

# The Weekly Update



**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Worship is at 10:30 am.**

[Link to March 24 livestream](#)

[Link to Order of Service for March 24](#)

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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## Weekly Scripture Readings

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 24**

Palm/Passion Sunday

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

### **Tuesday, March 26**

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

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

### **Wednesday, March 27**

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

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

**Dinner & Movie** 6:00 pm (see advertisement below)

### **Thursday, March 28**

**Choir Practice 7:00 pm**

### **Friday, March 29**

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

**Pickleball**, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, March 31**

Easter Sunday

## 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**



## *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.



***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.

If you are unable to take part in the walking portion of this event, please gather at the little park by Tim Horton's (across from McDonald's) where we will hold the same service without the walking.

Also at 10 am.

## **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](mailto:bartal@sympatico.ca)), Fran ([fl Elliot19@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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| March 22 | Paul's Letter to the Romans<br>Paul, Jesus and James                       |
| March 29 | Good Friday  |
| April 15 | The Deutero Pauline Epistles<br>The Pastoral Epistles                      |
| April 12 | The Rise of Christian Anti-Semitism<br>Persecution of the Early Christians |
| April 19 | The Book of Revelations<br>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

[\*wignalljd26@gmail.com\*](mailto:wignalljd26@gmail.com)

## **Memorabilia Items**

As we travel the path to becoming one worshipping Community of Faith, we have experienced hiccups, twists and turns, unexpected bumps but also gained some amazing new friends and fresh ideas and enthusiasm and hope for our future together!

One of the areas that our Council asked us to consider were the items from Knox and Binkley that were important and meaningful to each church. Representatives from Binkley, Knox, Rock Chapel and St. Mark's met to discuss the items they wished to bring to Highland Hills. This Ad Hoc Memorabilia Team met several times and came up with a list of items which were presented to Council. Many of the items on this list fell under the Worship Team, specifically the Sanctuary. Council asked that the Worship Team to look over the suggestion list and come up with some recommendations.

The Worship Team determined that Knox and Binkley should have some item in the Sanctuary that was important to them. Both Binkley and Knox have given up their church building and experienced all the emotions that go along with that. St Mark's has been fortunate to open their doors to Binkley and Knox but has not experienced

the same sense of loss. With these thoughts in mind, the Worship Team made the following recommendations:

- The Binkley Communion Table (now located in the Narthex) be placed at the front of the Sanctuary and the St. Mark's Communion Table be placed in the Narthex.
- Binkley Plant Stands continue to be put into seasonal use.
- The Knox Baptismal Font be placed at the entrance to the Sanctuary and be used for all baptisms. The St. Mark's Baptismal Font would be retired.
- The Knox Memorial stand, photos of past ministers from all three churches, the wall mounted carved Lord's Prayer from Binkley be displayed in a history corner at Highland Hills (location to be determined).
- Pictures of each building (Binkley, Knox, Rock Chapel and St. Mark's) be displayed in the lower foyer at the bottom of the stairs.
- The corner stone(s) of Binkley will be part of the new building on the Binkley site, as outlined in their contract.

The Worship Team reported back to the Council with these recommendations. At our March Council meeting we reviewed the recommendations and Council approved them.

This outlines how the process unfolded. Some decisions are easy while others require thoughtful consideration. The Worship Team and the Council considered what it means to be one Community of Faith, the give and take involved and the compromise that is required. We hope that by providing you with this information, you will have a solid understanding of how these decisions were made. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak with Rev. Peg or Rev. Ian.

## **Highland Hills Dream, Path and Promise 2024**

Over the fall and winter months, our congregation had the opportunity to meet with Chris Wignall to explore our vision for our future together as Highland Hills Faith Community. This gave us a chance to share our ideas, listen and learn from each other.

The Council has received a report from Chris Wignall summarizing our thoughts. The Council referred this report to an Ad Hoc Committee (Rev. Ian, Rev. Peg, Dorothy Bartalos and Fran Elliot) who met to review the wording of the Dream, Path and Promise.

After considerable discussion, the committee decided to reframe the format in a Trinitarian fashion (Dream – God; Path – Son; Promise – Spirit). The Ad Hoc Committee presented the re-drafted Dream, Path and Promise to the Council. Council approved the draft for presentation and approval at the AGM on April 7.

The following is the wording to be presented:

**Our Dream:** To welcome all people to build God's Kingdom by sharing the Good News of God's love for one another and the wider community.

