



May 7, 2025

John 15:9-17 emphasizes the importance of loving one another as Jesus loved them, highlighting this as a key aspect of discipleship and a source of abundant joy. It also underscores the concept of Jesus choosing his disciples for a specific purpose, to "go and bear fruit," and the promise that their prayers, made in Jesus' name, will be answered.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Love One Another:**

Jesus commands his followers to love one another, mirroring the love he has for them, and the love the Father has for him. This love is presented as a new commandment, emphasizing its significance and distinctiveness.

- **Abiding in Love:**

Jesus states that abiding in his love means keeping his commandments, which includes loving one another. This obedience, in turn, leads to joy and fruitfulness in one's life.

- **Chosen and Appointed:**

Jesus emphasizes that his disciples were chosen by him and appointed to go and bear fruit. This indicates that their role is to be active in spreading the gospel and living out their faith in the world.

- **Fruitful Life:**

The concept of bearing fruit symbolizes the positive impact of following Jesus' teachings and loving others. This fruitfulness is linked to their abiding in Jesus' love and prayer.

- **Praying in Jesus' Name:**

Jesus assures his disciples that whatever they ask the Father in his name, the Father will give it to them. This highlights the power of prayer and its connection to abiding in Jesus' love.

- **Friends, Not Servants:**

Jesus shifts the relationship with his disciples from servant to friend, signifying a closer and more intimate connection. This friendship is based on Jesus sharing with them all that he has heard from the Father.

***My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.***  
***John 15: 12-13***

### **Worship Calendar**

May 11	A Love Beyond Sentiment	Deuteronomy 10:12-20 & John 15:9-17.	Rev. Eric Lee
May 18	What God Has Made Clean	Leviticus 11:41-45 & Acts 11:1-18	Rev. Eric Lee
May 25			Rev. Jan Hieminga
June 1	Communion		Rev. Eric Lee

### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

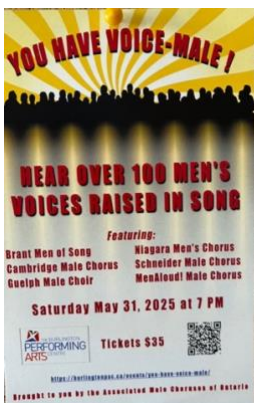
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Our own Kento Stratford's choir, Men Aloud, (formerly known as the Queensmen) will be part of this "You Have Voice-Male" event on Saturday, May 31 at 7:00 PM at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. It should be a fabulous event with over 100 men raising their voices in song.

**A Spring Devotional Update: (Updated Mar. 25, 2025)**

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

**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**

Residents of Parkland on Eglinton have booked a Mary Morton bus trip on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to Stratford to see “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” at the Avon Theatre after Chicken Supreme entrée lunch at the Parlour Inn for \$227. 00 each. Please call Maureen at 416-433-8148 if interested.

**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.

May 11 – Iris & Carol

May 18 - ???

May 25 - ???

*The stars shine over the mountains, the stars shine over the sea.  
The stars look up to the mighty God, the stars look down on me;  
The stars shall last for a million years, a million years and a day.  
But God and I will live and love when the stars have passed away.*  
**Robert Louis Stevenson**



**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, family of Charlotte Prentice, Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene’s brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Michael Langstaff, Shelia Thomas’ grandson, Carter, Joan and Peter K., the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman P., Ed. L., Gordon F., and Jean Fox’s nephew, Ryan.

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
- \* Tuesday, May 13 @ 11:00 AM – Elaine’s Craft Club
- \* Tuesday, May 20 @ 6:30 PM - Session
- \* Saturday, May 31 @ 7:00 PM – You Have Voice-Male concert in Burlington

	<u><b>Prayer Roster</b></u>	<u><b>Lay Readers</b></u>	<u><b>Welcome and Announcements</b></u>
May 11	Errol Baldeo	Al Bishop	Bob Twynam
May 18	Maureen Screen	Lynne Bishop	Kathy Twynam
May 25	Ethel Waite	Anna Cherniak	Nancy McPherson
June 1	Eric Lee	Nancy Green	Susan Chopp
June 8	Maureen Screen	Harry Learoyd	Lynne Bishop
June 15	Errol Baldeo	Chris Parr	Bob Twynam
June 22	Eric Lee	Susan Chopp	Kathy Twynam
June 29	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
July 6	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. – Psalm 118:24**

Joy is not dependent on external circumstances, but rather a choice to find gratitude in every moment. Look for His blessings, the beauty in nature, and the love of those around you. Choose to approach each day with a heart full of joy, knowing that God is present and working in every situation,

**Gracious God, open my eyes to Your presence in life’s ordinary and extraordinary moments.**

### **WEEKLY GIGGLE**

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn’t want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, but yet know that he was safe.

Her neighbor learned about the mother's dilemma and offered to follow the young boy to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

"I'm up early with my toddler anyway; it will be a good way for us to get some exercise as well," said the neighbor. The relieved mother agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her"?

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The friend said, "Well, who is she"?

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied. "And her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us"?

"Well," Timmy explained. "Every night, my mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, because she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

### **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:

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM		
Silver Anniversary Sunday		Walking Group 11:00 Music & Worship 1:30		Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM		
A Love Beyond Sentiment Rev. Eric Lee.		Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club 11:00		Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM		
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