

Streetsville United Church

Fall Tidings 2019



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CALENDAR

Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Special Services

Oct 13 Communion & Thanksgiving

Nov 3 Communion

Nov 10 Remembrance Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Sep 28 – "Shakespeare & the Divine Resonance" 7:00 pm

– by Dr. Christopher Eriksson! [Click Here](#)

Sun Oct 6 – Potluck Luncheon Mark your calendars now! [Click Here!](#)

Sat Oct 26 – 9:30 to 3:00 UCW Harvest of Craft Sale [Click Here!](#)

Sun Nov 24 – 1:00 pm Streetsville Santa Claus Parade

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

A character in the Gospels I find very attractive is the early Christian named Barnabas. His name means "son of encouragement." That is no surprise. For whenever we see Barnabas in the Book of Acts he is involved in the task of giving encouragement. He was a great encourager to Paul in the early days after Paul's dramatic conversion to Christ. Barnabas later encouraged the church at Jerusalem to accept their former persecutor as a brother in Christ. Barnabas encouraged the apostles and provided for the church's needs by his generous financial gift. Barnabas was a faithful ambassador for Christ who encouraged others to receive the Gospel. He encouraged young John Mark and took him on a missionary journey, even though Mark had stumbled on an earlier journey. There is no doubt that the early church valued Barnabas as a grace-filled man of encouragement.

Though it's not in my ministerial job description, I hope that I am an encourager among you. I also think it's important for church members to be encouragers to one another. As many of you know, I have indicated to the Church Council that I will be retiring as of August 1, 2020. Some people are surprised when I tell them, "Yes, I turn 65 next year." It's good to know that I look too young to retire! But there is much to do over the next year as the church seeks my replacement and makes the transition to new ministerial leadership. The future is in God's hands and we trust in his gracious provision. "Great is his faithfulness."

God's faithfulness has been proven over the past 200 years, for in 2020 we will be acknowledging and celebrating the 200th year of this congregation's ministry in Streetsville (originally Streetsville Methodist Church until church union in 1925). Several events and a special worship service will mark the anniversary in 2020. There is a great deal to be thankful for.

My hope is that throughout all the upcoming tasks, celebrations and transitions we will truly be encouragers to one another. This is not a time for discouragement or doubt but a time to lift our hearts to God, to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and to strengthen one another. I already see it happening. I am grateful for that and I feel encouraged and strengthened myself. May God encourage us and enable us to be faithful in faith, faithful in prayer for the church, faithful in our service, faithful in working with and supporting each other. What a wonderful witness it is when an encourager like Barnabas would feel at home among us.

In Christ's Service

Rev. John



Important Dates

THANKSGIVING

Monday Oct 8

FALL POTLUCK



Save the Date: October 6 Fall Potluck. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. Stay for lunch after church and enjoy a time of food and fellowship with our church family. Please bring your own plate, knife and fork. It's an annual event you won't want to miss!

SUNDAY NOV 4 2:00AM



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HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE - SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 26, 2019

Just a reminder again that the UCW has continued over the summer to plan for our main fundraiser event of the year and we hope you can all come and help us make this as much of a success as it has always been!

I know that our church friends have continued over the summer to create lovely crafted items and we look forward to any contributions you can provide us with too in knitted, crocheted or other crafted pieces for our UCW Craft Room. Please see Kerry Poulsen or Katie Powell for these kind donations.

Also, several of our UCW members have been busy this summer and will continue into the early fall to make delicious jams and jellies for the sale.

If you have any 4 or 8 ounce mason jars, we would really appreciate a few more in preparation for a couple more "Jam Sessions." Please see Katie Powell for these donations. They were very helpful in reducing our production costs last year, so thank you very much.

This year we plan to expand our Vendor booths a bit instead of having an Attic Treasure Room. If you know of someone who has a unique craft that they might like to showcase among our Vendors, please contact Cathy Hitchcock or Katie Powell. We only have a few extra spaces, so let us know as soon as possible if you know of a potential Vendor.

