



## Meetings

### *This Week*

**Mon. – Fri. 9 am – 4 pm - Garage Sale Drop off:** We are accepting all items except jewelry and furniture at the church. If these hours are not convenient, please contact one of the coordinators to make alternate arrangements.

**Thu. 11:00 am – Midweek Connection –** Zoom/phone meeting for fellowship.

**Sat. May 28 9:00 am – 2:30 pm – Garage Sale and BBQ!**

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### *Upcoming Events*

**Sun. May 29 11 am – Confirmation Class** in the library (1.5 hours).

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### **Announcements**

**MacGregor's Meat Fundraiser!** – Questions? Contact Bev Mathew at 905-826-5005 or [bev.mathew@rogers.com](mailto:bev.mathew@rogers.com)

**Summer Tidings** – Please send submissions for Tidings to Kelly by Mon. June 6. Pictures are welcome!

**Harvest of Crafts Sale - Save the Date!** The Harvest of Crafts Sale is returning! **Saturday October 29 from 9:30 – 3 pm.** This will be a new and revised format for these times. We look forward to seeing you again!

We are also collecting the jam jars used over the last 2 years. These are the 250 ml size that require 2 piece sealing lids. They may be dropped off in the Fellowship Lounge

**Eden Food for Change Donations** - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Narthex.

**Tech Team Volunteers needed!** Help is needed to add to our team of volunteers who run the sound/video board for Sunday services each week. If you think you could offer your time during a service, even occasionally, or have any questions, please email the office at [info@streetsvilleunited.ca](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca) Training will be provided.

## Sunday School

### **This Week's Sunday School Activities – The Power of Listening**

Lydia is a listener who welcomes the gospel's message and the transforming power of the Spirit, which brings Paul to her. Lydia's baptism is important to many. Waters of life wash through all the readings today inviting love, making persons whole and imparting holy presence and peace.

1) The Scripture Reading during the Service is Psalm 67. The call to praise in this Psalm makes clear the universality of God's graciousness, extending far beyond Israel and summoning all nations and people of the world. Creation itself is both a part of God's blessings and also joins in the song of praise to the ends of the earth. Singing God's praise is born out of experiencing the saving power found in God's way of justice and compassion.

The Sermon is based on Acts 16:9-15. This passage reminds us that the Spirit of God is never limited by traditional sources of power in order to bring about change and transformation. Prior to his conversion, Paul often used violence which he deemed necessary to maintain control and focus on the authority of political and religious leaders. Rather than change through coercion, the power made evident through the Spirit of God brought change through the simple act of listening. Listening to the Spirit, Paul lets go of these original plans. He arrives in Philippi and sees a number of women and listens intently to them. Lydia is among them, an independent woman who is the head of her household. While spending time with Paul, she opens her heart to what he says and they support each other in their ministries.

Additional Scripture Readings: John 14:23-29, and Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5

Reflections on the readings from this Sunday.

a) What questions do you have about the Acts 16 reading? b) What happens in this story that suggests that Paul and Lydia minister to one another? c) What images of hospitality do you find in these passages? d) Where have you seen welcome and hospitality offered in your church community? e) What can help us to be more hospitable and welcoming to others at school and in the community?

To listen eagerly is a true skill. It helps people welcome fresh possibilities, new directions and unexpected ones. Paul follows the lead of a vision. Lydia opens her heart and then her home. This week's reading from the book of Acts invites us to reflect on our own experiences of hearing and responding to the good news of this season.

2) Gracious God, welcoming Christ, empowering Spirit: stir the waters by which we gather. In the ways you receive us, teach us how to receive others. In the grace with which you create a home for us, may we be bold to practise hospitality. Amen

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### **Support those who support you**

Giving thanks is an important part of living faithfully. We are extremely grateful for your past and continuing support. Without you, our mission to spread God's word and support our communities would be impossible. It is a way to sow, to *invest* in the church, so that all may reap the blessings to come.

Streetsville United Church needs you now more than ever. Please consider any of the many ways to invest in our church to continue supporting our congregation and surrounding communities. Small changes like a slight weekly or monthly increase or more regular giving go a long way. All giving methods are on the website or contact the office for help.

- You can e-transfer directly to the church (use [info@streetsvilleunited.ca](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca)) or to the UCW (use [stvlucw@bell.net](mailto:stvlucw@bell.net)).
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps).
- Mailing in a cheque or post-dated cheques to the church (or drop off at secure mailboxes front and back of the church)
- Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) - automatic monthly deposits to the church. For more details, contact Bev Mathew at [bev.mathew@rogers.com](mailto:bev.mathew@rogers.com) or 905-826-5005.

### **Welcome Team**

**Assisting This Week:** *Narthex* – Anita King *Sanctuary* – Tony Tadros  
*Fellowship Lounge* – Charlie Walsh *Elevator* – Kent Sweetman  
*Reader* – Diane Wilton

**Assisting Next Week:** *Narthex* – Wendy Johnson *Sanctuary* – Ruth Kochanuk  
*Fellowship Lounge* – Jean Stopa *Elevator* – Terry Stopa  
*Reader* – Chris Monk

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**Our Prayer Chain is available.** When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

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### **Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Onsite**

Located in the sanctuary on the landing going up to the balcony on the center of the wall.

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### **Streetsville United Church**

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