



The

Voice

Newsletter

Fall 2019



**The
Donway
Covenant**
United Church



We are an Affirming Congregation

Our Mission

**“To follow Jesus by sharing God’s unconditional love
as the Spirit empowers us.”**

Our Vision

We will follow Jesus...

- By being a local Christian church within the United Church of Canada; a community anchor for spiritual exploration and growth where life, worship, knowledge, service and song all contribute to our larger story.
- By welcoming people of diverse faiths, ethnicities, ages and stages of life, physical and mental abilities, economic situations, sexual orientations and gender identities.
- By caring for all members with compassion, empathy and joy.
- By acts of service we will reach out to engage and support our community, the country and the world.
- By building bridges within our community, as a congregation in the most diverse city in the world.
- By using our facilities for religious, social, cultural, educational or other programs that reflect our values.

A Christian Point of View on Sacred Time

I was asked to write an article for The Voice about the Christian Calendar, why we have liturgical seasons, and how it came to be that instead of just having one day after another in a monotonous stream, we celebrate different days, and times. So, I'll try.

Many of you will remember that just a generation ago, families would attend church twice on Sunday – for morning and evening services. It was not that long ago that Western culture was organized around what we believed to be foundationally important – the sacred. We believed God was to be found in all times and all places, and so instead of having a secular calendar of days, weeks, months, and years, our calendars followed “sacred” time. Like devout people of different religions, we prayed six times a day: First thing in the morning when we awoke was Matins. Three hours later would be the Lord's Prayer. Three hours later Psalm 23 would be recited, then what was called Nones, then in the evening was Vespers, and before we went to sleep was Compline. Our weeks included a “Sabbath”. Our years were marked by “Holy-Days” or holi-days, instead of “Vacant” days, or vacat-ion. Our seasons viewed time through a sacred lens, in an annual cycle of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, with particular days during those seasons which reminded us of how our lives are marked by dark and light, fullness and emptiness, work and leisure, etc., all part of God. As Christians moved from

hour to hour, through days, and weeks, months and seasons, our ordinary lives were held in a larger story – the story of God's sacred life within us and surrounding us with holiness. We still hold to some of that sense of sacred time with liturgical seasons like Advent when we take four weeks during the darkest time of year to remember that out of darkness, out of the “womb”, new life-light emerges every year at Christmas; as days slowly grow longer with more sunlight during January, we slowly (so slowly!) become en-lightened as we see and recognize divinity among us in the person of Jesus; during Lent we are reminded again that our own en-lightenment is so small, and the darkness of the “tomb” is so large; yet, God lives despite what humans do, and shares God's life with us at Easter. At Pentecost, the people of God are invited (again) to participate in God's life. Whether we notice or not, the sacred continues *again*.

Rev. Jennifer Palin

Message from The Chair of Council

After waiting what seemed like a very long time for summer to arrive, it appears as though fall has begun and cooler days are already upon us.

It was a pleasure to welcome Reverend John White during the month of August and we are grateful to Reverend Vivian Yarwood who not only led our congregation for July but stepped in much earlier when Reverend Jennifer left due to ill health.

We are very happy to welcome Reverend Jennifer back with us once again. Jennifer will be continuing to offer her very popular memoir writing course. Jennifer is an inspiring coach, guiding the class through the process of recollecting and writing often long-forgotten memories. In addition to this, Jennifer is presenting two other courses for our enjoyment as well as a new program entitled Light Upon Light which will take place once a month from September to December.

In our Sunday worship, Jennifer will be talking to us about stones in the coming weeks and inviting us to bring stones to the altar that have some meaning to us. This reminded me of my father's funeral service a few years ago, which was held in the garden he created. Everyone was given a stone and asked to write a word on it that reminded them of our father. At the end we had a wonderful collection of heart warming messages that described our dad perfectly.

After hosting a very lively summer camp, as always in the fall our church is a busy hub of activity: The Tuesday Book Study Group, Ladies Fellowship Group and the Coffee and Conversation Group have all begun and there are other opportunities for outreach, fun and fellowship already planned such as our weekly Community Meals, Thanksgiving Monday Dinner, Music on the Donway, and the Fall Sale just to name a few.

It is a pleasure and privilege to be part of such a dynamic, thriving congregation such as ours and with our redevelopment plans firmly in place, we are able to

continue this into the future.

Andrea Sloan, Chair of Council

Message from The Chair of the Redevelopment Committee



This summer saw the start of the “Due Diligence” phase in the redevelopment of our property. **Options For Homes** arranged for technical consultants to drill 6 small holes on our property in the middle of the summer. The technical experts are looking for :

- contaminants in the soil
- water levels in the ground
- type of soil

All of this data is input to the engineering of the building, and determines what measures, if any, are needed to address specific conditions found underground.

