



# Connections

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## The Reverend's Reflection — Kindred Spirits

*Life happens. Love responds.*

*Faith moves us forward.*

*"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil; for you are with me." Psalm 23*

Kindred spirits! Before my life experiences of this past week, I would have rarely thought of the Holy Spirit as a kindred spirit. Aren't kindred spirits those special people in our lives who:

- listen to us when no one else will give us the time of day;
- read our minds when we can't find the words;
- know what to do when we feel helpless;
- fill a place in our heart even when they may be miles away from us?

How could the Holy Spirit fill such a role in my life? And yet, God's presence through the Holy Spirit was felt in so very many ways as my family and I travelled through the loss of a dear loved one.

I felt God's spirit when I felt abandoned and alone, when I was hungry for clarity and understanding, when I just needed space to myself and didn't want to be touched or hugged or consoled, when I felt bruised in my heart.

God whispered in my heart, "You are never alone."

This message I share with you because as a congregation we are called to be kindred spirits. We are certainly not identical spirits, and not necessarily like-minded spirits. We do not all have similar interests and preferences. We are, however, all connected to Spirit, all cared for by Spirit and all called into a co-creative existence with Spirit.

How may this be made manifest in our lives? Kindred spirits give you the benefit of the doubt, see you as a blessing and not a curse, don't give up on you, encourage you, believe in you and believe in the good you can do.

In such a deep and meaningful way, the promise of Lent provides us with the opportunity and the ability to develop our kindred nature with each other and with God. As we anticipate Easter Sunday, we hold and nurture each day as a gift of Spirit. As an Easter people, we are called into unity with one another in the love of Christ.

Peace and joy be with you this Easter season!

*Rev Rick*

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

*Order Easter Daffodils  
p.6*

*Annual Meeting,  
April 19 right after  
the service.*

*Maundy Thursday  
The Last Supper:  
share a Seder meal*

*Good Friday  
worship at 10:30*

*God on the Go, Thursdays  
Contact Rev. Rick*

Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## Uncertain Times — From the Editor's Desk

I am writing this at my desk with a view of downtown Toronto partly obscured by fog and I have a cold brewing in my chest. Fog and Infection.



The situation with the coronavirus, COVID-19, is evolving so fast. Only a few days ago we thought that we in North America could contain the infection. Now it is becoming clear that it is bound to spread among the population and the only thing we can do is take care of ourselves and support each other. Will our health system be able to cope with the extra demands?

Only a few weeks ago many of us were looking at how our invested savings have grown over the past several months. We thought whatever correction might come would not harm us much. Now we are seeing a "meltdown" in the financial markets and, for many, their lifesavings are shrinking drastically. How will we manage our retirements now?

Two months ago I was on a cruise around the southern tip of the Western Hemisphere. I rounded Cape Horn and saw stunning scenery. But what has stayed in my heart is the great income disparity evident in the two major cities we visited, Buenos Aires and Santiago de Chile. Both are the most important metropolitan areas in resource rich countries. Both have splendid public buildings and great wealth -- for a few, the already rich and powerful. And in both, a majority of the population lives at a marginal level and is feeling powerless to change its circumstances. In Santiago

people are demonstrating on the streets every Friday and there is graffiti everywhere on public statues, government buildings, store fronts, churches. Will their system change to provide opportunity for all?

In Canada we are dealing with a very delicate balancing act between keeping our economy healthy and doing the right thing for our indigenous people. Is our leadership up to finding a good solution?

In the United States there is a fear that the main institutions supporting their system of government are being seriously undermined. Will they find leadership to steady their ship of state?

No one knows how it is all going to pan out.

At times like this we are called on to stop and consider what is most important in our lives. And to consider what part we should be playing in finding solutions.

We, at Humber Valley, are very fortunate to be part of a faith community that provides a safe place to share, comfort, celebrate, weep and find solutions together. Do not take it for granted.

We have excellent leadership and a very fine staff who are taking care of us and our church

This edition of *Connections* is filled with news about this very active faith community. Thank you to our contributors and to our staff, volunteers, and worshippers who together make up the Humber Valley United family.

I love to hear from you. Please send me your comments and suggestions. [Susanne@hyneslegal.ca](mailto:Susanne@hyneslegal.ca)

*Susanne Hynes*

All who attended had a great time at **Ocean Commotion** yesterday afternoon (Saturday, February 29). We took our 3 year old grandson, Sammy, and he thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities.

When we entered the building we followed sea creatures and swam down the hall to the registration table. There were many fun activities including counting the turtles, balloon tossing, fishing for treats, crafts, face painting, place the fin on the shark, making slime followed up with a dance party and pizza and cupcakes for all.



A great big thank you to Licia and the Youth Group for all of their efforts in making this a wonderful afternoon.

*Kathy & David Kitchen*

## Youth and Young Families

I have been privileged to begin working as the Youth and Young Families Coordinator at HVUC and these fledgling ministries have hit the ground running!

For young families in our community, we have hosted four family night events that received a great deal of positive feedback from attendees and have generated a lot of interest in our JAM children's program. I've had the opportunity to connect with several young families from the neighbourhood and am looking forward to networking with them to expand this ministry in new ways.

Rev. Rick and I have spearheaded a youth group that that meets once a week for an hour or so. It started with last year's confirmation class and has blossomed to more, with a total of 14 members when we are at capacity. Generally we have 6 to 8 faithful weekly attendees. Our weekly meetings have been everything from event planning sessions, discussion topics, games, fellowship and outreach/mission strategies.

So far, the Youth Group have enjoyed several exciting events such as Movie Nights, Open Mic and Karaoke, an Eco awareness project and presentation, and the performance of several skits and musical numbers for Sunday services.

We spent the Christmas season gathering supplies for Youth Without Shelter, participated in "Rock out for the Koalas" singing and baking treats to raise money for the Australian Red Cross, and are looking forward to our next project, fundraising for Water For Life, to help Indigenous peoples in Canada receive and maintain fresh clean water in their communities.

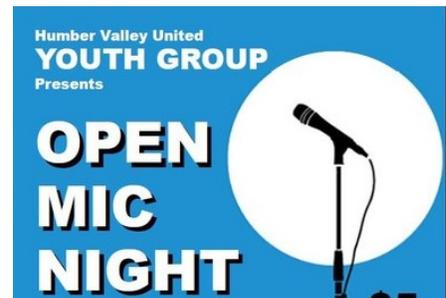
We have partnered with several other United churches in the area known as the "cluster" and even hosted their Christmas party event! We are looking forward to more opportunities to connect with the youth from those churches and hope to host a sleepover event at the end of the month!

