



June 10, 2026

### **Why You Should Pray for 'God Winks'**

By Bob Hostetler

Ask the Lord to favor you with one or more of these special reminders of His love.

Recently I downloaded an app that allowed me to listen to a devotional radio program I hadn't heard since I was a teenager. I was thrilled to once again hear the familiar voice and head to sleep with beautiful thoughts and music filling my mind and heart.

The first program I listened to ended with the story of a father and child who had lost their wife and mother and were grieving together but drawing closer to God in the darkness. It hit home, as my mother died when I was a boy. The story was followed by a musical arrangement of a song titled "Overshadowed." That song was my mother's favorite. She was a gifted pianist, and I remember her playing it, though I hadn't heard it for decades.

What are the chances that I would remember that radio program, search for and find an app for it, download it and listen to the scheduled episode for the particular date that would have such heart-filling content for me? It was as if God tiptoed into my bedroom to plant a goodnight kiss on my forehead.

Maybe you've experienced something similar. Whether you have or not, why not ask God for His whispers, winks, and kisses?

#### **God Whispers**

You may remember when the prophet Elijah holed up in a cave, anxious and depressed, and God spoke, not in wind or earthquake or fire, but in a whisper (see 1 Kings 19). There are moments in our lives when, whatever may be happening around us, God seems to reach us, quietly but surely, with a sense of His presence. He may not speak audibly, but if we're listening, we can hear Him. A friend may call, seemingly "out of the blue." A financial need is met "just in time." Pray to hear these whispers—a small reassurance that God is there, and He is on your side.

## God Winks

Some people call them coincidences. Maybe some can be attributed to “confirmation bias,” the sort of thing that happens when you buy a red car and suddenly seem to notice red cars everywhere. But often, in my life at least, things seem to occur or align in such a way that I imagine God winking at me. I see something new in my morning Bible reading, and later in the day a coworker quotes the same obscure verse...and then a letter that was mailed days earlier arrives, saying that a loved one has been praying those very words for me. What does it mean? Maybe nothing. But maybe God’s winking at me, reminding me, showing up in the tiniest details.

## God Kisses

Like my bedtime “God kiss,” there are times when God seems to draw so close, with such love and gentleness, that it’s like being wrapped in a mother’s hug or favored with a father’s kiss. Similar to whispers and winks, but more intimate, “God kisses” warm and comfort us in a loving embrace that may last seconds or hours—sometimes even days.

Whether or not you’ve experienced a whisper, wink or kiss from God lately, why not ask Him to favor you with one or more of these special reminders of His love? Ask Him now and watch and wait to see how He loves you.

***"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"***  
***Isaiah 30:21***



## Worship Calendar

|         |                               |                             |               |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| June 14 | Suffering, Character and Hope | Job 23:8-12 & Romans 5:1-11 | Rev. Eric Lee |
| June 21 | A Survivor in the Wilderness  | Genesis 16:1-12; 21:8-21    | Rev. Eric Lee |
| June 28 | Faith Tested, God Provides    | Genesis 22:1-14             | Rev. Eric Lee |



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Missing

I seems that we are missing one advent banner and the tube in which it is stored. The ladies who were working in the church changing the décor from Easter to spring/summer, last week, searched high and low in

every conceivable cupboard and drawer and could not find it anywhere. It is a red banner that usually hangs in the hallway during Advent/Christmas. The tube may or may not be labelled correctly. If you have any idea where it was stored or where it can be, please let Susan or Kathy know as we would hate for one banner to be permanently gone.

### **Tuesday Walking Group**

Wallace Boustead reports: "It was a warm walk to-day. We went by the fenced off area for FIFA WORLD CUP 2026. The young ladies had to stop for me to catch up to them. Centennial hill is fenced off, and no one can go up on it. Again the ladies got ahead of me. Not many flowers to look at. Only three walkers today. Just over an hour walk." You too can join these intrepid walkers. Meet at the church every Tuesday at 11:00 AM and enjoy all that Centennial Park has to offer.



### **Common Scents**

Please be advised that our church has a scent-free protocol. It seems that some of our dear parishioners feel unwell due to heavy floral smells. Please be considerate of those in our congregation who are affected by strong smells and odors and refrain from perfumes or colognes when coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you one and all.

### **Lemonade for Fellowship Time**

Effective June 14 we will be serving lemonade at the Fellowship time after worship. If you are so inclined to donate a box or 2 of cookies to help cover the summer months, it would be very much appreciated. Please give your donations to Kathy or Susan so that we can store them safely during the summer months. Many thanks to those who have already donated.

### **September Bible Study**

Jacob Birch from the Canadian Bible Society will be leading an 8-week bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 22 at 12:15. He will be offering an overview of the bible from Genesis all the way to Revelations. Mark this in your calendars as it should prove to be a fascinating journey through the Bible.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE**

- \* Pray for the people of war-torn countries (Iran, Ukraine,) who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times. Pray for our country, Canada.
- \* Pray for **Ali Tavosoli's** family who resides in Iran.
- \* Pray for the family of **Margaret Munene**. Last Sunday her grandnephew, **Noel Kihato**, age 2 was hit by a car and succumbed to his injuries. He is the grandson of Margaret's brother, **Simon**. Please pray that the family can heal from the trauma of this horrific incident.