**Our Path:** To follow the way of Jesus as we seek to meet the current issues and spiritual needs facing our society.

**Our Promise:** To be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all our ministry.

## **Naming Our Church**

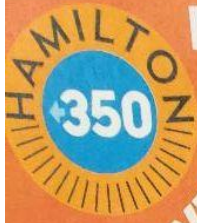
Last Spring, the Council approved a temporary name, Highland Hills Faith Community, for our joint congregations. At our February Council meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee was also asked to make a recommendation for a permanent name.

During our Visioning sessions, it became apparent that how we express our denominational affiliation and whether we identify as a church, were two concerning issues. It was also clear that there was general acceptance of the name Highland Hills.

To address these concerns, the Ad Hoc Committee has recommended to the Council that the official name be:

**Highland Hills Faith Community  
An Ecumenical Ministry of the  
United and Presbyterian Churches**

This name would appear on all church correspondence as our official name. Council approved this recommendation and will present it at the AGM on April 7 for approval.



IDEAS FROM...

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# STOP DESTROYING EARTH

Join Elders 4 Climate Sanity

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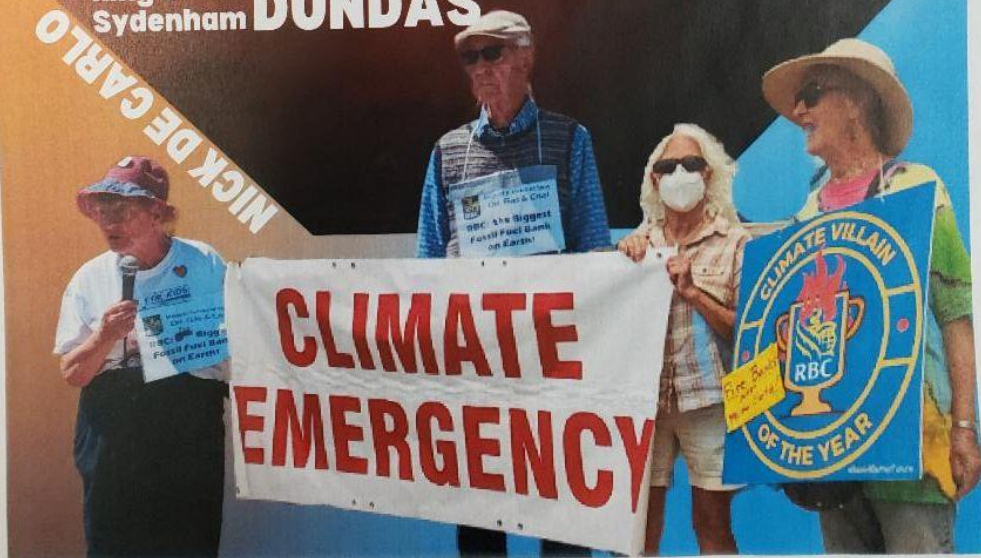
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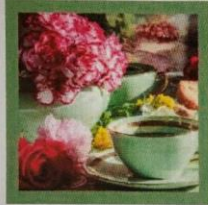
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## Grandmothers Tea on March 27, 2024



The Community of Faith Hosting  
Mohawk Chapel  
301 Mohawk St.  
Brantford, ON N3S 7V1  
Contact: Grand River @ 519-445- 0955  
Time: 12:00-2:00pm

**Hello Everyone,** Come and join a potluck lunch  
Bring your favorite dish and your recipe to share. Its time  
of Friendship and Sharing. Please note to bring your own  
plate, cup and cutlery

## MISSION & SERVICE STORIES

### Preserving Culture through Language Revitalization



Take a moment to think about your favourite story. Now imagine that story being at risk of disappearing because the language it's written in is endangered. This is something that nine Elders from Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, are ***passionately trying to change.***  
(click on the bold print for more info.)

# **Books Brew Bites Baubles**



**Sat. April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9 am - 12 noon**

**First Unitarian Church of Hamilton**

**170 Dundurn St., S.**

**Suggested entrance fee: \$15.**

**Sale of gently used jewelry,  
book exchange, light fare café.**

Bring 6 books  
that you have  
enjoyed reading.  
No textbooks or  
encyclopedias  
Choose 7 books  
in exchange.



Visit the  
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## **St. Mark's Donations**

Please remember that you can e-transfer your donations  
to ***office@stmarksunitedchurch.ca*** or contact Jennifer to set up PAR.  
Contact Jennifer if you would like a set of offering envelopes.



## **Donations to Knox Presbyterian Church**

- By PAR (pre-authorized remittance)
- By e-transfer to ***knoxpresbydundas@gmail.com***
- Offering envelopes may be obtained by contacting Ian Anderson at ***ianderson7@cogeco.ca***
- By mail: Knox Presbyterian Church, Attn: Rev. Ian McPhee,  
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