

The  
Image of God  
Give Man His Dignity



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In putting together this week's Weekly News I cannot help but weigh in on the insanity occurring south of our border. So, please forgive me from being a bit "editorial" but I feel so strongly about what is happening in our world. I have read the articles on Facebook. I have watched the news; I have prayed that saner heads will prevail but am still experiencing that sinking feeling that the world as I know is changing fast and drastically. Tariffs are now being levied upon us from what used to be a trusted neighbour. We are now (hopefully) buying products that are made in Canada, and we are now openly supporting our manufacturers and all things Canadian. Perhaps we should have done this sooner. We are now second-guessing decisions to vacation in the US. Personally, it will be a long time, if ever, that I will set foot on American soil. After witnessing what was nothing less than an ambush by Trump, Vance et al against Zelensky of the Ukraine in the oval office last week, I am appalled, as are countries around the world. Where is the compassion? Where is the humanity? Where is the dignity that is supposed to come to those in high office?

***Timothy 2:1-4, states: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."***

Here is a message sent from Kathy T.

Hi friends,

I thought this nailed it. Watching that debacle in the Oval Office yesterday, I just wanted to hug that brave, brave man who is standing up for his country, and I definitely don't mean Trump!

Kathy

**A Rider at the Oval**

A stranger rode into the hall of power,  
a weary traveler from a battered land.  
He came not to beg, but to stand,  
bearing the weight of his people's sorrow.

Yet cruelty met him at the door,  
words like stones, cold and sharp,  
not from foes upon the battlefield,  
but from hands once stretched in promise.

Oh, how the world watches in silence,  
as dignity is trampled by arrogance.  
But the rider will ride on,  
for his people still stand.

And history will remember—  
not the cruelty, not the insult,  
but the unbroken spirit  
of those who will not kneel.

~ Author unknown



Editor's note: Thank you, Kathy for sharing this.

### Worship Calendar

Mar. 9	Lent	Rev. Jan Hieminga
Mar. 16	Lent	Rev. Jan Hieminga
Mar. 23	Lent: When Bad Things Happen	Rev. Eric Lee
Mar. 30	Lent: Forgive the Prodigal Son(s)	Rev. Eric lee
Apr. 6	Lent:	Rev. Eric Lee
Apr. 13	Lent:	Rev. Eric lee
Apr. 20	Easter Sunday	Rev. Eric Lee
Apr. 27	Mission Awareness Sunday	Mission team
May 4	Silver Jubilee Anniversary	Rev. Eric Lee

### NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Clocks Go Forward This Weekend

Do not forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour this weekend as Daylight Savings Time is once again upon us. Enjoy the longer days as we approach Spring and then Summer.

## Welcome Church of God

We now have a new tenant using our church building starting March 1, 20. The tenant is a Christian Church called the United Church of God. They have several congregations in Southern Ontario but unlike most Christian Churches, they meet on Saturdays. They will be using Graceview every Saturday from noon to 5:00pm. That makes Graceview Church now the home to three congregations: the Korean Lutheran Church who meet Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons, the United Church of God, who meet Saturday afternoons and us. Please be aware of all these commitments when planning your group's use of the facilities. This lease has a positive impact on Graceview's financial needs as well as helping to spread the word of God.

## A Word of Thanks from The Guatemalan Mission Team

"The mission team would like to thank everyone who donated to the children in Guatemala. We also deeply appreciate all of your prayers and encouragement. We're excited to bring your blessings to the Guatemalans and return with stories to share."

Rachael



## St Patrick's Day Luncheon.



We are pleased to announce that Outreach will be hosting a St Patrick's Day Luncheon on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm in the downstairs hall. Chef Dave Taylor will be preparing an Irish stew for the lunch and will demonstrate how to make it for us. Every guest will receive a copy of his recipe. We are looking forward to another lively presentation and an opportunity for those in attendance to ask "Chef Dave" questions about the stew. Irish music will be provided and there will be lots of green to decorate the hall. Feel free to wear some green in honour of the day! 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 us. Free Will Offerings will be gratefully accepted. The net proceeds will be donated to Outreach projects.

## Mziki Wa Inüili (An Afternoon of East African Music and Food):

Mziki Wa Injili (An Afternoon of East African Music and Food), set to be held in Spring 2025 pending council approval, is an all-around celebration of East African culture with a particular focus on Kenyan Gospel music and food. Along with a social hour with Kenyan food, coffee, and snacks, the event will feature Kenyan gospel artist, Ruth Matete and her band as musical guests.

### Date:

April 6 Time: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

### Location:

Humbercrest United Church (Sanctuary or Heritage Hall)

### Impetus and Outcomes:

Through the ministry of Rev. Diane, we, as the congregation of Humbercrest United Church, have the opportunity to offer new and unique experiences to the community around us.

Rev. Diane's intimate connection to and knowledge of the East African community in Toronto is a particular asset in this regard. Thus, we feel that an authentic, respectful, and joyful celebration of Kenyan culture at

Humbercrest United would be a genuine opportunity to touch and engage with various communities around us, in a meaningful and intentional way. The primary goal of the event is to establish a meaningful and working relationship between Humbercrest, the East African Community of Toronto, and the Indigenous community Namares.

The event will be ticketed (Eventbrite) to raise funds to cover the costs of hosting the event. All proceeds beyond this threshold will be donated to Namares.

