

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Laura Mara *Narthex* – Karen Monk *Elevator* – Peter Mara *Reader* – Chris Monk
Coffee Hour – UCW *Tech* – David Moase

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Tony Tadros *Narthex* – Pete Mackintosh *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock *Reader* – Ken Boulton
Coffee Hour – M & P *Tech* – John Sparrow

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

Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Onsite

Located in the sanctuary on the landing going up to the balcony on the center of the wall. **Naloxone Kit** in the red First Aid box.

Sharing Our Offerings:

Streetsville United Church needs you now more than ever. Please consider any of the several ways to support our congregation and our work in the surrounding communities. Small changes, like a slight weekly or monthly increase, or more regular givings, can 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) or the UCW (use stvlucw@bell.net)
 - 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 or 905-826-5005.
 - Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
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November 19, 2023

Series: November to Remember



*Anchored in God's Word...
Moving into God's Future*

*Inviting and welcoming all people into a growing
relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

*Serving God and our neighbours in the local
community.*

Order of Worship

God Invites Us to Gather

- *indicates standing for all who are able*

Before the Service

Boomer Band

Prelude

Take My Life and Let It Be Henry A. Cesar Malan

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship (written by Joanna Harader on her blog spaciousfaith.com)

One: Though we could be resentful,

Many: we come to give thanks.

One: Though we could be complaining,

Many: we come to offer appreciation.

One: Though we could be upset about what we lack,

Many: we come in gratitude for what we have.

One: We enter now into this time of worship

Many: carrying seed to sow, singing songs of joy, rejoicing together.

- **Hymn VU 506** *Take My Life*

Opening Prayer (written by Susan Lukey of High River, Alberta)

Many: By joining in this worship, gracious God, we are making a choice, a choice to be part of Your transforming love in this world. We are offering ourselves—body, mind, and spirit—to the mending and tending of Your world. We are opening ourselves to be changed by Your compassion working in and through us, so that all may experience the love You send in Jesus. We commit to You, loving God, that we will share Your love unconditionally, without judgment, freely without price. Bless us, O Holy Trinity, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, as we seek to be a blessing for all the earth. Amen.

Music

Boomer Band

Time with God's Children – Don't Let Your Gift Expire

Prayer of Illumination

Chris Monk

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

Chris Monk

Sermon:

Risks and Rewards

Rev. Joe Hopkins

Anthem

Look At the World

John Rutter

Stewardship Moment

Sung Dedication VU 541

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Community Prayers

Each phrase will end with the words "Generous God," and worshipers should respond by saying, **Bless and grow your people.**

The Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn VU 416** *Forth in Your Name, O Christ*

Sending Words:

One: God has given you your very lives as free yet costly treasures to care for.

Many: We will seek the wellbeing of ourselves and others with God's help.

One: Then go—share the gift of everlasting life through Christ and enjoy the blessings of God's grace. Amen.

Benediction in Song: VU 806 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Postlude

Gloria In Excelsis

Antonio Vivaldi

Meetings

This Week

Tue. 1:00 pm – **Sunshine Circle** in Heritage Hall.

Wed. 7:00 pm – **Choir practice.**

Wed. 12:30 - **Noon Hour Recital Series with Michelle Chung** - We are pleased to announce that our **Director of Music, Michelle Chung**, will play again at **Yorkminster Park Baptist Church** in Toronto. The recital begins at 12:30 and lasts 30 minutes. Everyone is welcome. Church parking is available.

Upcoming

Tue. Dec. 5 7:15 pm - **UCW Christmas** – see insert for details.

Announcements

Update from Finance - The good news is that we are faring better than expected! The month of October basically broke even (-\$225) and YTD is a surplus of \$1,469 vs budgeted deficit of \$29,142. By year end we expect we will be in a deficit position but not to the extent that was budgeted (-\$34,970). Rental income remains strong and continues to carry us. Expenses are well controlled. Please continue to give as you are able. November is Stewardship month and the focus this year is on the Masonry Repair Campaign. It is now well underway. We have had a successful Macgregor Meat fundraiser (\$1260) and Coffee House (approximately \$600). Donations made by cash, cheque or e-transfer by November 30 will be matched by the UCW to a maximum of \$5000.00. Names of the donors will be entered into a draw on December 3 for a gift certificate of \$150.00 for Saucy's Restaurant in town. Your support of this campaign to maintain our heritage building is greatly appreciated!