It can't be overstated how exciting the rapid progress we are already experiencing with these two initiatives is! In my experience in church ministry, this enthusiasm and success is unprecedented!

I'd like to take a moment to thank Reverend Rick for his steady patience and grounding presence as we forge this path forward, and the members of Humber Valley United for their continued support of these programs.

I'm excited for the opportunity to continue and expand these ministries in keeping with the strategic plan of Caring, Connecting and Creativity!

*Licia Meldrum*



## Implementing our Strategic Plan—6 Months In

I am very happy to be able to share with you the progress that has been made in the implementation of the HVUC Strategic Plan approved at a congregational meeting held at the end of September 2019.

### Worship

Rev. Rick has continued to use innovative ways to deliver his sermons in our Sunday worship services. Whether traditional or contemporary they have been well received. Many of the services have involved our youth and young families and are closely connected with new programming being led by Rev. Rick and Licia Meldrum, our Faith Formation Coordinator – Youth and Young Families.

### Youth and Young Families

Since Christmas, we have held a number of movie nights for our youth and for the youth in the community.

*Ocean Commotion*, a recent Saturday afternoon event, was aimed at young families and featured food, crafts and opportunities for conversation with other families in the neighbourhood and beyond (including youth from the Jane Finch area). *God on the Go* continues to attract young parents searching for a new relationship with God. A confirmation class is set to begin in the near future with a number of new youth signed up to attend who have just begun to participate in our youth activities and services.

### Seniors

HVUC has had great success expanding our Seniors' Ministry Program. After establishment of a group within the church to coordinate this program (Rev. Rick, Roger Wallis, David Dallimore, and Deborah Turnbull) and with financial support from The Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults at The United Church of Canada Foundation and the Federal Government (New Horizons for Seniors Program), HVUC has hired a part-time Seniors' Program Coordinator.

Anne Pietropaolo is in the process of designing and implementing an expanded seniors' program (details can be found in other sections of this *Connections*).

Like our expanded youth and young families' program, this program is well-underway and is attracting new seniors to our activities and to our church services.





## Strategic Plan, continued

### Other Initiatives

Other key initiatives, as listed in our *Plan*, also have begun. We are looking at new ways to publicize other church initiatives and have expanded our presence on social media, Facebook and Twitter.

A “Welcoming” training session is being planned with financial support from an “Embracing the Spirit Grant” from the United Church. We are continuing the process of becoming an “Affirming Church,” and a new Men’s group has become very active.

Also, we are part of a cluster of United churches in our area and have met a number of times to discuss joint programming which has begun with the regional “GO” project aimed at children and youth. New small faith and support groups are in the process of being formed.

### Thank You to All for Your Hard Work

All in all this is quite an achievement in such a short period of time!

I want to thank our staff, led by Rev. Rick, for all they have and are doing to help lead and support us in this time of transition. I would also like to thank the many volunteers in our congregation who continue to work very hard for our church.

On a personal note, I want to thank Rev. Rick who has been working tirelessly for and with us on these activities while at the same time providing pastoral and counselling care to families and individuals, offering special services (e.g. the Taize services during Lent) and planning and performing weddings, funerals and baptisms.

At the same time, Rev. Rick and his family are grieving the recent deaths of his father and brother. Please keep Rev. Rick, his wife, Nancy, and their family in your prayers and give him a word of encouragement and support next time you see him.

I hope to see each of you at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 19, 2020. In the meantime, if you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,

*Deb Turnbull*

Chair, Board



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### Annual General Meeting

April 19, 2020

Please join us right after church for a lunch followed immediately by the AGM. Come with your thoughts and questions as we hope this will be a very interactive session as we begin to enter into full implementation of our new strategic plan.



## The Search for our Lead Minister has Begun

Humber Valley United Church has reached a milestone in our Intentional Interim Ministry (IIM) – the search for our transformative Lead Minister is underway! We have come a long way since that fateful Sunday in November 2017 when Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada announced an IIM was to begin immediately at Humber Valley. A plethora of emotions naturally ensued. But we quickly began to heal and in fact moved to embrace the IIM as an opportunity – an opportunity for change and survival, first evidenced in our now famous “Our Iceberg Is Melting” penguin play.

### **We were not to be defeated. We are capable of change.**

In order to understand the present search for our Lead Minister, we think it is helpful to quickly remind everyone of the essential milestones of the IIM process. If these are crystal clear for you please jump to the next paragraph! From the outset we have been blessed with Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas’ healing ministry. On May 1, 2018 the search for our Intentional Interim Minister, who would lead us through the IIM, culminated with the arrival of Rev. Dr. Ian Manson. Ian and Rick quickly established a successful team ministry.

The Transition Team and the Board embarked on a rigorous and mandated process of discerning in what direction HVUC saw itself going. The end goal of that discernment process was to establish a new Strategic Plan to ensure the survival of a reinvigorated HVUC. In a spirit of embracing these new ideas, the Board and the whole church body began moving forward with elements of the Strategic Plan. The congregation was kept informed and active in the IIM process, with the result that at all the required Congregational Meetings there was near 100% approval of each IIM step.

The final result was an innovative Strategic Plan which was approved at the September 2019 Congregational Meeting. At the January 2020 Congregational Meeting, the slate of members for the “Search Committee for the Lead Minister” was presented to the congregation. We know that the Board and the Transition Team deliberately constructed the Search Team with the widest possible representation of the various constituencies that comprise our church. We are a happy, collaborative and enthusiastic team, keen to embark on the search for our Lead Minister.

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### **Members of the Search Team**

**Front row:** Mary Moffat Johansson, Pippa Van Der Vliet, Gail Hamblin. Erin Billowitz (absent)

**Back row:** George Turnbull, Ted Loewen, Brian Thomson, Allan Orr (Chair), Ron Crago, David Kitchen

## SPRING PLANTS for EASTER SUNDAY

Pots of spring daffodils will once again grace the sanctuary this Easter Sunday morning. These plants will be delivered after the service to ill, bereaved and shut-in members of our community.

Please consider making a donation of a pot in memory of, or in honour of a loved one or friend. Cost is \$10 per plant. Contact the office. All donations will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.



