

Streetsville United Church

Spring Tidings 2020

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Celebrate Easter!

Covid-19 Update

Currently **all** activities at the church including worship are suspended. Dates listed in Tidings are hopeful but events may be postponed or canceled. See more from Board of Trustees on last page.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I still recall the excitement I felt some 33 years ago as I preached my first Easter sermon. Now as I come to the end of my full-time ministry, I still feel that same sense of anticipation as I prepare for Easter. What a wonderful privilege it is to proclaim the message of Christ's Easter victory and the great hope he gives us. Sharing this message with you this one last time has special significance for me. I am sure that I will remember it as vividly as I do my first Easter sermon. Whether the message will be shared with a congregation present on April 12, or on our website, we do not know yet. But one way or another, I will be sharing the Easter Gospel with you.

Of course, these are very unusual days. It is a time of uncertainty and even fear. This corona virus has brought much hardship, economic destruction, and to many vulnerable people, death. The ground is shifting beneath our feet daily, almost hourly. This is why we need to hear the good news of Christ's decisive victory over the powers of sin and evil and death. Christ is the resurrection and the life. He is the light who shines forever in the darkness, the light whom the darkness can never extinguish. Christ is the One who lights our way; the One in whom we put all our trust. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank you for your partnership and support in the Gospel over these past twenty years. In the last few months of my ministry here I will be concentrating on some significant themes of the Christian faith. I want to go off into retirement knowing that I have shared with you the some of the great passages of Scripture, focussing as always on the centrality of Jesus Christ. Streetsville United is a wonderful pulpit for any Gospel preacher.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support one another during this difficult time. While we are not meeting together as a congregation these days, the value of a congregation and the community it provides has become clearer than ever. We trust you are being encouraged and comforted by our weekly messages, along with our means of keeping in touch. Thanks to all who are working to make this possible. Please know that we are praying for everyone's health and safety during these trying times.

May this upcoming Holy weekend bring renewed faith and hope and love to all of us.

Rev. John

CALENDAR

Sunday Services 10 am

Holy Week Events

(all services 10 am)

April 5 Palm Sunday

April 10 Good Friday

April 12 Easter Sunday

Easter Celebration Service – Christ is Risen!

May 3 Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue. April 7 – Fashion Show – this event has been **CANCELED**

Sat. Apr. 25 – Church Garage Sale - this event has been **CANCELED**

Sun. May 3 – 200th Anniversary Service – with guest speaker Kate Young. Cake will be served at coffee hour.

Sun. May 24 – Tapscott Retirement Luncheon after worship.





Our Willow Tree Montessori School is always there supporting the church. Some of the children with their donations for the food pantry. They also donated many toys for the Christmas drive. Thank you all for your generous donations!

Retirement of Rev. John

SAVE THE DATE - on **Sunday May 24, 2020** our congregation will celebrate the retirement of Rev John. After 20 years of inspirational messages, leadership, pastoral care and blessings of many kinds, Rev John will soon be retiring to the peace and beauty of Cape Breton. Plan to join us as we bid farewell to Rev John, Adelaide and Julie at the morning service and luncheon following. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin.



HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday October 31, 2020



Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn . . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn . . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn . . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn . . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn . . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn . . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn . . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn . . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn . . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn . . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.	He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph . . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph . . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph . . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph . . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph . . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

A Message from Pastoral Care

At this time of uncertainty, we are all navigating uncharted waters. Never in peace time have churches closed, borders been restricted and we have been instructed to stay home. For many of our congregation who live alone or in Seniors' residences feelings of loneliness and isolation may become overwhelming. They can't get out, church is cancelled and they may not be technically savvy to connect with friends and family on an ipad or Smartphone. This is when we, as SUC family need to come together and support each other.

You may have read that the Pastoral Care committee, along with Rev John, is phoning to connect and support a number of our members who may be feeling alone and missing the support of our Sunday worship. But this is not just the role of the PC team but the role of each one of us. I encourage you in these days of isolation, to reach out and phone one of our church family - both of you will be glad you did. We all have the time!

It is also time for each of us to follow the Golden Rule:

From Mark 12: 31 And the second, like it, is this "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

And Matthew 7:12 Therefore "whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets".

Please remember in Social distancing that visiting is a No No, but a phone call or picking up a few needed grocery items and leaving them at the door could make someone's day. We have a willing volunteer who will run any errands necessary so if anyone requires help please call the church office or any member of the PC team and we will make the appropriate connections.

Let's look after and continue to pray for each other - it's the Christian thing to do!

Take care and stay safe.

Bev Mathew, Kate Sparrow, Chris Monk, Laura Mara, Carolyn Stewart, Johann Maybee and Tina Reusche

Has Your Contact Information changed?

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



HUUG SCARVES

(Help Us Understand Grief)

A few weeks ago I asked the congregation for help making HUUG scarves for Heart House Hospice. These are narrow scarves with mitten shapes on each end for the child to wrap around him/herself when he is really missing the deceased person and needs a hug. It is amazing how much comfort these scarves give to a grieving youngster. So far I have taken over a dozen scarves in to Heart House. Many many thanks to all those knitters who have helped and please keep them coming. The HUUG coordinator wants to set up 150 kits containing a scarf and the need never ends. If you have some spare time and odds and ends of yarn, please speak to Karen Monk or Diane Wilton and we'll get you a pattern.

On behalf of the HUUG program at HEART HOUSE, many thanks

2020 Streetsville United Church Team of Walkers!

On Saturday February 22, Streetsville United participated in **The Coldest Night of the Year** walk once again. We raised over \$4100! Proceeds were used to support The Dam in Mississauga, a Christian organization that Develops Assists and Mentors at-risk youth in our community. Thanks to everyone for support of this important event to help troubled youth.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- All activities at the church are suspended until further notice, including all our community rentals.
- We will provide a brief weekly message with comments from John, and a bible reading every weekend via the website or email.
- Pastoral Care is making arrangements to keep in contact with those who are in need of it.
- We continue to have expenses, such as utilities and salaries. If you are not on PAR, offering can be provided by:
 - Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13238>
 - Mailing in a cheque to Streetsville United Church at 274 Queen St. South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1L8
 - You can now **e-transfer** directly to the church. In your online banking, add a recipient using the name **Streetsville United Church** and email address info@streetsvilleunited.ca Any e-transfers are automatically deposited in the church account with no need for a password.
- **Please Stay Home.** Wash your hands and, if at a grocery store or pharmacy, keep a "safe distance" of a minimum 2 meters or 6 feet.

You can follow our status via our website at

<https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/coronavirus-statement/>

