

# Jubilation!

Autumn 2017

**Jubilation!** is the newsletter of Jubilee United Church  
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## Notes from Norm

Well, it's been quite a summer. A time for new friends, old friends, contemplation, recreation, and learning. Somehow, I thought it might be worth my time (and yours) to share with you what I've learned this summer.

This year, my wife and I decided to forgo our usual trip abroad and enjoy the local opportunities and delights. We decided to "staycation."

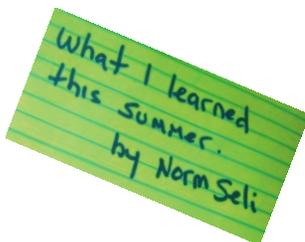


Anticipating staying home, I doubled down on my vegetable gardens: More tomatoes, zucchini, mint, carrots, herbs, lettuce, kale, arugula, strawberries, and wild flowers. I also decided this year to plant clover

in the back yard to provide green cover in those areas where grass has had trouble thriving over the past years. I planned to spend a lot of time in my backyard watching the birds visit my feeders surrounded by a bounty of berries, fruits, and vegetables.

I don't know about your garden, but mine did not exactly thrive. I recently picked a couple of tomatoes and earlier last month, a strawberry. One. Not exactly a bounty. The clover provided lovely cover, but it also invited a lot of bunny rabbits who are more than happy to dine out at my expense. If they would stick to the clover, I wouldn't mind... but they came for the clover and then stayed for the salad bar.

The bird feeders are a great hit with the avian world, and this year, also a hit with the racoons – who also seem to enjoy digging up my gardens. So, my garden plans have not come to fruition. But... I have bunnies in my backyard and who doesn't love bunnies? I have butterflies and bumblebees, both populations struggling to survive, but



seemingly thriving in my backyard. I also have endless amusement. To wit: A rather clever and dextrous racoon was able to completely unchain and remove one of my suet feeders. I searched everywhere for it to no avail. Three days later it was back leaning against the post where it used to hang... as if the racoon was requesting more food. Should I ever meet this fellow, I will name him "Oliver."

**The lesson? My best laid (and planted) plans may not come to be, but if I open my eyes, there is a great deal in which I can revel and rejoice.**

Last year, I led the Jubilee Youth Group on a nine-day road trip to Nova Scotia and back. It was fantastic!! We had hoped and planned to do another one this year – likely a trip to Montreal. However, as summer approached, it became evident that life was not going to cooperate: youth had jobs and commitments and we simply couldn't manage the time off together. So, we planned some 'at home' events: Jazz Festival, Blue Jays' game, Escape Room... just hanging out. Turns out that was fun, too.



**The lesson? Just being together is worthwhile – you don't always have to do something big.**

Everybody knows that attendance at church goes down in the summer. It's an almost universal understanding. Many of our folks have travel or cottage options; there are weekend events around the city; and kids demand a revised schedule when off from school... and apparently people believe that God likes to take a break from worship during the summer months as well – so why show up? Churches get it... we give the choir the summer off; guest preachers come to cover for vacationing ministers; and at Jubilee, we expect attendance to drop to something

between 50 and 70 people (a great turnout by most standards). Planning for the amalgamation of St. John's and Jubilee, it was the considered opinion of much of the leadership (church and Presbytery) that we might see an addition of one or two dozen St. John's people at Jubilee by November... and probably none during the summer. Summer attendance at Jubilee has been between 100 and 140 all through July and August. Unprecedented. And although I am notoriously poor at names, I am good with faces and I can testify to between 12 and 24 folks from St. John's in attendance at Jubilee.

