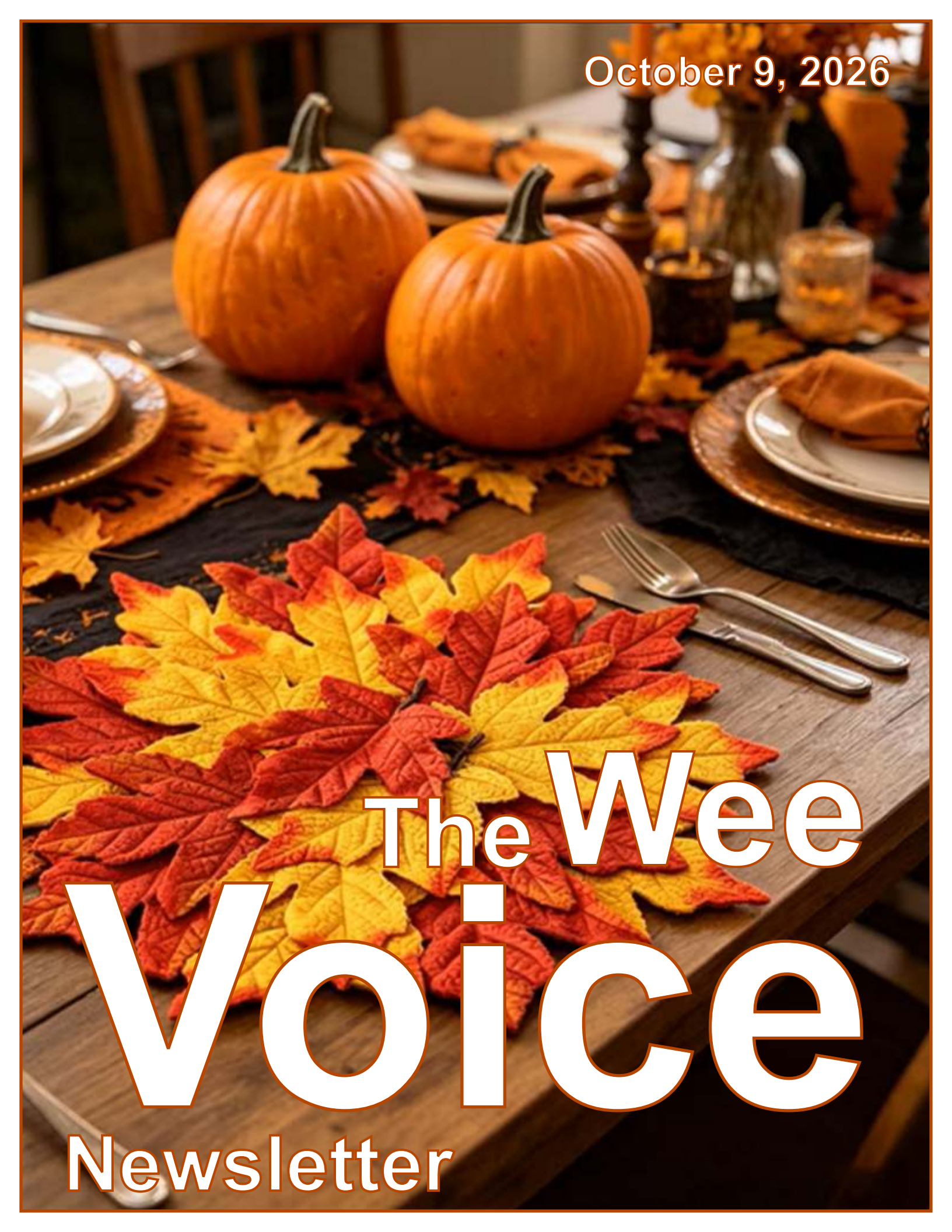


A rustic wooden table is set for a fall meal. Two large orange pumpkins sit in the center. The table is decorated with a large arrangement of colorful autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. Place settings include white plates with gold-rimmed chargers, silverware, and folded orange napkins. In the background, there are glass vases with more autumn leaves and small lit candles in glass holders.

