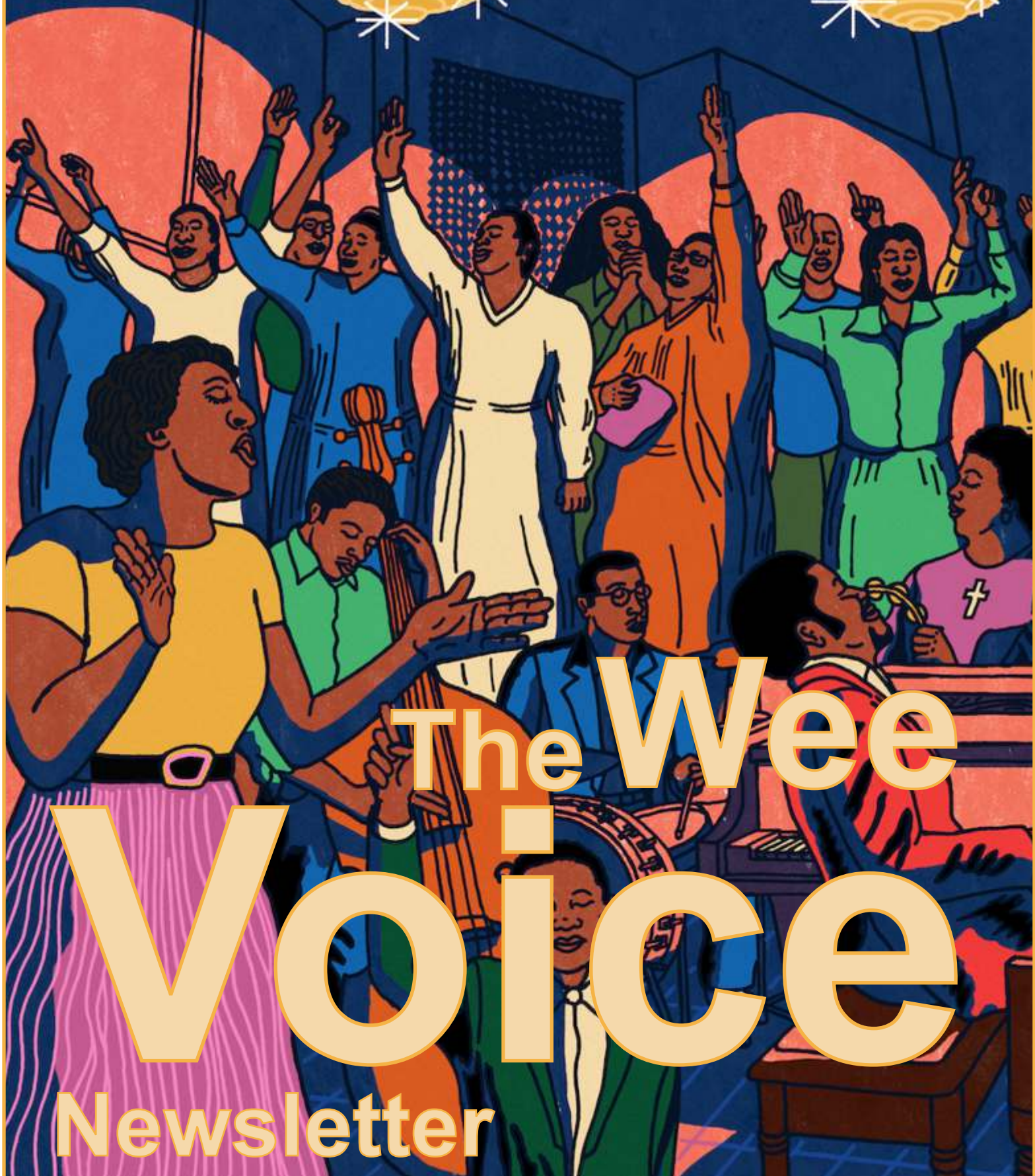


Gospel Music
Month

September 11, 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**



**Gospel Music Month Poster
by Gaurab Thakali
for Los Angeles Philharmonic**



September is Gospel Music Month

Gospel music exists in many forms throughout the world.