**The lesson? I don't know anything. Humility is almost always the best option. Oh, and gratitude... gratitude that people trust Jubilee with their time, presence, wisdom and spiritual journey. It's quite humbling.**

This summer, we tried a couple of new things in Sunday Morning Worship. We had an acapella service, with everyone singing hymns and songs without accompaniment. No organ to lead us, no piano to mark time... it was just our voices. We sang old hymns, new Scripture, and a Peter Seeger folk song. And when we finished with our "Amen", there was such a feeling of peace and connection that many of us just wanted to stay wrapped up in it for the whole day. Who knew? Singing without accompaniment is a very vulnerable act; no one could hide their voices behind the big pedal notes coming from the organ... it was just us. It was daring. And it was beautiful.

In August, we had "Brunchin' in Memphis." A full pancake breakfast was served at the beginning of worship. We sat at tables large and small, eating and letting a rag-tag group of musicians lead us through worship with secular songs covering several decades and genres. The ages of the band members spanned at least six decades and had only played together the night before. That all sounds pretty risky... but the real risk was that we were encouraged to talk at our tables and share personal stories to highlight the parable of the Good Samaritan. We shared stories of risk and help; we offered up our best excuses and shared the times when we had been good neighbours. We prayed... we sang... and again, it worked. It worked because people were willing to help and to risk – opening kitchens to provide food and hearts to hear and tell stories. In the sharing, the Spirit moved and worship happened.

**The lesson? There were many. Don't be afraid to try something new. Trust people to risk and participate. Trust God be to present, even when you haven't got it all under control.**

During our 'staycation', my wife and I decided to go to Kingston for a couple of days. The inspiration for the trip was my wife's desire to tour the Kingston Penitentiary (I know... we're peculiar). Since its closing four years ago, the Penitentiary offers public tours lasting about 90 minutes; they also offer a 2½ hour "Premium" Tour. We took the "Premium" Tour. Both tours go through all the



buildings and share the long history of the institution, but the "Premium" tour offers talks by retired Corrections Officers who have worked for decades at the Kingston Penitentiary. These people offered insight into the life at the Penitentiary that our guides simply couldn't provide; they answered questions that are simply not easily answered by someone who wasn't there. I discovered that four committed hard-working Corrections Officers did their jobs diligently and I am glad of their dedication and service. I did notice that they were quite emotionally calloused when it came to talking about prisoners; there was very little to suggest any relationship with the convicts. They didn't smile. Don't misread me: they were good people, doing important work. I cannot imagine spending a month in those conditions, never mind 25 years without shutting down completely. But then I met a fifth Corrections Officer. He was a nurse in the Psychiatric Hospital for over 20 years. He tended to prisoners who had Psychiatric and other health issues that required them to have special attention and assistance. He told stories about the people (always respecting confidentiality); he laughed and smiled as remembered different incidents. I asked why he seemed to be less cynical than others on the tour... he talked about how it's different when people need each other, when they are in community... how it changes things when you are working toward something (healing, stabilizing) as opposed to just keeping people inside. He told me that after all his years in the Psychiatric Facility at Kingston Penitentiary, his only regret was that he hadn't started his career there.

**The lesson? It's people that make the difference - needing each other and working together toward something creates real relationship and makes joy and rehabilitation actually possible.**

I think that there's a pretty important lesson for Jubilee – or any church - in this. If our concern is simply to keep people in, the day will come when tourists are visiting our museum and wondering about what went on there. If we are willing to share our needs and work together toward wholeness and a better future, then we are more likely to thrive... and even if our doors were to close one day, we would still be able to smile and tell hopeful stories about the people with whom we have journeyed.

So, that was my summer... I learned to adapt and find joy beyond my plans; to enjoy the little things; to be humble and open to new ideas... and mostly, to trust in people because the love of God shines through us all in wonderful ways.

Oh... one last thing. I also learned this summer, that I really missed Rev. Anne... I'm so glad that she's back!

Norm



# Council Comments

Our Council is currently focussed on the terms of the Covenant Agreement (Merger Agreement) that we previously prepared in collaboration with the people of St. John's United Church.