As in past years, our UCW will be in need of the whole church's support in providing baked goods and preserves for our Country Kitchen, help with food and serving in our All Day Café, setting up and decorating and taking down tables etc. for this big event.

There will more information to come in the weeks ahead about what help is needed and when, so please be on the lookout for upcoming notices.

Please save the date and tell all your friends to save the date too!

It is always a fun time for family and friends and our whole community!

Thanks! Katie Powell

REV. JOHN'S RETIREMENT

Rev. John's Retirement - As announced in mid-June, Rev. John has informed the Church Council of his intention to retire, effective August 1, 2020. We are grateful to have been blessed with Rev. John's ministry over the past 19 years, and we look forward to the next year with him.

Over the summer, the Ministry Nominating & Personnel Committee formed a Search Committee and Bill Powell was asked to lead this team. The members of the Search Committee are: Ken Boulton, Stephen Brown, Antoinette Clarke, Ev Courtney, Teresa Judd, Ephraim Ratnaraj, John Sparrow, Kate Sparrow, Maryann Sparrow, and Tony Tadros.

Our community and Church have changed over the past 20 years, since we last looked for a Minister. So, as we start the search for Reverend John's replacement, it is important that the Search Committee try to answer the question: "What kind of Minister are we looking for?" In order to help us answer this question, and to identify where the Church is at this point in time, we will be running a Congregational Survey during the second half of September. This survey was developed by the Search Committee during August. We ask each of you to take the time to prayerfully complete this survey. It is very important that your voice be heard. We welcome and value your opinions and comments. Questions can be directed to Bill Powell at 905-824-6851 or to william.powell@sympatico.ca.



CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Please help us keep our food cupboard well stocked by supporting our weekly requests in the bulletin.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee is looking to add members to the Welcome Team. The Welcome schedule is made available for 4 months at a time with 3-4 assignments during that time. The next schedule will soon be planned and each member's individual preferences are considered. The next schedule is for the months of November, December, January and February.

The Worship Committee is responsible for scheduling Nursery and Communion coverage and volunteers are needed with those activities too. Please consider becoming involved in any or all of the above activities. Please call me to answer any questions at 905-607-4991 or at annaloughlin@me.com. Or ask anyone on the Worship Committee: Heather Drew, Wally Bridel and Ruth Kochanuk.

During Reverend John's vacation, Streetsville United Church welcomed Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd and Bruce Worthington as guest preachers. Thank you to Robin Dagleish for providing organ and piano accompaniment, while John Shillingberg was away in August.



NEWS FROM UCW

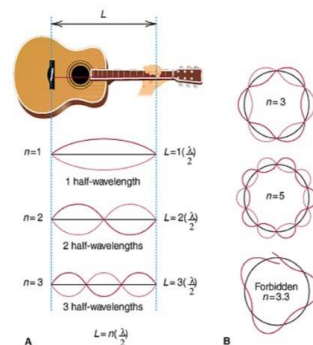
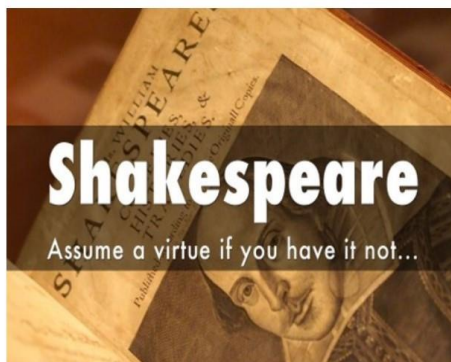
As fall returns, two UCW units are meeting again for another season of faith, fellowship, and fun. We welcome all women of our congregation to come out to either of these unit meetings:

Sunshine Circle meets the first Tuesday evening of the month in the Fellowship Lounge – contact is Katie Powell (905-824-6851).

Friendship Circle meets the second Thursday afternoon also in the Fellowship Lounge – contact is Lorraine Treanor (905-826-3761).

We warmly welcome any new members to come and see what we are all about!