October 9, 2026

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**



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Thanksgiving

By Edgar Albert Guest

Gettin' together to smile an' rejoice,
An' eatin' an' laughin' with folks
of your choice;
An' kissin' the girls an' declarin' that they
Are growin' more beautiful day after day;
Chattin' an' braggin' a bit with the men,
Buildin' the old family circle again;
Livin' the wholesome
an' old-fashioned cheer,
Just for awhile at the end of the year.

Greetings fly fast
as we crowd through the door
And under the old roof
we gather once more
Just as we did
when the youngsters were small;
Mother's a little bit grayer, that's all.
Father's a little bit older, but still
Ready to romp an' to laugh with a will.
Here we are back at the table again
Tellin' our stories as women an' men.

Bowed are our heads
for a moment in prayer;
Oh, but we're grateful an' glad to be there.
Home from the east land
an' home from the west,
Home with the folks
that are dearest an' best.
Out of the sham of the cities afar
We've come for a time
to be just what we are.
Here we can talk of ourselves an' be frank,
Forgettin' position an' station an' rank.

Give me the end of the year an' its fun
When most of the plannin'
an' toilin' is done;
Bring all the wanderers home to the nest,
Let me sit down with the ones I love best,
Hear the old voices still ringin' with song,
See the old faces unblemished by wrong,
See the old table with all of its chairs
An' I'll put soul in my Thanksgivin' prayers.

A Simple Prayer of Gratitude

Kelli Mahoney

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on my life.

You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions.

They lift me up in ways that keep my eyes focused on you and make my spirit soar.

Also, thank you, Lord, for keeping me safe.

You protect me from those things that seem to haunt others. You help me make better choices and provide me with advisors to help me with life's difficult decisions. You speak to me in so many ways so that I always know you are here.

And Lord, I am so grateful for keeping those around me safe and loved.

I hope that you provide me with the ability and sense to show them every day how much they matter.

I hope that you give me the ability to give to them the same kindness they have provided to me.

I am extremely grateful for all of your blessings in my life, Lord.

I pray that you remind me of just how blessed I am and that you never allow me to forget to show my gratitude in prayer and returned acts of kindness.

Thank you, Lord.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Deuteronomy chapter 8: verses 7 ~ 18

Luke chapter 17: verses 11 ~ 19

"What If We Noticed"

Thanksgiving has a way of inviting us to slow down and appreciate the goodness around us. But perhaps the real gift of Thanksgiving isn't that once a year we suddenly become more grateful people. Perhaps it is that we are reminded to pay attention.

In Luke's Gospel, ten people are healed, but only one turns back to give thanks. I wonder if the difference wasn't simply gratitude, but noticing. One person stopped long enough to recognize the gift of what had happened.



And isn't that an invitation for all of us?

To notice the kindness someone offers. The laughter around a table. The beauty of autumn colours. The people who make our lives richer simply by being part of them.

Of course, life isn't always easy, and Thanksgiving can be complicated when we are carrying worries or missing someone we love. But gratitude doesn't ask us to pretend everything is perfect. It invites us to remain open to the goodness that is still finding its way into our lives.

This Thanksgiving, may we slow down just enough to notice the gifts we might otherwise miss. And may those moments remind us just how much there is to be thankful for.

Rev 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/>

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Donway Covenant United Church



2026 Annual THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

at
**The Donway Covenant
United Church**
in support of
**The Community Share
Food Bank**

The **Outreach Committee** is once again asking for your financial support this Thanksgiving for our local foodbank, **The Community Share Food Bank**.

It is true that every year I say the same thing: *"food bank usage has increased, more families are struggling with food insecurity, the cost of groceries has increased, our support is needed more than ever. 1 in 10 people in our city use a food bank, and many of those are children!"* This is our present reality.

