# Streetsville United Church **Spring Tidings 2021**



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# **COVID-19 Update**

Currently there are no activities at the church. All meetings, events and worship are online via zoom.

# CALENDAR

**Sunday Services** (online)

10 am

# **Holy Week Events**

(all services online)

March 28 Palm Sunday **Holy Communion** 

April 1 **Maundy Thursday** 

April 2 **Good Friday** April 4 **Easter Sunday** 

**Easter Celebration Service - Christ** is Risen!

May 9 **Holy Communion** 

Sunday services listed above can be viewed on YouTube via the website at https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/curre nt-sermons/

We also are continuing our Virtual Coffee Hour at 11:00 am. Sundays. To join us please coffee hour visit https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/event s/virtual-coffee-hour-2/

## Maundy Thursday - April 1 7:00 pm

This year we will have a joint Maundy Thursday along with Erindale United, Westminster United and Erindale Presbyterian. A zoom link will be sent for this tennebrae service with communion.

HE DIED FOR US

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

"You are witness of these things." - Luke 24:48

Embracing the joy and hope of Easter we move into the Season of Easter, a time when we prayerfully consider what it means to live as "witness of these things", to live as Easter people. How do we, as people of the pandemic move from the fear that permeates our world, that has permeated our lives this last year, to a place of joy that enables us to witness to the fact that Jesus is alive? That enables us to witness to the fact that new life will come?

Here at Streetsville we have found ways to gather together but apart, to worship our God, and celebrate the joy we have in God's promise of radical transformation and new life in our world. We want to be a part of this transformation and we want to live the joy of this promise in our world. Many of us did this as part of the Coldest Night of the Year walk in February. Although it was different and virtual (we walked alone or with our family only), COVID could not stop us from pulling together and supporting The Dam, a wonderful organizing to help marginalized youth in Mississauga. Another exciting way we will be reflecting the hope and love of Christ in our world this Spring is through the opening of the satellite location of Eden Food For Change, here in our church, helping to provide food security to those who need it. I am so excited about this partnership and our ability to share space and provide a home for this desperately needed service.

This is our second Easter in pandemic but together we are still finding ways to be the church and to build community through outreach to those who are isolated and lonely, sharing conversation and witnessing to our faith in our weekly coffee hour, our study sessions and in one on one conversations with our church family. As society begins to open up we will have more opportunities to get back into our world in a hands on way to show care in our neighbourhood and work toward justice in our world.

How has Easter impacted you?

What are your hopes for a transformed world? A transformed you?

It is time to tell the story.

It is time to live the story.

It is time.

Blessings,

Rev. Jessica



# HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE

# Cancelled:

# Saturday October 30, 2021

Looking at the current COVID-19 Pandemic situation and the fact that our status for the coming months is unknown, the Harvest of Crafts Committee has made the decision not to hold the sale in 2021. Our intention is to hopefully resume the Craft Sale in 2022.



# **Vaccine Appointment Info!**

Will you need assistance booking your COVID-19 vaccine appointment? Please let Reverend Jessica know if we can help, and our volunteers can do it for you.

### **Transportation:**

TransHelp helps residents who have transportation barriers with getting them to a vaccination clinic. Call 905-791-1015 at least 48 hours in advance of your appointment and follow the TransHelp booking procedure (or let us help you). You don't need to be a TransHelp client to use this service.



# Has Any of 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

# **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC UPDATE**

The Search Team, working with the M&P Committee, has received resumes from some very talented musicians. Unfortunately during the interview process it has been determined that the candidates have not been a good fit for Streetsville United, so the search continues! The job posting will remain on appropriate websites through the summer until the early Fall. We are very thankful for the music being provided to us by Robin Dalgleish, Michelle Chung and others on a weekly basis. Their talents on the organ and piano will continue to provide blessings to us on Sunday mornings through the summer.

Gail Boulton

# FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee continues to support the virtual Worship Service each Sunday until the COVID restrictions are lifted and in church worship may resume.

Rev. Jessica will continue recording virtual services with the exception of April 11 and May 23rd, and the month of August.

Guest preachers have been booked for those Sundays and will co-ordinate their worship service with members of the Audiovisual Team and Kelly Crewson.

Bruce Worthington will be the guest preacher on May 23 which was to be Pentecost Sunday. However it has been moved to May 30 when Rev. Jessica will be in the pulpit.

The Worship Committee would like to extend their appreciation to the Audiovisual team of Ken Boulton, Wayne Moss, Wally Bridel and Aljean Cardenas for their ongoing support in recording the Sunday Worship Service.

The Worship committee would like to thank Brian Packham. Jessica Stevenson, Bruce Worthington for their contribution to the Worship Service during Rev Jessica's leaves earlier this year. A special thank you to Antoinette Clark for her leadership role in assisting Rev. Jessica with the inspiring Black History service.



# 2021 Streetsville United Church Team of Walkers!

On Saturday February 20, Streetsville United participated in **The Coldest Night of the Year** walk once again – separately but as a team. We raised \$5,890 surpassing the goal of \$5,500! 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.



# ON A HAPPY NOTE...

Our dear friend Joan Dooley is getting back to her musical roots. Recently a large package arrived in the mail: a brand new guitar! It is a gift from her brother who lives out in B.C. Some of you will remember the talent nights we had here at the church quite a few years ago. Joan played in one of those. Now, after a long break to pursue other hobbies and interests, she's returning to practicing. And what better time than right now? We're all experiencing limitations on our usual activities. Here's a way to pass the time enjoyably and productively. So Joan is settling into a determined effort with her self-instruction manual. We look forward to hearing some tunes later on. Good luck, Joan!



Thank you to Chris Monk for this uplifting submission!



# Streetsville's Weekly Word!

Watch for the new communication from Rev. Jessica – another way to stay in touch. It will include a scripture passage for you to reflect on (a sacred pause in your day), a few brief thoughts about it, as well as some information and news about what is happening and what is coming up at the church.

If you do not wish to be part of the distribution, scroll to the end of the email and click on "unsubscribe from this list". If you are not receiving this and would like to, please check your "junk" folder to see if it went there. If it did not please notify Rev. Jessica to add your name to the mailing list.

# **A NOTE FROM FINANCE**

So far during the restrictions of 2020 and 2021 to date, we have met our obligations to operate the church while closed for normal activities using your weekly gifts, Willow Tree School rental fees, and reserves.

As we enter into the second year of COVID restrictions, we thought it is important to advise all our church family of our financial year to date position for 2021.

Here is our current 2021 Budget position:

	2-Months Actual	2-Months BUDGET	Variance
Total Revenue	33,799	41,761	(7,962)
Total Expenses	45,064	44,236	828
NET INCOME	(11,265)	(2,475)	

Revenue will be our focus for all of 2021. We believe we can keep expenses "tight" and at or below budget forecasts.

The immediate concern is in our total envelope givings. To date, we are behind budget by \$10,345 or -31.4%. Keeping up with weekly contributions can be difficult during these unusual times, but we have ways to accept your contributions through e-transfer, mail, envelope drop-off, or setting a PAR account.

Several PAR contributors have increased their monthly givings already, which is much appreciated. It is hoped all members who contribute through other means can find a way to bring offerings up to date or assist by increasing their monthly givings to keep the church in the best financial position when we come out of COVID restrictions.

Our thanks and BE SAFE! The Finance Committee

# Easter Poem

Of all the days in the Christian year
Easter remains to me most dear.
God gave His Son to die for me,
To take my sins at Calvary.
Before I knew the price He paid
My life in selfish thought was played.
Then in a moment came His voice:
"I died for YOU – now make a choice".
I chose eternal life – His way;
I'm in His presence every day.
His resurrection gives new life
Midst daily rounds of joy and strife.
Thank you Lord, for dying for me,
I pledge to live my life for Thee.





# Easter Story Word Search

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