SHAKESPEARE & THE DIVINE RESONANCE



You're Invited to:
"Shakespeare & the Divine Resonance"
A free, public presentation by
Dr. Christopher Eriksson
With a little Physics and Harmony

Date: Sat Sep 28, at 7.00 pm

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HODGEPODGE

Book Sale is ongoing on the auditorium stage. There is an amazing variety of books at great prices. Drop by and have a look!

Has your personal information changed?

If any of your information has changed (address, phone, email), please let Kelly in the office know. Up to date information is needed for tax receipts, tidings, etc. Call the office 905-826-1542 or send an email to info@streetsvilleunited.ca



Joan Dooley and Dallas

The stable where Joan rides weekly, awarded her with a ribbon in recognition of her motivated effort and long-term participation. Congratulations Joan!



PROPERTY COMMITTEE



As a result of decisions made re the flat roof restoration at the June Church Council, Jim Courtney has taken on the role of interim Property Committee Chair. Working with the committee members, the Board of Trustees and several members at a resource level, the following has occurred over the summer:

- Restoration of the flat roof over the CE Wing, Narthex, front entrance, elevator shaft and elevator entry area. This has addressed not only issues related to deterioration of the legacy roof materials but also sealing up a couple of critical leaks around the elevator shaft. A few pictures:



- Of our goal to raise \$17,000 we have received \$6,000. Donations should be market "Roof Repair". Thanks for your support. 75% of the cost was financed through in memoriam donations.
- Minor repairs were also made to the office wing roof.
- The Accessible Washroom has an automatic door opener that had failed but has now been repaired. Please do not use a stopper to hold this door open; let it close naturally or the motor will burn out again. This opener is designed to assist those with disabilities, especially those confined to a wheelchair.
- We have addressed some minor issues to make the courtyard compliant with Education Ministry requirements for the Montessori School's playground.

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NOTICE



THE REV. DR.
ARTHUR LEONARD
GRIFFITH, B.A.,
M.Div., D.D.
Leonard passed
away on Sunday,
April 7, 2019 in
Toronto.

Some of you will remember that Dr. Griffith preached here at Streetsville United Church a number of times, especially in 1999-2000. He was an influential and world-renowned preacher who occupied pulpits in the United Church of Canada, Congregational (London, England), and Anglican communions. Dr. Griffith also taught preaching at the Toronto School of Theology. I was privileged to be a student in his final class before he retired from teaching in 1987. I was also honoured that he was a preacher at my Streetsville United covenanting service in the fall of 2000. Many of Dr. Griffith's books are in our church library including his autobiography, *From Sunday to Sunday, Fifty Years in the Pulpit*. We thank God for Dr. Griffith's ministry and influence among us, along with his clear and inspiring presentation of orthodox Christian faith. *"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master."*

Rev. John

PROPERTY COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

This fall we will complete:

- Replacement of lighting of the CE Wing hall and the Office wing with LED lighting.
- Replace tiles in the lower CE Wing hallway floor.
- Complete installation of the automatic sprinkler system for the memorial garden
- Replacement of the Office wing door (both lock issues and draft issues)
- Replace broken light bulbs in the Sanctuary chandeliers
- Splash tiles have been installed in the Heritage Hall kitchen.

While, as mentioned earlier, the roof repair has designated funding, the other activities should come within the remaining operating budget for General Maintenance.

We do need to recognize several members who have assisted with these projects. Ken Poulsen and Peter Mara supervised the roof repair. Bill Powell, Doug Hitchcock and Gord Bentley are amongst others who have helped. Finally, acknowledgement to Kelly Crewson for assisting with the co-ordination of these activities.

As many are aware, Stan Kluza, our primary custodian for the past 18 years passed away in mid-August. We are currently reviewing custodian arrangements, which have become more onerous as we increase our rental activity.

In November, we will be considering our budget for 2020. If you have any suggestions, please contact me. No guarantees but will give consideration based on physical conditions and repair/maintenance cycles.

Finally, we will be seeking a new Property Committee Chair in the near future. Please consult me if you have interest or suggestions. Ideally it's a position that involves identifying issues and solutions and then delegating those solutions to qualified resources, whether within the church or with a contractor.

Jim Courtney, Interim Property Chair