The **Donway Covenant United Church** joins with other churches and community organizations to support **The Community Share Food Bank** which relies heavily on community financial support. Please donate this Thanksgiving, anytime in October through the church office. A monthly donation through your envelope giving is also appreciated.

Please make your cheque out to **The Donway Covenant United Church**, and mark it **FOOD BANK**.

Jesus taught that we must care for our neighbours, and the **Food Bank** lives this mission.

Thank you for your generous support!!

Vivian Yarwood, Outreach Chair



**community
share** FOOD BANK

www.communitysharefoodbank.ca



SERVICES for the SEASON of CREATION

Oct 11 Creation Time 5 -
10:30 am Thanksgiving Sunday
 "What If We Noticed"

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

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

What's Going On..



DCUC Knitting Group

Our knitting/crochet group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 2:30.

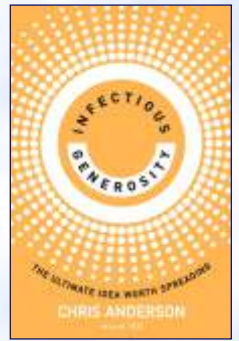
As this Monday is Thanksgiving however, we will instead meet on the 19th in the living room and then one week later, resume our regular schedule on the 26.

Look forward to seeing everyone and new members always welcome!



Thank you,
Andrea Sloan

Tuesday Book Study Group



Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 13th at 10:00 am on Zoom. Hope you can make it, but please let me know if you can't.

Looking forward to seeing you.

New members are always welcome. We have some very lively discussions you can join in. Just call the office or Eileen.

Let's get reading again.

Eileen Russell
and Shirley McNaughton

busy, busy, busy!!

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, October 22nd**.

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

(416) 444 - 8444

CALLING ALL SINGERS



Last Sunday we enjoyed the choir being back! 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

FALL SALE 2026



The
Donway Covenant
United Church



230 The Donway West
Don Mills, ON



WOW !!!
over
\$36,000.-
raised!!!
Thanks to
everyone!



**October
2nd & 3rd
2026**

photos by
Victoria
Martinez





FAIR TRADE COFFEE & TEA FOR SALE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th
AT COFFEE TIME!!**

THIS WEEK

**COFFEE: \$15.00 per
12 oz bag**



DECAF

A perky medium
roast Swiss Water
Process
certified decaf

TEA:

\$5.00 per box
20 tea bags per box



REGULAR

Roasted with an
extended 'sugar
browning' to bring
out the smooth
sweetness of
Colombian coffee.

REGULAR K-Cups

\$20.00
pack of 18



PRE-ORDER for CHRISTMAS

Orders taken at Fellowship Time



Hot Chocolate

\$13.00 for a 300 gm bag



Milk Chocolate

\$7.00 for a 100 gm bar



Dark Chocolate

\$7.00 for a 100 gm bar

Order by Tuesday, October 27th
and we will have them ready for you
at *Fellowship Time* after *Worship*
on

November 8th.



***Help us support the Fair Trade initiative during
Fair Trade Month (October). See us at our
Fair Trade table during Coffee Time
after Worship on October 11th.***



**MOVIE NIGHT
AT THE
MANOR**
FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL

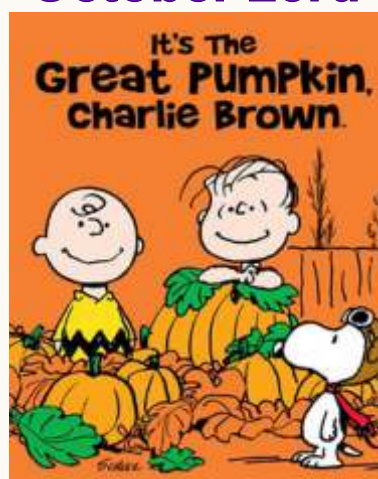
FEATURED FILM:
**"THE GREAT PUMPKIN,
CHARLIE BROWN"**

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2026
AT 6:00PM**

RSVP DR. JJ 4168096044
MINISTERMRUC@GMAIL.COM

MANOR ROAD UNITED CHURCH
240 MANOR ROAD EAST

October 23rd



Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

Join Us!!



