



Take life
day by day,
and be
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the little
things

June 17, 2026

As I write this today, I am thoroughly enjoying the slightly cooler temperature. Walking the dog was very enjoyable as was working in the garden and yes, you guessed it, power washing the never-ending patio. It was truly enjoyable sleeping with the windows open. The house smelled of fresh air and had lost that stuffy closed in aroma. I am thankful for this small thing.

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT

If we're supposed to be grateful for everything and all circumstances, that includes the small stuff as well as the big stuff.

How often do you consciously take time, even just a moment, to thank God for the small details of your life or a seemingly insignificant experience?

So here goes:

I am thankful for this lovely day that the Lord has provided.

I am thankful that the lost banner was found.

I am thankful that out of the blue, my dear friend called, just to say hello.

I am thankful that I was able to sell my brother in law's gigantic aquarium. (Thankful that it is now out of my garage!)

I am thankful that they lowered the speed limit on my street. (I want to be thankful that the new speed limit will be respected, but I do have my doubts)

I am thankful for Graceview and for all of its congregants, who I look upon as family.

I am thankful that when I have had to provide the piano for the morning service, that God's hand guided me, stilled my nerves and allowed all things to proceed smoothly.

I am thankful that I am in good health.

I am thankful for my dog, Ellie Mae.

I am thankful that my mother and husband are well cared for at West Park Long Term Care.

Your Turn

What are some specific, small, simple, everyday things that you are grateful for today? Have you experienced receiving joy when you've given thanks for small things with a full heart? Make a list to keep or to share. I would love to know your "small things" that make you grateful.



Worship Calendar

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
July 5	Wretched Man, Glorious Saviour	Romans 7:14-25	Rev. Eric Lee



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missing no Longer

It seems that the missing banner has been found. All 6 are accounted for and are ready to assume their positions on the wall for Advent and for Lent. Praise be!

A Summer Devotional Update (June 16):

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

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, Sudan) 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 those who are afflicted with the Ebola virus in the African country of the Congo

* Pray for **Ali Tavosoli's** family who resides in Iran.

* Pray for the family of **Margaret Munene**.

* Pray for **Koko Ikele**. Her father passed away last Saturday.

* **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



True Riches (Money Is Not True Wealth)

There was once a boy who was growing up in a very wealthy family. One day, his father decided to take him on a trip to show him how others lived who were less fortunate. His father's goal was to help his son appreciate everything that he has been given in life.

The boy and his father pulled up to a farm where a very poor family lived. They spent several days on the farm, helping the family work for their food and take care of their land.

When they left the farm, his dad asked his son if he enjoyed their trip and if he had learned anything during the time they spent with this other family.

The boy quickly replied, "It was fantastic, that family is so lucky!"

Confused, his father asked what he meant by that.

The boy said, "Well, we only have one dog, but that family has four—and they have chickens! We have four people in our home, but they have 12! They have so many people to play with! We have a pool in our yard, but they have a river running through their property that is endless. We have lanterns outside so we can see at night, but they have the wide-open sky and the beautiful stars to give them wonder and light. We have a patio, but they have the entire horizon to enjoy—they have endless fields to run around in and play. We have to go to the grocery store, but they are able to grow their own food. Our high fence protects our property and our family, but they don't need such a limiting structure, because their friends protect them."

The father was speechless.

Finally, the boy added, "Thank you for showing me how rich people live, they're so lucky."

Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

Prayer Roster

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

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

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



WEEKLY SMILE

Thanks to Errol Baldeo

I went to a mixed religious convention today...The Christian priest held my hand and said, "By the will of Jesus Christ, you will walk today." I smiled and said "I'm not paralyzed." Then the Rabbi took my hand and said: "By the will of God Almighty, you will walk today." Again, I said, "I'm fine, really." Then the Buddhist monk said, "By the will of Buddha, you will walk today." I rolled my eyes. After the service...I went outside and saw my car had been stolen.

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June Calendar



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

