

June 26, 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**



Canada Day poster

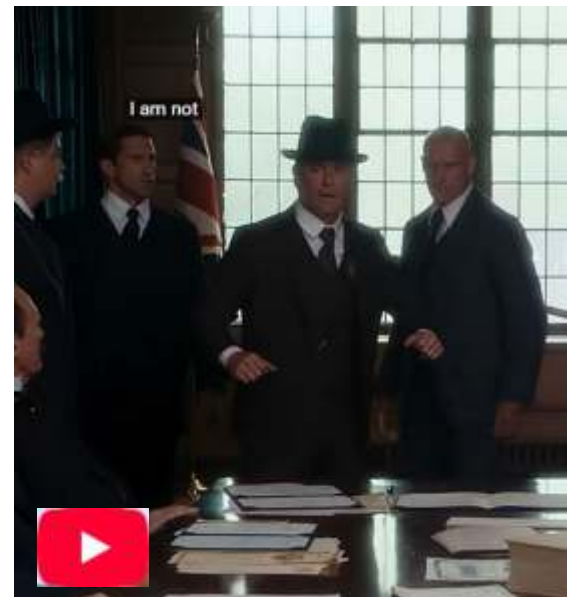
What Makes Canada a Great Country?



Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney delivered a sweeping, values-driven speech outlining what makes Canada unique: inclusion, fairness, multiculturalism, and equal opportunity. From the Charter of Rights to Indigenous reconciliation, Carney said Canada’s values must now be actively defended in a challenging global moment.



**January 22, 2026 speech
 at Quebec City**
 (English begins at 8:26)



“I am not an American”.....a spin on Murdoch Mysteries!

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY



Jeremiah chapter 29: verses 4 ~ 7

Luke chapter 10: verses 1 ~ 11

and verses 16 ~ 20

“Where We Belong”

As Canada Day approaches, many of us will gather with family, friends, and neighbours to celebrate and reconnect. In this week’s worship, we will reflect on the meaning of belonging - what it means to feel at home, to be part of something larger than ourselves, and to discover God’s presence in the ordinary moments of life. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy followers to share peace and to receive hospitality along the way. Through this story, we are reminded that God’s kingdom is often found in simple acts of welcome, around kitchen tables, in conversations, and in communities where people make room for one another. As we also celebrate the baptism of a child, we will remember that before we do anything or achieve anything, we are already known, loved, and claimed by God. Join us as we explore what it means to belong- to one another, to community, and ultimately, to God.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price



JOIN WITH US THIS SUNDAY

As together with Trisha and Alex McClyment (parents) we celebrate the baptism of

Cassius McClyment

“This year as my teens sleep until 2pm and don’t want to hang out with me much (LOL), I will be parcelling out my vacation days differently with only 2 days scheduled for August. I will be away Wednesday August 12th and Thursday August 13th.”



Emily (church office)

Rev Lorrie will be away during the summer, taking time for study leave and for vacation. She will be leaving after Worship on August 2nd, returning on Tuesday, September 8th (after Labour Day).



You will find the listing of guest ministers on Page 4.



FRIDAY COFFEE DROP BY *It's Summertime!*

**Fridays between 1:00
and 3:00 pm in the
Meditation Grove or the
*Narthex***

**Drop by to get caught up
with friends, or to make
some new ones!**

Everyone is Welcome!



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

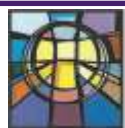
(regular hours)

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**



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

Go to our web site and find out!!!

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

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

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SERVICES for the *SEASON* of **PENTECOST**

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| Jun 28
10:30 am | Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
Canada Day
"Where We Belong" |
| Jul 5
10:30 am | Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
"God at the Kitchen Table" |
| Jul 12
10:30 am | Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
"God in the Garden
and the Green Places" |
| Jul 19
10:30 am | Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
"God in the Sidewalks
and in the Neighbourhood" |
| Jul 26
10:30 am | Summer Series
- God in the Ordinary
"God in Conversations
We Almost Miss" |
| Aug 2
10:30 am | Summer Series
Emmancipation Sunday
"God Still Walks With Us" |
| Aug 9
10:30 am | Eleventh After Pentecost
guest preacher:
Rev Vivian Yarwood |
| Aug 16
10:30 am | Twelfth After Pentecost
guest preacher:
Rev Janet Smith Zenwirt |
| Aug 23
10:30 am | Thirteenth After Pentecost
guest preacher:
Rev Janet Smith Zenwirt |
| Aug 30
10:30 am | Fourteenth After Pentecost
guest preacher:
Rev Lee-Ann Ahlstrom |
| Sep 6
10:30 am | Fifteenth After Pentecost
guest preacher:
Rev Lee-Ann Ahlstrom |



**Join us for Worship
in our Sanctuary**

The Worship Committee



Summer Breaks

See You In September

Lunch with Lorrie

Lunch with Lorrie will be taking a "summer break", returning in September.

Hosted by Marian Childerhose,
Pastoral Care
Rev. Lorrie Daly-Price,
The Donway Covenant United Church



DCUC Knitting Group

To make way for all the exciting summer activities taking place in our building we will take a "summer break", returning in September.

Look for the announcement in the August 28th edition of the Wee VOICE!

Andrea Sloan



Tuesday Book Study Group

After our meeting (on ZOOM) next Tuesday, June 16th at 10:00 am, our Book Study Group will be taking a "summer break".

We will start up again on Tuesday, September 8th, at 10:00 am.

Eileen Russell

New members are always welcome. Call the church office to receive the ZOOM invite.



Hey!! What's Going On?

Summer is a busy time at DCUC!



When the weather is nice, in our parking lot from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, five days a week. Rainy weather? In our gym.