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

	Actual YTD October			10-month Linear Budget		Annual 2023 Budget
	2023	2022	Variance	YTD	Variance	
REVENUE						
Envelope Offerings - General, Initial, Special	\$ 124,776	\$ 120,463	\$ 4,314	\$ 133,750	\$ (8,974)	\$ 160,500
Loose Offering, Canada Helps, UCC Foundation	\$ 11,050	\$ 12,428	\$ (1,379)	\$ 11,333	\$ (284)	\$ 13,600
United Church Women	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,000	\$ 300	\$ 4,167	\$ 1,133	\$ 5,000
Facilities Rental - Total	\$ 70,211	\$ 64,905	\$ 5,307	\$ 52,750	\$ 17,461	\$ 63,300
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 11,923	\$ 11,809	\$ 113	\$ 8,750	\$ 3,173	\$ 10,500
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 223,260	\$ 214,605	\$ 8,655	\$ 210,750	\$ 12,510	\$ 252,900
OPERATING EXPENSE						
Personnel	\$ 135,959	\$ 96,569	\$ 39,390	\$ 142,252	\$ (6,292)	\$ 170,702
Operating Church Home	\$ 63,485	\$ 63,575	\$ (90)	\$ 69,983	\$ (6,499)	\$ 83,980
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 22,347	\$ 22,359	\$ (12)	\$ 27,657	\$ (5,309)	\$ 33,188
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 221,791	\$ 182,503	\$ 39,288	\$ 239,892	\$ (18,101)	\$ 287,870
NET INCOME - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 1,469	\$ 32,102	\$ (30,633)	\$ (29,142)	\$ 30,610	\$ (34,970)

OUTREACH / BENEVOLENT FUND

Outreach/Benevolent Receipts	\$ 18,943	\$ 20,010	\$ (1,066)	\$ 19,833	\$ (890)	\$ 23,800
Outreach/Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 24,505	\$ 27,121	\$ (2,617)	\$ 19,833	\$ 4,671	\$ 23,800

Announcements (continued)

Used Stamps - Please consider donating your used stamps in the box on the bookshelf in the narthex, next to the box for donating used eyeglasses. The stamps are sent to the Canadian Bible Society to use for their Canadian prison ministry. Ten pounds of stamps will provide 6 Key to Freedom Bibles. The following link will take you to information on this: www.biblesociety.ca/project/canada-correctional-institutions-bible-distribution/ Leave the stamps on the envelope and cut around each by ¼ inch. There is no time limit for this project. We have been doing it for years!

Donations for other organizations - In the past month, we have received several donations from members of the congregation, requesting that the donated funds be forwarded to another charitable organization. We accepted these requests, on a one-time, basis since these charities are ones that SUC supports. We cannot issue tax receipts for funds provided to SUC, which are not for our own use. In addition, we incur extra costs for issuing cheques and postage. Please be aware that in future, requests such as this will not be accepted. To directly support charities, supported by SUC (eg. The Open Door, Eden Food for Change, etc.), please send donations directly to the appropriate organization, who will issue you a tax receipt. Thank you for your understanding. The Finance Committee

***** Updated *** Eden Food for Change Donations** - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Narthex. **Things they need:** Diapers - size 5 & 6, salt, sugar, flour, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, cookies, crackers, dish soap, sanitary napkins, salmon, chickpeas, canned pasta, baked beans, and tea.

Donations for Open Door - Are your closets full? Drawers tightly packed with items you no longer love? The Open Door will welcome your used clothing for their clients. The items should be in clean wearable condition and seasonally appropriate (i.e. suitable for the upcoming weather). All sizes, all ages are needed. Jeans, sweaters, tops, shoes, boots, hats, coats and jackets, snowpants and mittens....all items are available to their clients free of charge. Next week you will find a large box ready to receive your donations. If you'd like more information, you can contact Deb (647-402-7436). To learn more about The Open Door, please check their website and blog at opendoorsquareone.org

MASONRY REPAIR CAMPAIGN – UPDATE

The SUC Masonry Repair and Finance campaign are now underway. The first part of the work has been completed – the chimney was repaired when the chimney swifts were known to have migrated.

