

Streetsville United Church Christmas Tidings 2021



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The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents,
but in *His* presence

CALENDAR

Sunday Services – in person and streaming – 10:00 am

Christmas Services

Advent Sundays

- 1st Nov 28th** Mary Parsons
- 2nd Dec 5th** Mary Parsons
- 3rd Dec 12th** Rev. Sue Hertell
- 4th Dec 19th** Christmas Service

In-person Christmas Eve Communion Service 10:00 pm:

Please join us for an in-person Christmas Eve Communion Service at 10:00 pm on Friday December 24th. Reverend Kate Young will be our guest Minister and we will have safety protocols in place while celebrating Communion on this Holy Night.

Dec. 26th Rev. Sue Hertell

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Feb 26, 2022 – Annual Coldest Night of the Year Walk

The Streetsville United Faith in Action Team is planning to take to the streets and walk in support of The DAM.



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Some Great News from Church Council

I wanted to share some great news! The subcommittee of Council, made up of Neil Beattie, Ruth Kochanuk, Kate Sparrow and myself, has been successful in finding a wonderful Supply Minister to provide the congregation with some stability and continuity, while the new search committee looks for a permanent Minister.

Rev. Don Gibson will start with Streetsville on January 5th and his first Sunday in the pulpit will be January 9th. Don was educated in Montreal (Loyola College and McGill) and has served in the United Church for over 40 years. He has served congregations in Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Ontario. He retired from Runnymede United Church in Bloor West Village, in May 2020. Since that time Don has been providing pulpit supply at several Churches in Toronto and has been supervising the Minister at a Ugandan United Church in Toronto, during his accreditation process.

Church Council met on November 22nd and has unanimously approved the 6-month Supply Ministry Appointment.

Rev. Don is a gifted preacher and a pastor with a commitment to congregational life. He is Biblically focused with a strong belief that the Gospel calls us to new life, and to the work of creating new life which is the foundation of social justice. In preaching and study groups, he encourages people to go deeper in faith so that the presence of God in Jesus will impact their lives. We have already spoken with Don about a number of potential winter and spring studies/seminars.

Please join me in welcoming Rev. Don to the Streetsville Family. We look forward to being able to introduce him in-person in the New Year.

Bill Powell

Chair, Church Council





Joan Dooley is still enjoying colouring and this is her Christmas message to all. Inspired by Joan's hobby, the last page in the Tidings is for everyone to colour.

Giving Envelopes 2022

To conserve paper and cost, we will be using leftover giving envelopes from 2021. If you need a box of giving envelopes, please email the office at info@streetsvilleunited.ca. The number and dates on the envelopes are not important. Feel free to use your own leftover envelopes. Please ensure your name is on any giving envelope to guarantee tax receipts are accurate.



*May the joy and peace
of Christmas be with you
all through the New Year.
Wishing you a
season of blessings from
heaven above.*

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STREETSVILLE UNITED WOMEN (UCW)

The UCW would like to thank everyone for their support of recent fundraising activities. The Jam Sale for this second year was another huge success thanks to the many jam makers, friends and congregants who made and/or purchased the wonderful variety of products available! The sale made close to \$3000 that will be used to support both our church and local missions. We are also appreciative of those that have purchased Katie Powell's snow globes and Mary Dobson's birds. Both will be beautiful additions to Christmas trees and gifts this season!

Our units are now able to meet in person under Covid guidelines. The Friendship Circle meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 (contact Lorraine Treanor); the Sunshine Circle meets the third Tuesday at 1:30 (contact Ruth Kochanuk); and our newest unit, now identifying as the Joy Givers is meeting on a random basis (contact Teresa Judd). All groups are meeting at the church in either the Fellowship Lounge or Heritage Hall depending on numbers attending. Although we will again miss celebrating the Christmas season together, we look forward to our unit meetings in December and the special events each unit is planning to honour the true meaning of the season and birth of the Baby Jesus.

The UCW supports two local charities at Christmas, The Open Door, the Christian Centre at Square One and the Elizabeth Fry Society in Brampton. Donations of gift cards (Presidents Choice, Walmart, Shoppers Drug, Tim Hortons or Dollarama) will be accepted by December 12. Although initiated by the UCW our church family is encouraged to also donate if possible. Donations can be dropped off in the church mailbox or the collection box at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your support and participation in UCW activities. We extend our very best wishes to you for a safe and blessed Christmas season.

Boomer Band!

Like all the other groups and committees within the church, the Boomer Band was forced to suspend operations in March of last year with the arrival of the pandemic. We've all missed being able to participate in the making of live music, opportunities that used to be available to us regularly and frequently in our weekly services. Imagine our delight, then, at being able to perform in mid-November.

Suddenly we're back! One rehearsal and it seemed like we never left. Things came together quickly. We hope that hearing once again the familiar songs of praise the band has performed over the years will enhance your worship experience. We're also rooting for our colleagues in the senior choir to get back into action soon. Thanks also to all the soloists who have been featured each week, both now and during past months.



Band L to R: Steve Simpson, Kim Perrin, Vince Tume, Chris Monk, Dee Hopkins (See you in December!) – Photo by Katie Powell

Behind the pews at the back is our dedicated technical team making possible the sound and video. We appreciate the ongoing efforts of Wally Bridel, Ken Boulton and Caroline Tume.

MN&P (Ministry, Nominating and Personnel)

Thank You from MN&P!

We have much to be thankful for. Our Streetsville United Church family is proof that we are blessed beyond words. 2021 was a challenging year for many people and our Streetsville United Church family was no different. As we look back on 2021, the MNP committee would like to thank the many people who have worked tirelessly to keep the workings of the church running smoothly.

Thank you to Kelly for your flexibility and ability to keep so many balls in the air as we transition to Supply Ministry.

Thank you to the Re-opening Committee for your ongoing work and guidance. Thank you for making in-person worship safe and welcoming again.

Thank you to the Tech Team for your continued support of our worship services, both in person and online.

Thank you to our guest organists, Robin and Michelle, for sharing your musical gifts with us. And, thank you to our own choir soloists for sharing your wonderful voices.

As you can see, volunteers are the heart of Streetsville United Church. We would like to thank two long-standing volunteers - Jim Courtney and Wayne Moss. We are grateful for your many, many years of service.

Many hands make light work. If you would like to get involved and participate in any area of the church, please contact a member of the MNP committee - Gail Boulton, Charlie Walsh, or Nicole Santos.



Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care committee continues to reach out to those who have less contact with others these days or need some extra support. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a touch-base from one of our members, please let Kelly know. Let's stay connected!

Here's an example of Pastoral Care in action! Here is a picture of one of our church family, Anne Jennings. Anne enjoyed lunch out recently with one of our committee members, and had a splendid time! It's great to see Anne looking so well, and so bright.



COVID-19 Vaccination requirement: Recently, the Pastoral Care committee surveyed those with whom we have contact and who are not attending in-person worship services at SUC. We asked about their comfort level returning to church if a proof of vaccination policy was implemented for attendance at services...the majority confirmed this. At November's Church Council meeting this requirement was approved by a strong majority and has been communicated to the congregation. We hope that by the Christmas season, we will see as many as possible out at church, while still keeping our masking and other safety measures.



Looking forward with Hope...and music!

Thanks to our Technical Support team, the leadership of Kim Perrin and musical folks at SUC, we have members performing music again! Beginning in November, we have been blessed by the richness of musical performances from our talented members, including the Boomer Band. It feels good to hear this praise through music!

Happy New Year 2022

The gift of a new year is one of God's many blessings. Count your blessings as you countdown to the new year, and thank God for each one!