The specific issues that we are addressing at this time include the steps we wish to undertake to welcome each member of the former St. John's congregation as a new and valued member of our Jubilee United Church family.

In addition, we are discharging our responsibility as it applies to the selling of the St. John church property .

With the first issue of the "integration" of the people of St. John's U.C., we have undertaken the following steps:

Firstly, our Minister, Rev. Norm Seli, has provided each and every member of the St. John's congregation with a letter warmly welcoming them to join our church family. Rev. Norm has also been conducting church services every Sunday throughout the summer meeting and greeting individual members of St. John's U.C. when they attend a Sunday Service at Jubilee.

Name tags have been prepared for all members of St. John's should they choose to join Jubilee as a worshipping member at a Jubilee Sunday Service.

A number of Jubilee church members have signed a list offering their services as a "friend" to St. John's members to assist with the orientation of the new member to gain a full understanding of our facilities, our services and programs, and to act as a friend with a view to making introductions to facilitate their integration as seamlessly as possible into the life of Jubilee United Church.

A special "welcoming service" with a BBQ lunch is also in the planning stages following a Sunday Service in September as a special welcome to our new friends returning from their summer vacations.

With respect to the sale of the St. John's church property, a sales team under the capable leadership of Jubilee's Alan Bone and consisting of members of both churches, has participated in the following:

- ✧ Interviewing four real estate companies and selecting the company that the team believes is best positioned to effectively market and sell the St. John's property;
- ✧ Ensuring that the Realtor chosen is prepared to meet some of the "competitive conditions" offered by the Realtors that we did not choose, including adjusting the selling fees offered;
- ✧ Evaluating the 15 offers presented (eight from developers and seven from faith groups) to determine the very best offer from a valid buyer; and
- ✧ Ensuring that appropriate inspections are done (including an environmental study which identified a buried oil tank on the property that has now been removed). Throughout this process, the Presbytery office has been kept informed of steps taken and the necessary approvals were granted as required.

As the Trustees of our respective churches are responsible for the actual approval and the sale of the property with Jubilee Trustees directly responsible for the sale of the property after July 1st, we thank Bill Watson and his team of Trustees for their leadership along with Alan Bone for their dedicated commitment to this challenging undertaking.

To keep you informed, the church that we were negotiating with has failed to secure the financing requirements to support their offer. We are currently discussing the acquisition of the St. John's U.C. property with a developer whom we believe, at this time, will be allowed to build four or five single family detached homes.

We are anticipating the closing of the sale on or before Dec. 31st.

Charlie Scott

## *UCW Fall Gathering*

*Tuesday, October 24th*

*Refreshments: 6 p.m.*

*Dinner: 6:30 p.m.*

**Tickets \$10 in Advance  
From the Office or UCW Units**

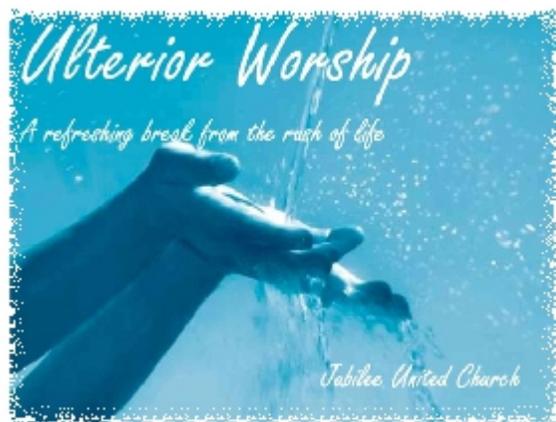
*Followed at 7:30 by*

*Myanmar (Burma) as seen  
from the Ayeyarwady River.*

*A land of glittering pagodas.*

***With Nanette Snel***

**All Welcome**



**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
at 8:35pm**

**in the Sanctuary  
Lead by Rev. Norm  
with music by Benjamin Gabbay**

**Join us for some peace and quiet...  
A chance to breathe and to wonder.  
It really is better when you're here.  
September 18; October 2 and 16;  
November 6 and 20.**

