

Oct. 2, 2024

Welcoming a stranger in our midst. As I announced in church last Sunday, the Search Team has chosen one of the applicants to become our new Director of Music Ministry. Without a doubt, Boris Treivus outshone all other applicants in both his expertise on the organ as well as his experience in directing choirs. This was not an easy process for the Search Team. Unfortunately, the Search took all summer to conclude. Vacations by both the team and applicants made this a very slow process. But we persevered and found a fitting replacement for our dear, Kento. Boris has over 20 years of experience as church music director. He has conducted choirs as well as playing the organ, the accordion and piano. He plays in jazz bands, an original Argentinian Tango quartet and the Toronto Mandolin Orchestra. For the last 30 years he has played piano for various ballet companies and dance schools. In 2002, he joined the Canadian National Ballet School as an accompanist for professional, associate and adult ballet programs. "Breaking in" a new Director of Music is no easy task.

Learning the flow of our worship services will take time and understanding. Learning what music we like to sing and what music we in the choir do not particularly like will also take some time. Rome was not built in a day, so to speak.

As the bible says in *Matthew 25: 31 – 40. "I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink., I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.*

So, Graceview, as we enter this new relationship, let us show how wonderful we at Graceview are at welcoming strangers into our church family.

Many, many thanks to our Search Team: Kathy, Norma, Janet, Lynne, Eric, and Susan.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Word from Pastor Eric

Hi Graceview Family,

As your pastor, I warmly invite all regular attendees interested in becoming members of Graceview Presbyterian Church to join our two-part Membership Class on **Sunday**, **October 6 and Sunday**, **October 13**, right after the worship service. These short, interactive sessions will be held in the

Adamson Lounge, right beside the sanctuary on the main floor. Together, we'll explore our faith values, Scriptural doctrine, and church tradition, while also discussing the rights and responsibilities of being a member of our church. If you're interested, please sign up with me. I look forward to this sincere time of conversation and fellowship!

Lenore's Contact Info

Here is Lenore's new contact information.

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Request from Olive S.

Olive needs assistance getting groceries from no Frills. If you can help her out, please contact her directly.

A big thank you foes out to Helen C. for donating her desk to the church so that we can set up an office space for Boris. Thank you also to Dave T. and Earl N. for picking up the desk, dismantling it and then transporting it to the church and reassembling it. This all happened within the span of 48 hours. We do work fast, here at Graceview.

Fun at Mimico Presbyterian Church



In December 2021, a small masked and mighty crowd came out to hear the first preview 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 3 sold out shows at the Porchside Festival in Collingwood, July 2024.

It still continues to be a joyride into the time where peace activism met the galvanizing force of music and produced an eclectic era in musical pop. An unequalled 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 70's are full of songs, stories and reflections.

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

<u>Saturday Oct 5th 8pm</u> 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, head bands, fringe and feathers encouraged. Prize for best outfit - happy hippie, chilled out chick or groovy guy.

Keep on Truckin'!!

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

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

A Fall Devotional Update: UPDATE!!!

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

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Outreach is organizing a food/cash drive for the St James Food Basket to provide them with selected items for their client families. Please bring in cans of tuna, canned soup (without meat – examples would be vegetable, tomato, mushroom) and packages of Kraft dinner. We will put a wheelbarrow at the front of the church to hold your items. If you prefer, you can make a cash donation (cash, cheque or e-transfer) which will be used to buy these items in bulk by the Food Basket. Please mark your donation for the Outreach account and include your envelope number. Let's aim to fill the wheelbarrow to overflowing by Sunday, October 20th and share our blessings with those who are struggling to make ends meet.

"Soup by Dave" Luncheon

Outreach will be hosting our third "Soup by Dave" luncheon on Thursday, October 24th at 11:30 am in the downstairs hall. Chef Dave Taylor will be preparing minestrone soup for the lunch and will demonstrate how to make it for us. Every guest will receive a copy of his recipe. We are very pleased to have "Chef Dave" share his culinary talents with us and know that he will provide us with another lively presentation and time to ask questions about the soup. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front foyer. Please plan to attend and invite your friends to join you. Free Will Offerings will be gratefully accepted.

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.

October - Outreach Team

Fall Bible Study

Our fall Bible Study takes place on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM and will run until Nov. 12. 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. Come one come all. You will not be disappointed.



God's Love is Great

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! That is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. – 1 John 3:1

God's love is great and understanding. Nothing you do, think or say can make Him love you any less. When you feel discouraged or heartsick over something you have done, turn to Him and ask for His healing forgiveness.