## Search for Lead Minister, continued

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Now back to the actual search for our Lead Minister. This is no ordinary search. We have deliberately not issued a traditional Job Description, rather we have posted a Position Challenge. Our goal is to find that person who is as passionate as we are about our Challenge and has the skill set to deliver HVUC's new Strategic Plan.

To give you a sense of the Position Challenge here are just a few excerpts from it:

- We seek a minister with a broad, deep, progressive interpretation of Christianity.
- We want to attract people thirsting for meaning, guidance and connectedness who may be discouraged by or disinterested in traditional church messaging.
- HVUC wants to create an environment for change while avoiding the traditional tension between those for whom the current services work well and those who favour significant change.
- We want a Lead Minister who will help HVUC find innovative ways to be relevant to the traditionalists amongst us, as well as to those the traditional church

is not currently reaching, and thus ensure our sustainability.

- We seek a minister who is prepared to lead transformational change in our church.

The search for our Lead Minister is well underway. We have advertised extensively for applicants across both Canada and the USA. As well, we are targeting potential applicants known to have the skills we are seeking.

All applications are reviewed by each member of the Search Team and then by the Team collectively. By the time of publication of this edition of *Connections*, five first interviews will have been conducted, either in person or by video conferencing. Second and third interviews of selected applicants will be conducted. We will search until we have found the right candidate. As with any search, strict confidentiality will be in place. However, any member of the Search Team will welcome comments, concerns or questions you may have.

*Your Search Team for our  
Lead Minister.*

## The Many Faces of Grief



Humber Valley's most recent "Issues & Us" was hosted by your Pastoral Care Team on Sunday February 23. We invited Rev. Deborah Hart to speak on "The Many Faces of Grief". Deborah has her doctoral thesis and trained with Bill Webster, Centre for the Grief Journey.

We discussed grief and did some brainstorming about a griever's emotions, behaviours and physical reactions. Deborah referred to "grief soup". She talked about how everyone's story is different. Everyone's grief is unique. And grief takes time. Then we learned about helpful and unhelpful things that people say and do. As a community of faith we want to be able to support grievers and give them hope.

Handouts on this are available on the table in the narthex.

Rev. Deborah Hart is offering a 5 week education and support program April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 25 from 7-9 pm at Islington United Church. Register by calling 416 239-1131. Cost is \$25.

*Kathy Kitchen*  
Chair, Pastoral Care Team



## COVID-19

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Dear HVUC Congregants,

I know that many of you may be worried about the coronavirus. We now seem to be bombarded with information (true or not) from the media. I asked Ron and Wilma Crago for their suggestions on a good resource for information about the coronavirus and they suggested **Toronto Public Health**. Please go to their website for answers to your questions: <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/diseases-medications-vaccines/coronavirus/>. As Toronto Public Health says, please wash your hands often and stay home if you are sick.



We want to make sure the church continues to be a safe and welcoming place. Zoran and his team are doing an excellent job of cleaning and disinfecting all the surfaces at the church (including all surfaces which are touched by hands). We also have hand sanitizer readily available in many places.

As we have implemented in the past during the flu season, the Passing of the Peace during church services will not involve personal touch but will involve eye contact and a smile or a word of encouragement. As we did last Sunday during communion, rather than serving from one chalice, we will use separate small cups.

If you do catch the coronavirus and have to self-isolate - you will not be alone as we are there as a church family to help each other out (you do not need to panic buy at Costco). We will be putting in place an emergency response team of people who can bring food and supplies to your home if you need them. Please let Rev. Rick or the office know in the event you have been asked by your doctor to self-isolate so we can mobilize our team.

If you have any questions or thoughts about this plan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in health,

*Deborah Turnbull*

Chair, Board

Humber Valley United Church

### **Are you Getting Eblasts?**

Every Thursday afternoon the church sends out an email bulletin called Eblast to let people know about HVUC happenings: Sunday worship, what's on in the coming week, and other information. We also send out special reminders and information about funerals. We have about 150 Eblast subscribers. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact [kelly@hvuc.ca](mailto:kelly@hvuc.ca).

### **Have EBlasts stopped coming?**

We've had some people contact us because they aren't getting their EBlasts any more. Please, if in any week you haven't received your weekly Eblast by Friday morning: do the following

1. Check your spam.
2. If there is also no Eblast in your spam, contact the office and we'll make sure you get back on the list.

## Stewardship Update

The report at right shows the final financial results for the church for 2019. Results for 2018 are shown for comparison purposes.

After experiencing a very challenging year, both financially and operationally in 2018, fiscal 2019 was a welcome breath of fresh air for all concerned. Our operating accounts went from a deficit of \$93,928 in 2018 to a surplus of circa \$42,147 in 2019.

Many factors contributed to the turnaround. However, the three key ones were:

- Overall congregational givings remained strong despite a small drop in the number of giving households.
- Payroll expenses were less than budget due to the earlier than expected departure of Rev. Manson.
- The church, unexpectedly, was rented for a week during the summer for a movie shoot which contributed about \$42,000 in additional revenue.

Without the movie shoot, we would have ended up in a break-even operating situation compared with a budgeted deficit of \$15,400.

At the AGM in April, you will be asked to approve a 2020 budget which is forecast to yield an operating deficit of nearly \$16,000 as the Board begins to execute the strategic plan designed to secure the long term viability of HVUC.

As always, thank you for your ongoing financial support of Humber Valley United Church. If you are not on PAR, please remember to continue your envelope givings even if you're not attending church. Better still, take the time to switch to PAR since it facilitates your giving plans. Stewardship for the Church means managing its resources and Stewardship for congregants means fulfilling our responsibilities to the Church to the best of our abilities.