# JUBILEE BRIDGE 2017

At

JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH  
40 Underhill Dr.  
416-447-6846

## BRIDGE INSTRUCTION BY AUDREY GRANT

Acclaimed bridge teacher and author  
Member of the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame  
Member of the ACBL Hall of Fame, Chicago, USA

ONE DAY ONLY: November 17, 2017

### PROGRAM:

**9:15 am**

Get name tags, meet and greet over coffee

**10:00 – 12:00**

Bridge Instruction: Card Combinations

Card combinations are essential to each deal we play. Audrey will give tips on what order to play your cards when certain high cards are missing. This unique course will have you more comfortable with recognizing and playing routine card combinations.

**12:00 1:00**

Lunch (included in the fee)

**1:00 – 3:00**

Bridge Instruction: Continued, Card Combinations

### Information on Registration

We suggest you pre-register by contacting  
Marie at 416-222-9329 or [mmcroe@rogers.com](mailto:mmcroe@rogers.com)

If this is not convenient there will be a Registration Day at  
Jubilee on Friday, September 8, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SINGLES, PAIRS OR GROUPS OF FOUR CAN BE ACCOMMODATED  
REGISTER EARLY AS THIS EVENT NORMALLY FILLS QUICKLY

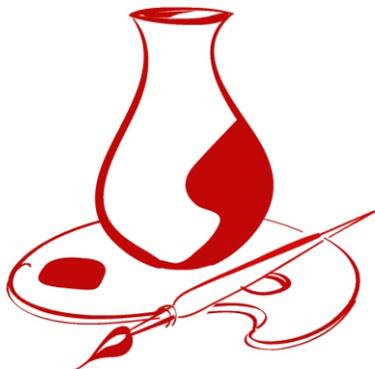
Please note: If you wish to be removed from Jubilee's Bridge Day Notices please contact Marie – see  
Information on Registration.



## *ArtCraft Show and Sale*

Friday, November 3      12 noon – 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 4      10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



This annual sensation, celebration, and sale features unique hand-crafted treasures by local artisans, including clothing, jewelry, pottery, art, photography, baked goods, jams and jellies, and more. There is a steady stream of shoppers checking out the wonderful items, many getting a head start on their holiday shopping. There is also a Cafe with delicious treats and meals for those needing a break and snack while shopping. Proceeds support Jubilee's work in the community. 🍷🍷

On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, St. John's United Church officially amalgamated with Jubilee United Church. We are now, together with the founding congregations of Bethesda, Donminster, and Victoria Village United Churches and all those who have joined us since 2000, a faith community. We are not of one mind or of one way; we are varied and open, excited to be so and enthused by every new person who comes to us with new ideas, hopes, and struggles and unique ways of revealing the love and power of God.

Presently featured in our sanctuary is the Corona from St. John's United Church. On Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rev. Seli lit the five candles to highlight the shared values of the people of St. John's and Jubilee.



**Prayer** - In humility, we connect ourselves to God as we understand God; a benevolence in the universe, which inspires and defines Love, revealed in Jesus, the Word made flesh. In prayer, we connect, we share, we listen and we are one with God.

**Study** - We engage with each other to learn and discuss, to struggle and rejoice. In studying the Bible or discussion theology; in lectures and symposia on the arts, current affairs, history, and the world around us, we value knowledge and wish to share it with the community.

**Generosity** - We do not keep our abundance to ourselves. We open our activities and we share our resources: financial gifts, gifts of time, wisdom, and experience. We listen generously; we try to speak wisely. We believe in supporting students and life-long learners; those in need, both friends and strangers, aware that our abundance is not ours to hoard, but entrusted to us to share.