\* **Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Viralyn Goolcharan, Shirley Pollock's daughters Nancy and Laura, Ruth Ann Ross, Bob Woolley, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Lattimore, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family (Wayne, Shannon and Dale), Olive S.

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 to walk and enjoy Centennial Park
- \* Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- \* Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting



## Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

### Prayer Roster

June 14 Kathy Twynam  
June 21 Halyna Parypa  
June 28 Pastor Eric  
July 5 Chris Parr  
July 12 Margaret Munene  
July 19 Pastor Eric  
July 26 Bob Twynam  
Aug. 2 Chuka Ikele  
Aug. 9 Pastor eric  
Aug. 16 Nancy Green  
Aug. 23 Maureen Screen  
Aug. 30 Pastor Eric

### Lay Readers

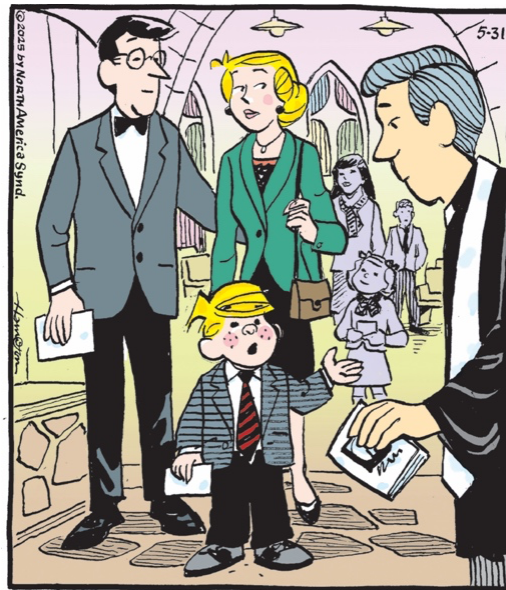
Margaret Munene  
Georgena Engineer  
Bob Twynam  
Kathy Twynam  
Nancy McPherson  
Al Bishop  
Vi Lobodowsky  
Nancy Green  
Anna Cherniak  
Koko Ikele  
Harry Learoyd  
Chris Parr

### Welcome and Announcements

Nancy McPherson  
Susan Chopp  
Iris Lee  
Bob Twynam  
Kathy Twynam  
Nancy McPherson  
Susan Chopp  
Bob Twynam  
Iris Lee  
Kathy Twynam  
Nancy McPherson  
Susan Chopp



### WEEKLY SMILE



"WHO GETS LED INTO TEMPTATION ANYMORE  
WITH EVERYONE HAVIN' GPS AND ALL?"

## Where to Find Us

| Contact Person                           | Email Address   | Phone Number            | Role/Note                                 |
|--|---|-------------------------|---|
| Susan Chopp                              | <a href="mailto:choppertini@hotmail.com">choppertini@hotmail.com</a>  | 416-953-7582            | Weekly News                               |
| Pastor Eric<br>Church Office<br>(Halyna) | <a href="mailto:pastor@graceview.ca">pastor@graceview.ca</a><br><a href="mailto:office@graceview.ca">office@graceview.ca</a>                                | 416-621-0888 (press #1) | Church related issues<br>Church Secretary |
| Graceview Website                        | <a href="https://graceview.ca/calendar-events">https://graceview.ca/calendar-events</a>   |                         |   |
| Facebook Page                            | Graceview Presbyterian Church   |                         |   |
| Instagram Page                           | <a href="https://www.instagram.com/graceview.presbyterian?igsh=MnlpeXE5YTYyN2ly">https://www.instagram.com/graceview.presbyterian?igsh=MnlpeXE5YTYyN2ly</a> |                         |   |

## June Calendar



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| SUN  | MON                         | TUE   | WED | THU                            | FRI | SAT |
|--|-----------------------------|---|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-----|
|  | 1<br>Walking<br>Group 11:00 | 2   | 3   | 4<br>Service<br>@ CPP<br>2:00  | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>Communion:<br>The Great<br>Exchange<br>Rev. Eric Lee  | 8                           | 9<br>*Walking<br>Group 11:00<br>*Craft Club<br>Luncheon<br>noon | 10  | 11<br>Service<br>@ CPP<br>2:00 | 12  | 13  |
| 14<br>Suffering,<br>Character<br>and Hope<br>Rev. Eric Lee | 15                          | 16<br>Walking<br>Group 11:00                                    | 17  | 18<br>Service<br>@ CPP<br>2:00 | 19  | 20  |
| 21<br>A Survivor in<br>the<br>Wilderness<br>Rev. Eric Lee  | 22                          | 23<br>Walking<br>Group 11:00                                    | 24  | 25<br>Service<br>@ CPP<br>2:00 | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>Faith Tested,<br>God<br>Provides<br>Rev. Eric Lee    | 29                          | 30<br>Walking<br>Group 11:00                                    |     |                                |     |     |