2019 Fall Family Dinners

Family Meal Thanksgiving Dinner



Most is Gluten Free, Options Offered for
Bread, Stuffing, Pie

Butternut Squash Soup

Turkey

Stuffing

Twice Baked Potatoes

Candied Carrots

Salad

*Pumpkin Pie
with Whipped Cream*

Gathering at 5:00 pm for punch
Dinner at 5:30 pm

Thanksgiving Monday,
October 14th

The Donway Covenant United Church

\$15.00

For tickets call the church office
(416) 444 - 8444

Traditional Yorkshire Christmas Eve Dinner



Mushroom Soup

Prime Rib

*Mashed Potatoes
Honey-Roasted Parsnips*

Yorkshire Pudding

Spinach Salad

Sherry Trifle

Eggnog at 4:00 pm
~ Dinner at 5:00 pm

December 24th
in the Living Room
the Donway Covenant United Church

\$15.00 Tickets for sale at coffee time or
call the church office (416) 444 - 8444

Sharing
a meal in a
community
of friends

Thanksgiving
Monday

Christmas Eve

The testing is in its 2nd detailed phase, and there are **no showstoppers** identified.

A big thank you to the Stewardship committee who worked with the consultants & ensured that the drilling went smoothly and didn't disrupt any of the many things underground which we need to operate our church buildings.

Traffic consultants have also been studying the traffic flow through the neighbourhood and within our property giving additional considerations on how to refine the design of the overall site to streamline traffic.

Also, over the summer we met with 2 members of our congregation who work in commercial design and construction, and found their input practical, informative & illuminating. Commercial construction is different from building your own home!

Maureen Hall, Chair, Redevelopment Committee

Getting to Know You: Doug Tallon

Life began in East York and continued for a major part of my early life. I went through the East York School System, graduating from East York Collegiate and attending Toronto Teachers College. One of the delightful parts of all this was the idea that I could always walk to my schools and college.

Once graduating, I began my Teaching Career with the North York Board of Education which continued for 35 years in 5 different schools including



Overland Public School, moving from classroom teacher to school librarian. The last few years included library and classroom at the Junior High level. During my teaching years, I moved into Don Mills and have enjoyed my condo for over 30 years. During the early years of my career, I earned a BA degree from University of Toronto.

During one full year I took a leave-of-absence from teaching to do some much needed travel. I had travelled to New York city, PEI, California, west coast Canada on school breaks. But I really enjoyed that leave year to travel to many European countries, extended stays in England and a two month tour of Australia and New Zealand. What a wonderful experience that had been.

My next major decision came in December 1995. I decided to retire from the teaching profession after 35 years. That year off helped me to realize that I could find lots of activities and friends which would keep me active for the next twenty-four years and counting.

Just before my retirement year I began to dabble in tour guiding and eventually became a tour guide in Toronto and took groups around Ontario, mainly to Niagara Falls and other one day outings that groups would enjoy. Since it was only part time, I still had lots of time for attending theatre, which I had been doing since age fourteen and am still doing regularly. Bridge also came into my life shortly after retirement.

Once retirement arrived, I enjoyed my time ushering at the Elgin-Winter Garden Theatre, and began volunteering at some of the theatres around Toronto. I also enjoy my visits to the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake and am a very strong supporter of the Festival.

When I lived in East York, I attended Cosburn United Church and continued worshipping there until it closed in June 2018. I had many roles at the church including Sunday School Leader, a member of the board in various positions. The site has been sold and is now owned by another Church, Berhan Semay Church of Toronto, which makes everyone very happy.

What's next? A good question. Lots of games of bridge. Lots of theatre. Some travel, although not as extensive and reading times on my balcony during the warmer months of the year and most of all attending The Donway Covenant United Church and looking forward to the changes that will be happening in the near future.

Doug Tallon - Member at Large

Memorial Flowers



Flowers are purchased and arranged for the third Sunday of each month from September to June. This is an opportunity for the congregation to remember loved ones and shut-ins or to celebrate special occasions.

A donation of \$20 can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plate. Your name and those you wish to honour will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. We have a list of people who donate to the fund on a specific month. Helen Campbell phones everyone on the list to remind them. The list is in need of updating.

The flowers are chosen and arranged by Don and Barb Messaros each month and Ingrid Smith takes a turn at arranging as well. Following the church service Vivian Hall and Georgenia Williams make the flowers into smaller bouquets and deliver them to members who need a special wish or comfort that month.