Respectfully

*Gary Halpenny*

Chair, Stewardship & Finance Committee

<b>Sources of Funds</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
PAR Givings	159,608	159,384
Envelopes/Stock Donations	150,646	153,124
Use of Church	167,848	232,366
Trustees	19,861	18,996
Other	51,657	62,060
<b>Subtotal Operating Funds</b>	<b>549,620</b>	<b>625,930</b>
Receipts for Capital, Outreach and Special Initiatives HFs	56,580	67,561
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>606,200</b>	<b>693,491</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Payroll	472,499	409,002
Building Expenses	55,511	62,648
Office	30,559	26,797
Mission and Service	8,869	7,344
Presbytery Assessment	15,930	17,522
Music	35,343	32,176
Other Committees	24,837	28,294
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>643,548</b>	<b>583,783</b>
Transfers to HFs	56,580	67,561
<b>Operating Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-93,928</b>	<b>42,147</b>
Transfers from HF/Capital to reduce deficit	68,928	0
Special Donation from Trustees and Foundation to assist with	25,000	0
Transfer of surplus to Capital HF	0	42,147
<b>Final Position</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



## Holocaust Remembrance Day

The Holocaust is unquestionably World War II’s darkest chapter. It was “the systematic, state-organized persecution and murder of at least six million Jews, and eleven million other targeted groups by Nazi Germany and its collaborators.” British Prime Minister Winston Churchill regarded the Holocaust as “...probably the greatest and most horrible crime ever committed in the whole history of the world”.

Nazi Germany’s “Final Solution” to the “Jewish Question” was the destruction and extermination of European Jewry. No other group was identified for complete extinction. The policy was an expression of hatred, anti-Semitism, and murder on an unprecedented scale.

The Nazis and their collaborators almost succeeded. They killed nearly two-thirds of Europe’s Jews, mainly by mass shootings (1.5 million) and gassing (3.5 million). Every form of killing imaginable occurred. Among the six million Jewish victims were one million children.

An extensive network of concentration and forced labour camps was established across occupied Europe by the Nazis. These camps were set up to hold dissidents, “undesirables”, “inferiors”, and “subhumans”. Included were six death camps in Poland, each equipped with gas chambers and crematoria. The largest and most notorious

of these was Auschwitz-Birkenau, a forced labour and death camp, where 1.1 to 1.3 million people perished, 900,000 of them being Jews. The gas chambers and crematoria were in Birkenau, or Auschwitz II as it is often called. Trains from all over Europe, jammed with men, women, and children, delivered them to the six death camps in Poland.

On January 27, 1945, seventy-five years ago, Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Russian forces. This day – January 27 – is now observed as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, designated as such in 2005 by the United Nations General Assembly. Each year, on January 27, countries, including Canada, commemorate the victims of the Holocaust.

There are about 400,000 Holocaust survivors still alive; half of them reside in Israel. It is estimated that there are only 2,000 survivors of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

On January 27, 2019, at Canada’s Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau delivered the [keynote address](#). Quotes from leaders of Canada’s political parties are found below

*Jack Berryman*  
January, 2020

*“When we hear stories of survivors, we are reminded that the Holocaust was a true horror.*

*We are reminded of the six million who were sent to the death camps simply because they were Jewish.*

*It is our solemn duty as politicians, as leaders, as human beings, to stand united with one voice, and to say without equivocation that anti-Semitic hatred has no place in Canada or anywhere else.*

*We have to loudly declare that hatred will not be tolerated in our communities, in our places of worship, or on our campuses.”*

**Prime Minister Justin Trudeau**

*“In recent years, we’ve seen an alarming resurgence of antisemitism and Holocaust denial. We continue to work to ensure that this generation and all future generations address Holocaust remembrance as a moral duty”.*

**The Honourable Peter Kent**  
**Member of the Conservative Party of Canada**

*“Hate is like a fire, once allowed to grow it spreads and consumes all in its path.*

*That is why we stand together in solidarity, to not only denounce antisemitism which is a pernicious form of hatred, but to make sure we denounce all forms of hatred”.*

**Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the NDP**



# Shredding Day at HVUC

## Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:00 am to 12 noon

The parking lot of HVUC is going to be a scene of mass destruction. You will be able to watch as Wasteco's cross-cut shredder truck cuts your confidential documents into little tiny bits. The process will be safe, secure and economical.



The cost will be \$10 per Banker's Box or equivalent. A Banker's Box will hold 25 to 30 pounds of paper. At Staples, which charges \$1.00 per pound, that would cost you \$25.00, so this is a real bargain.

You can bring your documents in boxes, bags, or any other container. Wasteco will estimate the number of Banker's Boxes you have, and you will be charged accordingly. If you can't bring the material to the church yourself, one of our volunteers will come and get it.

What should you shred? Income Tax records and files that are older than 6 full years; bills, receipts, and anything else that has your bank account and/or credit card numbers, emails that have your email address or those of your friends and family; confidential health information, and anything that you wouldn't be comfortable having others see.

Start sorting those documents now. May will be here before you know it.

Questions?

Talk to Joan Belford at 416-236-8208, [jbelford@pathcom.com](mailto:jbelford@pathcom.com)

*Joan Belford*



## CARDS AND LUNCHEON

**WED., APRIL 29 11:30 am - 3:00 pm**

Ladies and Gentlemen Welcome

Fancy sandwich lunch, card playing (bridge, euchre or your game of choice), silent auction and great door prizes.

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## Music in the Making!

Hang on to your hats everyone!

The chancel choir and soloists  
are in rehearsal for our next musical adventure

### FASCINATING Rhythm

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2pm in the Sanctuary

Please reserve the date in your calendars.

It promises to be an uplifting afternoon of rhythm and dance based repertoire enhanced by percussion, castanets and a 4 hand piano piece. At this point I have confirmed Chris Beukenkamp on percussion and my colleague William Shookhoff as a guest pianist. Tickets will be \$20.



I am also planning a Christmas Concert for the afternoon of December 13<sup>th</sup>, which will include the Handbell Ensemble as well as the Chancel Choir and soloists.

In support of Reverend Rick's Lenten series of services, I have put together some very interesting musical offerings which I hope you will appreciate.

*Jill Diane Filion*  
Director of Music

## Welcome to HVUC Sunday

On February 9, 2020 we welcomed people who have recently become part of the Humber Valley worshipping community.

Welcoming on behalf of HVUC were:  
Brian Goodman, Clerk of Session,  
Deb Turnbull, Chair of the Board, and  
Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas

**Front Row:** Talia Lipton, Aldwyn Lipton,  
Genevieve Lipton, Becky Evans, Marika Kun,  
Tove Jorgensen

**Back Row:** Peter Outerbridge, Tammy Outer-  
bridge, Sam Outerbridge (Tom, Sam's twin was  
absent), Brian Goodman, Bill Harvey, Eileen  
Joyce, Deb Turnbull, Rev. Rick





## HVUC Men's Group

We meet regularly on the last Monday of each month except June – August at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearth Room and attendance is open to any men in the community. With 55 men having “signed up” and attended, we are averaging 33 attendees per meeting.

