

Streetsville United Church

Fall Tidings 2023



**Autumn leaves fall,
Jesus doesn't**



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CALENDAR

Weekly Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Special Services

- Oct 1** Communion
Oct 8 Thanksgiving Sunday
Nov 5 Communion
Nov 12 Remembrance Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun Oct 15 – after worship

Potluck Luncheon [click here](#)

Sat Oct 28 – 9:30 to 3:00

UCW Harvest of Craft Sale [click here](#)

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Note: Fridays are his day off

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As we enter the season of autumn, I am reflecting on the story of Ezra and Nehemiah. Two books of the Hebrew Bible (also known as the Old Testament) are named after them. They recount the return of the people of Israel to the Holy Land after decades of exile to rebuild the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. Under the leadership of the scribe Ezra and later the governor Nehemiah, with the support of the emperor of Persia, and, most importantly, with the blessing of God, the people of Israel overcame great obstacles and re-established Jewish life in the land.

To a much lesser degree folks return to church each autumn. Our property isn't in ruins like 6th century BCE Jerusalem, but we do have a fairly major property restoration project ahead of us. Simultaneously, we are kicking off a congregation-wide project to renew our church community vision and values. Of course, we will also hold our regular congregational events like the Harvest of Crafts sale. All that before Advent and Christmas come!

If this seems like a lot, well, it is. Yet I feel a rush of energy in our people, too! I believe that we have the right people in the right roles for such a time as this. And not everyone has to do everything. Actually, no one should do *everything*. In the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, different folks did different tasks. Masons and carpenters did the renovation project; priests and Levites restored worship; other stood guard against bandits and hostile neighbours. So you should decide to do one or a couple things well and then rejoice at the work of others. To quote a much more contemporary source (okay...it's *High School Musical*), "We're ALL in THIS to-geth-er!"

I pray this autumn is a time for you to restore your church routines and maybe try something (one thing) new. The Spirit is guiding and equipping us.

So.

Let's gooooo!!!

Peace,

Rev. Joe





FALL POTLUCK

Save the Date! **Sunday October 15th Fall Potluck Luncheon**

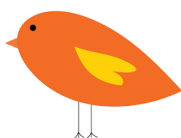
Plan to attend the Fall Potluck Luncheon on Sunday October 15th in Heritage Hall, right after worship service. This year's event will take on a Cultural theme...bring a food item from your cultural heritage to share with others! More info to follow in weekly bulletins and announcements.

Below is a photo of some of us taken at last Fall's Potluck Luncheon



SUNDAY NOV. 6 2:00 AM

Set your clocks back 1 hour!



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Streetsville United at the Blue Jays game!

On Saturday August 26th a gang of us made our way to the Jays game and had a fantastic afternoon together. It was a great way to support our home team and enjoy each other's company at the same time. And yes...the Jays won, too!

A few more of our group were not in this photo, but their enthusiasm was also part of this successful outing.



SEEKING VOLUNTEER – WEBSITE CARE

We require a volunteer to liaison with Kelly and to work, when necessary, with our web care company for the monthly findings in the following care items:

- Tracking the site's health
- Rankings
- Visitors
- Monthly tips
- FAQ or offer to consider
- Vulnerabilities for Access
- Following secure information
- Alerts about any Unusual Transactions
- Any other security issues



Should any re-design of the site be necessary in the future, it will be handled through this position with Kelly's assistance and the Web Care Company.

Interest parties should contact M&P - Gail Boulton, Charlie Walsh or Teresa Judd.





PRAYER CHAIN

For many years some of our members have been part of a Prayer group known as the Prayer Chain. Separately, but unified in time and cause, prayers are offered together for comfort and healing, for strength and support, for praise, during life events, experiences, and challenges.

This summer our family was on the receiving end of these prayers. Our Prayer Chain was made aware of and prayed for a family member's medical condition and provided support in ways that strengthened and encouraged. I know that Streetsville United's Prayer Chain has a valuable role because I experienced it. Please reach out to the Prayer Team if you have a Prayer request.

Thank you, Kate Sparrow

HODGEPODGE

Personal Information changed?

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

Welcome Table Center - There is a monthly calendar and "What's Happening" on the bulletin board behind the welcome table. Please look for events you might be missing! Also, if you are aware of any events, meetings, happenings that would be helpful on this posting please email Kelly at info@streetsvilleunited.ca.