Traditional Gospel Music:

Traditional gospel music maintains close ties to the Black church. It makes ample use of traditional hymns like "Amazing Grace" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." The musical style is known for gospel choirs, rollicking instrumentalists, energetic hand-clapping, call-and-response, and ties to social causes like the Civil Rights movement.

Urban Contemporary Gospel:

The most popular gospel music of the present era features strong influence from hip-hop and contemporary R&B. Stars of contemporary gospel often work out of major music hubs like New York, Los Angeles, and Atlanta. They score Billboard hits thanks to a crossover sound that aligns with contemporary pop hits.

Country Gospel:

Some gospel manifests as country music with Christian themes. As is true for urban contemporary gospel, some Christian country artists toggle between spiritual music and mainstream country-pop hits. Nashville, Tennessee, is a major hub for country gospel music.

British Gospel:

Gospel music enjoys strong popularity within the Black community of the United Kingdom. UK gospel reflects the Caribbean and African ancestry of many Black Englishers.

Gospel Music Guide:
by  **MasterClass**





FAIR TRADE COFFEE & TEA FOR SALE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
AT COFFEE TIME!!**

THIS WEEK

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



DECAF

A perky medium
roast Swiss Water
Process
certified decaf



REGULAR

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



TEA:
\$5.00 per box
20 tea bags per box

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.**



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Exodus chapter 14: verses 19 ~ 31
Matthew chapter 18: verses 21 ~ 35

"What If There Is A Way"

There are moments in every life when we wonder if there is a way forward. We stand at crossroads we never expected, face challenges we did not choose, or find ourselves searching for hope in a world that can sometimes feel uncertain. As we begin the Season of Creation, we are invited to slow down, pay attention to the world around us, and discover what the rhythms of creation might teach us about faith, resilience, and hope.



This Sunday, we will journey with the Israelites as they stand at the edge of the Red Sea, and with Peter as he asks Jesus a question that continues to challenge us today. At first glance, these stories seem to have very little in common, yet together they invite us to reflect on an important question. When we cannot yet see the path ahead, where is God? And what if there really is a way - even when we cannot see it yet?

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price

It's Hard To Tell You This!

This past summer I re-injured my right shoulder. Unlike the first time I did it fourteen years ago, when I knew **exactly** the moment it "popped", this time I have no clue what I did. Just woke up one morning and there it was!

So, why the sad face? Well I had to face facts and accept that until I know what I have to do to get it better I can't host our **Thanksgiving Family Dinner**. Believe me, I will miss it!



Tom Joyce

Celebration of Life for Joan Mactavish

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Service at 11:00 am

The Donway Covenant United Church
reception to follow



You want to read
this month's



Where might the church be going? What are other churches doing? Good questions that spark deep thought! If you don't subscribe you can buy a digital copy online, or ask around to borrow someones!



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



SERVICES for the SEASON of CREATION

- Sep 13 Creation Time 1
10:30 am "What If There Is A Way"
- Sep 20 Creation Time 2
10:30 am "The Myth Of More"
- Sep 27 Creation Time 3
10:30 am Orange Shirt Day
"Beyond Good Intentions"
- Oct 4 Creation Time 4 -
10:30 am World Day of Communion
Communion will be served
"Everything Is A Gift"
- Oct 11 Creation Time 5 -
10:30 am Thanksgiving Sunday

**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/>

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE?

Follow us and Like us on

Facebook

Donway Covenant United Church



What's Going On..



DCUC Knitting Group

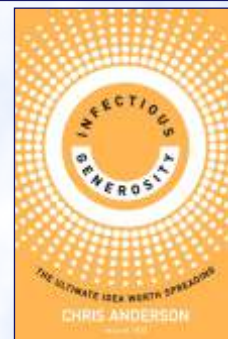
Our knitting/crochet group will resume meeting on the second and fourth Mondays at 2:30. Our first meeting will be September 14th and will be held in the library. We will not have a meeting on the 28th due to activity getting ready for our big Fall Sale but will resume in the living room on October 12th.