After a presentation of roughly 30 – 40 minutes and a break for coffee, etc., we re-group for a round of vigorous discussion, challenges, and questions. No one has stormed out of the meeting as yet.

Our topics to date have been:

DUST – your friend and your enemy

IS NUCLEAR THE SOLUTION?

SO YOU THINK IT IS EASY FINDING URANIUM

CLIMATE CHANGE No. 1 and GLOBAL WARMING

STATINS – Should you be prescribed to take them or not?

In the entire history of the HVUC Men's Group, we have only permitted men to attend! However, in the spirit of altruism and reconciliation, and as the result of an almost unanimous vote at our last meeting, we would like to invite --- and welcome, all community members (yes, even women) to attend our next meeting on March 30 because we believe this to be a subject of broad interest.

So, if you have never attended and are interested, or even just curious, please know you will be welcomed. Reserve the date – Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. Coffee, cookies and chips are always available.

Finally, a grateful shout-out to Bob Kinnear, Roger Wallis, Ian Finlay and myriad other men for their spirited assistance and deep involvement. THANK YOU.

*Murray Smith*

### The next meeting of the HVUC Men's Group will be held Monday, March 30, 2020.

We will have 2 presenters from Dorothy Ley Hospice who will discuss 2 very important subjects, and the responsibilities and risks associated with these charges:

POWER OF ATTORNEY for HEALTH CARE

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR FINANCE AND PROPERTY

You may have been asked by someone to assume these roles.

EXECUTORSHIP – you may also have been asked to be an Executor for the Estate. Alternatively, you may have been thinking about requesting someone to assume Power of Attorney for you ---and/or to be Executor for your estate.

If possible, please advise Kelly (416-231-2263) in the church office to ensure we have adequate seating.

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## Margaret Turner — Fondly Remembered

**May 10, 1915 - December 16, 2019**

Margaret Turner and her husband Alec were charter members of Humber Valley United Church. They were part of the group of community members who decided to create our church, way back in the early 1950's. Margaret also lived to be the oldest member of our church - sadly she passed away in December at the age of 104 years, 7 months and 1 day!

Margaret was born on May 10, 1915, during WWI. Her Dad went to war and was caught in a gas attack. Although he returned after the war, his health was poor and he died shortly afterwards. Margaret was a child during the Roaring Twenties. She was ready for the workforce during the Great Depression but didn't let it deter her - she went downtown and asked for a job and got hired on the spot. She said her secret was "always do a little extra" and that way employers would always want to have you.

She met and married Alec, a teacher who eventually became a superintendent of education. They had 3 children, Lizzy, Margaret Jr and Alec Jr. and Margaret was eventually blessed with 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. The Turners lived at 100 Wimbleton Road where Margaret took great pride in her lovely garden. They also had a family cottage that they adored on Go Home Lake, up near Bala, where they were surrounded by trees and lovely smooth rocks.

When Alec passed away, Margaret moved to Chartwell Scarlett Heights and was one of the first residents there.

Margaret was active in the church for 60+ years. The geranium sale was one of her favourite jobs and she had many stories about getting all the geraniums delivered each year. She loved attending Daytimers - as it approached, she would excitedly tell the other residents at Scarlett Heights about the meal and the guest speaker and encourage them to come.

Margaret was a go-getter at Chartwell. Other residents might attend a few social activities each week - but Margaret always had all 3 timeslots of the day booked, morning, afternoon and evening. Choir, knitting club, friendship circle, residents council and whatever else came along. She also did volunteer jobs at the home, including watering the plants in the common areas - Margaret would put the watering can on her walker and

push it around. In the evenings, she would watch the news and political commentaries, rather than more traditional shows.

Margaret developed very severe osteoarthritis in her hands and feet, but she didn't let it stop her. She did beautiful knitting including a lovely teddy bear with a shawl-collar smoking jacket that sat on her sofa in her living room. She also volunteered at the U of T Medical School to let the students see her arthritis findings and help them to learn about the disease. She was excited to work with the doctor who was in charge of the Canadian Olympic team and proudly displayed the Olympic pins and postcards that she got as a thank-you present.

Margaret's family put on a beautiful 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for her and Yvan Baker came to celebrate and speak. He also came to her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday party since it fell on the date of the All Candidates meeting that was held at Chartwell.

The senior's home opened up a "Senior's Wish" program where the seniors could put a note in a box about something they'd like to do. Margaret put in a note saying that she would like to talk to Justin Trudeau. Thanks to Margaret being over 100 years old, Chartwell was able to arrange her wish!

Margaret was bright till the end, nurturing friendships and contributing to her community. She will definitely be missed.

*Nancy Roper*





## Notes from Transition Team, Second Phase (TT2)

### What's Coming Up?

#### Welcoming, Welcoming, Welcoming

We all know welcoming others to our church is important. Newcomers will come back if they are deeply welcomed. We ourselves want to be welcomed. While we all try to be welcoming, there may still be things we can learn about how to do it more effectively.

St. Bart's Church on Park Avenue in New York City worked on a new way to reach out to their community. They found that while they were successful in bringing people in, most didn't come back to the church. So they dug deeper to find a better understanding of what it takes to welcome. As a result they now find newcomers do come back, and their church is thriving.

#### Motto of St. Bart's Church

We practice what St. Benedict taught his monks and their households:

*All guests  
who present themselves  
are to be welcomed as Christ*

Rule of Benedict 53:1

A congregational welcoming workshop at HVUC is being scheduled for May, to be led by an experienced facilitator. We think it will be interesting, and fun too! Look out for the confirmed date.

*Invite Welcome Connect* is a US group that does amazing work in welcoming. They are coming to Toronto in October, and we will try to have them come to HVUC.

#### Twenties Support Group

We have applied for a grant to help start a neighbourhood support group for those in their twenties. Alanna Goodman and Pippa Van der Vliet will be co-sponsoring this program. It is in the early stages, so stay turned.

### What's Happening with the Second Service?

In our strategic plan research, we looked for other churches that had been successful and healthy in their community interactions, and we found that some, particularly younger people, are more responsive to a different way of hearing God's message than that offered in a traditional service.

We also were told how important it was to ensure that our existing congregation continues to be well served with a worship service they are comfortable with, and to that end we as a congregation decided to support and provide funding to create a 'second service' meaning a service that was not traditionally focused.