**Story** - We tell our stories, in word, music, and theatre. We share over coffee; we rejoice in our community and relationship with God. We tell others what we have found, not because we've got it figured out, but because the story continues to be written and as we share what has meaning for us, others come along and add. Each new person who shares their story writes new chapters, reveals the deeper plot. Listening to another's story, telling our own, and imagining that they might belong together, is evangelism; it is how meaningful relationships are created and maintained.

**Finally, in the centre, we have the Christ Candle.** The symbol of Jesus who reveals to us God's love, intent, will, and hope for all of creation.

It is these things and many more that bind us; invite and inspire us to be a community together.



**Jubilee**  
UNITED CHURCH  
**Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon**  
(1/2 Marathon and 5k)  
Sunday, October 22, 2017

**Let's get out of the pews!!**

## ARE YOU READY???

Want to be part of this great "health" raiser and fund raiser?

Google "Waterfront Marathon Toronto" - and/or go to [torontowaterfrontmarathon.com](http://torontowaterfrontmarathon.com)

Click on "REGISTER"

And then "RACE ROSTER - Canadian Runner"

You can register with email and create a password or register with Facebook.

Once you've registered, you can select your event:

Marathon, 1/2 Marathon, 5km Walk, 5km with Stroller Walk.

Having selected your event, you will then "Create a Scotiabank Charity Challenge Fundraising Account" (when you choose your race name, do not include spaces).

Following the directions, you will be asked for Charity Pin Code:

- Marathon or Half Marathon: 17JUBILEE42K
- 5k: 17JUBILEE5K
- 5k with Stroller: 17JUBILEE5ST

These codes will connect you to Jubilee and bring the Registration Fee down to \$80 for the Marathon and 1/2 Marathon, \$40 for the 5k, and \$50 for the 5k with a stroller (plus HST and

Processing Fee). Jubilee will refund registration costs for all who raise over \$200 (but you don't have to stop there!)

If you're having trouble... ask Norm, he'll get you help.

Worried about going down to pick up the race package? No problem, we'll send someone...

Want to train for the 5k? Walk with Norm every Sunday after church.

Not ready to walk or run, but would like to Sponsor? Check with the Church Office and/or check the display in the Church Foyer.

## Open Doors

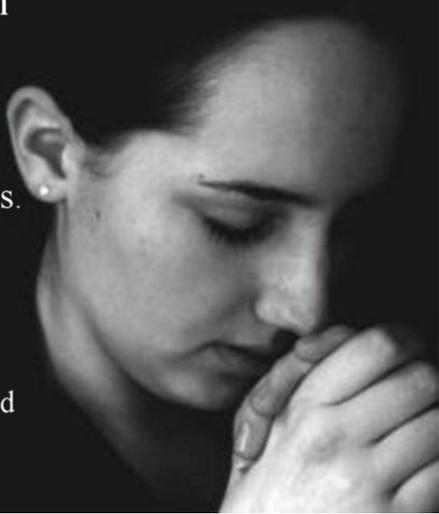
Wednesdays 430 – 630 pm

The sanctuary is open,  
and you are invited to sit...  
to pray...  
to be still and know that God is.

One of our ministers will be there  
if you want to talk

There are candles that can be lit  
and time that is just for you and God

**Jubilee United Church**



New  
  
Choir Members  
Welcome!

**New Gowns!**  
**New Resources!**  
**Great Music!!**  
**Opportunities**  
**to learn and grow!**  
**Great People!!**

**I'll bet you've thought about  
joining the choir...  
so, why not go for it this year!!**

**Talk to Daniel after the service...  
or come out on Thursday for the  
7:30pm rehearsal – there's always  
room for one more.**

## *In Case You Missed It...*



In July, the Jubilee Youth hosted a Kairos “Blanket Exercise” led by Rev. Evan Smith and Jess Swance. Together we journeyed through the history of Indigenous Peoples on the land we call Canada, as we stood upon moving and shrinking blankets that represented the land and heard about interactions and treaties that have shaped our current relationship. It was a powerful, enlightening and hopeful afternoon.



