

Announcements – September 14, 2025

A warm welcome to guests and visitors. Please leave your name and contact details with our greeters for more information.

This service is being live streamed to our Zoom congregation.

Pew Packs (engaging activities designed for children and youth) are available in the Narthex.

Special Thanks to:

- **Madeline W. and Village Group 4** for providing volunteers during our worship for the month of September.
- **Technical Team** scheduled today.

Faith Development

- Bible Study meets on **Monday, September 15:** The readings are: **Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79; 1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.**

Our Sunday bulletin is now available in a digital format: Please scan the QR code below to access the bulletin.



If necessary, please select the TUC Guest network. Password: **Welcome25**

Our Mission Statement

Our faith in God's love moves us to celebrate spirituality, to care with compassion, and to welcome all warmly.

Affirming Vision Statement

Thornhill United Church believes in Jesus' message of God's kingdom of love and grace which includes all people.

We declare our commitment to be fully inclusive in all aspects of our life and work. This includes, but is not limited to, people of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations and gender identities.

Thornhill United Church seeks to be a safe place in the eyes of God and of all people, and to be a growing vibrant, inclusive, welcoming church.

Creation Time 2 September 14, 2025 – 10:30am



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*Hearing assists are available from the sound system operator,
if you are having difficulty hearing in the service.*

GATHERING		
**marks time to stand as able		
Prelude:	<i>Prelude on “Down Ampney” Prelude in G Major</i>	D. Wagner F. Mendelssohn
Welcome and News		Rev. Mini Choi
Lighting of the Christ Candle:		Grace L.
One: This candle glows in summer’s grace		
All: May the light of Christ shine even brighter in our hearts.		
Call to Worship: <i>(responsively)</i>		
**Hymn:	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	VU 226 (tune: Dix)
Opening Prayer		
LISTENING		
Focus Time:		Rev. Mini Choi
Anthem:	<i>A Woman and A Coin – the Coin is Lost</i>	F. K. Graham
Scripture:	<i>Luke 15:1-10</i>	Jeffrey K.
One: God’s Word – the song for our journey.		
All: We cannot but sing its praise.		
**Hymn:	<i>Love Us into Fullness</i>	MV 81 (tune: Caswall)
Message:	<i>“To be Found”</i>	Rev. Leigh Olson
RESPONDING		
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory Music:	<i>Interlude</i>	M. Hayes

**Presentation Hymn:	<i>For the Gift of Creation</i>	VU 538
For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.		
**Dedication Prayer		
Prayers of the People		Jennifer Copeland
The Lord’s Prayer	<i>(said)</i>	VU 921 <i>Ecumenical</i>
SENDING		
Closing News		
**Hymn:	<i>There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy</i>	VU 271
**Sending and Blessing		
**Choral Blessing:	<i>(sung twice)</i>	VU 964
Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.		
**Postlude:	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	arr. C. Callahan

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UPCOMING SERVICES AT TUC			
Sept 21	10:30am	Creation 3 / Welcome Back Picnic / BBQ	
Sept 28	10:30am	Creation 4	
Oct 5	10:30am	Creation 5 / World Communion Sunday	

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
AUGUST 2025
General Fund

PRELIMINARY

	YTD AUG 2024	YTD AUG 2025	BUDGET 2025
Receipts			
Envelopes/PAR/Seasonal	152,341	158,950	283,000
Use of Space	106,765	117,230	164,000
Fund Raising	4,388	7,123	11,000
All Other	8,765	16,746	25,300
	<u>272,259</u>	<u>300,049</u>	<u>483,300</u>
Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	215,367	220,179	333,500
Pillars--Bldg Care & Use	87,215	97,319	151,000
All Other	2,225	3,076	5,350
UCC Assessment	11,920	13,200	19,820
Council	4,964	5,354	8,700
	<u>321,691</u>	<u>339,128</u>	<u>518,370</u>
Transfer from Visionary Fund			35,070
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(49,432)</u>	<u>(39,079)</u>	-

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Dine-about Thornhill Fundraiser & Welcome Back BBQ – Sunday, September 21

We're bringing the fun right to our own backyard! The second stop on the Dine-about Thornhill tour is just steps away as we blend our beloved Welcome Back Sunday with a sizzling community BBQ for members and guests.

On **Sunday, September 21 after service**, the grills will be fired up with juicy ribs, burgers, dogs, veggies from the community garden, and something sweet to finish it off.

While supporting our fundraiser, the event will be shared in the spirit of a freewill offering, with gifts given as each is able.

Here's how you can help us make it great:

- RSVP no later than September 14 – Let us know if you're coming (or not), so we can plan enough food for everyone. Please email any of the stewardship team below or Tanya, or sign the sheet at the back of the Narthex.
- Spread the word! Bring a friend, family member, or invite your pew neighbour.
- Not able to come but want to help? Reach out—we've got ideas.

Thanks for helping us kick off the season with great food, laughter, and community!

— *David Fickel, Duane Nelson, Lloyd Mather, and Margaret Wilson*

TUC MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Bible Study on Monday, Sept 15th at noon on Zoom.

Worship and Music Committee on Tuesday, Sept 16th at 3:00pm on Zoom.

WAWG Committee on Wednesday, Sept 17th at 3:30pm on Zoom.

Handbell Choir on Wednesday, Sept 17th at 7:30pm in the Gallery.

Sanctuary Choir on Thursday, Sept 18th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

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Prayer List

From our Prayer Book we pray:

With Thanksgiving For: Our TUC family and friends.

For Those in Need: Margaret, Don, Mary and family, Rosita, Logan, Beverley, Lorry, Laura and family, Cathy and family, Sarah and family, Barb, Pat, Wendy and family, Bart and Katy, Soraya, Zaremsky family, Brian, Deirdre, Allison, Brian, friends who originate from places experiencing conflict.

In Memory of: Henry, Owena, Jim, Warren, Leonard, Anya, Audrey, Zoe

For Those Away From Home: