

Streetsville United Church

Summer Tidings 2021



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CALENDAR

Regular Sunday Services **10 am**
(Online until further notice)

Summer Preaching Schedule

Rev. Jessica will be on vacation from August 1 to August 31.

Jul 4	Rev. Jessica
Jul 11	Rev. Jessica
Jul 18	Rev. Jessica
Jul 25	Rev. Jessica
Aug 1	Jessica Stevenson
Aug 8	Jessica Stevenson
Aug 15	Dr. Bruce Worthington
Aug 22	Dr. Bruce Worthington
Aug 29	Rev. Maryann Skinner
Sep 5	Rev. Jessica

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

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Isn't it a wonderful feeling to have the leaves bursting on the trees, gardens returning to life, birds singing, chipmunks scurrying everywhere, and soon we'll hear the cicadas humming! I love summer. Although I suspect that this year will be another "staycation" kind of summer, there is so much to do here, even in the midst of a pandemic. I am already enjoying exploring the many farmer's markets here and of course taking walks through the Marsh and by the lake. Having endured the pandemic as we have, I find myself experiencing gratitude for the simple things, more and more.

As things begin to slow down a bit with the start of summer and I can catch my breath, I find myself reflecting on all that we have been through in the last year and a half. And as another school year ends I've been thinking a lot about the children and youth in our community. I can imagine how hard it has been to finish another school year without seeing their friends, and some have even graduated without being able to properly celebrate or say goodbye to their teachers and classmates. I just want to say how proud I am of each and every one of you for doing another school year in this pandemic. You have done something none of us adults have ever done before. And I know it isn't easy, but you did it! You are amazing!

Throughout this pandemic we have realized how much we need to pull together and how important community is to our mental and spiritual health. One good thing right now is that whether you are here all season or spending weekends at your cottage, you are able to stay connected to the worshipping community if you are able to access internet. And I hope you will connect to worship and the Weekly Word for your own spiritual nourishment and connection, and I hope that you make time reach out to others in the church to say hello and let your faith family know that you care about them.

This summer I will be doing a sermon series for the month of July about the Apostle Paul. We will spend the first two weeks looking at some of Paul's greatest adventures (his conversion and his time in prison) and the last two weeks looking at some of the challenges Paul presents for 21st century readers of scripture (what he said about slaves and women). I hope you enjoy this series, and that it brings you lots of reflect upon as we engage this very important figure in the early church.

In August I will be on holidays, but you will continue to have meaningful and engaging worship with the help of our guest preachers who always bring a new perspective, valuable insights and hope and encouragement for the week ahead. I have also lined up emergency pastoral care coverage for any situations that can not wait for my return.

Whatever your plans are this summer, I hope that you will have a safe, happy and rejuvenating time! Be sure to get your vaccines when you are able to do so. The sooner we can get vaccinated the sooner we can bring this pandemic under control and be together in person. I do look forward to that day. And while the Fall still seems a long way off, with summer just begun, there are many things I am looking forward to, and I think it will be an energizing and exciting time for us all! We will get there.

Blessings for a safe and happy summer.
Rev. Jessica



ONLINE EVENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour – Every Sunday at 11:00 am - Gather at your computer, tablet or smartphone on Zoom. We can support up to 100 participants on this. For more information click on <https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-coffee-hour-2/>

PASTORAL CARE

Over the summer months, members of the Pastoral Care committee will continue to reach out to some of our members, as done throughout our church closure. For those who are fully vaccinated with two doses, consider meeting safely outdoors. If you receive a call from one of your church family, an outdoor visit on a nice day might feel great!

Looking ahead...The Pastoral Care committee is hopeful that we will be able to plan a 'Welcome Back' luncheon this fall. As we get closer, details will be made available. Please keep this event in mind.

Please contact Reverend Jessica or Kelly if you know of a Pastoral Care need, so our committee can help provide support.



OUR PRAYER CHAIN is available. When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

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

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UCW JAM SALE RETURNS!