Please participate in this outreach of our church.

Barbara Messaros - Member at Large

Fall Sale PLEASE MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS THE DATE OF THE FALL SALE- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 8:30AM-2:00PM.

It is time once again to create some excitement in our Community with the Annual Fall Sale. It is an excellent time for all of us to purge and recycle our household items. We will be accepting gently used donations the week of October 21st from Monday to Thursday, October 24th from 9 am- 8 pm. We accept clothing, jewelry, books, toys, games, small electronics, kitchenware, small electronic appliances, sporting goods, household accessories and knick knacks. We do not accept items that require CSA approval such as cribs, car seats, helmets, highchairs or strollers and large furniture items.

As you are aware it takes many, many volunteers to make the Fall Sale a success. We encourage all congregational members to recruit their family, neighbours, and friends to help us organize, sort and set up the donated merchandise, bake, promote and then sell during the Sale. If you have any questions, please call me directly at 416 449-7547

Cathy Paterson, Coordinator

A haiku by Irene Golas

growing deaf....
if only I could lip-read
the sparrow's song

FALL SALE OCT 26TH

8:30am - 2:00pm

Good Used Clothing, Jewelry, Furniture, Home Accessories,
Small Appliances, Sporting Goods, Books, Games, Toys,
Snack Bar, Tea Room and Bake Sale.

GENTLY USED DONATIONS gratefully accepted between
Oct. 21 - Oct. 24: 9a.m. - 8p.m.

The Donway Covenant United Church

230 The Donway West, Toronto
416-444-8444, www.donwaycovenant.com



Pet Blessing

Sunday
Oct. 27, 2019
10:30 a.m.

at

**The Donway
Covenant U.C.**

230 The Donway West, T.O.
www.donwaycovenant.com

You are invited to bring your pet.
Small pets in a cage, box or
aquarium.

Larger pets on leash, please.

Afterwards, stay for tea, coffee,
a friendly visit, & pet treats.

All Welcome!

Getting to Know You: Denise Woit

I was born in Thunder Bay to Julie and Benny Woit. I have one sister, Debbie, who is 10 years my senior. In my early years, I lived part of the year with my family in the United States, where my father played hockey in the NHL. Once Dad retired from hockey, we settled back in Thunder Bay. I treasure memories of hunting blueberries and mushrooms deep in the wilderness with my father; of learning about healthy living from my sister, who was one of Thunder Bay's few "hippies"; and of being taught culinary skills by Mom, who regularly prepared scrumptious Italian feasts for our huge extended family. Some of my fondest memories are of these family gatherings. They were particularly merry when my cousin, Bobby Curtola, returned home for the holidays; he was always willing to entertain us with his singing, and the whole gang would join in with loud, enthusiastic back-up vocals—regardless of the fact that many of us couldn't carry a tune! As a teen, I worked at Eaton's, and at a butcher shop,



to earn enough money to buy and keep my own horse—an Appaloosa named Sis. We participated in many competitions, from formal horse-shows, to wild, cross-country events, forging rivers and sliding down mountain-sides.

I left Thunder Bay to study mathematics at the University of Waterloo. There, I bought a little motorcycle, to get from place-to-place. Unfortunately, word got back to my mother in Thunder Bay, who immediately sprouted her first grey hairs. While studying in Waterloo, I met the adorable, witty and profoundly kind soul, named Kathy Bell, with whom I am grateful to have spent over 35 years, so far. After obtaining degrees from Waterloo, we both set off to Queen's University to pursue further graduate studies. While there, I did volunteer work such as helping newcomers to Canada settle in, and tutoring individuals from Kingston's Penitentiary for Women. Of course, I also rode and trained horses in my spare time.

After graduating from Queen's, Kathy and I located in Toronto, where I began my ongoing teaching career, at Ryerson University. I have taught thousands of students over the years, and continue to enjoy my role as mentor. I have also volunteered with various organizations, with Habitat for Humanity being one of my favorites. It is both gratifying and humbling to work right alongside the very individuals who are to receive the homes.

Kathy and I were married in 2008 and share our home with Buddy, our cheeky, anxiety-ridden Schnoodle. We have a number of hobbies, such as gardening, photography, hiking, birdwatching, and riding in helicopters. We have also travelled quite a bit, with some of my particular favorites being our visits

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THE HEALING FUND

Aboriginal Ministries Council
The United Church of Canada

Devotions - Ladies' Fellowship

Usually each night before going to bed I check my computer for e-mails. I don't want to watch all the bad news on the nightly newscast. Last week clicked on to my photographs?! It was so rewarding - there were varieties of flowers from which I use for the cards I make. There were scenes from trips I had taken offering wonderful memories!

