



May 21, 2025

I am one who loves the Spring Season. I rejoice in the appearance of buds on the trees, in my perennials poking their heads from beneath the earth and in the grass getting greener and greener with each rainfall. I had work done on a small garden in my front yard and was very pleased with the end result. It is now a fertile, raised flower bed where my hostas and standard hydrangea's roots have lots of room to grow. The earth looked rich and nutritious for these new plants. However, one day later, the trees exploded with those annoying "helicopters" which rained down on me, the lawn and my new garden leaving nothing but a litter of seeds all over everything. To say that I was annoyed, would be an understatement. What once was clean, rich and vibrant was now cluttered and ruined by these "vermin from the trees!" I looked up some information on these "samaras" and here is what I found.

Maple tree seeds, or samaras, are renowned for their unique "helicopter" flight as they fall from the tree. This spinning motion, called autorotation, is a clever adaptation that allows them to travel considerable distances and disperse the tree's offspring. The seeds' shape, with a seed pod attached to a winged structure, and the asymmetrical nature of their blades, contribute to this spinning motion.

Here's a closer look at the story of maple seeds falling:

- **The "Helicopter" Flight:**

Maple seeds, specifically samaras, are winged seeds that spin and twirl as they fall. This spinning allows them to descend slowly and travel farther than they would if they fell straight down.

- **Autorotation:**

The seeds' spinning motion, known as autorotation, is a result of their unique shape and the way air flows around them.

- **Seed Dispersal:**

The wind helps disperse maple seeds, allowing them to travel distances and potentially colonize new areas.

- **Survival Strategy:**

The ability of maple seeds to travel by wind is a key part of their survival strategy, preventing competition with the parent tree for resources.

This gives new meaning to "go forth and multiply". Despite the fact that they are a nuisance on the ground, Mother Nature has worked her magic and has designed these samaras for a greater purpose than just annoying me! God told Adam and Eve to "be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it." Just as "go forth and multiply" encourages individuals to fulfill God's purpose for them by repopulating the earth through procreation, so does the lowly maple who is only doing what God designed it to do....no matter how annoying it can be.

Worship Calendar

May 25
June 1

TBA
Communion: Witnesses of the Risen Lord Luke 24:44-53

Rev. Jan Hieminga
Rev. Eric Lee



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

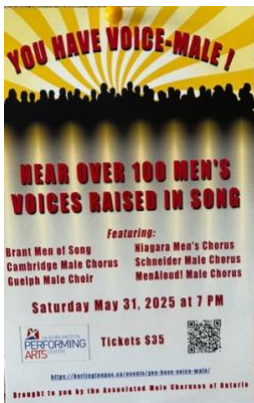
Elaine's Craft Club Spring Luncheon

When: Tuesday, June 10 @ 12:00 noon

Where: The Open Cork; 2101 Dundas St. E., Mississauga

Please sign up for this event on the sheet which is on the bulletin board in the entryway of our church.

You Have Voice-Male



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.

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 25 - ???

June 1 - ???

How to Find the Guideposts in Your Life

Scott Walker

By sharing stories with each other, we travel new paths that lead us home.



Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take. Return, Virgin Israel, return to your towns. —Jeremiah 31:21 (NIV)

This morning, I read Jeremiah 31:21 for the first time and the word *guideposts* jumped off the page with new insight.

Becoming lost or disoriented on our life's journey is a common experience for most people. As we traverse adulthood we are forced to travel new paths. We often fear we have lost our way, our perspective, and our connection to God and each other. It seems we have not seen a clear guidepost to give direction in a long time.

What helps me find direction in my life is listening to the stories of fellow travelers. My primary mentors, guides, and teachers have been men and women who told me their stories—their trials, victories, defeats, fears, and hard-earned lessons.

Perhaps our own story is the most helpful thing we can give to another person. To share those rare moments when a guidepost appeared on our roadside that sent us in new directions or connected us to paths long lost that led us home.

Today, in my heart I heard the old prophet Jeremiah speak an ancient word with new meaning: "Place for yourself *guideposts* so you won't get lost." Sharing personal stories with each other is how we create guideposts to lead us home.

Dear God, thank You for many people who have told me their story and placed guideposts on my path. Amen.



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.

* **Margaret Munene** who is recovering from cataract surgery

* **Eftekhar** (meaning honour and pride in Persian), grandmother of Ali, who is in a coma condition.

* Say a special prayer for the family who was involved in the horrific car accident near Rathburn and the 401. 3 children perished. Pray for their souls.

* Please keep in your prayers the following:

Earl Nixon, Chris Parr, family of Charlotte Prentice, Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, 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
- * Saturday, May 31 @ 7:00 PM – You Have Voice-Male concert in Burlington
- * Monday, June 9 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meets
- * Tuesday, June 10 @ 12:00 – Elaine's Craft Club's Luncheon at the Open Cork

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
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	Paul Mbogo	Kathy Twynam
June 29	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
July 6	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp
July 13	Eric Lee	Maureen Screen	Lynne Bishop
July 20	Kathy Twynam	Margaret Munene	Bob Twynam
July 27	Chris Parr	Georgena Engineer	Kathy Twynam

WEEKLY GIGGLE

A Presbyterian, a Methodist and a Baptist were discussing which church Jesus would join if He were to return to earth. "He would obviously join the Presbyterians," said the Presbyterian, "because we have the form of

government nearest to the New Testament pattern.” “No,” said the Methodist, “he would join us because of our emphasis on preaching and fellowship.” Eventually they turned to the Baptist, who had been silent all this time. “And what do you think?” they asked. He replied, “I don’t see why He should want to transfer his membership!”



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

* 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 (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

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

May Calendar



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM		
4 Silver Anniversary Sunday	5	6 Walking Group 11:00 Music & Worship 1:30	7	8 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	9	10
11 A Love Beyond Sentiment Rev. Eric Lee.	12	13 Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club 11:00	14	15 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	16	17
18 What God Has Made Clean Rev. Eric Lee	19	20 Walking Group 11:00 Session 6:30	21	22 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	23	24
25 Rev. Jan Hieminga	26	27 Walking Group 11:00	28	29 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	30	31 You Have Voice Male Burlington 7:00