

The Weekly Update



**Sunday, March 17, 2024
5th in Lent**

Worship is at 10:30 am.

[Link to March 17 livestream](#)

[Link to Order of Service for March 17](#)

Sometimes we experience a glitch with the link we provide for the livestream, right before worship. This may mean that you are unable to view the service by following the link here in this newsletter. Know that you can access the livestream each week, or past services by visiting Highland Hills Faith Community YouTube channel directly.

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Explore our website for more information about our faith community and events

[Visit our website](#)

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Weekly Scripture Readings

March 17: John 2:13 - 22

March 24: Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 22:1-11

Good Friday: John 19:1-30, Psalm 40:1-14

March 31: John 20:1-18, Psalm 18:16-21

Our Community Caring Corner

***We remember all those we know and those in the broader community
who need our prayers for comfort and strength.***

We are assured that God hears our prayers.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Weekly & Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 17 10:30 am service

Tuesday, March 19

Knitting group, 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

Handbell Choir practice, 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Council Meeting, 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday, March 20

Walking Group at Dundas Driving Park at 10:00 am.

Sit to be Fit in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am.

Thursday, March 21

Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday, March 22

Sit to be Fit in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am.

Pickleball, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 24

Caring Kitchen meeting, 11:30 am in the McCullough Room.

MEMO FROM THE COUNCIL!

We have **changed the date** of our First Annual Meeting from **March 3** to **April 7**. Much effort and spirit go in to preparing for this day. Thanks for your patience.



Council of Highland Hills Faith Community

Changes to Indigenous Ministries within the United Church Structure

Update: On Tuesday, March 12th the St. Mark's Board voted in favour of the motion for the National Church to create an Autonomous Indigenous Region.



The 40 Days of Lent

As we prepare for Easter,
The Association of Dundas Churches and Highland Hills Faith
Community will be hosting several services and events during
Lent.

Taize Service

Wednesday, March 20, 1:00 pm
Highland Hills Faith Community



Dinner and a Movie

Wednesday, March 27

Highland Hills Faith Community

The Jesus Revolution

Pizza at 6 pm. Movie starts at 6:30 pm.

Let us know you are coming by Monday, March 25 by phoning the church, 905-627-9251.



Palm Sunday Service

March 24, 10:30 am

Celebrate the beginning of Holy Week



Good Friday Service, 10:00 am

A Good Friday Walk

"Stations Along the Way"

Gathering at Memorial Square, Sydenham and King Street, finishing at York and King.

COMMUNITY DINNER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

We have been serving our post Covid community dinners as in person sit-down meals again since last June. On the first Monday of each month a key person, our “chef of the month”, takes charge of the kitchen. Working with a team of volunteers, they plan and prepare the meal and have it ready to serve to community guests at 6:00 pm.

Our good friend Valeria generously plans, shops for and prepares the dinner every other month. The Caring Kitchen Team looks for others to fill that role in the months between. In March we were delighted to welcome the 6th Dundas Scouts, their leaders and parents, who hosted a delicious home cooked meal for our guests. In May, Brigitte Clarke will be key person and she has already lined up a team of helpers.

Those who offer their services experience a lively few days in the kitchen, the satisfaction of team building and getting to know other volunteers better, and the gratitude of many who enjoy the dinner.

Can you help? We have openings in July, September and November and are looking for enthusiastic individuals, pairs, families or groups who might like to serve our wider community by taking responsibility for the meal. Your grocery shopping will be reimbursed from our budget and we will support you with whatever else you require. We can answer questions, explain procedures, and help you find any volunteers needed. We will also arrange for set up/take down of the room, table setting, beverages, serving and clean up afterwards.

For further information or to offer your services, please contact Dorothy (bartal@sympatico.ca), Fran (fl Elliot19@gmail.com) or another member of the Caring Kitchen Team – Norma Young, Gail Poole, Brigitte Clarke, Barb Burns, or Vin Barr.

BIBLE STUDY

THE NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament is undoubtedly the single most important book in the history of Western Civilization, whether seen as a religious book of faith or as a cultural artifact. It is probably the most widely disputed and misunderstood. It is proposed to undertake a study of the New Testament involving Professor Bart D. Ehrman's video presentation of the topics listed below followed by discussion of the topics presented afterward on Friday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at JuddHome, 32 Robinhood Drive in Dundas.

March 22	Paul's Letter to the Romans Paul, Jesus and James
March 29	Good Friday
April 15	The Deutero Pauline Epistles The Pastoral Epistles
April 12	The Rise of Christian Anti-Semitism Persecution of the Early Christians
April 19	The Book of Revelations Do We Have the Original New Testament ?

The Bible Study continues with a modified schedule. The lectures are more or less independent of one another so there would be no problem if someone wanted to join the group or take part in the discussion of a lecture of interest to them. Simply tell Dr. Judd of your wish to attend the session(s) and come along.

Do these beautiful spring days inspire cleaning and purging?

If so, please remember that our **renowned annual
Garage Sale**

will happen on Saturday, May 25th.

We would appreciate your saving saleable items for us. Questions to
Donna Wignall at

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Broadview

SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING

Reminder to renew your **Broadview** subscription

Members of the Highland Hills Faith Community who currently subscribe to **Broadview** magazine are encouraged to renew their subscription by forwarding the current annual group rate (\$30 for 8 issues) to Jennifer by cash, cheque (payable to St. Mark's United Church and designated as **Broadview** renewal) or e-transfer (to office@stmarksunitedchurch.ca and designated as **Broadview** renewal) as soon as possible.

Anyone interested in starting a new subscription should also contact Jennifer.

This award-winning, independent, Christian-faith-based Canadian magazine covers compelling stories and issues on spirituality, social justice and ethical living that offer inspiration, news and perspectives.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Julian at (905) 627-7846.

MISSION & SERVICE STORIES **Social Support through Education**



In Sambir, Ukraine, English teacher Ilona encourages her learners to enjoy social time with one another while learning English. This class, supported by Mission and Service partner ACT Alliance, is part of a psychosocial support program for **Ukrainians displaced by war**.
(click on the bold print for more info.)

Books Brew Bites Baubles



Sat. April 13th, 2024

9 am - 12 noon

**First Unitarian Church of Hamilton
170 Dundurn St., S.**

Suggested entrance fee: \$15.

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book exchange, light fare café.**

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