Look forward to seeing everyone and new members always welcome!

Thank you,
Andrea Sloan



Tuesday Book Study Group



Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **SEPTEMBER 15th** 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

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 September meeting is on **Thursday, September 24th**.

All are welcome to attend. Please contact Emily (416) 444 - 8444 at the church office for the **Zoom** link.



Join Us **FRIDAY COFFEE DROP BY**

from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Narthex

Bring a friend ~ Meet a friend! ~ Make a New Friend!
Have a coffee, tea and maybe a sweet!

FALL SALE 2026

ONLINE AUCTION
maxsold
 Downsizing and Estate Sales



Lot #298



Lot #422



Lot #445

**Some things sell
 better through the
 online auction!**

Nancy Whynot and her amazing team have been hard at work putting together 160 lots for our Maxsold auction. Here are just a few of the things on offer.

The bidding is open NOW! Click on the link and explore all the exciting things on offer. Bidding closes on Thursday, September 17th between 8:30 and 9:15 pm. Don't miss out! Pick up is on Saturday, September 19th between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.

<https://maxsold.com/auction/113433/bidgallery>

Make sure you read the terms and conditions as posted on the Maxsold website

Some Suggestions We Hope Will Help

1. Have **FUN!!** If baking, or candy making, or canning is not **FUN** for you.....if you hate being in the kitchen **PLEASE** volunteer your time and skills in another activity you find **ENJOYABLE!**
2. Please portion your baking to suit our market (seniors like us!!) For example:
 Muffins, tarts.....4 per package
 Squares, fudge.....6 per package
 Cookies.....12 per package
 Loaf.....individual
3. If possible, put your contribution on a disposable plate, and put it all in a **ZipLoc** bag. A label, or a **Post-It-Note** telling us what it is, is very helpful. (also if Gluten Free, or contains nuts!!)

4. **"SIMPLE IS GOOD"** Everyone is very busy at **Fall Sale** time. Whatever you can contribute is appreciated.



Please bring your contributions to the **NARTHEX** on Friday, October 2nd between 12:00~7:00 pm, or Saturday morning, October 3rd, by 8:30 am. We need time to price everything before the **BIG SALE!**

Preserves can be dropped off at the church office, during office hours, any day from Monday, September 28th to Friday, October 2nd.

Again this year we will be set up outside the Sanctuary, under the blue canopy (In the Narthex if it is raining!). If there is one thing 50 years of Bake sales has taught me it's that there is always more demand than supply!

Come Early - Don't Be Disappointed! Working as a volunteer? We open on Saturday at 9:00 - 1 hour before the main sale. Catch us then!

BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG!

JOIN OUR FALL SALE TEAM!

Help make the Fall Sale a success!

MAKE AN
IMPACT.
HAVE FUN.
WORK TOGETHER. ♥

EARN UP TO
18+
VOLUNTEER
HOURS!*



MARKETING

Spread the word
and get people
excited!



SET-UP

Move, sort and
merchandise
donations!



SELL

Welcome shoppers
and help them find
great treasures!



CLEAN-UP

Work together to
wrap up and leave
everything great!



YOUR TIME MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Proceeds support
Donway Covenant United Church
and our community programs.

Thank you! ♥

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE *Be there. Make it happen!* ♥



**THURSDAY
SEPT. 17**

4:30–5:30 PM

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
Meet the team, learn the plan,
and sign up for shifts.

**1
HOUR**



**SUNDAY
SEPT. 20**

1–4 PM

MOVE ITEMS & SET UP
Help move donated items and
start setting up the sale.

**3
HOURS**



**FRIDAY
SEPT. 25**

10 AM–1 PM

CIBC STAFF SET UP & MERCHANDISE
Work with CIBC volunteers to
sort, unpack and merchandise.

**3
HOURS**



**SATURDAY
SEPT. 26**

12–4 PM

SET UP & MERCHANDISE
Continue organizing and
merchandising the sale.