We have not yet settled on what that might look like – whether like the Resonance service at Islington; a morning child-friendly service; or something entirely different. Or whether in fact it will be a 'Service' at all.

The United Church of Canada has offered us coaching to help us find an approach that fits us well. Through the EDGE project, they have coached hundreds of churches in Canada, and have great experience in knowing what has worked. We are scheduling a coaching program to start in September, by which time we hope to have finalized our staffing complement. We will be setting up an advisory group to participate, and you will hear more about this closer to that time.



Please feel free to ask about these initiatives from any one of the TT2 team: Constance Crosby (Chair), Deb Turnbull, Gail Cook-Bennett, Ron Crago, Mary Moffat Johannson, Alanna Goodman and Rev. Rick.

Blessings,

*Constance*

TT2 Team



## Spring in the Garden — Seniors Program Overview

*Aging brings strength....  
 To achieve  
 this understanding,  
 we must recognize  
 the immense potential  
 of our aging self,  
 even in the face of  
 common and expected  
 struggles.  
 We must learn  
 how to age  
 in a creative manner  
 that is both  
 the antidote to feeling old  
 and the elixir of aging well.*  
 Dr Marc Agronin 2018



*“You will be like  
 a well-watered garden,  
 like a spring  
 whose waters never fail.”  
 -Isaiah 58:11*

We are embarking on an exciting adventure for our 55+ friends at Humber Valley United Church. Thanks to a “Seeds of Hope” grant from the United Church of Canada and a “New Horizon’s” grant from the federal Government of Canada, Humber Valley has been given the opportunity to expand Seniors’ activities into new and innovative programs. I am very honoured to come alongside this warm and welcoming community as we work and serve together.

At Humber Valley the programs for 55+ have been growing strong and lovingly tended, some for many years. They bear much good fruit.

Much of the work in my role as Seniors’ Program coordinator will be to offer support and resources to these foundational programs, their leaders and members, and to highlight their wonderful work to the community. I have already been amazed by the vitality, life and love, evident in so many programs.

This Spring we’re also planting the seeds for new growth. It will be exciting to see which programs take root and bloom. I encourage everyone to share your ideas and think of connections with your own experiences that can lead to something new for 55+.

There are so many possibilities for programs to attract different age ranges, needs, abilities and interests. Programs may include the Arts and Culture, Health and Wellness, Social, Lifelong learning, Spirituality and more!

Each month we’ll be sure to get the word out through flyers, community news, social media and personal connections so that we reach as many in our community as possible!

It’s been terrific to have people already share ideas and experiences that will help our programs grow and flourish! I look forward to many opportunities and ways we can collaborate together and will keep you posted on what’s growing next!

*Anne Pietropaolo*

Seniors’ Program Coordinator





## Anne Pietropaolo



Many of you may already have met our new Coordinator of Seniors' Programming who commenced working with us at the beginning of February. We are very pleased that Anne is now helping to build on and expand our seniors' activities both for the benefit of our church members and for our local community.

Anne has written about her work with us in the adjacent article.

Anne is excited to be working with us and she describes Humber Valley as a real "gem" of which she was not previously aware. She says she has experienced a very warm welcome and believes that the opportunities to work with seniors in meaningful ways are enormous.

Anne has bachelor's degrees in education and social work and brings with her considerable experience in working with inner city communities in the areas of mental health (including with CAMH), social work, refugees as well as seniors. She is also a retired teacher who has worked with under privileged children, built links with the surrounding

community and developed innovative community-based programs.

In terms of her faith background, Anne's grandfather and father were Presbyterian ministers. Her grandfather founded the downtown Scott Mission and her father carried on with that work. For several years Anne was a practicing Anglican and more recently attended the Meeting-house church. She loves and feels comforted by many of the traditional hymns which she finds inspiring and uplifting but at the same time recognises that some of the modern hymns in "More Voices" can also be helpful and relevant.

Anne is an Etobicoke resident, married to Vince and they have two adult children, daughter Emma and son Alex. She enjoys reading, cooking and travelling in Ontario. Her motto or mantra is "The Lord Will Provide."

Anne is anxious to get to know us and to learn of our ideas and needs. If you have not already met Anne, please take the opportunity to say hello to her.

Anne's office is in the Chapel.

*David Dallimore*



## Outreach Report

As the result of another successful Water Is Life Advent campaign, in January cheques were sent to **GAIN** (\$6,965) and **Water First** (\$6,690). The amount for Water First reflects a very generous donation from one person who wanted to support the indigenous community. \$5,000 came from Capital Outreach funds for these two charities - \$3,500 and \$1,500, respectively.

### Leprosy - effect:hope

\$1,985 was raised. Jean and Jim Koziak will deliver the cheque personally to that office as they have done in the past. \$500 of the total came from Capital Outreach.

### Souper Sunday

We collected a total of 175 cans of soup in February. Fifty-five cans were sent to Youth Without Shelter and 120 cans to St. James Food Bank.

### Roncesvalles United - Out of the Cold

Humber Valley's three deliveries of warm clothing have brought comfort to those who access that Out of the Cold program

### Youth without Shelter

Dinners continue to be delivered on the last Sunday of every month. Also, left over food from church events is sometimes shared with YWS.

### Dorothy Ley Hospice

In April, we will have two Life and Work speakers in preparation for the annual **Hike for Hospice** around the church on Sunday, May 3.

Thanks for your support.

*Barbara Clarke*



**Photos left to right:**  
Allison with heart-shaped potatoes preparing a YWS meal.  
Janet and Gail packing up cans of soup.  
Stephen Holyday speaking to Daytimers in January.

## Daytimers News

It's official! I am retiring in June after leading this group for 34 years. The arrival of our seniors' program coordinator, Anne Pietropaulo, has greatly facilitated this decision and the amazing organizing team members are stepping up to the plate.

There is plenty of interest and pleasure in store for the coming months.

- On March 30th some of Joanne Stenerson's friends will bring their trained service dogs and explain what they do.



- On April 27th we will have a speaker from the Vegetarian Society and a vegetarian meal.



- Our guest speaker on May 25th will be Risa Shurman who will entertain us with stories of her time working with Elwy Yost on TVO's Saturday Night at the Movies.



- June 22nd will be our last event of the season and the After Dinner Mints singers will be our guest performers.

Please come and join us at 11.30 am on the last Monday of the month and bring \$8 to cover lunch.

*Judith Dallimore*

416 803-8204.





