



Sept. 10, 2025

Nature provides lessons in patience and resilience, reminding us that growth and change are gradual processes, not to be rushed. Observing ecosystems teaches us about interconnectedness and collaboration, showing how everything has a purpose and works together, even if its role isn't immediately obvious. It also emphasizes adaptability, as plants and animals adjust to thrive in different environments, urging us to be flexible in our own lives. Furthermore, nature demonstrates the importance of balance and harmony, offering a sense of calm and encouraging us to find joy in simple things and accept life's cycles of change and rebirth.

Here are some specific life lessons from nature:

- **Patience and Perseverance:**

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished. Growth takes time, and meaningful changes come through consistent, gradual effort, not immediate results.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything".

James 1:2-4,

- **Resilience and Adaptability:**

Just as trees bend in the wind and rivers find new paths around obstacles, we can learn to adapt to challenges and grow stronger through difficult experiences.

"Do not conform to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern and approve what is the will of God—what is good, perfect, and pleasing". This encourages transformation rather than conformity, highlighting mental adaptability.

Romans 12:2:

- **Interconnectedness:**

Every element of an ecosystem, from the smallest insect to the largest tree, has a purpose and is connected to others. This reminds us that we are part of a larger whole.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also, is Christ".

1 Corinthians 12

- **Letting Go and Transformation:**

Like a tree shedding its leaves to grow new ones in the spring, we should embrace change and transformation rather than resisting it.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
2 Corinthians 5:17

- **Finding Purpose:**

In nature, everything has its own inherent purpose. This can encourage us to appreciate the unique role and value of each living thing.

The LORD has made everything for its purpose."
Proverbs 16:4

- **Harmony and Balance:**

The seasons change, tides rise and fall, and ecosystems work in harmony. This teaches us to strive for balance and appreciate the natural rhythm of life.

The LORD has made everything for its purpose."
Romans 12:16

- **The Beauty of Simplicity:**

A tree needs basic elements like water, soil, and sun to flourish. This can inspire us to find satisfaction in simple things and meet our basic needs.

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation"
Philippians 4:11-12

- **Being in the Moment:**

Spending time in nature can foster mindfulness, helping us to be more present and appreciate the world around us.

Matthew 6:34, which states, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own".
Matthew 6:34



Worship Calendar

Sept. 14	TBA
Sept. 21	TBA

Rev. Won Hwang
 Rev. Jan Hieminga



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changing your PARS Donations

PARS program. - If you are on the PARS program for your church giving and you wish to update your monthly donation, this can be easily done by contacting Jackie Taylor either in person or by email at jacquelinet@sympatico.ca

Potluck Sign Up

Music & Worship is organizing a pot luck lunch after worship on Sunday, October 5. The sign-up sheet for this welcome back event is on the bulletin board in the entryway to the church. What a lovely way to spend time with friends and to be thankful for all that we have.

Our New Instagram Account

We're pleased to share that Graceview now has an official Instagram account! It will be maintained by **Rachael Chen** and will focus especially on updates and outreach related to our new Young Adults Group. We invite you all to follow our IG account.

Here is the link:

<https://www.instagram.com/graceview.presbyterian?igsh=MnlpeXE5YTYyN2ly>

Egg Cartons Wanted

St. James Food Basket is once again in need of egg cartons, at least for the summer months. Please leave them in the cloakroom at Graceview and they will be taken to St. James. Thank you for your help.

A Fall Devotional Update

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



Coffee Sign-Up

It is that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to serve coffee and tea during after worship fellowship time. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adamson Lounge for now.

Sept. 14 – Harry & Pat
Sept. 21 – Glen & Gregg
Sept. 28 – Robyn & Margaret

Oct. 5. - Pot Luck Lunch
Nov. 2. - Loreen & Margaret

Thank you to all of you who have given so willingly of your time and efforts. We appreciate you!!



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.
- * Joan Kohar's niece, **Evie** is terminally ill with cancer.
- * Also, please keep these people in your prayers:
Ethel Waite, Eftekhar (grandmother of Ali), Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family, Olive S., 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, Sept. 23 @ 6:30 PM – Session
- * Tuesday, Set. 30 @ 12:15 PM – Bible Study – The Chosen season 5 begins (8 sessions)
- * Sunday, Oct. 5 @ 11:30 – Welcome Back/Thanksgiving Pot Luck Luncheon
- * Thursday, Oct. 16 @ 9:30 – Sing! Etobicoke @ NPCC
- * Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 10:30 AM – Remembering Tree Sunday
- * Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 10:30 AM – Remembrance Day Service
- * Friday, Nov. 14 @ 1:30 PM – Music & Worship meeting

