



June 11, 2025

The start of summer brings a mix of anticipation and reflection. It's a time for celebrating the longer days, warmer weather, and the opportunity for outdoor activities and relaxation. Many find the summer months to be a time for reconnecting with loved ones, creating memories, and enjoying nature's beauty. It's also a time to reflect on the past, set intentions for the future, and find harmony within oneself.

Here's a more detailed look at the different aspects of reflecting on the beginning of summer:

#### 1. Anticipation and Excitement:

The arrival of summer often evokes feelings of excitement and anticipation for the warmer months ahead. People look forward to the longer days, outdoor activities, and the chance to escape the routine of everyday life.

**Matthew 24:32 states: "From the fig tree learn its lesson: when its branch is tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near".**

#### 2. Reflection on the Past:

Summer can be a good time to reflect on the past half of the year, including accomplishments, lessons learned, and personal growth. It's an opportunity to assess what worked well and what could be improved.

**Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV) says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."**

#### 3. Setting Intentions for the Future:

The beginning of summer can be a catalyst for setting intentions for the second half of the year. This might involve personal goals, professional aspirations, or spiritual practices.

**Proverbs 16:9 states, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."**

#### 4. Finding Harmony and Connection:

Summer is often seen as a time of unity and connection with nature and loved ones. It's a chance to slow down, appreciate the beauty of the world, and build lasting memories.

**Romans 12:16 says: Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position Do not be conceited.**

#### 5. Spiritual Reflection:

Some find the summer months to be a time of increased spiritual awareness and gratitude. They may spend more time in prayer, meditation, or engaging in activities that connect them with their faith.

**Corinthians 13:5 says: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith."**

#### 6. Personal Growth and Self-Care:

Summer can be a valuable time for personal growth and self-care. This might involve setting aside time for hobbies, relaxing activities, or practicing mindfulness.

***Mark 6:31 says: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."***

### Worship Calendar

June 15	The Benefits of Faith in God	Romans 5:1-5	Rev. Eric Lee
June 22	Growing Up	Galatians 3:23-29	Rev. Eric Lee



### NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **A Spring Devotional Update: (Updated May 28, 2025)**

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

### Lemonade



Lemonade will now be served (self-served that is) after worship during June, July and August. Please join us in the Adamson Lounge for a refreshing glass of lemonade and some cookies.



### 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 M.** wanted to update us that her brother, **Simon** underwent a medical procedure yesterday. (Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>).

\* **Jean Fox** was in hospital last Friday with a severe headache. She is now recovering at home.

\* A note from **Chris Parr** who remains in hospital: “Just a small note everyone at Graceview. I am so grateful and thankful to God for your outpouring of concern, caring and for all the prayers and love sent my way. I am most happy and joyful that you are all well. Again, thank you and may the LORD bless you and keep you. Tho the greater glory of God. Amen.

\* Please keep in your prayers the following:

Eftekhar (grandmother of Ali), **Earl Nixon**, Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene’s brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Shelia Thomas’ grandson, Carter, 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 me 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, Aug. 26 @1:30 PM – Music & Worship Team meeting
- \* Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 6:30 PM – Session
- \* Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 10:30 AM – Remembering Tree Sunday

	<b><u>Prayer Roster</u></b>	<b><u>Lay Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Welcome and Announcements</u></b>
June 15	Errol Baldeo	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam
June 22	Eric Lee	Paul Mbogo	Susan Chopp
June 29	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
July 6	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp
July 13	Eric Lee	Maureen Screen	Iris Lee
July 20	Kathy Twynam	Margaret Munene	Bob Twynam
July 27	Chris Parr	Georgena Engineer	Kathy Twynam
Aug. 3	Eric Lee	Errol Baldeo	Nancy McPherson
Aug. 10	Margaret Munene	Kathy Twynam	Susan Chopp
Aug. 17	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson	Iris Lee
Aug. 24	Eric Lee	Al Bishop	Bob Twynam
Aug. 31	Rachael Chen	Bob Twynam	Kathy Twynam

## Give Your Best

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.  
Colossians 3:23**

Every task that you undertake is an opportunity to serve the Lord. When you pour your heart and soul into your work, it becomes a form of worship, a testament to your faith and dedication. The satisfaction of a job well done is not just about earthly rewards or recognition – it's about knowing you've given your best to honour God. Approach every task with diligence and integrity and experience the profound satisfaction of serving the Lord wholeheartedly.

**Lord, inspire me to give my best in all I do, knowing that my work reflects my service to You.**

## WEEKLY GIGGLE

The new minister was driving on an unpaved country road and had a wreck. A farmer in the parish stopped and said, "Reverend, are you okay?" The minister said, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." The farmer took a long look at the car and said, "Well, Reverend, you better let him ride with me, because you're gonna kill him."



## 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."

Please 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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion: Witnesses of the Risen Lord Rev. Eric Lee	2	3 Walking Group 11:00	4	5 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	6	7
8 Pentecost: What Does it Mean? Rev. Eric Lee	9 Mission Team Meeting 6:30 PM	10 Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club Luncheon 12	11	12 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	13	14
15 The Benefits of Faith in God Rev. Eric Lee	16	17 Walking Group 11:00	18	19 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	20	21
22 Growing Up Rev. Eric Lee	23	24 Walking Group 11:00	25	26 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM	27	28
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