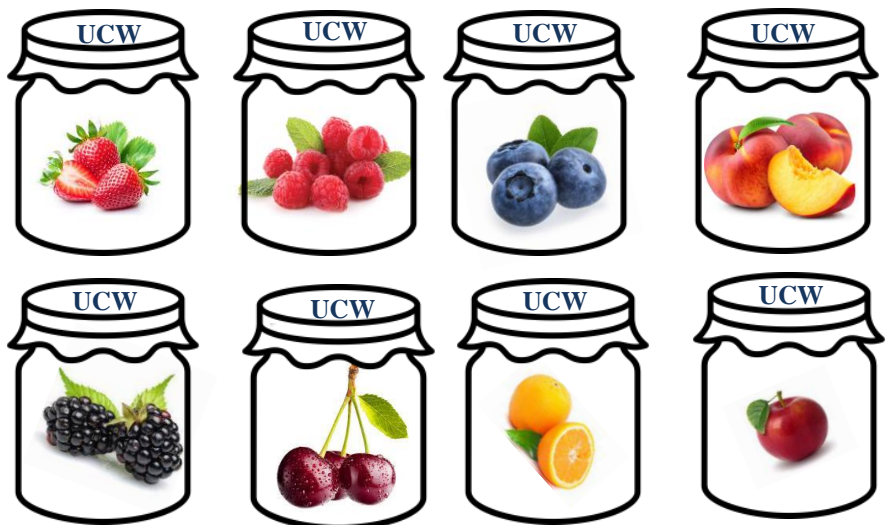
The success of the Covid Jam Sale 2020 has called for a repeat performance! The UCW was so appreciative of the response of our congregation and support given to this project that we are repeating it again this year.

At this point in time summer fruits are now available so we are encouraging anyone who plans to be a Jam Maker to please let us know. Later in the season we will send out a request for the types of jams/jellies made and number of jars of each. Please continue to use only 250 ml preserving jars for this project. Do not label the individual jars, we will do that for a consistent appearance.

Details for the collection of the finished products and ordering information will be sent out via email in the fall. If anyone has empty jars from last year they can be reused - let us know and we will happily pick up.

For further information please contact Katie Powell (905-824-6851) or Bev Mathew (905-826-5005).

Have fun jamming and many thanks for your continued support!



MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Hopefully, many of you have now had your second Covid vaccine shot, and others of you have appointments booked. It has been very encouraging to see the rates of vaccination growing in Peel Region, and in Ontario as a whole. Please get your shot. It protects not only yourself, but your friends and family. This is how we will return to some degree of normalcy. Also remember that even after you receive your second dose, that it takes a couple weeks to fully develop protection against the virus.

It is also very encouraging to see case counts coming down significantly. The Delta variant is still of significant concern, and we are not out of the woods yet, but we are moving in the right direction. We are all looking forward to being able to worship again in person. We have decided that the Church will not be opening for in-person worship during the summer. July is too early to consider this, and Rev Jessica will be on vacation in August. Pulpit supply for August was arranged several months ago and was arranged for virtual services as the various speakers all live remotely.

If things continue to improve, we hope to be able to open the Church again in September – possibly the Sunday following Labour Day. The Re-opening Committee will meet again in August to relook at the protocols developed last summer, and to modify or update them. At this point we still do not know what restrictions will be in place, but we will continue to follow all Public Health Guidelines. Initially, we will still not be able to have the choir, but we will endeavour to include music wherever we can. Keep well and stay safe!

Bill Powell – Chair, Church Council

HORSESHOE FALLS REGION

Horseshoe Falls Region is required to elect 13 Commissioners to the 44th General Council and are to reflect both Lay/Ministry personnel, with attention being given to diversity of gender and age, racial and cultural identities, and sexual expressions. The election of Commissioners to GC 44 occurred at the May meeting of Horseshoe Falls which included the election of Rev Jessica McCrae! We look forward to supporting Rev Jessica in her role as a Commissioner which will include electing a new Moderator and the General Council Executive, setting policies and dealing with proposals from Regional Councils, setting the budget framework for the next 3 years and approving the assessment formula, and oversight of denominational level ministry and mission. It is an opportunity for Rev Jessica to have a direct impact on the future of the United Church of Canada.

Congratulations Rev. Jessica!

HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE 2021

In February with the Covid-19 Pandemic situation and the fact that our status for the coming months was unknown, the Harvest of Crafts Committee made the decision not to hold the sale in 2021. Our intention is to resume the Craft Sale in 2022.

Rev. Jessica'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.