Early drop off starts at 8:00 am, and late pick up goes until 6:00 pm. The camp runs 5 days a week

FOOTPRINTS

SUMMER DAY CAMP



Early drop off starts at 8:30 am and late pick up goes until 5:30 pm. The school runs five days a week.

HENS will be operating during the summer months, supplying essential household needs and clothing to newcomers to Canada.



PLEASE BE CAREFUL DRIVING IN OUR PARKING LOT. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR LITTLE ONES!

We're taking a **BREAK** for the summer!

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This is the last edition until we return on August 28th.

FALL SALE 2026

FRIDAY, October 2nd
4:00pm - 7:00pm

AND !!!!!

SATURDAY, October 3rd
10:00am - 1:00pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Start planning for sure, ***BUT PLEASE DON'T*** bring any donations to the Church (if possible) until after Labour Day.

Cathy Paterson

DO YOU NEED MASON JARS FOR YOUR PRESERVES?

Thanks to all who have be returning mason jars for us to recycle, and thanks for the support from Susan Rooke and company helping us process the returns!

A dozen jars costs about \$17.00 (including tax). Recycling helps keep our costs down, and our enthusiasm up!

Sizes We
Recycle
125 ml
250 ml
500 ml

If you need jars let me know and we can supply!

Tom Joyce



I fell behind in my “garden duties” while I was away, and have been scrambling to catch up. Happy to say the Rhubarb Chutney was “canned” this week!

Not sure what’s next....Mother Nature will decide!

“Lord Preserve Us” we will be ready for the Fall Sale!

Tom Joyce



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Margaret Taylor

October 20, 1915 - June 17, 2026

My much beloved grandmother passed peacefully at home at 2 pm on Wednesday June 17th. Her body was not serving her anymore despite her strong will. She was in her 111th year.

Her indomitable spirit, sense of humour, kindness, and wit ... as well as her many songs, will live in my

treasured memories. She was my north star and I was very blessed to have had her in my life. She was the best human being that I have ever met.

Fly free grandma !

Kimberly Lawrence



photos from Kimberly's collection

Thank you for sharing!

Remembering Our Friend - Margaret Taylor



104th Birthday Celebration
with Denise Voit and Kathy Bell

It's hard to forget Margaret Taylor. I've never seen her without that big beautiful smile. Her cheery nature was contagious and one could not help but smile with her. Last year during the summer, while waiting for my ride outside the church, Kimberley wheeled her out to also wait for their ride home. It was a bright sunny day and all through the wait, Margaret was singing "You are my Sunshine" and she urged me to sing with her.

During one of the last few times she attended church and had coffee, I asked her "How is my most favourite person?" She beamed that big smile at me and told me "I'm sure you say that to everyone." Clever lady, so I admitted that yes, I do tell some of my friends that they're my favourite person, however, she, Margaret, was my "most" favourite person! We both laughed.

This picture was taken on Margaret's 104th birthday during coffee time.

Victoria Martinez



As the new coordinator of the Fall Sale , I remember fondly that Margaret Taylor and Mary Joyce wanted to participate in the Fall Sale.

Their job 10 years ago was to hand out balloons to the children. The only requirement was you needed to be 100 years old and be a kid at heart.

Cathy Paterson



One of the special days when Iris and I went to visit Margaret. Kimberly brought Grandma out to the beautiful patio where we all enjoyed watching the birds feasting from the many feeders. The chipmunks were there too, munching on whatever spilled to the ground. Margaret had a great love of nature. The bird feeders were always kept lovingly filled by Kimberly as well as peanuts in the shell provided for the hungry squirrels and any other visitors to their backyard.

Just one of the many happy things we remember about Margaret.

Anne Anderson

Remembering Our Friend - Margaret Taylor



Margaret loved to sing and was at the heart of the Donway Covenant choir for years.

Margaret was unique – one of a kind. On the Friday after she passed, we spoke to Kimberley and she told Al that her grandma often mentioned that he was the first person to greet her at The Donway.

My earliest memory was when her husband Gerry was still alive and not well. She would take him for walks in the neighbourhood in his wheelchair.

Music was a big part of her life and she had a Recorder Group that practiced in the room below the Sanctuary weekly.

When she had to go to Sunnybrook for radiation for breast cancer, I was part of a group of drivers who took her there and brought her home from her appointments. The week after her last treatment she went on a cruise with Mary Joyce.

Margaret had little cards the size of a business cards and she would give them to people. On the card it would say, “Give someone a hug today”.

Vivian and Al Hall

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARGARET !!!**



Our fondest memory of Margaret was last year when we were celebrating her Birthday at the church and when we sat with her and wished her a Happy Birthday she replied , “I hope you will be sitting here celebrating your 110th Birthday.”

A very special lady

Colin and Marjorie Rae



Remembering Our Friend - Margaret Taylor



Margaret was an avid member of the Tuesday Book Study Group for many years.



My mother, Mary Joyce, moved to Toronto in 1994. My dad had passed away in 1978, and my mom discovered she had a passion for travel (it wasn't shared by my dad!).

It didn't take long to discover that Margaret, who had also lost her husband too early, also had a love of travel (not shared by Gerry either we are told!)

Friendship bonds were formed, and many trips enjoyed!

That wasn't all to the friendship. I remember on many occasions having to leave Coffee Time early to rush mom home so she could make lunch for Margaret, and sometimes Bonnie Kennedy, before they went to the theatre at Fairview Mall. And there were the trips downtown to take in TSO and other musical events!

Having left her group of friends in Ottawa mom always felt how lucky she was to have "found" Margaret!

Tom Joyce



Ladies' Fellowship

Our *Ladies' Fellowship* will meet continue to meet during the summer months, on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10:30 am on ZOOM under the leadership of Maureen Smith.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 25th, 2026, at 10:30 am.** on ZOOM.

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