

The Weekly Update

November 2, 2025

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



[Link for Service on November 2](#)

Benevolent Offering this Sunday

There are folks in the community who rely on grocery cards for food purchases. Please help with this ministry by making a donation to our benevolent fund. Thank you.

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

[Visit our website](#)

[Dream Team Minutes](#)
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Our Community Caring Corner

We were saddened to see the obituary for Beverly Hayden, in last Saturday's Spectator. She was actively involved in the Pastoral Care ministry at St. Mark's for many years. Her celebration of life is taking place on Sunday November 2, from 1-4 pm at the Circle of Life centre in Dundas.

Our sincere condolences go out to her husband Lynn and family.

*We ask that you keep all those
in our church community in your prayers.
There are people whose concerns we do not know
and so we pray for all those who are grieving,
facing health and other life challenges.
We are not alone, thanks be to God.*

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: 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

CABBAGE ROLLS

12 for \$35

5 for \$15

Cash or cheque payable to
St. Mark's Church.



On Sunday Nov. 2 our delicious homemade cabbage rolls will be on sale by preorder before and after church in the narthex or contact Donna at 905-627-3400 or Barb at 905-6279801. The pickup date for your cabbage rolls is Friday Nov. 7, 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

Advent Study Group

based on Paul Foster's
"The Apocryphal Gospels:
A Very Short Introduction"

Jesus' Birth and Childhood Stories: The Well-Worn, the Weird, and the Wonderful

This Advent study will investigate the variety of origin stories contained within the well-known birth narratives at the beginning of Matthew and Luke, will interpret the beginnings of the gospels of Mark and John, and will discover the appeal of the lesser-known Proto-Gospel of James and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas. Each writing defines Jesus' Christology and exposes the values of the communities that collected and preserved these stories. Through the re-reading of the four familiar gospels and these two non-canonical gospels, we prepare to contemplate the profound meaning of Jesus' birth anew.

This study will include videos that will be watched in the comfort of your own home on Wednesday nights and a group gathering on Thursdays at 2 pm.

The main study will start with a video on Nov. 19, from 6-7 and gathering on Nov. 20 at 2 pm and run for 4 weeks.

A link to each video session will be provided to those who register.



Highland Hills Faith Community Annual Gingerbread House Event



Saturday, November 29, 2025 10 am-noon

One of our favourite activities is back!! Choose a favourite storybook character, movie or any other theme for your creation. You will be provided with a pre-made house kit (one per household) that comes with add-on pieces, icing and candies. Other candy can be added to produce your theme.



Bring your completed gingerbread house to the Fellowship Hall for judging by 10am on Saturday morning. Light refreshments will be available. The houses will be displayed upstairs in the foyer after the service on Sunday for all to see and then taken home.

Please R.S.V.P. to gpoole21@gmail.com or sign up in the foyer by Nov 12 so the kits can be purchased and distributed.



Kevin Eldridge and Gail Poole



WINTER WARMTH

For many years faithful knitters in our congregation have made hats and scarves for children and adults participating in Wesley's various programs.

This year Wesley has said they will not be collecting these items.

The Salvation Army, through the Dundas Food Bank, welcomes our gifts and will make them available to folks at Christmas and/or to those who use the food bank.

Our clotheslines will go up in the narthex in November and you are invited to fill them with new hats, scarves, mitts and gloves for children and adults, handmade from machine washable/ dryable yarn, or purchased. This winter you may catch a glimpse of your gift on a stroll through Dundas or dashing through a playground!

Thanks for caring!



Our New Website

www.highlandhillsfaith.community

is up and running. It is still under construction and many of its features will be added soon. Please visit it often. Your feedback and ideas are appreciated. Speak to Rev. Peg.



MISSION & SERVICE STORIES

Faith, Farming, and Friendship



For the first time in human history, more people live in cities than in rural areas, and that shift has brought new challenges, especially in caring for the Earth. In Japan, a Mission and Service partner is *responding with vision and hope.*

Click on the underlined for more info.

Trishaw Rides

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

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St. Mark's Donations

Please remember that you can e-transfer your donations to [**office@stmarksunitedchurch.ca**](mailto: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**](mailto:knoxpresbydundas@gmail.com)
 - By mail: Knox Presbyterian Church, Attn: Rev. Ian McPhee, 1 Lynndale Dr, Dundas, ON L9H 3L4.
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If you want us to include an item in this weekly update, please send it by **Thursday morning**. Email your submissions to [**office@stmarksunitedchurch.ca**](mailto:office@stmarksunitedchurch.ca) or call 905-627-9251.

To have something put up on our website, contact Webmaster Phil Wood at [**philwood173@gmail.com**](mailto:philwood173@gmail.com).