**4
HOURS**



**FRIDAY
OCT. 2**

4–7 PM

SALE DAY 1 – SELLING!
Help shoppers and keep
things looking great.

**3
HOURS**



**SATURDAY
OCT. 3**

9:30 AM–1 PM

SALE DAY 2 – SELLING!
More shoppers, more treasures,
more fun!

**3.5
HOURS**



**SATURDAY
OCT. 3**

1–4 PM

CLEAN UP
Pack up, clean up and return the
church to normal.

**3
HOURS**

TOTAL → That's up to 17.5 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME!

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- ♥ Build skills and leadership
- ♥ Make new friends
- ♥ Help your community
- ♥ Have fun!

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!

Great for high school
volunteer hours! ♥



WE NEED YOU!

Every hour you give
helps make our sale
the best one yet!

QUESTIONS?

Talk to Cathy Paterson ph 647 460 5810
donwaycovenant@msn.com ♥



**Donway Covenant
United Church**
230 The Donway West, Toronto
FREE PARKING

*Together
we make a
difference.* ♥

* Attend all scheduled shifts above to earn up to 17.5 volunteer hours.
Additional hours may be earned through marketing and other activities.

DON MILLS, TIME TO DECLUTTER!

*Your closet could
help our community.*

**NOW ACCEPTING
DONATIONS!**

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH

**DONWAY
COVENANT
FALL SALE**



FURNITURE



HOME DÉCOR



VINTAGE



BOOKS



TOYS



HOUSEWARES



YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT DONWAY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH
AND OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.



FALL SALE DATES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
4-7 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
10 AM-1 PM

Donway Covenant United Church

230 The Donway West, Toronto | **FREE PARKING**

*See you
there!*

*Strong
Community.
Better
Together.*

GREAT DONATIONS. GREAT FINDS. *Great Impact.*

♥ MADE WITH LOVE. SHARED WITH OUR COMMUNITY. ♥

From the KITCHEN

BAKE SALE & PRESERVES

PLEASE
DONATE



*We need
your help!*

Homemade treats and
preserves are always
bestsellers at our
**DONWAY COVENANT
FALL SALE**



WE WELCOME:

- ♥ COOKIES, BARS, BROWNIES, CAKES, MUFFINS, PIES
- ♥ BREADS, LOAVES, SCONES
- ♥ JAMS, JELLIES, CHUTNEYS, PICKLES, RELISHES
- ♥ MAPLE SYRUP, HONEY & OTHER SPECIAL TREATS

A FEW GUIDELINES:

- ♥ Please package items at home.
- ♥ Label with ingredients (especially nuts) and date made.
- ♥ No cream or custard pies, please.

Thank you! ♥

YOUR DONATIONS
MAKE A BIG
Difference!



**DROP OFF YOUR
BAKES & PRESERVES**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 • 12 - 7 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
BEFORE 8:30 AM



**SOLD AT OUR
FALL SALE**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 9 AM - 1 PM
UNDER THE BLUE CANOPY

Thank you ♥
for baking, preserving
and sharing!



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Toronto
FREE PARKING

PROCEEDS SUPPORT
our church &
community programs.



Not only a member of the DCUC church choir, I also enjoy singing in the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir. Here is a concert I am sure you will love!

MOZART at Koerner Hall

Two of Mozart's most powerful and mysterious masterpieces take centre stage in an extraordinary evening of sacred music.

The Great Mass in C Minor and the **Requiem** stand among the most monumental works in the choral repertoire - both unfinished, yet enduring in their emotional depth and brilliance. Under the baton of Maestro Jean-Sébastien Vallée, the **Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and Orchestra** bring these iconic works to life through a fresh artistic lens, featuring the North American premiere of Pierre-Henri Dutron's completion of Mozart's Requiem.