**Manor Road
United Church**

240 Manor Road East



Dr. Hideki Wada

Overcoming the Barrier of Eighty

In Japan, a new book by Japanese psychologist Hideki Wada has recently been published under the title **“Overcoming the Eighty Barriers”**, and it has caused quite a stir. The moment the book reached the stores, sales surpassed 500,000

copies, and many predict it will become a global best seller if it reaches the one-million mark in the coming months.

Dr. Wada (61) is a leading expert in the field of elderly health. He summarized his extensive experience into 44 rules that form the secret to a calmer and more fulfilling life after the age of 60 -rules that appear simple, yet contain deep wisdom:

- Take a walk every day.
- Breathe deeply when you are angry.
- Keep moving and don't let the body stiffen.
- Drink water in summer even when you are in an air-conditioned room.
- Chew your food well... the mind moves together with the mouth.
- Memory does not disappear with age, but due to lack of activity.
- Do not overuse medications.
- Do not try unnecessarily to lower blood pressure or blood sugar levels.
- Being alone can be peaceful; it is not necessarily isolation.
- Laziness is not shameful.
- In old age, you do not have to have a driver's license.
- Do what you love, and let go of what you do not love.
- Do not confine yourself only to the house.
- Eat what makes you happy... a small weight gain will not harm you.
- Do not spend time with people you are uncomfortable around.

- Do not watch too much television.
- Learn to live alongside illness, instead of constantly fighting it.
- Optimism is medicine.
- Fruit, sunshine, and fresh air - these are all sources of happiness.
- Express what is in your heart
- Change your mind if necessary; it's not a problem.
- Stopping learning is the beginning of old age.
- It is enough to simply be content... and a smile brings good luck.
- And old age? It is not a burden... but a gift.

With these wise words, Dr. Wada reminds us that the years after sixty are not the end of the road, but rather the beginning of a stage of simplicity and serenity - a stage in which we look at life more clearly and come closer to ourselves with greater honesty.

In short - live simply, move a little every day, and smile more often. Accept your body and your age with love, and you will discover that happiness was closer than you thought.

Share this with those you love... because wisdom has no age.

Do not envy the young: we were all young once. Envy the elderly, who have seen everything in the world. Envy those who rise early at dawn - fishermen, mushroom pickers - those who roam the face of the earth. Yes! Envy the elderly who still take care of themselves as they once did, with hairstyles and shoes, with elegant and meticulous clothing. Envy their joy of life that has not faded, reflected in their children and grandchildren, and their passion to remain intellectually full, even in the most demanding sciences of life.

Do not envy the young! In your time, it was not difficult to be young. Envy the elderly, who remain forever young!

This article was suggested by Marlene Daly. It was emailed to her by a caring friend!

“Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you always should have been”

David Bowie



Minutes for Mission

THE HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP



At St. Luke's United Church, a strong sense of belonging for newcomers is being expressed through intentional welcome, shared meals, and community.

The congregation at Saint Luke's United Church in Toronto, understands that belonging rarely happens by accident. It grows through deeply intentional acts of welcome that are joyfully offered to every single person.

Arriving in Canada is only the beginning of the journey for many newcomers. While there is relief in finding safety, there's also the daunting task of building a new life - finding housing and work, learning unfamiliar systems and languages, making new connections, and carrying the weight of experiences that don't disappear at the border. For some, those experiences include extremely persecution and trauma. Finding a comfortable place to truly and deeply belong, while facing other challenges, can be a long and exhausting process.

Every Sunday, the congregation at St. Luke's is prepared for someone new to come through the doors. Of course, there are warm greetings, name tags, and introductions. There is also time in the service where people will leave their seats to offer a hug, handshake, and friendly conversation to all.

