



Nov. 13, 2024

Remembrance Day was last Monday, and despite this being 2 days later, we should all never forget. We must remember every day of the freedoms that we enjoy and the cost of human life that happened so that we may live as we do. Let us always be grateful to those who served and lay down their lives for us.

NO LONGER HERE

As bullets pierce their human flesh
Wounds too deep to bandage dress,
The last vision seen before they die
Is twilight, darkening their night sky
Some will never know tomorrow
So much pain, too much sorrow
Life cut short, forever gone
As bugles played their last song.
Many nights we walk the floor
Hearts broken, to the very core
Shattered dreams of you and me
Granite headstones are all we see.
No matter if you're young or old
When taps are played, and flags are fold
Respect the memories of those we lost
Wear a poppy to honour, their final post.



Dedicated to all who served, and their families.

Jacqueline Black - 2024

Wife of Sgt W.P. Black (deceased)

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to Brenda Nash for again leading our Remembrance Day Service last Sunday. Brenda sent Joan Kohar an email expressing how much she enjoyed the time delivering the service and time with the people of Graceview. She appreciated the time and attention we gave her.



Nancy Johnston sent this photo she received from Steve and Sheila Locke.

It is a photo of their son, Ryan Lock on the flag banner which is found in downtown Georgetown along with other soldiers past and present.

Such a proud moment for Steve and Sheila!

The essay that Brenda Nash read out last Sunday was poignant and very moving. This was written by a Middle School student right here in Etobicoke. Her essay won the Canada wide Intermediate Essay Competition at the Royal Canadian Legion this year. Her name has been withheld for privacy reasons. We did, however get permission to print her essay in our weekly email.

In The Footsteps

My head is spinning, my stomach is churning, I can't think. I don't have time to feel sorrow or reminisce about the days that knew a sliver of peace. Yet, I look up to the sky and allow myself one singular moment.

In the deepest parts of my mind, where shame has no name, I'm scared I'm not strong enough. Father fought in the war, now I will continue his legacy.

Mother says that I must not break down, that I am brave. Grandpa says I will serve well and bring honour to my family. Will I bring honour or shame? My eyes water, and my vision blurs, but I quickly compose myself. I will persevere. For my home, for my country, for you.

Time has passed. Battles have been fought. It's August of 1942 now, and we head to Dieppe, a strongly guarded port that will take much force to bring freedom to. However, I have confidence in myself that only comes with time. I am no longer the scared boy I was before.

Hours pass, and our element of surprise is gone. My energy is dwindling, and my body screams for a break. But there are no breaks in war, it knows no mercy. Bodies are scattered, and blood paints the ground.

Cries of soldiers echo the field. Amongst the chaos and carnage, a bullet found its mark deep in my chest, leaving no replies. I clutch my wound and crumple to the ground. Everything slows, sound and sight. I have learned so much in so little time: how to work a rifle, fight, and hold life in my hands. I must not let the Germans win; I must be stronger than them.

My eyes burn as salt streams out of my eyes into my ears. Flashes of memories float around in my mind. I see Mother, wrinkles growing more prominent each year I see her. I see Father, smiling down at me as a child. I see a younger me, grief shadowing what should be a young boy's bright face.

Pain, unimaginable pain hits me. Realization dawns, I am *dying*. I look up as the sun sinks below the horizon, painting the sky in hues of orange and purple. A gentle breeze hits me as a light flashes, the world around me fading. Father appears before me and says "Son, come with me." He stretches out his hand.

Disbelief shadows my face, and then I suddenly stop, "Wait, what about the raid? I have to help them!" I say. Father turns around, a small smile on his face. "Brave soldier, I admire your persistence, even in death. Worry not of the port, fate is in your favour. You have played your part in the scheme of things". With that reassurance, I continue toward the light and welcome death.

Years later on the ground where the soldier passed on, a seed of promise grew into a sapling, and then into a bright, everlasting red poppy.

Prayer Roster

We are looking for additional congregants to help with the Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession. If you feel that you would like to volunteer to read this prayer occasionally on a Sunday morning, please speak to Bob Twynam. This is not a difficult task, as this prayer can be found on the Presbyterian Church in Canada's website. All you have to do is print it off and you are set. **OR** if you feel that you would like to make up your own prayer, you are most welcome to do so.