On Sunday, June 4 (Pentecost Sunday), we celebrated the Confirmation of Hailey Clinton and Chanelle Christmas-Lafleur.

It was a very special service and we look forward to their continued participation in Jubilee as we grow together.



## United Church of Canada Remits 1-4

You may recall that we voted on four Remits, planning the future of the United Church of Canada. The Jubilee Council, after consulting with the congregation and having several learning/sharing opportunities, voted in favour of all four Remits. Across the Country, Presbyteries and Communities of Faith followed a similar path and all four Remits were passed by the required 2/3 positive votes.

**Remit 1: To adopt a 3-Council model (National Denomination, Regional Council, Community of Faith) changing from our current 4 Council Model (General Council, Conference, Presbytery, Community of Faith).**

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7 Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,672 No: 222

**Remit 2: The elimination of Transfer and Settlement (a rarely used mechanism for placing ministry personnel).**

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7 Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,792 No: 89

**Remit 3: Create an Office of Vocation to oversee the education, discipline and collegiality of Ministry Personnel.**

Presbyteries: Yes: 69 No: 12 Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,681 No: 190

**Remit 4: The funding of the New 3 Council Model, moving from an assessment based on members to 4.5% levy on church income.**

Presbyteries: Yes: 70 No: 12 Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,472 No: 398

A Remit Scenario Planning Group is currently at work making plans for implementation and General Council Commissioners are being recalled to a special General Council on September 30th to consider the boundaries of the new Regional Councils as well as other details required for responsible phasing in and implementation of these Remits. You can follow the progress of these changes on the General Council 42 website: [www.gc42.ca/remits](http://www.gc42.ca/remits). Later this fall, Jubilee will be considering a final Remit on "One Ministry", considering the wisdom of recognizing all ordered ministries (Ordained, Diaconal, Designated Lay) as one ministry and removing distinct privileges or roles.



## Refugee Update

Just last month, we welcomed Zahwr and Loha as they were able to be reunited with family in Victoria Village after being forced to flee for their lives from Mosul, Iraq. With your help and efforts, combined with the love and efforts of our neighbour Leo, we were able to bring his mother and sister to Canada in just two years (which sounds like a long time, but in practice is quite remarkable). They have begun their life in Canada and are now in a local apartment and ready to begin to learn English.

The Dhamlaki family has been with us for several months. With your support and the work of Andrea Mozas and a group of her friends, they are making a good life in Toronto.

We are about to conclude a full year's support and sponsorship of the Al Hassan family; with your support and the love and work of a community of partners, it has been a remarkable journey. Mohamad and Hiba arrived as a young couple, with two infants and another child on the way. They were nervous when they arrived in Canada, but that worry was eased as they met our community partners who spoke their language, appreciated their journey and wanted only the best for them. In time they moved in next door to Jubilee, got enrolled in English classes and began to navigate the cultural differences between Canada and Syria. Today you can see the blending of influences as they continue to grow: their boys responding beautifully to life in Canada (even winter) and their arrival of their new baby brother.

Together we have helped with clothing, housing, medical, and dental needs, community connections and school. Mohamad has been able to work from time to time and achieve a forklift operator's license.

As the year of sponsorship comes to a close, the Al Hassan family will soon be moving to Windsor where the prospect for work is much better, but we have great confidence that the Al Hassan family will continue to thrive in Canada, becoming good neighbours and an asset to any community.



## The Benevolent Fund

It's important to me that this NOT appear to be a campaign for funding. This update is included in every Jubilation Newsletter to let you know about what your money has been doing, not to solicit for more. Any money donated is appreciated and used and I do my best to NOT keep a balance, but instead keep the money active.

This fund reaches out to people who are left out of the mainstream. It is used to help those who are in less "dramatic" straits, but for whom a little bit of financial help can keep them from getting into deeper trouble or despair. We helped a couple of kids go to Summer Camp this year, so that these young people could get out of the city and make some new friends and discover new things about themselves and the world around them.

