

The Weekly Update

**September 28, 2025
16th after Pentecost**



**Highland Hills Faith Community
A Shared Ministry of
the United and Presbyterian Churches**

**Orange Shirt Sunday...
Please wear orange to help us mark
National Truth and Reconciliation Sunday**

[Link for YouTube Service on Sept 28](#)

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

[Visit our website](#)

Dream Team Minutes June 22, 2025

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Our Community Caring Corner



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of
John Vince.

A Memorial Service will be held at Highland Hills
on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 11 am.
followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

*This week, please remember the following people in your prayers
for strength and healing:
Garth Doel, June Boyter, Barbara Agar,
and Karen Snell.*

*We continue to pray for solace and strength for Joyce Judd and
family as they mourn the recent loss of Ross on August 28.*

*There are certainly others in our faith community
whose concerns we do not know and so we pray for all those who are sick
and grieving.*

Weekly Events

Sunday service at 10:30 am

Tuesday

Knit and Chat: 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Bell Choir Practice: 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

Choir Practice: 7:00 pm

Friday

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

**Pickleball starts up on
Friday, October 3 at 7:00 pm.
Come on out and give it a try.**



Things to look forward to...

Orange Shirt Day: Sunday, Sept. 28
Please wear Orange to church to help mark this important day.

Welcome Lunch: Sunday, Sept. 28 after church.

Senior Worship Navigating the Healthcare System:
Wednesday, Oct 1, 8, 15 at 1:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

St. Mark's Board Meeting: Sunday Oct. 5 at 9:45 am

Dream Team Meeting: Sunday Oct. 5 after church

Games Night: Friday, Oct 17 6:30 pm -8:30 pm

**Trip to Woodlands Centre and the
Mohawk Institution Residential School in Brantford
Details below.**

Wednesday, Oct 22, time to be determined

Affirm Committee Meeting: Thursday, Oct 23 7:00 pm

Movie Night: Wednesday, Oct 29 6:00 pm

FOOD BANK SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 28th

If you missed the opportunity to support the Dundas Community Food Drive last weekend, please consider bringing a donation to church this Sunday. Place non- perishable food and personal care items in the bins in the narthex. If you wish to make a financial donation, please place it in an envelope marked Dundas Food Bank and leave it on the offering plate inside the sanctuary. Cheques should be made payable to The Salvation Army and designated for the Dundas Food Bank. Receipts will be issued directly by The Salvation Army. Thank you for caring for our neighbours.





Calling All Thanksgiving Fruits, Gourds and Vegetables

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, the Worship Team will be adding some seasonal décor to our altar at the front of our Sanctuary. This year we are inviting the congregation to bring a seasonal fruit, gourd or vegetable on Sunday, October 12th to enhance the bountiful harvest display as a means of expressing our gratitude. We invite you to add your contribution to the front display when you enter. At the end of the service, we ask that you take your fruit or vegetable home with you. Thank you for considering participating in this way!



In 2015 the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Released its: Calls to Action

Part of the document includes
Calls to Action for Churches in Canada

Call to Action # 59

"We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary."

In October we will take an opportunity to go to the Woodlands Centre and the Mohawk Institution Residential School in Brantford.

On September 30 the School will be open to the public as an Interpretive Historic Site.

If you are interested in going to tour the Mohawk Institute and the Woodland Cultural Centre please sign up and let us know if you will be joining us on **Wednesday, October 22nd. Time to be determined.**

The tours are self-guided and there are videos that can be watched as well.

For anyone who wishes to go and would rather not drive to Brantford, we will carpool from the church parking lot.

Sign up sheets are in the narthex on the "What's Up" bulletin board.

Come on out and join our choir. Practices are Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome! Give it a try!

St. Mark's Picture

The Worship Team has been hard at work following up on the Memorabilia recommendations made when our churches came together. One of the recommendations was to have pictures of the four churches framed and mounted. We have now done this and we will soon have the pictures on display in our lower foyer (bottom of the stairs by the lower entrance).