"Our Passing of the Peace tradition is that early in the service, we get up, and we move around. We're hugging each other, and we're fist bumping, all while our music director is playing music in the background. It's very crowded, as you can imagine, and people are leaning over pews and such. At that point, people who have been introduced as new, our members of the congregation are reaching out to them and welcoming them and quite intentionally. And this also continues at lunchtime."

After the service, everyone gathers downstairs for what they affectionately call "coffee hour" - a

name that hardly captures the generous meal waiting around the tables. People find a full, warm meal awaiting them.

The food is important, but it's conversation that nourishes the community. Around the table, people who might never have met elsewhere find themselves sharing a meal and learning about one another. A newcomer to Canada sits beside someone who has worshipped at Saint Luke's for decades. Someone rebuilding their life after escaping persecution discovers neighbours who are genuinely interested in their story, without expecting them to tell it all at once.

One newcomer, who had fled severe persecution before coming to Canada, described finding more than a church. They found people who journeyed with them. As they joined groups, celebrated milestones, and continue to build a new life, the congregation is celebrating alongside them. The community at St. Luke's understands that healing takes time, and trust is built through consistency, kindness, and simply showing up for one another.

This is the ministry of hospitality at Saint Luke's. It's not just about opening church doors and having a sign, but about opening a community - one where people are known by name, welcomed with care, and reminded that they do not have to face life's next chapter alone.

Through **Mission and Service**, we help support ministries like Saint Luke's United Church that create spaces of belonging for newcomers and neighbours alike. Together, we are helping to build communities where God's welcome is lived, shared, and experienced every day.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/mission-and-service-story-house-friendship/>

**Yesterday is history,
tomorrow is a mystery,**



**but today is a gift.
That is why it is called the present.**



Welcome to Café 65!



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

GREAT ENTERTAINERS singing GREAT HITS!

**November 12th
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**Joe Zambri
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**Second Thursday each month
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Saturday, October 17, 7:30 pm

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
2737 Bayview Ave. (Bayview & 401)**



Tickets \$25 (당일 현장 구매 가능)

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**김혁 Piano 오경희 Violin
이영송 · Yuki Soprano**



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.



Celebrate Democracy Trivia Friday, October 9th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Are you interested in deepening your connection to Toronto's civic history, fostering meaningful conversations with one another, and building a stronger shared sense of community identity? If so, join us for a fun round of Trivia, celebrating democracy!



The Orchid: Daunting Diva, Evocative Evolutionary or Humble Houseplant?

**Wednesday, October 14th
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

The Orchid is now the world's MOST popular houseplant. Facilitated by a Toronto Master Gardener, learn fascinating stories, fun facts and tips on orchid care. Love them already but yours don't bloom? Don't fret! We have answers. Have disease and pest problems? We help you solve them. Plus, the best orchids to grow in your home. Suitable for gardeners of any skill level.

**Please call 416-395-5710
for further details.**



Chess For Life: Seniors Social from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon Friday, October 16th Friday, October 23rd Friday, October 30th

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



Digital Life Skills for Seniors: Using a Cell Phone Friday, October 16th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

For people who are new to cell phones and want a basic understanding of how to use them. No previous experience is required. In this course we will look at:

- The parts of a cell phone
- Safety tips for using your phone
- Skills such as turning off your ringtone, taking a picture, sending a text, and downloading an app

Resource handout provided.



Retirement Planning & Living

**Monday, October 19th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

It's never too late to start thinking about investing! Managing your finances to maximize your retirement years is the goal of retirement planning. Your retirement strategy should strike a balance between your financial realities, requirements and wants. This presentation will cover how to plan for retirement, sources of retirement income and how to protect yourself from scams, frauds and financial abuse.

Please register online.



The Donway Covenant United Church



Need pastoral care?

Call the church office and
Emily will direct your call.

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