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HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

This annual event is the largest fundraiser for our church each year. Our UCW is once again busy preparing for this day so that, with your support, we will be able to support our church, our community and other missions. We know that you look forward to the wonderful Country Kitchen with its' delicious variety of homemade pies, cakes, cookies, muffins and many other treats. The seasonal harvest has been jammed, jellied and preserved just for you so be sure to visit us in the Fellowship Lounge. The great variety of crafts made by our congregation and friends will be in the Heritage Hall again this year. Here you will find knitted sweaters and throws, hats and mittens, crocheted and quilted items that will be the perfect gift or item for you or your home. Christmas decorations are always special gifts and of great style and variety here. The community vendors are back in the Auditorium with a variety of products – be sure to check them out for the wonderful craftsmanship and skills of their makers. Light refreshments will be available in the Narthex area provided by the Men's Group of SUC.



If you have donations of preserves or jams for the Country Kitchen, please contact Sandy Hayashi at 905-569-9966 to arrange delivery or pickup for labelling purposes. Donations for the Crafts in HH will be greatly appreciated – contact Kerry Poulsen 905-826-1933 or Lorraine Treanor 905-826-3761.

All donations of Baking will be accepted in the Fellowship Lounge on Friday October 27 before 2pm. Please be sure to use new storage containers and please package cookies and squares in 6's or 12's for ease of pricing.



There will also be a beautiful quilt on display which will be raffled at the end of the afternoon on the 28th. Tickets will be available at \$5 each or 3 for \$10. This quilt has been made by Elaine MacDonald (friend of Anna Loughlin) and generously donated to us for this fundraising project. The quilt will be available for viewing and tickets for purchase at Coffee Hours in October.

Lawn signs will be available for pickup mid-October so please take one and help spread the word!

We look forward to seeing you and your friends on October 28! Come one and all!

Church Council

The summer period is usually a time for relaxation, family, and friends. The Council Committees had these too, but we also had several activities and "to-dos" for our church.

Property has been extremely busy dealing with various projects addressing maintenance issues, reviewing quotes to repair our brick work, monitoring the installation of new flooring for the Montessori School, as well as negotiating the cleaning and school contracts for 2023 and beyond.

Our Worship Committee worked closely with Reverend Joe planning revised communion services and other matters pertaining to worship.

The "tech-team" works diligently each Sunday.

The Finance Committee works throughout the summer monitoring budgets and preparing reports for Council members.

The UCW works throughout the summer planning for the Fall Craft Sale, as well as any requirements for funerals and other special events.

Pastoral Care Committee continues to make phone calls and personal visits to a large number of our members.

Our Music Director, Michelle Chung, assisted many of our choir members to deliver wonderful summer music.

And of course, Reverend Joe has been very active in planning PUBLIC Meetings, music planning with Michelle, plus numerous ministerial responsibilities for our weekly church services.

So, as you can see, this was not only a summer of relaxation, but one involving many people to improve and energize the life of our church post-Covid.

Best wishes to all for this fall.

Sincerely,

Neil Beattie
Council Chair

Happy
Thanksgiving

FINANCE UPDATE



We are now 8 months completed into this year. The results are favourable as we compare the projected deficit to our actual deficit. The income receipts are higher than anticipated due to increased rentals (\$13,888 better than budget) which offsets the reduced income from givings (\$6,135 lower than budget YTD). Total receipts are \$10,149 better than YTD linear budget. Expenses are well controlled at \$9,216 less than YTD linear budget. The net **deficit** is \$3,949 compared to the projected deficit of \$23,313 which is encouraging. However, the large summer rental income for the year has been paid and so the deficit for the months ahead is expected to increase significantly.

We are fortunate to now have the personnel to increase our congregation and have people return to SUC – a full time minister and a part-time music director. We are blessed to have great ministry incorporating fresh ideas and wonderful music from both our choir and Boomer band. Now it's time to fill the pews and bring our envelope offerings back to pre-pandemic levels. While expected, we do have a long way to go to be at breakeven!

Please see the chart below:

Streetsville United Church - Income Statement YTD August 2023 vs YTD August 2022 and Budget

