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The Power God Gives Us to Comfort Others

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When you encounter someone whose heart is broken, here's what your faith calls you to do.

When you are hurting and broken-hearted, so many memories can stir up the pain—places, images, even clothing and household items. As a pastor, I see this with some couples going through divorce. The person still at home wants everything out that belonged to the ex. Or the widow might immediately give away items that belonged to her deceased spouse to ease the hurt.

Some wonder if God is even present in the middle of all the grief. But Psalms 34:18 states, ***“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.”***

One Sunday morning a woman walked into our church a few minutes after worship began. She sat on a bench in the narthex and didn't enter the sanctuary. John, the facility manager, noticed her alone and crying. He went to check and asked, “Is everything okay?” The woman said, “Today is the one-year anniversary of my daughter's memorial service.” She was overwhelmed with grief and unable to worship with others.

John sat next to her and listened as the grieving mother shared her pain. She talked about her daughter and where they lived before moving to Florida. When the woman mentioned her hometown in West Virginia, John recognized it; he had grown up nearby. John prayed with and for the woman. He asked God to comfort and give her the strength to get through the difficult day.

A few weeks later, the woman sent a thank you note to the church office. She didn't know who had taken the time to listen and be with her in that time of need, but she wrote, “The act of faith really helped me through that day and still consoles me.”

John's act of faith had consoled a grieving mother. Unbeknownst to her, God was near her and touched John to be the comforting presence.

When we stop and become attentive to the hurts of others, our hearts are filled with compassion. We become agents of comfort. Scripture teaches us to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. It's always much easier to rejoice than to weep. But when we spend time with those in pain, we do the work of God and discover the power of His presence. And we find healing for ourselves as well.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fun at Mimico Presbyterian Church



In December 2021, a small masked and mighty crowd came out to hear the first preview of *Where Were You in '72?* ~ a revue with Briar Boake and musician friends Peter Mueller and David Johannesson.

Since then, the show has been seen in other church halls, yards, house parties, clubs and pubs, and festival stages like Kempenfest in Barrie and three sold-out shows at the Porchside Festival in Collingwood in July 2024.

It still continues to be a joyride into the time when peace activism met the galvanizing force of music and produced an eclectic era in musical pop. An unequaled creative synergy brought singers and songwriters like Joni Mitchell, Crosby Still Nash and Young, Carly Simon, and bands like the Doobie Brothers to the forefront and the radio airwaves produced a unique

soundtrack of the times. The early '70s are full of songs, stories and reflections.

Where Were You in '72 ~ from Hippie to Happy in Donald Hendry Hall

Saturday, Oct 5th, 8 pm with Briar Boake and Friends ...Rob Gusevs on Keys, David Johannesson on guitars and vocals, and at least one special guest!

Tie-dye, love beads, headbands, fringe, and feathers are encouraged. Prize for the best outfit - happy hippie, chilled-out chick, or groovy guy.

Keep on Truckin'!!

Doors open at 7 pm for delicious desserts and refreshments included with your ticket.

Tickets are only \$25 to support church outreach and the artists.

A Fall Devotional Update:

A **new** edition of **Our Daily Bread** (September/October/November), as well as the current edition of **These Days** (July/August/September), are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

St. James Food Basket

St. James Food Basket needs egg cartons only. They currently have a good stockpile of reusable bags and have **run out of storage space.** Thank you for your help.

Thanksgiving Drive

The annual Thanksgiving Drive in support of the St. James Food Basket will be happening again this year. There will be a wheelbarrow at the front of the church in which you may place your donations. We are waiting to hear about specific needs they may have this year, and you will be advised when we hear from them. Of course, cash is always welcome.

Coffee/Tea Sign-Up is Here Again



The sign-up sheet for coffee/tea service after worship is on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen downstairs. Please sign yourselves up or sign up your committee so that our Fellowship time after church can continue.

Sept. 22 – Pat and Pat

Sept. 29 – Rachael and ?

October – Outreach Team

Fall Bible Study

Our fall Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 11:00 am and run for 8 weeks. Our topic will be the series The Chosen - Season 4, which will take us up to the ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This season is awesome, as I have already seen all 8 episodes, and each one is better than the last.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times.

* **Irene Cherniak** has been in hospital for the last 10 days or more and, hopefully, will be able to be released today.

* Margaret Munene's brother, Simon, has been doing very well following his latest round of chemo. Both he and Margaret thank us for all of our prayers.

* Please keep in your prayers the following: Roman Parypa, Nancy Green, Charlotte Prentice, Joan and Peter Kohar, the Jarvis family, Olive S., and Gordon F. Please keep these folks, and indeed everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor: Could you please advise us from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.