We've helped somebody with special dietary needs that the Foodbanks simply don't meet; another couple of people who had fallen through the cracks of Government Funding and social attention. We've provided a lot of grocery cards and helped cover several specific bills that have allowed people to keep the lights on and the roof over their heads.

The Benevolent Fund is modest and discreet; there are no reports made or records kept; it is used entirely at my discretion. It is my policy to shy away from repeat requests, and to try and keep the amounts given modest, so that we can reach as many as possible and not turn people away when the funds are depleted. Support from the people of Jubilee has been exceptional and you may never know the people that you have helped; but then again, they just might be sitting beside you in church one day.

Thank you for all that you have done in the past and should you wish to contribute in the future, donations can be made directly to me, but also to the Church office or in the Offering Box in an envelope marked "Benevolent Fund". In the Box or through the office assures that you will get a Tax Receipt... to me directly is not as reliable (I do forget to write things down from time to time). Thank You

Norm



## Theology on Tap

A chance to talk about things that matter in a safe, friendly way... We talk about God, the Church, Spiritual but NOT Religious, Ethics, Jesus... all sorts of things.

We will meet on monthly on **the third Wednesday of the month @7:30pm at a local pub or restaurant.**

*(We are currently looking for a new home.)*

On Facebook and in the Sunday Bulletin before the gathering, we will post a Theological Thought, Quote, or Question that will be addressed at the upcoming evening.

Recognizing the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, we plan to have some fun with Basic Reformation Theology: We aren't God; Priesthood of All Believers; Salvation by Faith not Works; Sola Scriptura; Angry Gods and Cheap Gospels; Human Depravity; Predestination. Doesn't that sound like fun???

Discussion might also be driven by current events and/or those who show up!

**Wednesdays, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20**

Buy your own food and drink; bring your own opinions... but sit with Norm and he'll keep the conversation going.

# Study Groups at Jubilee

## Bible Study, every Tuesday Morning 8am – 9am.

The coffee is hot and the people welcoming. An informal Bible Study that requires no prior knowledge of the Bible. We read together the Bible Passages for the upcoming Sunday Church service and we talk about them... how they sound, what they say to us, what they might mean to others. We don't try to find agreement, just a little time to think and share the Word of God. You are invited to come out any time and you can expect to be joined by 6 to 12 others.



## Living the Questions

### – Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-3pm.



The coffee is on, there is usually fruit and maybe some cookies to share, and together we watch a dynamic video highlighting some part of our faith, with modern thought and commentary. We have 10 years of previous material upon which to rely on and some new material that Rev. Seli continues to find for us. The group engages in the questions, challenges, and inspiration offered by “Progressive Christianity.”

**No previous experience is required... Honest!**

The discussion is lively and friendly and you can expect to be with 10 to 18 others in this group.

## Saturday's Salon

### - Second Saturday of Each Month, 9:30-11am.

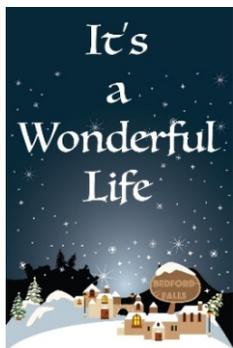
Join a friendly group of about eight who gather to consider, wonder, share, and talk about theology. We are currently working our way through the United Church of Canada's “Song of Faith” and when we're done that, we intend to learn a little bit about the Dead Sea Scrolls and then some of the basics of Protestant Faith (like Grace, Scripture, Sin, etc.) There is written material available in advance, but you could attend without any advance reading and fit right in. We talk and listen to each other... you can do that, right? For more information talk, with Rev. Seli



## Talking Jesus

### First Tuesday of each Month, 6:30 to 8pm.

A discussion group for more traditional talk about the Jesus of Faith. We explore ideas and themes common to evangelical and traditional faith groups, exploring our personal experiences of Jesus, Prayer, and Faith without challenge of skeptical analysis. Led by Rev. Seli and Rev. Evan Smith, you can get more information by talking to Rev. Seli.