My reason for mentioning this is because this morning I was wondering what to do for Devotions! It was going to be a small group if we even were able to have a meeting. These gatherings are so important to us - the friendship, the camaraderie, the sharing. Recently we seem to have shared illness, operations, the things that happen to us as our bodies grow older. BUT we still have SPIRIT, we still have FRIENDSHIP, we still have LOVE and this is what keeps us strong. Yes, we have our low ebb moments, but as one line from a song goes: WE RISE AGAIN.

So, here's to the strength of friendship - here's to our special FELLOWSHIP. Welcome Back!

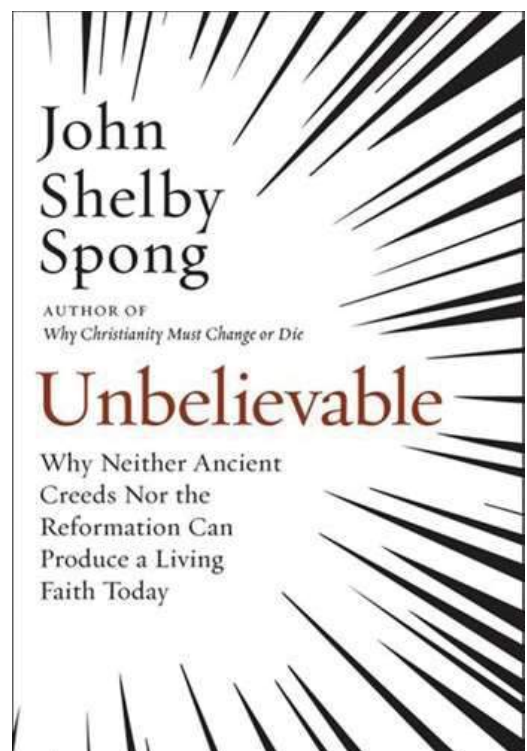
Roberta Walker - Pastoral Care

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to Iceland, and to Big Sur. Some of our most memorable and awe-inspiring travel experiences have been our encounters with whales. We have seen pods from above, by helicopter. We have seen individuals up close, by boat - sometimes from only a few yards away. Often, while hiking on remote coastal trails, we have been startled by whales suddenly whooshing up out of the water, just below us. The most magical experience was witnessing a grey whale giving birth, in the stillness of a secluded cove.

During the past few years, our hobbies and travels have been curtailed because of my struggles with Lyme Disease; I am most frustrated by my lack of stamina and energy, but I am hopeful this will diminish with continued treatment. I have appreciated the concern and kindness shown to me by the Donway United community. It has been a wonderful experience to meet so many interesting and compassionate individuals, and am happy that Kathy and I have been so warmly welcomed by the congregation.

Denise Woit - Member at Large



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Light Upon Light

Interfaith Conversations on
Spiritual Topics:
Friday's 7 - 9pm

Sept. 27 Creation
Oct. 25 Gratitude
Nov. 22 Saints & Friends of God
Dec. 20 Darkness & Light

ESL

Conversation Group

Starts September 11,
2019, Wednesday
afternoons from 1:45 p.m. -
3:45 p.m. No charge.



\$5 Community Supper Wednesday's in October from 6 - 7pm **R.S.V.P.**

Oct. 2 Harvest Vegetables & Bean Soup
Oct. 9 Chicken, Chickpea & Vegetable
Oct. 16 Beef, Lenti & Vegetable Stew
Oct. 23 Vegetarian Chili
Oct. 30 Split Pea Soup



\$5 Soup & Film Nights Wed. November **6, 13th and 20th.** Watch the film at 4pm **or** 7pm. Stay for supper at 6:00 p.m. **R.S.V.P.**



\$5 "Crafty Saturday Afternoons" from 1 - 4 pm materials and equipment provided. **R.S.V.P.**

Oct. 5, 2019 Thanksgiving / Fall card making
Nov. 30, 2019 Winter / Christmas card making
Feb. 8, 2020 Valentines card making.



Coffee & Conversation Drop - In Starts September 6, 2019. Drop in on the 1st & 3rd Friday afternoons of the month from 2 - 4pm.

To register or for more information call 416 444 8444

The Donway Covenant United Church - 230 The Donway West

Message from the Leader of the Tuesday Study Group

During the summer, we met twice at the grass area of shops on Don Mills, just for fun. We had refreshments and lively conversation for a couple of hours each time. Very enjoyable and great weather too.

