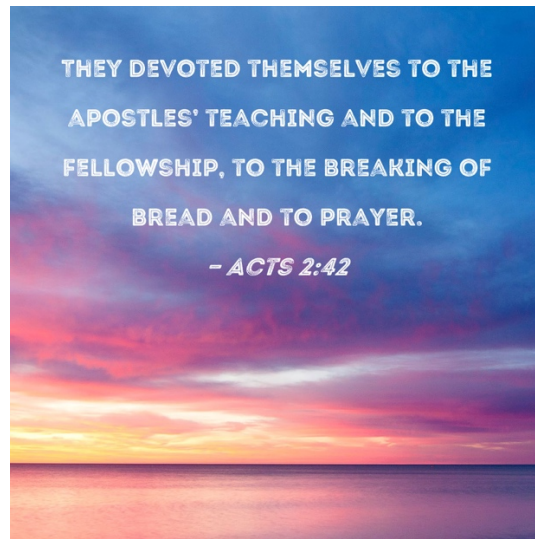




Aug. 26, 2026

How exciting this week has been. Activities and meetings are being scheduled, and it is so refreshing to see the September calendar of events fill up. It gives my heart joy to see how active our church is and how busy we will be thanks to the people and organizations that are using our church. Sing! Etobicoke is coming back and Kento has come up with some creative sessions. (See schedule below) He has had to change the day of these sessions to Tuesdays instead of Thursdays and that makes for a very busy day for Graceview. Sing! Etobicoke will begin at 9:30. Every month Elaine's Craft Club will begin their session at 11:00 in the Adamson Lounge and come September, the Bible Study group will be in there at 12:15. Add to that a Session Meeting every other month on...you guessed it... Tuesdays. It seems that Tuesdays are like one big jigsaw puzzle with all the pieces fitting in seamlessly (I hope). Might I dare to suggest that any other groups who want to use our church for a meeting or a club perhaps could consider another day of the week?

It seems that the lazy hazy crazy days of summer are coming to an end, and the liturgical life of our church will soon take hold. Before we know it we will be into Thanksgiving and then Advent and then Christmas! When you think of Fall as being a time when things are dying and getting ready for hibernation over the long, cold days of winter, our Graceview is coming to life with lots of hustle and bustle. (especially on Tuesdays).

Acts 2:42: Describes the early active church as devoted to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."



Worship Calendar

Aug. 30	Genuine Love: More Than Words	Romans 12:9-21	Rev. Eric Lee
Sept. 6	Authority Most High	Romans 13:1-7	Rev. Eric Lee
Sept. 13	Visit of Knox College Principal		Rev. Ernest van Eck
Sept. 20	It's Not Fair?!	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Rev. Eric Lee
Sept. 27	What's It All For?	Philippians 2:1-11	Rev. Eric Lee
Oct. 4	Communion Sunday		Rev. Eric Lee
Oct. 11			Rev. Jan Hieminga
Oct. 18			Rev. Jan Hieminga



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Late Summer Devotional Update (August 24):

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.

A Taste of Italy Dinner

Chef Keith Hoare is not able to be present on Friday, Oct 23rd and therefore Outreach has rescheduled the dinner to Friday, Oct 16th.

Outreach plans to host a dinner on Friday, October 16th in the downstairs hall. It will feature an Italian themed dinner and will be prepared for us by the new culinary teacher at Thistle town Collegiate and his students. Chef Keith Hoare will be involved too. Ticket prices are \$30 and all proceeds from the dinner will go to the Thistle town Euro Trip to Italy which will take place during the 2027 March Break. The proposed date of Oct 16th will be confirmed the first week of school in September. Please save this date on your calendar!

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.

September Bible Study

Jacob Birch from the Canadian Bible Society will be leading an 8-week bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 15 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.



Sing! Etobicoke

Mark your calendars: Sing Etobicoke returns on October 20!

The full schedule is attached. **Notice that session are now on Tuesdays**

New this year: no more registering ahead of time! Sing Etobicoke is now fully drop-in. If you feel like singing, just show up to whichever weekly session works for you. Come every week, come once in a while, however it fits into your life. Please do remember to continue to sign in. 😊

Also, I'm happy to report that Kento, Carol and Toia are all returning to make this our best Sing Etobicoke year ever. As always, it's completely free and open to everyone in the community, so bring a friend or neighbour along if you'd like.

We've missed our Sing Etobicoke community, and we're so glad you'll be raising your voices with us again this year. See you on October 20!

Sing Etobicoke! 2026 Fall Schedule

Date	Start Time	Location	Workshop Theme
October 20, 2026	9:30 AM	NPCC	Voices of Fall
October 27, 2026	9:30 AM	Graceview	Spirits and Stories (Guest Day I)
November 3, 2026	9:30 AM	NPCC	Catch a Falling Star
November 10, 2026	9:30 AM	Graceview	The White Cliffs of Dover
November 17, 2026	9:30 AM	NPCC	Canadian Classics
November 24, 2026	9:30 AM	Graceview	La Mer
December 1, 2026	9:30 AM	NPCC	Movie Night
December 8, 2026	9:30 AM	Graceview	Road Trip!
December 15, 2026	9:30 AM	NPCC	Holiday Sing I
December 22, 2026	9:30 AM	Graceview	Holiday Songs (Guest Day II)

Sing! Etobicoke! 2027 Winter Schedule

Date	Start Time	Location	Workshop Theme
January 12, 2027	9:30 AM	Graceview	Voices of Winter
January 19, 2027	9:30 AM	Graceview	The Great American Songbook
January 26, 2027	9:30 AM	Graceview	A Day in the Life
February 2, 2027	9:30 AM	NPCC	Musicals and more (Guest Day III)

February 9, 2027	9:30 AM	NPCC	That's Amore!
February 16, 2027	9:30 AM	NPCC	A Morning of Ballads
February 23, 2027	9:30 AM	Graceview	Downtown
March 2, 2027	9:30 AM	NPCC	Stand By Me
March 9, 2027	9:30 AM	Graceview	Sunshine, Lollipops and Rainbows
March 16, 2027	9:30 AM	NPCC	Voices of Spring (Guest Day IV)



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 Congo. Especially, pray for those affected by the forest fires in northern Ontario.

