



United Church

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Good News Stories!
Town Hall: March 6, 2022

Land Acknowledgement

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We would like to acknowledge that we are situated upon traditional territories of the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Today, the meeting place of “Tkaronto” (Toronto) is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory.

Agenda

- Welcome!
- Worship Plans
 - Lent and Easter
 - Easter – Pentecost
 - Love ALive & Evensong
- Introducing: Bill Siebrandt
- Good News Stories: Property
- Good News Stories: Outreach
- Good News Stories: Family Ministry
- Good New Stories: Flourish
- Spring Plans
- Finance Update
- Q&A

Worship: Lent, Easter and beyond



**Series & Season
Integration**

Live & Livestream



God has made...God is making...all things New!

Monthly Worship Opportunities



with special guests
Theatre of the Beat

Love aLIVE

February 27 - 5pm

FORGIVEN / FORGOTTEN
A STRANGER IN NEED
A COMMUNITY IN TURMOIL
AN OFFENDER IN THEIR MIDST

The graphic features a purple background with a silver fork on the left, a silver knife and spoon on the right, and a central tablet displaying a colorful stained-glass window with headphones overlaid. The text 'Love aLIVE' is in a red box, and the event details are in white and yellow.

Next Love ALive:
March 27 at 5 pm on zoom

Evensong with Don Parsons
March 24 at 6 pm on zoom

Evensong

a reflective evening service

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The graphic shows a close-up of many lit tealight candles in a dark setting, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. The text 'Evensong' is in a large, white, serif font, and 'a reflective evening service' is in a smaller, white, italicized serif font. The United Church logo is in the bottom left corner.

Good News Stories!



Introducing...



Bill Siebrandt, our new Lead Caretaker

- Custodial professional
- Past experience from the National Ballet School and YMCA Women's Shelter Program
- Enjoys cycling on Toronto's many natural trails in his free time
- Looking forward to doing some wilderness camping this summer

AJ will continue in his current position, working afternoons and evenings as well as Sunday mornings.



Good News: Property



UpLifting News!

- Project leaders: Doug McWhirter & Susan Moore
- Accessible gymnasium
- Expanding possibilities for the future



Good News: Outreach



We Care initiative, led by Judi Healy

- Assembled **over 200 kits**, delivered 160 to agencies
 - St. Luke's United Church meal program
 - Toronto Urban Native Ministry
 - Fred Victor Drop In
 - Sanctuary
- Generous donations from ESG and the community



Little Free Pantry - always open for donations of non-perishable food items!

Welcome Baskets - ongoing project, next delivery in May

Good Food Boxes - continue to donate 20 boxes monthly

Donations to Agencies - supporting our pandemic partners as well as other agencies with a focus on shelter, food security and mental health

Good News: Family Ministry



Confirmation Classes

- In progress with Aidan and Sarah
- 8 ESG youth participating
- Young people with great questions!

Sunday School Inter-Generational Events

- Monthly outdoor get togethers
- 35-40 participants each month
- 24 children and 16 parents for Pageant recording
- Pancake Supper (online) - 25 participants
- Encanto Movie Night - 27 participants
- Looking forward to Palm Sunday Parade

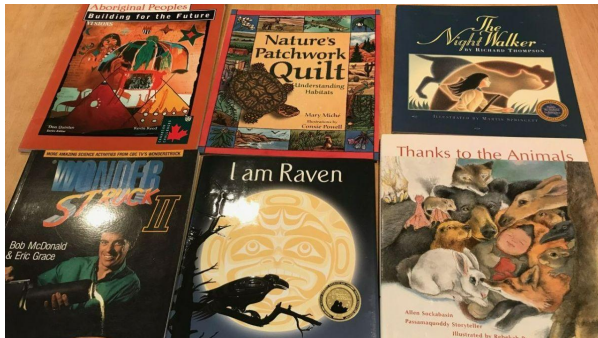


Good News: Family Ministry



Children's Program Rooms Updated

- New and improved cupboards and work areas
- Project leads: Caren Cate and Doug McWhirter
- New bookshelves for library
- Book donation, thanks to Barb & Peter Long for arranging , preparing and cataloguing the books
 - Donation from Peter Doll at Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited



Good News: Flourish



- **Soup for the Soul**
- Reaching out to young adults in the community - **40 people engaged** with Flourish House programming
- **New Ministries Grant** - \$20,000 every year for 3 years, totally \$60,000
- **Social Media Communication Coordinator Hiring**



What's coming



ESG Community Cookbook

- Bonnie Joynt, champion
- Sharing stories and recipes from our community
- Please submit a recipe by the end of March!

Love ALive April 24th

- With Ontario's first Poet Laureate, Randell Adjei

Community Kitchen

- Dreaming and Community Partnerships being developed



Coming Events!



Jumble Sale (no clothing / shoes / linens)

- April 23rd , set up April 19-22
- No donations accepted until April at the earliest
- Requires volunteer support



Fair Trade Fair

- May 14th, tentatively
- Requires volunteer support

Spring Concert

- Format to be determined
- May 29th tentative date



Finance Update to Jan 31, 2022



Donation support currently **(\$37k)** under budget

Rentals likely to be **(\$10-15k)** below budget

Expense control ongoing

Expenses +ve variance likely to decrease at YE

Deficit projected **(\$40-50k)** vs budget of **(\$30k)**

Q&A



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Thanks for Joining!