# Taizé Services

Thursdays  
during Lent  
6:00 pm  
in the  
Sanctuary



In the  
Lord  
I will rejoice

Bless the Lord  
my soul,  
who leads me  
into life

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Wait for the  
Lord,  
Be strong,  
take heart

O Lord  
hear my prayer  
When I call  
Answer me

# HOSANNA

A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week

Join Rev. Dr. Rick and Carla Sandrin at HVUC to explore the main texts in all four Gospels and in Paul's writings that deal specifically with the last week of Jesus' life and with the resurrection.



CAROL J. MILLER

## Humber Valley United Church

**When:** Wed. evenings — March 4, 11, 25 & April 1, 8; 7:00pm to 9:00pm

**Location:** 76 Anglesey Blvd. Toronto

**Where:** Hearth Room

**To sign up:** Email or call the church office at [kelly@hvuc.ca](mailto:kelly@hvuc.ca) / 416.231.2263

**Cost:** \$10 ? for the HOSANNA study guide

## Easter Sunday April 12

**8:30 am** – Sunrise Service on Humber Valley Hill with St Giles Presbyterian

**9:00 am** – Easter Sunday Breakfast at HVUC

**10:30 am** – Easter Sunday Communion Service

Christ is Risen.  
He is Risen Indeed.



## Chapel of the Holy Cross, Sedona, Arizona

For George's Reading Week (he is now doing his Ph.D.), he and I had a quick trip to Las Vegas (to see a number of Cirque du soleil shows), the Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon and Sedona.

In Sedona we visited the Chapel of the Holy Cross and I just wanted to share a little bit about this Chapel with you, our readers.

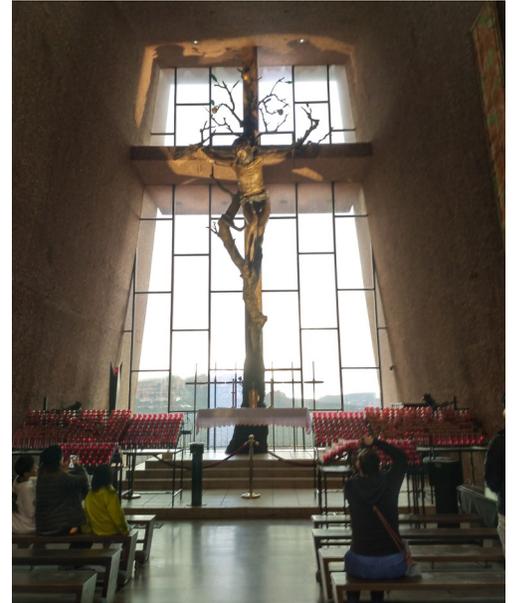
The Chapel was built into one of the buttes of Sedona. It sits at the base of a 1,500 foot cliff and is surrounded by massive pieces of sandstone. The chapel was the vision of a local rancher and sculptor in Sedona, Marguerite Brunswig Staude. Beginning in 1932, her vision was to build a church and after many false attempts in Europe, she decided to build the church in her own native region.

The late Senator Barrie Goldwater assisted Staude in securing the appropriate permits to build the church and it was completed in 1956.

The main feature in the small sanctuary is a 90-foot-tall iron cross from which a huge sculpture of Christ hangs. A wall of glass windows adorns the wall behind the cross through which the viewer can see Cathedral Rock (one of the most photographed buttes in Sedona). Once outside the Chapel, if you look north and up you can see a rock formation which looks like the Virgin Mary carrying the baby Jesus – a moving sight and one of the reasons Staude wanted to locate the Chapel where she did.

This Chapel is classified as one of the Seven Man-Made Wonders of Arizona and is well worth a visit.

*Deb Turnbull*



### An Order of Service Celebration

When my parents died, I needed to find ways to keep their memory current and to continue expressing my pride in them. There are many ways to celebrate both people and events and sharing these celebrations is a blessing to both you and the recipients. People love to share in each other's lives and your simple announcement of an anniversary, a loss, a happy or sad event is embraced by those who read it and draws them to you.

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How many of the Sundays between now and June can we cover.

*Judith*



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## Promoting Events

By disseminating information (electronically, in print, and by word of mouth) about our Church, the Communications Committee keeps the congregation informed and helps attract people to our worship services and events.

The Committee has developed the **Events Checklist** shown below and a related **Promotions Backgrounder**

to help event planners incorporate publicity into their planning and to keep the office informed about events in the church. Please contact the Office or Susanne for copies of the Checklist and Backgrounder.

We request that groups planning events consult the Backgrounder and submit the checklist to [susanne@hyneslegal.ca](mailto:susanne@hyneslegal.ca)

<b>Event Title and Event Coordinator</b>	Title of Event _____ Subtitle of Event (if applicable) _____ Event Sponsor _____ Name of Event Coordinator _____
<b>Details of Event</b>	Date(s) of Event _____ Start Time of Event _____ End Time of Event _____ Room(s) Needed _____ Target Audience _____ Expected Attendance at Event _____
<b>Publicity</b>	Is HVUC promoting event? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No (please check all requested) <input type="checkbox"/> EBlast <input type="checkbox"/> Mini Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Life and Work of Church <input type="checkbox"/> Outside signs <input type="checkbox"/> Poster in church <input type="checkbox"/> Poster in Community <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers <input type="checkbox"/> Invitations <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> Snapd <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Press Release <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____  Is outside promoter promoting event? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No Name of outside promoter _____ Contact Information for outside promoter _____
<b>Special Requests</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sound System and technician <input type="checkbox"/> Special Lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Musicians <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers (Please provide details on a separate page if necessary.)



## Daytrippers enjoy Lunch at the Old Mill

On Wednesday March 11, nineteen seniors enjoyed a buffet lunch at the Old Mill thanks to the organizing efforts of our Seniors' Coordinator, Anne Pietropaolo.

Daytrippers is a new seniors' oriented initiative which Anne has launched and which will include occasional visits to places and events in Toronto and surrounding area.

When we had finished eating, Frank Kershaw gave us a fascinating overview of the history of the Kingsway area and of the life and work of Home Smith, the original developer of the area.

We were also joined by Rev. Rick who took the group on a short tour of the Old Mill including the Chapel and some of the party rooms, most of which are used for wedding receptions.

The first Daytrippers event was a great success and we are looking forward to the next one!