This Fall we are beginning a new book by John Shelby Spong entitled 'Unbelievable: Why Neither Ancient Creeds Nor The Reformation Can Produce A Living Faith Today'. In it, he encourages Christians to update their faith in keeping with the advances of knowledge of modern times.

Through twelve "theses" Spong tries to help believers to think deeply and explore their faith in a new light and in meaningful ways. We are looking forward to reading and discussing this interesting book.

As always new members are very welcome any time.

Eileen Russell Leader, Tuesday Study Group



An Invitation

**The members of the Ladies' Fellowship Group
cordially invite the ladies of the congregation
and their friends to our**

Annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, December 5, 2019

**We gather at 12 noon in the Living Room for punch
and the luncheon begins at 12:30 pm**

**Please bring your favourite dish,
- main dish, salad or dessert.**

**For further information please contact
The church office at 416 - 444 - 8444**

Please consider donating a
non-perishable food item, or toiletries to



**The
Community Share Food Bank**

**We will gratefully accept them
at the luncheon.**

Great News from Proud Grandparents

Frank and Nina Saunders are very proud their granddaughter, Kirsten Welsh, has been selected by the NHL as one of four women candidates to eventually break the officiating gender barrier. Kirsten will be officiating during the NHL's various prospects tournaments being held across the US.

Kirsten has played defence at the Robert Morris University (Pittsburgh) for the last four years, after three years with the Whitby Wolves organization. No novice to the rough and tumble world of hockey Kirsten has been unafraid to get into the middle of several on ice scrums!

The NHL is the last of the four major sports leagues to bring women into the officiating ranks (NBA 1997; MLB 2000; NFL 2015). Keep your eyes open for this bright, up and coming star!



Kirsten Welsh

Memories from Days Gone By

The following is an excerpt from

“The History of the Donway

United Church, 1955 – 1992” lovingly assembled

by Joyce Sullivan and her committee.

This memory was shared by Marion Dunlop.



Marion Dunlop

“It was a stormy, frigid night in late February, as Joyce Sullivan and I surveyed the huge piles of dirty dishes spread out on the counters of the church kitchen. It was the Father and Son banquet of the Boy Scouts, and one hundred people were in the hall having speeches, games and songs. The other women of the U.C.W. had done their part in setting up tables, preparing for the banquet and serving it, and had gone home. Now it was our turn to do the dishes.

It was steaming hot in the kitchen. We tried to open the door, but it was frozen shut, and also the window. We were wearing sweaters and skirts, sooff came the sweaters. We would do the hot job with bare arms, but that was all right, because we had slips on. In the next minute, in came Berna Hull, followed by a man to examine a malfunctioning stove. Quickly we grabbed dish towels and tied them around our necks to cover our slip-covered bosoms. The man and Berna conferred about the stove and left, so we pulled off the dish towels and went to our task again. In five minutes, Berna and the repair man appeared again. On went the dish towels with great dispatch – we were used to it by then! They soon left, and we finished the dishes in our state of undress. Oh! The good old days, when we were young and energetic!”



St Mark's Presbyterian

Faith in Action

At St. Mark's Presbyterian Church is our neighbour on Donway East and our featured church for this issue of the VOICE.

A number of members of our congregation have joined in special events at St. Mark's such as their Strawberry Social, Hot Dog/Corn Roasts, Valentine Tea, Christmas Holly Tea, Kiwanis Music Festival and church services. The Don Mills Men's Club, which some of our members attend, is held at St Mark's. Prior to meeting in The Donway Covenant United Church, the Summer Day Camp met at St. Mark's for several years.

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church is located at 1 Greenland Road (at the corner of The Donway East). The Rev. Daniel Cho, our Senior Minister, has just completed a year as Moderator for the national Presbyterian Church in Canada (from June 2018 to June 2019). The Rev. Erin Ko, our Associate Minister, serves our congregation half-time and also works

for Myung Sung Presbyterian Church which shares our building.

Every summer since the year 2000, St. Mark's has been an equal partner with DCUC and two other churches of The Donway, working to provide 8 weeks of fun Christian experiences for the children who attend FOOTPRINTS SUMMER DAY CAMP. The Leader-In-Training program and the employment of youth and young adults as staff members are of great benefit to our Don Mills community. During the rest of the year, our church is a hive of activity for children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 on P.A. days (as designated by the TDSB). Upcoming dates for this KIDS' ZONE program are the following Fridays: October 11, November 15, and December 6, 2019. Advance registration is required.

We gather non-perishable foods for both The Community Share Food Bank (here in Don Mills, located at the Anglican Church of the Ascension) and for Evangel Hall (a Presbyterian-based service in downtown Toronto). For the latter, we also regularly provide fresh sandwich lunches, used clothing and toiletries. A favourite project of our church is ARISE Ministry (a mission of the Presbytery of East Toronto). Through its ongoing efforts, they provide outreach, case management and pastoral care to individuals involved in the sex-trade.