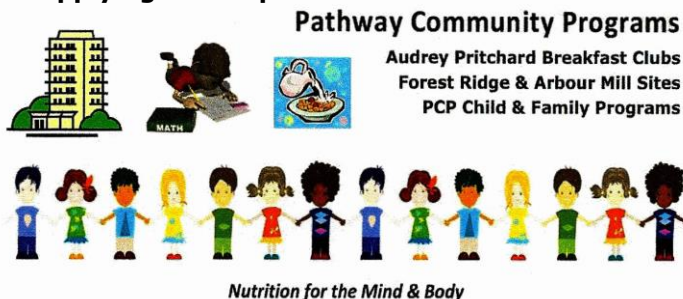
If you do not wish to be part of the distribution, scroll to the end of the email and click on "*unsubscribe from this list*". If you are not receiving this and would like to, please check your "junk" folder to see if it went there. If it did not please notify Rev. Jessica to add your name to the mailing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

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PATHWAY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

JOB POSITION

Pathway Community Programs and the Audrey Pritchard Breakfast Club are programs which SUC has been instrumental in organizing and supporting since the inception over 20 years ago. Four of our members presently sit on the board along with representatives from Solel and Unitarian congregations. They will be hiring a new coordinator for the breakfast program to begin in Sept. at the Forest Ridge location (Ridgeway and Collegeway). **Please share the information below with anyone who you think might be interested in applying to this position.**



BREAKFAST CLUB COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

The coordinator of this program will be responsible for supervising the Breakfast Club.

The duties include:

- preparing the food each school day morning – the program runs September to June, school days only
- managing the volunteers who will assist in preparation and serving, and tracking volunteer hours
- purchasing food and supplies
- ensuring a clean, safe and healthy environment
- maintaining and submitting records including children's registration, meals served, food expenditures, food donated
- encouraging a positive attitude towards children, volunteers and parents

Remuneration:

-\$18 per hour based on

- 2.5 hours per school day for Breakfast Club
- 2 hours per week for grocery shopping
- 2 hours per month for financial reporting
- compensation for mileage at \$0.55 per km for food bank and grocery pickup
- any special activities or events confirmed in advance

For further information please contact Wendy Shusterman at wendyjs@rogers.com or 905-466-7945



LOOSE COIN CHALLENGE

Time to check those winter coats, drawers, pant and jacket pockets, and all of those little places where we put change.



We are doing a coin search campaign to put these “lonely” coins in a jar. You are invited to participate in a friendly challenge of men vs. ladies; boys vs. girls of the Sunday school.

For June through August we are setting up this challenge. The money collected will go to the general fund, benevolent fund, or, wherever there is a need...

The Challenge: All female members vs. all male members; the value of the most coinage saved in jars **WINS!** The unsuccessful group will cook a pancake and ham breakfast for the other group, once we resume in-person attendance at church. Finally, an activity we all can participate in at the same time and have “fun” as a church group.

Save your nickels, dimes, quarters and hopefully, a few loonies and toonies too. Gentlemen, we know several ladies are already getting a jump on this activity, so time to get going...We hope we have a lot of rolling to do...

Anna Loughlin/Worship Neil Beattie/Finance



COVID-19 GIVINGS

We continue to have expenses, such as utilities and salaries. If you are not on PAR, offering can be provided by:

- Offering donations: You can **e-transfer** directly to the church. From your online banking, add a recipient using the name **Streetsville United Church** and email address info@streetsvilleunited.ca E-transfers are automatically deposited in the church account with no need for a password. Please note that e-transfers **will** be included on your tax receipt. [More guidance here.](#)
- UCW membership: You can **e-transfer** directly to the UCW account. From your online banking, add a recipient using the name **Streetsville UCW** and email address stvlucw@bell.net
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps) at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13238>
- Mailing in a cheque (or post-dated cheques to Streetsville United Church at 274 Queen St. South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1L8
- Pre-Authorized Remittance: We also now have over ten years' experience with United Church PAR, which automatically makes monthly deposits to the church. For more details, contact Neil Beattie at nbeattie@rocketmail.com or 416-909-0042.
- Cheques/envelopes can also be dropped off in the mailbox at either the front doors of the church or the mailbox outside the office door (off the rear courtyard). Both are a secure, locked mailboxes.



**Wishing You
A Blessed
Summer!**

*My presence will you
go with you, and I will
give you rest.*

Exodus 33:14