A Taste of Spain Dinner

Outreach is pleased to be hosting a dinner on Friday, November 15th, at 6 PM in the downstairs hall. It will feature a Spanish themed meal and will be prepared for us by award winning Chef Keith Hoare, head of the culinary program at Thistletown Collegiate, and his students. Ticket prices are \$30 and all proceeds from this dinner will go to the Thistletown Euro Trip which will take place during March Break. Chef Keith will be taking some of his Grade 11 students on a trip to Spain where they will gain more knowledge about foreign cuisine to add to their culinary experience. This is Chef Keith's last year at Thistletown, and he will be talking to us about his culinary program and some of the charitable work that his program is doing. He is an amazing teacher who teaches his students the art of cooking as well as providing them with valuable life lessons in helping others. If people are interested in supporting the students' Euro Trip directly, they can make charitable donations to our Outreach account (cash, e-transfer, or cheque) and we will send a cheque to the Toronto District School Board marked for the Thistletown Euro Trip. Charitable receipts will be issued for individuals not from our church for any donations of \$20 or more.

Elaine's Craft Club Christmas Luncheon

Elaine's Craft Club invites everyone to join them for a Christmas Lunch at The Prince Restaurant at 5555 Eglinton Ave. W. In Centennial Park Plaza on Tuesday December 10th at 12:00.

The Prince is a Japanese restaurant where they serve teppanyaki lunch which is where you sit at tables for eight and the chef prepares your meal right in front of you.

A sign-up list will be posted on the front bulletin board. Car-pooling/rides can be available just speak to Maureen Screen or Norma Hendershot.

It's a special experience which we hope everyone will come out and enjoy with us.

NEW



A Fall Devotional Update

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

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.

- Nov. 17 – Iris & Carol
- Nov. 24 – Margaret & Robin
- Dec. 1 - ????
- Dec. 8 – Harry & Pat
- Dec. 15 – Rachael & ????
- Dec. 22 - ????
- Dec. 29 - ????

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.

- * **Beth Smith's** son-in-law, **Robert Soth** who will undergo open heart surgery today (the 13th)
- * **Alice Wachira** is requesting prayers for her cousin **Zachariah Mwangi** who was admitted to hospital.
- * Please keep in your prayers the following: Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, Shirley P. Ed L., Bob N., Lenore C., Charlotte Prentice, Joan and Peter K., Margaret M's brother, Simon, the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman P., Jean Fox's nephew, Ryan, Anna C. and family 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
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Monday, Nov. 18 @ 9:30 AM – Sing! Etobicoke @ Graceview
- * Friday, Nov. 15 @ 6:00 PM – Chef Keith Hoare and his students at TCI will be serving dinner at Graceview.
- * Sunday, Nov. 24 @ 10:30 AM – New members will be received as congregants of Graceview
- * Friday, Nov. 29 – Deck the Halls
- * Sunday, Dec. 1 – Holy Communion
- * Monday, Dec. 2 @ 12:30 – Advent lunches begin. (There will be a sign up for this)
- * Friday, Dec. 13 @ 7:30 PM – Toronto Baroque Players Concert

*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

Nov. 17 Nancy McPherson
 Nov. 24 Kathy Twynam
 Dec. 1 Eric Lee
 Dec. 8 Chris Parr
 Dec. 15 Margaret Munene
 Dec. 22 Eric Lee
 Dec. 29 Bob Twynam

Chris Parr
 Susan Chopp
 Bob Twynam
 Jean Fox
 Maureen Screen
 Margaret Munene
 Georgena Engineer

Kathy Twynam
 Bob Twynam
 Nancy McPherson
 Susan Chopp
 Lynne Bishop
 Bob Twynam
 Kathy Twynam

WEEKLY GIGGLE

Picnics and weddings.

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. They were at a community picnic one day and the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is simply delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why something as good as this would be forbidden to you. Why don't you break down and try one?"
 To which the rabbi replied, "Sure, at your wedding."

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.

Susan choppertini@hotmail.com

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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.

Email for Iris: ericirishk@gmail.com

* 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>

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Remembering Tree Service M&W Meeting	4 Sing Etobicoke @Fellowship	5 Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11	6	7 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	8	9
10 Remembrance Day Service	11 Sing Etobicoke @NPCC	12 Walking Group 10:00 *Bible Study 11 *Craft Club 11	13	14 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	15 Taste of Spain 6:00 PM	16
17 Jan Hieminga	18 Sing Etobicoke @Graceview	19 Walking Group 11:00 *Session 6:30 PM	20	21 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	22	23
24 Receiving new members to Graceview	25 Sing Etobicoke @Fellowship	26 Walking Group 11:00	27	28 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	29 Deck the Halls	30

*CPP = Centennial Park Place