Weekly activities are taking place at St. Mark's: a women's quilting group, a local Men's Club, fitness classes, violin lessons offered through the SMiLe neighbourhood program (it historically originated in Flemingdon Park). There are evening activities held by the local Pathfinders/

Rangers group and the “Gavel and Glass” Toastmasters Club.

Bible studies occur throughout the year. In September, it was a women’s study focusing on “Love in the New Testament.” On Mondays, starting in October, Pastor Daniel will lead a study for everyone based on “Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World,” a book by Henri Nouwen. Sunday School is offered year-round for children and youth. Seasonal events feature an Advent Breakfast for families in advance of Advent’s arrival, an annual Christmas pageant, Holy Week services and programs, and ongoing social gatherings. *Jennifer O’Farrell, Christian Education Program Coordinator - St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church*

Please join us at the HOLLY BAZAAR AND LUNCH to be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I am indebted to Jennifer for her excellent brief about how St. Marks serves this community and beyond. Many of our members are neighbours of those attending St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church and are already aware of their many contributions to the community and beyond. We are grateful to recognize them and have them as fellow Christians serving the community.

Marie Harvey - Faith In Action



Where Do Worship Ideas Come From?

At our last Worship Committee Meeting, as we were discussing the theme for Advent this year (“dancing in the dark”) the question was raised: Where do I get my worship ideas from? The short answer: God. A longer answer would be some ways I experience God in my life as a Christian person, and as a minister who tries to make God’s presence known in our congregation, from week to week.

You know how tea is “steeped” in water so that water suffuses the tea leaves, and the water becomes suffused by the tea? I grew up like that, with God’s Word, or presence, as a part of everything, suffusing me with a sense of God, steeping me in God’s Word. Being aware of God is a blessing I carry with me which makes my life as a Christian person a basic piece of reality for me. The challenge is how to translate awareness in to faithful words, images, ideas, actions, worship, and activities that are meaningful for others. That’s one of the challenges of being a minister. My role is not to entertain, nor be “successful” in a worldly way, not to be universally “liked”, nor conform to conventional ideas in our culture about what the “good” is. We have many institutions which do that already, like the entertainment industry, businesses, and schools, etc. A minister’s role is to interpret the gifts of scripture and Christian culture in ways which are faithful to the deep traditional knowledge of God revealed in Jesus. To do that, I look out in to our shared world through all the ways God has formed me as a person steeped in God’s Word, and I seek cultural patterns (what the Bible calls “signs of the times”) which speak to me of

God’s Spirit. For instance, in the biblical symbol of “doors” and cultural yearnings to “transition”, in the biblical symbol of “trees” and our anxiety about life surviving, etc. I try to find ways to make deep connections between our religious faith, and our lives, so we can all grow in greater awareness and relationship with God.

Rev. Jennifer Palin



Photography Roberta Walker





"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."



MEMOIR WRITING

Everyone has a life story - What's yours?

A weekly ***Soulful Memoir Writing Program***
for 8 Thursday evenings starting:

Oct. 3 - Nov. 21, 2019

6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

In the Living Room of
The Donway Covenant United Church

230 The Donway West, Toronto
(north of Lawrence Ave East &
west of Don Mills Rd.)

Registration is required

Non-Refundable Registration Fee: \$80

Please call: 416-444-8444 to register.

**The Fellowship
Committee
proudly sponsors:**

Two shows!!!

**Music on the
Donway
PRESENTS.....**

A Christmas Evening of Song

with **Carol Dunn** directing
Choral Expressions

with **Tina Faye** accompanying
Margaret Bardos

with **YOU!!!!!!**

**Sunday, December 8, 2019
7:30 pm ~ 9:30 pm**

The Donway Covenant United Church
230 The Donway West, Don Mills
(416) 444 - 8444 ~ www.donwaycovenant.com

Admission "Pay What You Can"

Christmas Refreshments following the singing!

Music on the Donway PRESENTS.....

Back by popular demand!!