	Actual YTD August			8-month Linear Budget		Annual 2023 Budget
	2023	2022	Variance	YTD	Variance	
REVENUE						
Envelope Offerings - General, Initial, Special	\$ 100,865	\$ 93,593	\$ 7,271	\$ 107,000	\$ (6,135)	\$ 160,500
Loose Offering, Canada Helps, UCC Foundation	\$ 9,575	\$ 11,111	\$ (1,536)	\$ 9,067	\$ 508	\$ 13,600
United Church Women	\$ 300	\$ 5,000	\$ (4,700)	\$ 3,333	\$ (3,033)	\$ 5,000
Facilities Rental - Total	\$ 56,088	\$ 54,354	\$ 1,734	\$ 42,200	\$ 13,888	\$ 63,300
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 11,921	\$ 11,151	\$ 769	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,921	\$ 10,500
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 178,749	\$ 175,210	\$ 3,538	\$ 168,600	\$ 10,149	\$ 252,900
OPERATING EXPENSE						
Personnel	\$ 108,783	\$ 79,266	\$ 29,517	\$ 113,801	\$ (5,019)	\$ 170,702
Operating Church Home	\$ 54,274	\$ 48,658	\$ 5,615	\$ 55,987	\$ (1,713)	\$ 83,980
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 19,641	\$ 15,634	\$ 4,007	\$ 22,125	\$ (2,484)	\$ 33,188
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 182,698	\$ 143,558	\$ 39,139	\$ 191,913	\$ (9,216)	\$ 287,870
NET INCOME - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (3,949)	\$ 31,652	\$ (35,601)	\$ (23,313)	\$ 19,364	\$ (34,970)

OUTREACH / BENEVOLENT FUND

Outreach/Benevolent Receipts	\$ 15,142	\$ 16,012	\$ (870)	\$ 15,867	\$ (724)	\$ 23,800
Outreach/Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 13,618	\$ 22,547	\$ (8,929)	\$ 15,867	\$ (2,249)	\$ 23,800



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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The theme of God's Creation inspired creative elements within our congregation. The "Creation Wall" is a lovely reminder of the many and diverse talents and gifts that God gives to each of us to share with others. Throughout the summer, our congregational attendance and online viewing continued to expand from previous years. We appreciate the invocations of our Minister, Reverend Hopkins and the enthusiasm of our Music Director, Michelle Chung, who inspired and supported choir member solos, duets, and small group live performances. We even had our Boomer Band assemble in July and August to delight and lift our praises to God.

Thank you to the summer audio visual and technology team, the sanctuary and narthex greeters and our scripture readers for enabling our worship services to offer vibrant, welcoming experiences for those in attendance and online. If you would like to join any of these teams, please contact the church office and our amazing administrative assistant, Kelly Crewson, will ensure your interest is shared with the worship co-chairs.

In September, we initiated a blessing of the backpack process to reengage our Sunday School students and showcase a commitment to pray for the youth in our community. If you missed the service on September 17th, please contact the church office to receive your child's blessing.

This Fall we will be adapting the protocol for the sacrament of holy communion based on input from our church family and service leaders. The new protocol will commence in October and alleviate the physical challenges the pre-packaged vessels created. The commitment to health and safety requirements will not be compromised by the new process.

We welcome the new congregants that joined us over the summer and look forward to the return of all our church families as we continue the journey of service, gratitude, fellowship, and Christian learning.

Worship Co-Chairs,
Wendy Dowling
Antoinette Clarke



Masonry Repair Campaign

The Finance Committee has developed a plan to cover the costs of this repair, but we need your help to protect our Heritage building!

We are most fortunate to have a Bequest Fund which can be used to cover 75% of the repair bill, approximately \$30,000. The remaining 25% must be covered by the congregation, about \$10,000.



Our plan has 4 ways you may support this project:

1. Income from this fall's Macgregor Meat fundraiser will go to fund the repair. The information sheets will be available in October with delivery scheduled for Thursday November 9. It is important to share the information with your family, friends and neighbours – once they try the products, they love them and become repeat customers. Also share cases with others – most products are individually vacuum packed and so a case is easily divided.
2. SUC will be hosting a Coffee House on Saturday November 18. Save the Date and bring along friends and neighbours for a fun evening of music and refreshments. Tickets will be available for \$15 each and will include coffee and dessert. All proceeds from this event will support the Masonry campaign.
3. Donations may be made directly to SUC either by cash, cheque, or e-transfer. Be sure to indicate that the donation is for the **MASONRY REPAIR**.
4. The UCW will match all congregational donations (#3 above) to a maximum of \$5000. Donors who contribute by Nov 30 will have their names entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card for a Streetsville restaurant. The draw will take place at Coffee Hour on Dec 3. Many thanks to the UCW for providing these incentives!

We need and encourage you to participate in all parts of this campaign. Should the total of all 4 aspects of the plan exceed the cost of the repair bill, the excess funds will go back into the General account and help reduce the budget deficit for this year.

We appreciate your continued support of Streetsville United Church and especially this important campaign!

God Bless,

Martha, Bev, Bill, Tony, and Ernie

SUC Finance Committee