*David Dallimore*



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## HVUC Computer at home in Nicaragua

We received this letter from Suzanne Campbell thanking us for donating our old laptops.

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*I hope you are well. I had to share this photo I took yesterday with you!*

*Times are tough in Nicaragua for both old and young, but when you have a disability then times are even more impossible.*

*Sylvio was born with difficulties, he did not get enough oxygen and he has been wheel-chaired all his life. At the age of 10 his mother was going to take him out of school. Everything was just too much for her. We convinced her to keep going, by God's grace and he has just started university and is studying journalism at the university of Managua, thanks to his amazing mom and his sponsor mother, here in Canada.*



*This laptop he holds proudly is one that a member of your church kindly donated to Starfish Nicaragua. (Maybe someone recognizes it?) We removed the English and added Spanish programs suited to his needs. Now he will be able to progress, onwards and forwards, thanks to you!*

*If others in your congregation would like to know more about our group trips, our sponsorship programs and donating laptops they can email me, or can join our Facebook page; Starfish Nicaragua.*

*We recently had a group tour here, 11 of us where we gave out over 8 full suitcases of clothes, shoes and badly needed items. Fed over 450 children, painted a school, took 63 sponsored children to the market for their uniform, shoes and backpacks and lots of other fun stuff too! Again, thanks to your church's continued support of our fair trade fair.*

*Many, many blessings, we really appreciate you helping us change a little part of the world for the better :)*

*Suzanne Campbell*

*Casa Relief*





## Outside Signs

# a Renewed Ministry Reaching out to our Neighbours

The Communications Committee, in consultation with the Property Committee, has been investigating replacing Humber Valley's two outside signs.

The signs are considered a prime way to communicate with the Humber Valley neighbourhood. They are seen by many eyes each day; by the families bringing their children to school, the people on the Anglesey buses, the dog walkers and joggers, everyone driving or walking by on both Wimbleton and Anglesey – easily 1000 sets of eyes each day.

Our current signs were well designed and well placed on our property to reach the maximum audience. But there are two major flaws:

1. The text on the signs has to be placed there manually. This means that our Property Manager has to go out onto the property to install letters as requested in all kinds of weather. The wind does blow, the rain does fall and it gets snowy and icy. So it means that, practically, we change the text once a week at most; and our messages to the community are quite static. We have lost our local audience.
2. The signs are about 30 years old and are showing damage. This looks bad on us and is also an added danger for the person installing the text.

Our hope is that we will be able to install, in the same spots, two attractive new signs whose electronic text will be generated from a computer in the church. With the new signs we will be able to change the text as often as we want or need to.

On our new signs we will share all sorts of information and ideas and thereby, we hope, attract people to HVUC worship and events.

We have engaged a company, GreenTak, who have installed electronic signs for other Toronto churches such as St. James United and All Saints Kingsway, to design the electronic signs and apply for City of Toronto permits.

When we receive the required permits we will seek funding for this project.

*Susanne Hynes*

Chair, Communications Committee





## A Trans Christian Faith Perspective

Join us in the Hearth Room on

**March 31, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

To watch and discuss this webinar sponsored by the United Church of Canada

Christian faith is an important part of many trans and non-binary people's lives. Join this 90-minute webinar where five trans and non-binary people will share a little of their personal stories, and how their Christian faith has made a difference along the way. Hear about how they understand their gender identity, and why the church has been an important part of their lives.

Consider how these stories might impact your congregation, leadership, or ministry. How they might encourage deeper reflection of your own place within the remarkable diversity that God has created.

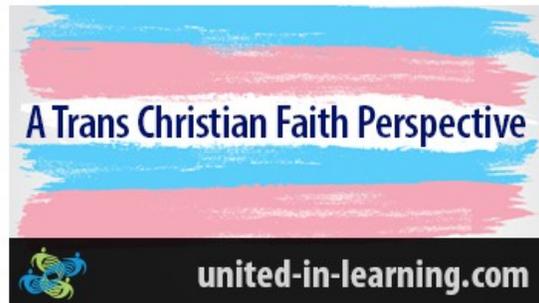
In the course of the 90-minute webinar you will:

- Understand basic terms and definitions
- Deepen your faith and ministry by listening to trans and non-binary people of faith
- Hear why faith matters to trans and non-binary people and how they bear witness to their faith

- Learn what trans and non-binary people need from communities of faith in order to feel fully affirmed, supported, and respected
- Learn about concrete resources that help you go deeper

\* **trans** refers to a person who has a gender identity that is different from the gender they were assigned at birth, and/or expresses their gender in ways that differ from societal expectations.

**non-binary** is an umbrella term used to describe a number of gender identities: people who do not identify as a man or a woman, may feel like a combination of man and woman, who have a sense of their gender being beyond the categories of man and woman entirely, or who do not identify with any gender at all.



## Sounds of Spring

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# Lent and Easter

## *Humber Valley United Church*

### LENTEN WORSHIP

**Sundays 10:30 am**

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas and Jill Diane Filion will bring to life characters from the Easter Story - those who loved Jesus and those who did not - in scripture, in song, in drama, in dance! Come and be transformed!

**March 1** Communion

**March 8, 15, 22, 29**

**April 5** Palm Sunday

### TAIZÉ

An hour of song and silence on Thursday evenings

**March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2:** 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

### SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

**April 9: 5:30 pm**

Maundy Thursday, The Last Supper

**April 10: 10:30 am**

Good Friday

### EASTER - April 12

Sunrise Service on Humber Valley Hill **8:30 am**

Breakfast **9:00 am**

Communion **10:30**

### LENTEN MUSIC

Music to support and enhance the services throughout Lent will be presented by the Chancel Choir, soloists, Handbell Ensemble with organ, piano and violin. The musical genres will span many decades, from Henry Purcell to Billy Joel and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Bringing tears and joy to your hearts at all worship services.

### WEEK of GUIDED PRAYER

**March 16 –21.** Rock and Roll with God. Focus on God's activity in our lives through praying, scripture, silent reflection, large and small group sharing, evaluation and Communion..Contact [jsten1@rogers.com](mailto:jsten1@rogers.com)

### 40 DAYS OF BLESSINGS

All are invited to give a small daily amount in Lent as we consider how blessed we are as a community.

All donations support the life and work of our church.

Lenten offering cans are available in the church office any time during Lent.

### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY through HOLY WEEK

Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 in the Hearth Room

With Carla Sandrin and Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas



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