* **Pat Black** is recovering from a recent fall.

* **Ethel Waite** is now at the McCall Rehabilitation Centre. (140 Sherway Drive) She does not have a phone in her room (and is not happy that the Centre will not provide one) but I am sure that she would appreciate a visitor or 2 while she convalesces.

* **Please keep these people in your prayers:**

Anna Cherniak	Olive S.	Margaret Munene's brothers, Luka and Simon
Ali Tavosoli's family	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	Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter
Lenore Carty	Jarvis family	June and Amaya

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
- * Tuesday, Sept. 8 @ 7:00 PM – Outreach Meeting
- * Monday, Sept. 14 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Committee Meeting
- * Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 12:15 AM – Fall Bible Study begins
- * Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 6:30 PM - Session
- * Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting
- * Friday, Oct. 16 - @ TBA – A Taste of Italy Dinner
- * Tuesday, Oct. 20 @ 9:30 – Sing! Etobicoke begins at NPCC



Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Aug. 30	Pastor Eric	Chris Parr	Susan Chopp
Sept. 6	Susan Chopp	Kathy Twynam	Bob Twynam
Sept. 13	Pastor Eric	Susan Chopp	Iris Lee
Sept. 20	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Kathy Twynam
Sept. 27	Kathy Twynam	Maureen Screen	Susan Chopp
Oct. 4	Pastor Eric	Margaret Munene	Nancy McPherson
Oct. 11	Halyna Parypa	Georgena Engineer	Bob Twynam
Oct. 18	Chris Parr	Bob Twynam	Kathy Twynam
Oct. 25	Pastor Eric	Kathy Twynam	Nancy McPherson



Turn Your Worries into Blessings

By Pablo Diaz

If you're preoccupied by problems, you have an option. Shift your focus to something positive, just for a moment.

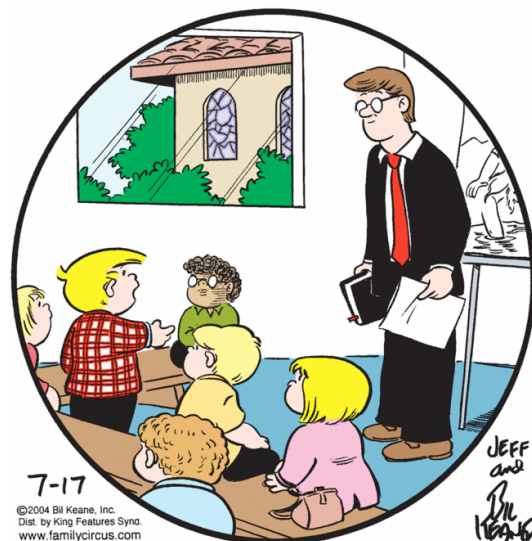
Recently, my mother-in-law wasn't feeling well as her thyroid began acting up. As she struggled physically, her anxiety got the best of her, eventually leading her to an overnight at the hospital. Although she is a woman of great faith, fear overshadowed her faith in God. This can happen at times and when it does, we shouldn't feel guilty. It's our human condition, but the good news is that God can turn our worries into blessings.

In an article titled *What, Me Worry? Why Worrying Does More Harm Than Good*, Dr. Jim Taylor stated, “If you can do things that produce an emotional experience diametrically opposed to worrying, namely, anything that makes you feel positive, happy, excited or relaxed, you will counter the negativity and anxiety that accompanies worrying.” His counsel reminds me of a Facebook post a friend shared, it read “When you turn your worry into worship. God will turn your battles into blessings.” What better way to counter anxiety than with prayer, giving thanks, singing uplifting songs of worship, journaling, and reading spiritual and inspirational materials.

When we partake in these activities, we fix our “thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise” (Philippians 4:8). When we do this, we experience respite from our worries and focus on God’s many blessings. What do you focus on when worried?

Lord, teach us to turn our worries into praises of thanksgiving; to fix our thoughts on Your goodness and not on our troubles.

WEEKLY SMILE



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“But if John the Baptist was Jesus’ cousin, wouldn’t God be John’s uncle?”

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August Calendar



AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30 Service @ CPP 2:00	31	1
2 When the Net is Drawn Ashore Rev. Eric Lee	3	4 Walking Group 11:00	5	6 Service @ CPP 2:00	7	8
9 He Can Never be Inconvenienced Rev. Eric Lee	10	11 Walking Group 11:00	12	13 Service @ CPP 2:00	14	15
16 How Will They Hear? Rev. Eric Lee	17	18 Walking Group 11:00	19	20 Service @ CPP 2:00	21	22
23 Not Conformed, but Transformed Rev. Eric Lee	24	25 Walking Group 11:00	26	27 Service @ CPP 2:00	28	29
30 Genuine Love: More Than Words Rev. Eric Lee	31	1 Walking Group 11:00	2	3 Service @ CPP 2:00	4	5