Directed by Lorraine Kimsa.  
Stage manager: Wendy Miller  
A holiday classic, and very faithful to the film. Angel, Clarence, shows George Bailey what it would be like if George had never been born.  
**Suitable for all ages.**  
**Adults: \$24 Seniors & Students: \$20**  
**Groups (10+): \$20**  
**Order tickets online at:**  
**[theatrescarborough.com](http://theatrescarborough.com)**

December 1\*, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15 at 8:00pm.  
December 3, 10 and 16 at 2:00pm.

Location: Scarborough Village Theatre,  
NE corner of Markham Rd and Kingston Rd.

\*Opening Night: A wine and cheese reception will follow the opening night performance on December 1st. PLUS .. speak to Wendy if you are interested in \$12 opening night tickets – limited number available! 647-202-0007 [wlmstmgr@gmail.com](mailto:wlmstmgr@gmail.com)



# JUBILEE LIVING AND LEARNING LECTURE SERIES

## 2017 Fall Series

Wednesdays - November 1, 8, 15, 22,  
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 pm.

**Wed., Nov. 1** - "Ella Fitzgerald - Still the Best at 100."  
Presenter: Robert Fogle

**Wed., Nov. 8** - "The Harp - Instrument of Angels."  
Presenter: Liliana Dimitrijevic

**Wed., Nov. 15** - "A Step Between Me and Death -  
The Turbulent History of Japanese  
Christianity."  
Presenter: Dr. Max Dionisio

**Wed., Nov. 22** - "Composing and Cycling -  
Two Harmless Pursuits."  
Dr. John Beckwith

**Admission:** Series of Four Lectures - \$20  
Individual Lectures - \$8

Jubilee United Church  
40 Underhill Dr., Toronto, M3A 2J5  
Phone: 416 447 6846



# The Jubilee Choir presents

## Gilbert & Sullivan's Greatest Hits

an evening of song,  
silliness, and sing-alongs!

**Sunday, November 12  
at 7:30 pm  
in the Sanctuary**

### *Message from the Music Director*

Musically speaking, it promises to be an exciting autumn here at Jubilee United. We are very grateful to have received a wonderful new collection of music from St. John's United Church. A special thank you to Cheron Christmas-LeFleur, our choir President, who worked diligently with me over the summer in the organization of this wonderful new music collection. This year, we will feature many of these new works and we send out an invitation to members of the St. John's choir to come and join in the singing of these fine pieces. Indeed, we are always looking for new members! Our rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and we warm up on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. We are also thrilled to welcome Dylan Hillyer, our new tenor professional lead. We are always looking for new members, so if you have a love of singing, then please come out on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. No experience necessary!

As we move toward the choir's Christmas offering, we will be focusing on Mary and her role in the Christmas story. We will be singing baroque masterworks from the pen of Pergolesi and Vivaldi, and pairing these works with more contemporary expressions of Mary.

I also invite you to participate in the music program. In my music ministry, I have often found that many congregants have hidden musical abilities. I am always looking for new ways to enhance the worship service. If you cannot join the choir, then perhaps you might be interested in playing a percussion instrument or a guitar at some point in the service. Do not be shy!

I am looking forward to working once again with our great staff (Norm, Anne, Jennine, Pat, and Barb) and all of the fantastic volunteers who together make Jubilee such an inspired, caring, and passionate place!

Blessings to all of you, Daniel Rubinoff



## Life Events

### Celebrations of Life

William Hearse	June 1
Donald Woolridge	June 9
Reginald Parsons	July 5
Joan Alcock	July 13
Jack Fletcher (visitation)	July 19
Ernie Shaw	July 27
Ilda Sharp	July 31