As a result of this work, we had two original pen and ink drawings of St. Mark's. The Worship Team selected one of these for display leaving one original pen and ink drawing with no home.

It is framed and matted and we are offering it to an interested member. It will be on display in the Narthex on the table by the birthday poster and is offered as is. You will find some papers to fill out your name and contact information and if more than one person is interested then we will have a draw in two weeks time and the winner will be contacted. Please be sure to check it out this Sunday and consider offering it a new home!



Hymn Books and Bibles

Now that we have chairs in our Sanctuary, some decisions have to be made about the various hymn books and bibles. The metal chair shelves will not hold three hymn books and a bible and

modern technology allows us a lot more paperless options.

The Worship Team has placed bibles in every other chair for use during the service. Ten copies of Voices United, More Voices and the Blue Presbyterian Hymn Books will be kept for those who wish to use a hard copy during worship services. Once the Bell Cupboard is re-installed we will keep the 10 copies of each Hymn Book piled there for use during the Worship Service. If you would like a Hymn Book, we ask that you pick one up from this location and return it after the service.

This means that we have many additional copies of Bibles and Hymn Books. Some of these were given in memory of a loved one and include an acknowledgement inside the front cover. We are offering anyone who wishes to have a bible or any of the hymn books to take one. If you want to look through for a particular book in memory of someone as a keepsake, please do. At the end of the month, the Worship Team plans to donate the remaining Bibles and pack up the Hymn books that remain unclaimed.

We hope this gives everyone a chance to claim a bible or hymn book that is meaningful to them. It is sometimes difficult to let go of things that have great meaning for us, but it also opens up room to embrace new things that we hope can be just as meaningful! The Worship Team.

HCoA Seniors4Change Navigating the Healthcare System Series

The Hamilton Council on Aging is pleased to partner with Highland Hills Faith Community and the United Way of Halton & Hamilton to offer a FREE 3-PART WORKSHOP SERIES for older adults in Hamilton. Refreshments provided.

Navigating the
Healthcare System
Wednesday, October 1
1:30-3pm

Navigating
Community Supports
Wednesday, October 8
1:30-3pm

Navigating the Hospital System
Wednesday, October 15, 1:30-3pm

HIGHLAND HILLS FAITH COMMUNITY

1 Lynndale Drive, Dundas

Please enter the parking lot and building
on the lower level off Creighton Road.

 **REGISTER NOW**

[coahamilton.ca/
workshops](http://coahamilton.ca/workshops)

or phone: 905-627-9251



United Way
Halton & Hamilton



Don't miss this
opportunity to
learn, connect with
your community,
and access local
resources
dedicated to your
well-being!



SEEDS NEEDED!

Please harvest vegetable and native plant seeds from your garden for Action 13. They will be packaged and placed in the six Seed Libraries in Dundas - one of which sits beside HHFC community gardens - where they can be accessed free of charge.

More info at 13foraction@gmail.com.

Trishaw Rides

To book a ride on the Trishaw,
please call or email Erika.

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MISSION & SERVICE STORIES

Inuinnaqtun Language Revival Group



The Inuinnaqtun language is the cultural foundation of the Inuinnaït people, who live in the central Canadian Arctic. Today, fewer than 600 people can speak Inuinnaqtun fluently. Mission and Service partner Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, is dedicated to keeping Inuinnaqtun alive.

Click on the underlined for more info.

St. Mark's Donations

Please remember that you can e-transfer your donations to **office@stmarksunitedchurch.ca** or contact Jennifer to set up PAR. Cheques can be made out to St. Mark's or Highland Hills.

Donations to Knox Presbyterian Church

- By PAR (pre-authorized remittance)
- By e-transfer to ***knoxpresbydundas@gmail.com***
- By mail: Knox Presbyterian Church, Attn: Rev. Ian McPhee, 1 Lynndale Dr, Dundas, ON L9H 3L4.