The second part of the repair, the brick masonry work on the building, has been able to be postponed until spring. This will allow us to apply to Heritage Mississauga for funding for the work. If our application is successful, we could receive up to 50% of the value of the project. Our application could also be rejected, and we may receive nothing. We will apply in February and learn the result later in the spring.

Our financial campaign will proceed as outlined in the Fall Tidings. The estimated cost of this repair project is \$42,000 + HST. The Bequest Fund may provide 75% of the required amount with 25% raised from the congregation, approximately \$10,500. Profits from the Macgregor Meat fundraiser and the Coffee House will support the project. Donations by cash, cheque or e-transfer will be matched by the UCW up to a maximum of \$5,000. Donations should mention Masonry work in the memo line. Names of the donors contributing by November 30 will be entered into a draw for a \$150 gift card for Saucy's Restaurant in town. The draw will be made at Coffee Hour on December 3.

November is Stewardship month - please give generously as you are able! These donations qualify for tax receipts.

The Masonry work must be completed whether or not we receive Heritage Mississauga funding. Should we be fortunate enough to have surplus money next spring, if we receive the special funding, any excess will be returned to our Reserve account – our beautiful Heritage building will always have a new repair surprise needing our attention!


Many thanks for your support.

SUC Finance Committee




Christmas Donations


After the success of many years of Christmas donations from our congregation to various local organizations, we are looking forward to contributing again this year. The following information is about the specific organizations, what they would appreciate receiving, and how you can help if you wish.




1. The Elizabeth Fry Society - They would appreciate receiving gifts for their women and girls who are working on reintegrating into society. They accommodate 10 youth females and 15 adult women in their residential programs. They would prefer gift cards and small hygiene items, as their program has high turnover, and it is easier for the women and girls to access outside stores once they leave their program. They look for Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart and Dollar Store gift cards.




2. The Salvation Army - The Salvation Army has been an organization that our Sunday School has contributed to for many years. They would appreciate receiving gift cards from Claire's, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Dollar Stores. They would be happy to receive gift cards for food stores. They are accepting new toys and games as well. With each gift basket given out to their clients, an age-appropriate hat and mittens are included. These items, whether store bought or hand knit, would be much appreciated, especially for older youth.



3. The Open Door - For years, our congregation has been supporting The Open Door with gifts, clothing and meals for their clients. This year they are looking for gift cards and toiletry items. They always appreciate small gift bags with these items. They would appreciate gift cards for grocery stores, various coffee shops, as well as Walmart. This would give the families an opportunity to have their Christmas meal in their own homes.




4. Pathway Housing - Gift cards for teens would be appreciated.




5. Eden Food for Change - This is an opportunity to continue to donate non-perishable items. The box is located in the Narthex.

How you can help!



a) If you have gift cards and are attending in-person services, you can place them in an envelope with the organization's name on the front and put it in the collection box at the back of the Sanctuary.

b) If you have food, games, or toys, there will be baskets in the Narthex. Please place the unwrapped gifts with a label for the organization for which they are intended. If you need to drop these items off at the church during the week when Kelly is in the office, please ring the bell outside the office door and she can take your donations.





c) Gift cards in an envelope may also be placed in one of the two secure mail boxes at the church.

If you would prefer to donate cash, it can be placed in the mailboxes and collection box with the gift cards, and will be shared amongst the organizations.

The **last day that donations will be accepted is Tuesday December 12th**. If you have any questions or need assistance with your donations, please call Cathy Hitchcock at 905-564-0139.

Thank you in advance for your assistance once again this year.





Invite Your Friends & Family to Our
UCW Christmas Service
Featuring

McDougall Fiddlers

For a Celtic Christmas

Date: Tuesday, December 5th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: Streetsville United Church

Refreshments following in Heritage Hall
A free-will offering to the UCW appreciated