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Sept. 14	Eric Lee	Nancy Green	Susan Chopp
Sept. 21	Ethel Waite	Harry Learoyd	Kathy Twynam
Sept. 28	Maureen Screen	Chris Parr	Bob Twynam
Oct. 5	Errol Baldeo	Susan Chopp	Kathy Twynam
Oct. 12	Eric Lee	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
Oct. 19	Susan Chopp	Jean Fox	Bob Twynam
Oct. 26	Nancy McPherson	Maureen Screen	Lynne Bishop
Nov. 2	Kathy Twynam	Margaret Munene	Bob Twynam
Nov. 9	Eric Lee	Georgena Engineer	Kathy Twynam
Nov. 16	Chris Parr	Errol Baldeo	Nancy McPherson
Nov. 23	Margaret Munene	Kathy Twynam	Susan Chopp
Nov. 30	Eric Lee	Nancy McPherson	Lynne Bishop
Dec. 7	Bob Twynam	Al Bishop	Susan Chopp
Dec. 14	Rachael Chen	Lynne Bishop	Kathy Twynam
Dec. 21	Eric Lee	Nancy Green	Nancy McPherson
Dec. 28	Nancy Green	Anna Cherniak	Susan Chopp



Sing! Etobicoke

Please be advised that Sing! Etobicoke sessions have been moved from Mondays to Thursdays. The time remains the same. Singing commences at 9:30 AM. **Please note that the link for registration is coming soon.**
You should be able to register next week.

Sing! Etobicoke, Encore, 2025 Fall Schedule

2025-10-16	9:30 AM	NPCC	Autumn Leaves (Songs of Fall)	F25ASE1
2025-10-23	9:30 AM	GV	Stand By Me	F25ASE2
2025-10-30	9:30 AM	GV	What Do You Fear?	F25ASE3
2025-11-06	9:30 AM	NPCC	I'll Be Seeing You	F25ASE4
2025-11-13	9:30 AM	GV	Sunrise Sunset	F25ASE5
2025-11-20	9:30 AM	GV	On the Road Again	F25ASE6
2025-11-27	9:30 AM	NPCC	Singin' in the Rain	F25ASE7
2025-12-04	9:30 AM	NPCC	Advent and More	F25ASE8
2025-12-11	9:30 AM	NPCC	Holiday Songs	F25ASE9
2025-12-18	9:30 AM	GV	Holiday Songs (With men Aloud)	F25ASE10

Sing! Etobicoke, Encore, 2026 Winter Schedule

2026-01-08	9:30 AM	NPCC	Aspenglow, Songs of Winter	W26ASE1
2026-01-15	9:30 AM	NPCC	Songs of the North	W26ASE2

2026-01-22	9:30 AM	GV	A Day in the Life	W26ASE3
2026-01-29	9:30 AM	GV	Be My Light	W26ASE4
2026-02-05	9:30 AM	NPCC	Guest Day (with Men Aloud)	W26ASE5
2026-02-12	9:30 AM	GV	Love Me Tender	W26ASE6
2026-02-19	9:30 AM	GV	Singin' in the Rain	W26ASE7
2026-02-26	9:30 AM	GV	Catch a Falling Star	W26ASE8
2026-03-05	9:30 AM	NPCC	Do I ever Cross Your Mind?	W26ASE9
2026-03-12	9:30 AM	NPCC	Here Comes the Sun (Songs of Spring)	W26ASE10

WEEKLY GIGGLE

She hurried to the pharmacy to pick up the medication. When she got back to her car, she found she had locked her keys in the car.

The woman found an old rusty hanger on the ground. She looked at it but realized she didn't know how to use it. She bowed her head and prayed to God to send her help.

Within a few minutes a motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man, wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off the motorcycle and asked the woman if she needed help. She said, "Yes, my husband is sick. He needs this medication, and I've locked my keys in the car. Can you help me use this hanger to unlock the car?" The man said, "Sure". He walked over to the car and in less than a minute the car door was open.

She hugged the man and with tears in her eyes said, "Thank you God for sending me this very nice man." The man heard her prayer of thanks and said, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday. I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, "Oh, thank you God. You even sent me a professional."



Where to Find Us

Contact Person	Email Address	Phone Number	Role/Note
Susan	choppertini@hotmail.com	416-953-7582	Share news or prayer requests for Weekly Email
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Church Office (Halyna)	office@graceview.ca		Managed by Secretary Halyna
Graceview Website			https://graceview.ca/calendar-events
Facebook Page			Graceview Presbyterian Church



September

2025



SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 	2 Walking Group 11:00	3	4	5	6
7 Total Takeover Rev. Eric Lee	8	9 Walking Group 11:00 West Presbytery 6:30	10	11	12	13
14 Rev. Wan. Hwang	15	16 Walking Group 11:00	17	18	19	20
21 Rev. Jan Hieminga Bell Ringers 11:30	22	23 *Walking Group 11:00 *Session 6:30	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 * Walking Group 11:00 *Bible Study 12:15				