stress, or simply wanting to feel more balanced and resilient in daily life. The WRAP for Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Workshop for Healthy Aging is expertly designed by Hope + Me for individuals aged 60 and older using the principles of WRAP, but with scenarios and tools focused on common aging challenges.

This 3-week session is appropriate for people with no experience with WRAP, or for those who wish to refresh their knowledge and skills.

Participants will receive a certificate of participation upon program completion, but these sessions do not contribute to a WRAP certificate

Please call 416-395-5710 for further details.

The Donway Covenant United Church

Affirm UNITED

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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