**September 30 at 7:30 pm
and October 1 at 7:30 pm**



**Toronto
Mendelssohn
Choir**

To buy tickets **CLICK HERE**

<https://www.rcmusic.com/tickets/seats/459001>

This link is good for either night, but if you want Thursday, October 1st, you click the arrow to the right of the date which says, "Wednesday 30 September 2026, 7:30PM" and it will take you to Thursday's ticket selections.

Want A Very Special Deal ?

*Just under the line with the date is a box that says "promo code." Click on that box, then enter the **TMCMOZART** code for the 25% discount, which will show up when you are ready to pay. Tickets must be purchased before midnight on September 14th to qualify.*

Having Problems?

If you are having difficulty managing the online purchase, here is the phone number you can try: (416) 408 - 0208.

*Hope you can join us!
Annie Griffin*

Any DCUC member or adherent who attends, if you let me know ahead of time, I would be pleased to meet you in the lobby after the performance.

Mark Your Calendar!

Also upcoming is our beloved and well-attended Festival of Carols, held at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

I'm in awe in my garden!



Monarchs have been on this earth for over a million years, and yet they still amaze! (*Can't wait for the chrysalis to open!!*)

Learn their story, PBS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBakLuH6kDY&t=27s>



Minutes for Mission

FOOD4 FUN



Westminster United Church in Orangeville, ON is helping children discover the joy of cooking, gardening, and being part of a welcoming community.

PA Days can be difficult for working parents who are looking for affordable, safe, and engaging activities for their children. For families of children on the autism spectrum, finding programs that are welcoming with appropriate support can be an even greater challenge.

Westminster United Church saw the need, and responded by offering **FOOD4FUN**, a series of gardening and cooking camps for children ages four to twelve. The program gave children a place to spend their PA Days while learning about food, gardening, and community.

FOOD4FUN brought children into **Westminster's** garden, where they could experience food growing at its source. They planted, harvested, explored the garden, and took part in mindful walks. In the kitchen, they prepared food, learned new skills, and shared meals together. Lunch and snacks were provided, and sometimes food was sent home with campers.

The program welcomed children with a wide range of interests, abilities, and needs. Volunteers provided additional support as required, helping create a barrier-free environment where everyone could participate. Some children who didn't regularly spend time outdoors became especially enthusiastic about the garden.

Impact could be seen in things campers said. When a camper, referred to as "M,"

returned for a second camping session, their first question was: *"When are we going outside? I need to visit my special tree."* Other campers were already asking when the next PA Day camp would be held. Campers "S" and "B" were eager to know if they would be growing potatoes again and if they could help with the harvest.

These experiences build more than gardening and cooking skills. Children develop confidence in the kitchen, become more comfortable in groups, build relationships with other campers, and develop a healthy relationship with food. They also have opportunities to build a lasting connection with the land.

FOOD4FUN has also helped **Westminster** learn more about what is needed to provide accessible and welcoming programming. The congregation is exploring relationships with autism services in Orangeville and is developing plans for a weeklong summer camp for food-insecure families in 2027.

Our gifts through **Mission and Service** make this work possible. Our support helps congregations respond to needs in their communities and create opportunities for people, especially children, to learn, connect, and thrive.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/mission-and-service-story-food4fun/>

Terry Fox **and the Marathon of Hope** **revolutionized cancer** **research in Canada**

This year's **Terry Fox Run!** is just around the corner! September 20th! I still find it hard to believe this is the 46th year I will be participating.



This summer I received a very nice plaque from the **Terry Fox Foundation** acknowledging I have been “running” since the very first run!

On April 12, 1980, in St. John's, Newfoundland, Terry dipped his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean. And he started to run. He averaged a marathon a day (42 km) for 143 days. He made it more than halfway – 5,373 kilometres – when his cancer returned and he was forced to stop.

Want to learn more? **CLICK HERE** <https://impact.terryfox.org/>

SEPTEMBER 20th

If you wish to sponsor me for this year's run **CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW** for my personal fundraising page.

<https://run.terryfox.ca/page/sigridangell>

An electronic tax receipt for your donation will be sent to you immediately by email.