Danny's 7

Featuring
Nina Richmond



***MORE Sweet Music
We Love to Remember***

Saturday, November 2, 2019

The Donway Covenant United Church
230 The Donway West, Don Mills
phone (416) 444 - 8444 ~ web www.donwaycovenant.com

Tickets \$20.00

7:30 pm ~ 9:30 pm

Refreshments following the performance

**A Joyous
Evening of
Christmas
Song!**

**Both guaranteed to
lift your spirits...**

**and put a smile
in your heart!!**

Looking Ahead

2019/20 Events at The Donway Covenant

- Sept. 27** **Interfaith Dialogue.** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Living Room.
R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Sept. 29** **Sunday Worship Service,** 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Oct. 1** **Tuesday Book Study Group,** 9:30 a.m. in the
church library. Every Tuesday. New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in,** 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office
Wing. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Oct. 2** **\$5 Community Supper,** Wednesday's in October from
6:00 -7:00 p.m. from in the Living Room.
- English as a Second Language Conversation**
Group, Every Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
in the Church Office Wing.
- Wednesday Soup Supper cost \$5,** 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the
Living Room. Every Wednesday R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444.
- Oct. 3** **Memoir Writing Program** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Living
Room. R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Parents & Tots Drop in,** 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office
Wing. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Oct 4** **Coffee & Conversation Drop in** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Living Room.
- Oct 5** **Card-Making Workshop.** Saturday from 1-4 p.m. in the
Living Room R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Oct. 6** **Worship Service, World Wide Communion Sunday**
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Food Bank Sunday,** please give generously.
- Cake at Coffee Hour,** after the worship service. Come celebrate all the
special occasions that will take place this month.

- Oct 8** **Tuesday Book Study Group**, 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Every Tuesday. New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Committee and Council meetings**, 6 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. in the library
- Oct. 9** **\$5 Community Supper**, Wednesday's in October from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. from in the Living Room.
- English as a Second Language Conversation Group**, Every Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Church Office Wing.
- Wednesday Soup Supper cost \$5**, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Living Room. Every Wednesday R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444.
- Oct. 10** **Ladies' Fellowship Meeting**, 10:00 a.m. in the Living Room. Ladies' Fellowship meet every 2nd and 4th Thurs. of the month. For more info contact Marian Childerhose at 416-449-6993.
- Memoir Writing Program** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Living Room. R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Oct. 13** **Sunday Worship Service, Thanksgiving Sunday** 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Oct 14** **Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner**
- Oct. 15** **Tuesday Book Study Group**, 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Every Tuesday. New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Oct. 16** **\$5 Community Supper**, Wednesday's in October from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. from in the Living Room.
- English as a Second Language Conversation Group**, Every Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m in the Church Office Wing.

- Oct. 17** **Memoir Writing Program** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Living Room. R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Oct. 18** **Coffee & Conversation Drop in** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Living Room
- Oct. 20** **Worship Service, World Food Sunday**, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Memorial Flower Sunday**, every 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Oct 21 - 24** **Start date of receiving items for the Fall Sale, please drop off your gently used items at the church anytime between 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. All other programs cancelled for this week.**
- Oct. 23** **Wednesday Soup Supper cost \$5**, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Every Wednesday R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444.
- \$5 Community Supper**, Wednesday's in October from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. from in the Living Room.
- Oct. 24** **Memoir Writing Program** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Oct. 25** **Interfaith Dialogue**. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Oct 26** **Annual Fall Sale** 8:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- Oct 27** **Worship Service, Pet Blessing Sunday** 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Oct. 29** **Tuesday Book Study Group**, 9:30 a.m. in the library. New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Oct. 30** **\$5 Community Supper**, Wednesday's in October from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. from in the Living Room.
- English as a Second Language Conversation Group**, Every Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.in the Church Office Wing.
- Wednesday Soup Supper cost \$5**, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Every Wednesday R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444.

- Oct. 31** **Memoir Writing Program** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Living Room
R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Ladies' Fellowship Meeting**, 10:00 a.m. in the Living Room. Ladies' Fellowship meet every 2nd and 4th Thurs. of the month. For more info contact Marian Childerhose at 416-449-6993.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Nov. 1** **Coffee & Conversation Drop in** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Living Room
Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
- Nov. 2** **Music on the Donway presents "Danny's 7"**, 7:30 p.m.,
Tickets: \$20, call 416-444-8444 for more info.
- Nov. 3** **Worship Service**, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Food Bank Sunday**, please give generously.
- Cake at Coffee Hour**, after the worship service.
Come celebrate all the special occasions that will take place this month.
- Nov. 5** **Tuesday Book Study Group**, 9:30 a.m. in the library.
New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Nov. 6** **English as a Second Language Conversation Group**, Every
Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Church Office Wing.
- Soup & Film Night**, Watch the film at 4 p.m, Stay for soup supper at 6pm, The film will be shown again at 7 p.m. Call 416-444-8444 to reserve.
- Nov. 7** **Memoir Writing Program** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the living room.
R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444
- Ladies' Fellowship Meeting**, 10:00 a.m. in the Living Room. Ladies' Fellowship meet every 2nd and 4th Thurs. of the month. For more info contact Marian Childerhose at 416-449-6993.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Nov. 10** **Remembrance Sunday Worship Service**, 10:30 a.m. in the