Lord, I am ready to receive Your mercy and grace. Thank You for seeing me, hearing me and loving me.

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 is back in hospital.
- * Roman Papyra had surgery yesterday. Let us pray for a swift recovery.
- * **Jean Fox** writes: "I just found out that **Ryan** went for a checkup at the doctor, and they found tumors. He is now on chemo again.
- * Please keep in your prayers the following: Lenore C., Nancy G., Charlotte Prentice, Joan and Peter K., Margaret M's brother, Simon, 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.



Another Round of Applause - Sing Etobicoke, Bravo! Returns For a Third Year

Neilson Park Creative Centre (NPCC) is excited to announce funding from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility's Seniors' Provincial Grant. Through this grant, NPCC will be offering a third iteration of its highly successful *Sing! Etobicoke* program.

This year's program *Sing Etobicoke, Bravo!* will continue to offer free space for seniors to sing together, find community, and forge new connections.

This free program will consist of twenty choral workshops with the NPCC community, as well as the Graceview Presbyterian Church's membership, and the Fellowship Church and its congregation. The program kicks off its

first 10 sessions on October 7, 2024, taking place every Monday from 9:30am to 11:30am until December 16. An additional 10 sessions will run from January 6 to March 17, 2025.

The program will be held on a rotating basis between three venues:

Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke Graceview Presbyterian Church 588 Renforth Drive, Etobicoke Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, 800 Burnhamthorpe Road, Etobicoke

Led by a team of professional and emerging music instructors, each session in this weekly singing series will include a structured offering of vocal-warmups and an exploration of new and familiar music curated for each session.

After each singing session, there will be an informal social reception with refreshments provided by the organizers and a few activities to promote a strong sense of community amongst the group.

All are welcome at these fun and pressure-free sessions regardless of vocal range or expertise. There will be no audition process, but instead an open acceptance policy. Stronger singers will be encouraged to take on additional roles such as singing harmony parts, though this is by no means required and is entirely subject to comfort levels. Those seeking to join are encouraged to register for one, more, or all of the sessions! Singing is a joyful activity and the exercise of doing that together in a group can provide a strong sense of physical community. 98% of survey participants from last year's sessions agreed that singing supported their mental wellness and general well-being.

Please note that each of the three venues have reliable climate control and environmental standards to ensure participants feel safe and comfortable in these spaces.

For more information to register for these free workshops, please visit our website https://www.neilsonparkcreativecentre.com/event/sing-etobicoke-bravo/

You can also email <u>alex@neilsonparkcreativecentre.com</u> or call the centre at 416-622-5294.

Sing! Etobicoke, Encore, 2024 Fall Schedule

| Date | Start Time | Location | Workshop Theme | Registration Lin |
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| 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 |
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Note: we will not be meeting on Thanksgiving, Oct. 14, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM Walking Group All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Tuesday, Oct. 8 @ 11:00 AM Bible Study "The Chosen"- Season 4 Episode 3
- * Sunday, Oct. 6 @ 10:30 AM Communion Sunday
- * Sunday, Oct. 6 & 13- following worship Membership Class
- * Sunday, Oct. 20 Boris' first Sunday at Graceview
- * Thursday, Oct. 24 @ 11:30 AM Another "Soup by Dave" event!
- * Sunday, Nov. 3 @ 10:30 AM Remembering Tree Service
- * Sunday, Nov. 10 @ 10:30 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 Advent lunches begin. (There will be a sign up for this)
- *Our services are now live streamed. Go to the church's website (<u>www.graceview.ca</u>) 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."

| | <u>Prayer Roster</u> | Lay Readers | Welcome and Announcements |
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| 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

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"

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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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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11:00 | 2 | Service @ CPP 2:00 PM | 4 | 5 |
| *Communion *Membership Class 1 | 7 Sing Etobicoke @NPCC | Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11:00 * Craft Club – 31:00 | 9 | Service @ CPP 2:00 PM | 11 | 12 |
| Thanksgiving Sunday Membership Class | 14 | Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11:00 | 16 | 17 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM | 18 | 19 |
| Rev. Jan Hieminga | 21 Sing Etobicoke @GV | Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11:00 | 23 | 24 *Service @ CPP 2:00 PM *Soup by Dave 11:30 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Sing Etobicoke @NPCC | Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11:00 | 30 | 31 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM | | |

^{*} Message from **Pastor Eric:** "FYI the Graceview website page below has been revamped, so as to keep people updated of our activities and events. Visit us and enjoy all that is good about Graceview". https://graceview.ca/calendar-events