



Sept. 16, 2026

Fall is a wonderful season, full of vibrant colours and cooler temperatures, but I wonder, as I sit here writing this why I am filled with sadness and, yes, some anxiety. With each tomato plant that I rip out of the earth, my garden gets that barren, depleted look about it. I spent 3 days cutting down all of my Black-Eyed Susans. That part of the garden looks empty and unloved. The lawn is littered with shrivelled leaves that have been dropping from the trees for some time now. Yet, I also look upon this with satisfaction. Things are getting cleansed, being prepared for the long winter and then, Spring when everything comes to life once more. I do love having a swimming pool in my backyard, but once it is closed and covered for winter; once the pumps and the gas have been turned off, I feel a sense of freedom. I no longer have to constantly check chemical levels, ensure that the skimmer basket is clean, vacuum the pool etc.etc. Everything is getting tucked away and put to sleep until the reawakening in Spring.

I also wonder why I am sleeping so much better. It seems that the change in the season affects people in many ways.

"The days are shorter with darkness encroaching earlier and earlier each evening. Temperatures drop affecting the way we dress, heat our homes and spend time outdoors. Fall schedules appear with more structure, expectations and obligations. It's no wonder that "Ah summer, don't go..." is an oft-repeated phrase on social media these days. The ease of living in a bright, warm, alive climate is fading day by day."

So, let us all now embrace Fall and all that it has to offer. Let us relish that crisp air. Let us go apple picking and make some pies. (Nothing like biting into a macintosh freshly plucked from the tree). Let us TRY to enjoy the raking of the tons of leaves that have fallen on our lawns. Let us sleep with the windows ajar while we snuggle warmly under our blankets.

Albert Camus said, ***Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.***

F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote; ***Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.***

L.M.Montgomery famously shared; ***I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.***

Delia Owens noted; ***Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar.***

Happy Autumn, everyone. Embrace all that nature has to offer.



Worship Calendar

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 - In View of God's Mercy	Romans 12:1-2	Rev. Eric Lee
Oct. 11			Rev. Jan Hieminga
Oct. 18			Rev. Jan Hieminga



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you, Rev. Van Eck for a most inspiring sermon last Sunday. This was the third time he had been invited to our pulpit, and he was most graciously welcomed to Graceview by all. Those of you who missed the service, I recommend that you watch it online.

Coffee/Tea Sign Up

It is time again to volunteer for coffee/tea service after worship services. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adamson Lounge. September is already full, but there are plenty of spots left for the remainder of the year. If you can, please sign up for multiple dates, so that we are not left short at the last minute.

Thank you

Sept. 20 – Earl & Carol

Sept. 27 – Susan & Kathy

Oct. 4 –

Oct. 11 –

Oct. 18 –
Oct. 25 – Carol & Iris
Nov. – Outreach

Bible Study

Session #1 got off to a great start with 14 people in attendance. Jacob Birch from the Canadian Bible Society led us all very knowledgeably in this the first of 8 sessions. Next week we delve into Genesis as we begin our journey through the Bible.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Outreach is organizing a food/cash drive for the St James Food Basket to provide them with selected food products for their client families. The following items have been suggested: canned tomatoes, canned tomato paste, tuna, canned beans (e.g. chickpeas), and 1-pound (454 grams) packages of pasta (not in boxes). We will put a large tote bin at the front of the church beginning on Sept 27th to hold your items. If you prefer, you can make a cash donation (cash, cheque or e-transfer) which will be used to buy these items in bulk by the Food Basket. Please mark your donation for the Outreach account, Food Drive, and include your envelope number. Let's aim to fill the bin to overflowing by Sunday, October 18th and share our blessings with those who are struggling to make ends meet.

Ethel's Contact Information

Ethel Waite still remains in the McCall Rehabilitation Centre. She now has a cell phone and has asked for me to share her phone number with Graceview. You can reach her at 289-952-3878. I am sure she would love to hear from you.

Kento's New Musical!!

Kento has created a new musical entitled REIMU which is a modern reimagining of the Japanese folk legend, Snow Woman. The world premiere will take place on Friday, October 16(evening) and Sunday, October 18 (matinee) at the Array Space Studio (155 Walnut Avenue). Here is the link for more information. The production is endeavouring to raise funds through a GOFUNDME page. That information is also in the link that I have provided.

Well done, Kento. We, at Graceview are so proud of all you have accomplished.

<https://www.hibikiproject.org/reimu-hp>

A Taste of Italy Dinner

Outreach plans to host a dinner on Friday, October 16th at 6 pm in the downstairs hall. It will feature an Italian themed dinner and will be prepared for us by Chef Keith and the students in the culinary program at Thistleton Collegiate. Ticket prices are \$30 and all proceeds from the dinner will go to the Thistleton Euro Trip to Italy which will take place during the 2027 March Break. Please save this date on your calendar! Tickets can be purchased from Jean Ross, after service.

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.



Sing! Etobicoke

Mark your calendars: Sing Etobicoke returns on October 20!

The full schedule is attached. **Notice that sessions 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.

* **Ryan Jory** (Jean Fox's nephew) – Doctors recently found more issues with his ongoing battle with cancer.

* **Shannon Jarvis** had her cataract surgery on Friday, Sept. 11 and all went well.

* **Dolores Park** (resident at Centennial Park Place) who had a fall.

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

Ethel Waite	Anna Cherniak	Margaret Munene's brothers, Luka and Simon
Ali Tavosoli's family	Viraly Goolcharan	Olive S.
Ruth Ann Ross	Bob Woolley	Harold Hussey
Teresia Njoki	Roman and Adrian P.	Ed Lattimore
Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter	Jarvis family	

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

- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Monday, Oct. 5 @ 7:00 PM – Outreach meeting
- * Friday, Oct. 16 - @ 6:00 PM – A Taste of Italy Dinner
- * Friday, Oct. 16 & Sunday, Oct. 18 – REIMU (Kento's musical)
- * Tuesday, Oct. 20 @ 9:30 – Sing! Etobicoke begins at NPCC
- * Monday, Nov. 9 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meeting



Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
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
Nov. 1	Margaret Munene	Nancy McPherson	Iris Lee
Nov. 8	Pastor Eric	Al Bishop	Susan Chopp
Nov. 15	Nancy Green	Vi Lobodowsky	Bob Twynam
Nov. 22	Susan Chopp	Nancy Green	Iris Lee
Nov. 29	Pastor Eric	Anna Cherniak	Kathy Twynam
Dec. 6	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
Dec. 13	Maureen Screen	Harry Learoyd	Susan Chopp
Dec. 20	Pastor Eric	Chris Parr	Bob Twynam
Dec. 27	Nancy McPherson	Susan Chopp	Iris Lee

WEEKLY SMILE



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Facebook Page	Graceview Presbyterian Church		
Instagram Page	https://www.instagram.com/graceview.presbyterian?igsh=MnlpeXE5YTYyN2ly		

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Walking Group 11:00	2	3 Service at CPP 2:00	4	5
6 Authority Most High Rev. Eric Lee	7 Labor Day	8 Walking Group 11:00 Craft Club 11:00 Outreach 7:00	9	10 Service at CPP 2:00	11	12
13 Visit of Knox College Principal Rev. Ernest van Eck	14 Mission Team 6:30	15 Bible Study 12:15 Session 6:30	16 Music & Worship 2:00	17 Service at CPP 2:00	18	19
20 It's Not Fair?! Rev. Eric Lee	21	22 Bible Study 12:15	23	24 Service at CPP 2:00	25	26
27 What's It All For? Rev. Eric Lee	28	29 Bible Study 12:15	30			