- Nov. 11** **Remembrance Day**
- Nov. 12** **Tuesday Book Study Group**, 9:30 a.m. in the library.
New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Committee and Council meetings**, 6 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- Nov. 13** **English as a Second Language Conversation Group**, Every
Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Church Office Wing.
- Soup & Film Night**, Watch the film at 4 p.m, Stay for soup supper at 6pm,
The film will be shown again at 7 p.m. Call 416-444-8444 to reserve.
- Nov. 14** **Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Memoir Writing Program** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the living room.
R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444
- Nov. 15** **Coffee & Conversation Drop in** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Living Room
Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
- Nov. 17** **Worship Service**, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Memorial Flower Sunday**, every 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Nov. 19** **Tuesday Book Study Group**, 9:30 a.m. in the library.
New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Nov. 20** **English as a Second Language Conversation Group**, Every
Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Church Office Wing.
- Soup & Film Night**, Watch the film at 4 p.m, Stay for soup supper at 6pm,
The film will be shown again at 7 p.m. Call 416-444-8444 to reserve.
- Nov. 21** **Memoir Writing Program** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the living room.
R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444
- Ladies' Fellowship Meeting**, 10:00 a.m. in the Living Room. Ladies'
Fellowship meet every 2nd and 4th Thurs. of the month. For more
info contact Marian Childerhose at 416-449-6993.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.

- Nov. 22** **Interfaith Dialogue.** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Nov. 24** **Sunday Worship Service, Reign of Christ Communion**
10:30a.m. in the Sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Nov. 26** **Tuesday Book Study Group,** 9:30 a.m. in the library.
New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in,** 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Nov. 27** **English as a Second Language Conversation Group,** Every
Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Church Office Wing.
- Nov. 28** **Parents & Tots Drop in,** 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Nov. 29** **Interfaith Dialogue.** 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Living Room.
R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Nov. 30** **Card-Making Workshop.** Saturday from 1-4 p.m. in the
Living Room
- Dec. 1** **Advent I Sunday Worship Service,** 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Food Bank Sunday,** please give generously.
- Cake at Coffee Hour,** after the worship service.
Come celebrate all the special occasions that will take place this
month.
- World Aids Day**
- Dec. 3** **Tuesday Book Study Group,** 9:30 a.m. in the library.
New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in,** 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Dec. 4** **English as a Second Language Conversation Group,** Every
Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Church Office Wing.
- Dec. 5** **Ladies' Christmas Luncheon 12:00 noon.** All women are invited
to bring their favourite main dish or dessert and join us in the
living room. Contact Marian Childerhose (416-449-6993)
- Dec. 6** **Coffee & Conversation Drop in** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Living Room
Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
- Dec. 8** **Advent II Sunday Worship Service,** 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin

- Dec. 10** **Tuesday Book Study Group**, 9:30 a.m. in the library.
New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Committee and Council meetings**, 6 p.m. & 7 p.m
- Dec. 11** **English as a Second Language Conversation Group**, Every
Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Church Office Wing.
- Dec. 12?** **Christmas Cookies** will be packaged and delivered to members of
the congregation with special needs. Cookie contributions will be
most welcome to help in this endeavour.
- Dec. 15** **Advent III Sunday Worship Service**,
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin.
- Memorial Flower Sunday**, every 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Dec. 17** **Tuesday Book Study Group**, 9:30 a.m. in the library.
New members welcome.
- Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Dec. 18** **English as a Second Language Conversation Group**, Every
Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Church Office Wing.
- Dec. 19** **Parents & Tots Drop in**, 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Wing.
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning No registration required.
- Ladies' Fellowship Meeting**, 10:00 a.m. in the Living Room. Ladies'
Fellowship meet every 2nd and 4th Thurs. of the month. For more
info contact Marian Childerhose at 416-449-6993.
- Dec. 20** **Interfaith Dialogue. Interfaith Dialogue.** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
R.S.V.P. 416-444-8444 led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Coffee & Conversation Drop in** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Living Room
Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
- Dec. 22** **Advent IV Worship Service** 10:30 a.m. in the Living Room.
Service led by Rev. Jennifer Palin
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve Worship Service & Communion - 7 p.m.**
- Christmas Eve Community Dinner**
- Dec. 25** **Christmas Day Church office will be closed**

Fall/Winter Worship Services:

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Jennifer Palin

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