Sing! Etobicoke, Encore, 2024 Fall Schedule

Date	Start Time	Location	Workshop Theme	Registration Link
07-Oct-24	9:30 AM	NPCC	Songs of Fall/Songs of Thanks	F24SE1
21-Oct-24	9:30 AM	GV	Road Trip	F24SE2
28-Oct-24	9:30 AM	NPCC	Hallowe'en, Ghosts & Spirits	F24SE3
04-Nov-24	9:30 AM	Fellowship	Lean on Me	F24SE4
11-Nov-24	9:30 AM	NPCC	Remembrance	F24SE5
18-Nov-24	9:30 AM	GV	In the Twilight	F24SE6
25-Nov-24	9:30 AM	Fellowship	Guest Day (Chihiro?)	F24SE7
02-Dec-24	9:30 AM	GV	Looking Forward	F24SE8
09-Dec-24	9:30 AM	NPCC	Holiday Guest Day (Men Aloud)	F24SE9
16-Dec-24	9:30 AM	GV	Holiday	F24SE10

Note: we will not be meeting on Thanksgiving, Oct. 14, 2024

Sing! Etobicoke, Encore, 2025 Winter Schedule

Date	Start Time	Location	Workshop Theme	Registration Link
06-Jan-25	9:30 AM	NPCC	Winter Words	W25SE1
13-Jan-25	9:30 AM	GV	Light the Way	W25SE2
20-Jan-25	9:30 AM	Fellowship	Songs of the North	W25SE3
27-Jan-25	9:30 AM	GV	Time after Time	W25SE4
03-Feb-25	9:30 AM	Fellowship	Guest Day III	W25SE5
10-Feb-25	9:30 AM	GV	Love Songs (Guest Day III)	W25SE6
24-Feb-25	9:30 AM	NPCC	Troubled Water	W25SE7
03-Mar-25	9:30 AM	GV	Over the Rainbow	W25SE8
10-Mar-25	9:30 AM	NPCC	Unforgettable	W25SE9
17-Mar-25	9:30 AM	NPCC	Spring Sing (Guest Day IV)	W25SE10

Note: we will not be meeting on Family Day, Feb. 17, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 am – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 pm – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Tuesday, Sept. 24 @ 11:00 am Bible Study begins. The Chosen- Season 4 – Episode 1
- * Sunday, Oct. 6 @ 10:30 am – Communion Sunday
- * Thursday, Oct. 24 @ TBA – Another “Soup by Dave” event!
- * Sunday, Nov. 3 @ 10:30 am - Remembering Tree Service
- * Sunday, Nov. 10 @ 10:30 am – Remembrance Day Service
- * Friday, Nov. 15 @ TBA – Chef Keith Hoare and his students at TCI will be serving dinner at Graceview.
- * Friday, Nov. 29 – Deck the Halls
- * Monday, Dec. 2 @ 12:30 pm – Advent lunches begin. (There will be a sign-up for this)

*Our services are now live-streamed. Go to the church’s website (www.graceview.ca) to click the link for the most recent worship services on YouTube.

* We also have our own Facebook page. (Graceview Presbyterian Church). This site shows the world all that we are and what we have to offer as a church. Check it out and be sure to “follow.”

Prayer Roster

Lay Readers

Welcome and Announcements

Sept. 22	Eric Lee	Errol Baldeo	Nancy McPherson
Sept. 29	Donald Hill	Kathy Twynam	Kathy Twynam
Oct. 6	Eric Lee	Nancy McPherson	Lynne Bishop
Oct. 13	Maureen Screen	Al Bishop	Susan Chopp
Oct. 20	Errol Baldeo	Lynne Bishop	Bob Twynam
Oct. 27	Ethel Waite	Anna Cherniak	Nancy McPherson
Nov. 3	Susan Chopp	Nancy Green	Lynne Bishop
Nov. 10	Nancy McPherson	Harry Learoyd	Susan Chopp
Nov. 17	Eric Lee	Chris Parr	Kathy Twynam
Nov. 24	Kathy Twynam	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam
Dec. 1	Eric Lee	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
Dec. 8	Chris Parr	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp
Dec. 15	Margaret Munene	Maureen Screen	Lynne Bishop
Dec. 22	Eric Lee	Margaret Munene	Bob Twynam
Dec. 29	Bob Twynam	Georgena Engineer	Kathy Twynam

WEEKLY GIGGLE

Thank you, Kathy T.

Don't wash your hair in the shower

(It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful)

IT INVOLVES THE SHAMPOO WHEN IT RUNS DOWN YOUR BODY WHEN YOU SHOWER WITH IT A WARNING TO US ALL!!!

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "**FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME.**" No wonder I have been gaining weight!

Well, I got rid of that shampoo, and I am going to start showering with Dawn dishwashing soap instead. Its label reads, "**DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE.**" Problem solved!
If I don't answer the phone I'll be in the shower!!!



Do you have any news or prayer requests that you would like to share? Drop me a line and I will be happy to include it in the Weekly Email. Have a blessed week, everyone.

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NB: If the phone number for Pastor Eric does not connect you immediately (technical issues?) call the church (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

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* Message from **Pastor Eric**: "FYI, the Graceview website page below has been revamped to keep people updated on our activities and events. Visit us and enjoy all that is good about Graceview".

<https://graceview.ca/calendar-events>

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Walking Group 11:00	4	5 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	6	7
8	9	10 *Walking Group 11:00 *Craft Club 11:00	11	12 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	13	14
15 "Rein in Our Tongues"	16	17 *Walking Group 11:00 *Session 6:30	18	19 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	20	21
22 "Be Humbled by God's Love"	23	24 *Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11:00	25	26 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	27	28
29 General Presbyter Rev Donald Hill - guest	30	1 Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11:00	2	3 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	4	5

*CPP = Centennial Park Place