• **Tickets:** \$20

### **Buy Canadian**

During all of the turbulence coming at us from south of the border, I have made a concerted effort to “Buy Canadian”. To help me with this, I have joined the **Made in Canada** group on Facebook, and I recently downloaded an App on my phone called **Maple Scan**. When I am shopping, I take a photo of an item and the App tells me who the Parent Company is, its location whether or not it is a product of Canada and whether or not it is made in Canada. It also details Canadian alternatives. This has taken much of the guess work out of shopping, as I want to do my part to support the workers of my country...a country that I dearly love. I hope that many of you will feel moved to do the same.

PS: There is another App that you can use. It is called “**O SCANada**”



### **Lenten Candle Liturgy Readers**

Mar. 9 – Vi Lobodowsky

Mar. 16 – Al Bishop

Mar. 23 – Nancy McPherson

Mar. 30 – Rachael Chen

Apr. 6 – Georgena Engineer

Apr. 13 – Carol Hyndman

Apr. 18 – Chris Parr

### **Bedroom for Rent**

Furnished bedroom for rent, shared common areas in privately owned townhouse at Rathburn & West Mall. \$800 inclusive. Personal and financial references will be required. Preference will be given to a FEMALE roommate, as the house is occupied by a long-term lady occupant. Contact Margretta @ 416.788.6742.

## World Day of Prayer 2025

Graceview is the host church for this year's WDP which will take place on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The subject this year is the Cook Islands in the south Pacific and the program was written by Christian women who live there. The program title is "I made you wonderful", based on Psalm 139. We hope we can count on your support. Please mark the date and invite your friends.  
Maureen Screen

### A Winter Devotional Update:

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

### Coffee/Tea Sign - Up



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.

Mar. 2 – 30 – Mission Team  
Apr. 6 - ??????  
Apr. 13 - ?????  
Apr. 20 - ?????  
Apr. 27 - ?????

### 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.

\* Please keep in your prayers the following:

**Lynne Hieminga** who is recuperating at home after hip replacement surgery.

Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Michael Langstaff, Shirley P., Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, Ed L., Charlotte Prentice, Joan and Peter K., the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman P., Jean Fox's nephew, Ryan, 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.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- \* Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- \* Monday, Mar. 10 @ 9:30 AM – Sing Etobicoke at NPCC
- \* Saturday, Mar. 8 @ 10:00 AM – World Day of Prayer at Graceview PC
- \* Tuesdays, Mar. 11- Apr. 15 @ 12:00 PM – Lenten Lunches
- \* Tuesday, Mar. 11 @ 11:00 – Elaine’s Craft Club
- \* Monday, Mar. 17 @ 12:00 PM – Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with Irish Stew by Dave
- \* Sunday, Mar. 23 after service – Annual Meeting 2025
- \* Sunday, Apr. 13 – Palm Sunday
- \* Thursday, Apr. 17 from 2-4 PM – Maundy Thursday. Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary
- \* Friday, Apr. 18 @ 10:30 AM – Good Friday Service. Communion by intinction (Hot Cross Buns and Coffee/tea @ 9:30 AM)
- \* Sunday, Apr. 20 @ 10:30 AM – Easter Sunday service (Flower Cross will be featured again)
- \* Sunday, Apr. 27 @ 10:30 AM – Mission Awareness Sunday
- \* Sunday, May 4 @ 10:30 AM – Celebrating Graceview’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- \* Tuesday, May 6 @ 6:30 PM – Music & Worship meeting

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Mar. 9	Nancy McPherson	Susan Chopp	Kathy Twynam
Mar. 16	Eric Lee	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
Mar. 23	Kathy Twynam	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp
Mar. 30	Chris Parr	Maureen Screen	Lynne Bishop

## SING! ETOBICOKE WINTER SCHEDULE

Mar. 10	9:30 AM	NPCC	Unforgettable	W25SE9
Mar. 17	9:30 AM	NPCC	Spring Sing (Guest Day IV)	W25SE10

## WEEKLY GIGGLE

A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately homes and beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a rundown cabin. The man asked St. Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions, he could live in. St. Peter replied, “I did the best with the money you sent us.”

## Where to Find Us

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](mailto:choppertini@hotmail.com)

\* Message from **Pastor Eric**: “FYI the Graceview website page 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>

\* 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.”

lease note the following email addresses for all church-related communication:

**Pastor Eric**: [pastor@graceview.ca](mailto:pastor@graceview.ca) (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

**Church Office**: [office@graceview.ca](mailto:office@graceview.ca) (unchanged and managed by our Secretary, Halyna)

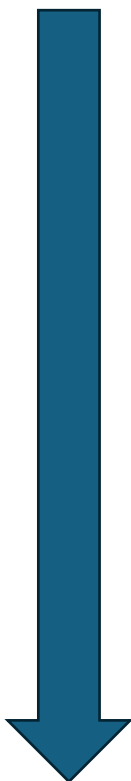
### **Micro-Moments of Zest**

Simple ways to infuse your day with energy and  
enthusiasm

#### **Move with Enthusiasm**

Walk a little faster, dance while you make  
dinner, or take the stairs to work.

### **MARCH CALENDAR**



# MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3 Sing Etobicoke @NPCC	4 Walking Group 11:00	5 Ash Wednesday	6 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	7	8 World Day of Prayer 10:00 AM Graceview
9 *Rev. Jan Hieminga  *DST begins	10 Sing Etobicoke @NPCC	11 *Walking Group 11:00 *Craft Club 11:00 *Lenten Lunch 12:00 noon	12	13 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	14	15
16 Rev. Jan Hieminga	17 Irish Stew by Dave 12:00 noon 	18 Walking Group 11:00 Lenten Lunch 12:00 noon	19	20 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	21	22
23 "When Bad Things Happen" Rev. Eric Lee Annual General Meeting	24	25 Walking Group 11:00 Lenten Lunch 12:00 noon	26	27 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	28	29
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