If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, call me at **416 - 444 - 7807** or email me at **sigridangell@rogers.com** and let me know. Your donation can be mailed to me,

**Apartment 601,
50 Graydon Hall Drive,
Toronto, ON M3A 3A3**

or dropped off at the church in an envelope clearly marked **“SIGRID - TERRY FOX”**

Receipts for cash/cheque donations will be sent by **The Terry Fox Foundation** after September 14th by e-mail (quickest) if you provide me with your e-mail address, or by regular mail.

Thank you very much
for your sponsorship!!!

Sigrid Angell



\$4,160.00 raised so far!

Terry died 10 months later, on June 28, 1981. But he achieved his audacious, almost unimaginable goal of raising \$1 from every Canadian. And he died knowing that the **Terry Fox Run** – and his dream of a world without cancer – would continue without him.

CALLING ALL SINGERS



Summer holidays are over and we are all starting back into our norm. Why not make this

year a little special - 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

Lunch & Learn

— ADVANCE —

FUNERAL PLANNING

A Practical Guide to Planning Ahead

Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 12 PM

Northlea United Church
125 Brentcliffe Road

Register: 416-425-5252

Registration Deadline Sept. 18 at 12 PM



MAKE
INFORMED
DECISIONS



EXPLORE
YOUR
OPTIONS



FIND
PEACE OF
MIND



Welcome to Café 65!



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

GREAT ENTERTAINERS singing GREAT HITS!

October 8th

Rosita Stone

November 12th

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**



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



**September is
Gospel Music Month**



***Peace in the Valley,
Sam Cooke and Soul Stirrers***

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVJD46mEwoU&list=RDwVJD46mEwoU&start_radio=1



Programs you might find of interest!

Branch Art Exhibit: "Captain Toronto" works by Danilo Ursini

Throughout the month of September, works by artist Danilo Ursini are on display at Don Mills Branch in an exhibit titled **Reflections of Nature**.

Danilo Ursini is an Italian artist specializing in graphic novels, with a focus on the **Captain Toronto** series. His work blends superhero storytelling with the unique culture and identity of Toronto. He has showcased art in major exhibitions, gaining recognition for my distinctive approach to both narrative and visual design. Currently, he continues to explore and expand the Captain Toronto universe, aiming to capture the essence of the city and its people.



Tea & Movies: *"Singin' in the Rain" 1952*

Monday September 14th
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

1927 Hollywood. Monumental Pictures' biggest stars, glamorous on-screen couple Lina Lamont and

Don Lockwood, are also an off-screen couple if the trade papers and gossip columns are to be believed. Both perpetuate the public perception if only to please their adoring fans and bring people into the movie theatres. In reality, Don barely tolerates her, while Lina, despite thinking Don beneath her, simpl-mindedly believes what she sees on screen in order to bolster her own stardom and sense of self-importance.

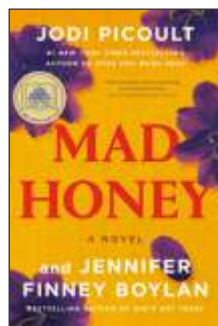


September's Book **"Mad Honey"**

by Jodi Picoult;
Jennifer Finney Boylan

Tuesday, September 15th
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 17th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm



5 Pieces of the AI puzzle **Wednesday, September 16th** **from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**

An interactive program that demystifies artificial intelligence through a unique five-piece puzzle framework, guiding participants to better understand AI's presence, challenge common perceptions, and actively shape how they live and work alongside it.

Registration required.



NatureTO: Trees **Around the Branch Tour**

Monday, September 21st
from 2:00 to 3:30pm

Registration is full



Digital Life Skills **for Seniors:** **Online Safety** **Friday, September 25th** **from 1:00 to 2:30 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.

Registration required



Drop-in Tech Help **Every Monday** **from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

Have questions about your tablet, phone, laptop, email or eBooks? A librarian will be available to help you.

20 minute limit during high demand. Longer questions may be referred to a 1 hour book a librarian appointment.

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



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

Celebrating 12 years of being an Affirming Congregation



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