

Jubilation!

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Spring/Summer 2018

Notes from Norm

It has been such a crazy, wonderful, challenging, and scattered time since our last newsletter; I barely have time for a full report. Instead, I offer the following notes.

1. Wasn't Easter great? The whole of Holy Week was so memorable and powerful for me. I loved the Holy Week morning study group; we really got into some great discussions about Easter, Faith, and the Bible. Maundy Thursday was as always, a favourite moment of the year not just because you enjoyed the food, but because we all shared the story and made common things, like talking and eating together, holy. Easter SONrise was cold and yet also warm and still one of my favourite experiences of resurrection. As for the main-stage, 10:30 a.m. Easter Service – we pulled out all the stops, and it was good! The choir outdid themselves, the kids and youth working on the cross, the enthusiasm of the whole congregation. At the end of the service, I was helping an older retired minister into a cab (it had been his first visit to Jubilee and he had enjoyed it immensely); as he lowered himself into the front seat of the cab, I commented, "You know, Reverend, when I came out to start the service, I noticed at least 10 clergy members in the congregation... It's enough to make a fellow nervous". He looked up at me and said with great clarity, "Don't worry son, you are competent". It is one of the greatest compliments that I have ever received, and I pass it on to you: In the light of all that Easter is, when it comes to observing and celebrating Holy Week and Easter, together we are competent – remarkably competent.

2. As most of you know, with the support of Jubilee, I am actively involved in many levels of United Church leadership. I sit on the Toronto Southeast Presbytery Education and Students Committee, the Toronto Conference Interview Board, the Toronto Conference Settlement and Pastoral Relations Committee, the General Council Executive, and the Committee on Indigenous Justice and Residential Schools; as well, I am on the Board of Directors for The Toronto United Church Council and the Toronto Urban Native Ministry. Lately, nearly all of these groups have been engaged in preparing for fundamental change as the United Church of Canada changes from a four Court body to a three Court body. It has meant a lot of extra meetings and work as many of these committees will no longer exist in 2019, and we need to pass the work onto the groups that, as yet, do not exist. Like many of you, I have some confusion as to what the church will look like come 2019 and beyond; like many of you, I am hopeful, but not really sure that we can make all of the changes work smoothly; I am quite sure that we've overlooked a couple of costs that are going to provide big challenges in the first year or two and I'm not sure where the support to which we have become accustomed will come in the new models. Having said all of that, I am continually moved by the passion, commitment, faith, and dedication of so many people involved in the changes to our church. I know that we are stepping into a fog and we will have to navigate carefully – but I am quite confident that as a National Church, we are quite competent and that with patience and effort, we will look back at these transition years with pride and be grateful for the work that will make us a better church for the 21st century.

3. As a result of all the extra meetings noted above, I have also felt somewhat scattered in the past few months. I am very proud of the work that we have done at Jubilee; the ways that we have been a community together, inviting and inspiring people to discover that this Christian Faith has much to offer and that Jubilee just might surprise you. I have lost 30 pounds in the past 3 months and feel good about that, but I often lament at the end of the week that I didn't spend much time just sitting in my office so that people could drop by. We often joke about churches wanting a minister who is 40 years old with 30 years of experience, visits the sick, the lonely, the hungry, attends important meetings, and is always in the office ready for a casual visit. Well, I almost have the 30 years' experience; I remember being 40... but I want to find a

better balance for myself between being around to chat and being out in the world. That's why I treasure our regular meetings like "Not Alone" and "Open Doors" as well as casual events like "Tuesday Coffee". As this year continues, I plan to let go of a few of the things that keep me on the move and find more time to just be present.

4. At a recent *Theology on Tap*, I invited people to talk about what our Faith really means: I asked people to discuss the idea that religion might just be mythology created by humans to take away the fear of death. I also quoted Karl Marx and wondered if religion could simply be dismissed as the "opiate of the masses". Fun stuff, eh? One of our regular participants couldn't join us but emailed a thought that still resounds in me. She said, "Of course religion is an opiate... because sometimes the world hurts and we're wounded: we need an opiate to manage the pain while we heal". I am quite confident that Karl Marx would feel misunderstood in light of the response, but I think that this is a profound thought... I think that for many, Jubilee, Jesus, Ritual, God, and Community are ways that we can manage the pains and the bruises of life as we also work to heal. Thoughts like that remind me that as theologians, we are all competent – remarkably competent.

5. I'm not sure if it's a result of so many new people joining Jubilee in the past year or if it's a complacency that can set in when you do something well; it might be that we're a little tentative these days because the world seems harsh and hurtful and people often divide into opposed groups – but it seems to me, that we're a little less welcoming than we've been in the past. Maybe we see so many new faces that we don't know where to start, or maybe we're afraid that too many new people will change the dynamic of the way things are (and we like things the way they are); maybe we're reluctant to meet someone new because we are concerned that they might differ from us politically or theologically; maybe we're just a little bit tender these days and so want to stick to the friends that we already know, because they give us comfort. I don't know what it is, and I don't think that it's a terrible trend or cause for alarm, but I do notice that we are less likely to engage the stranger, sit down beside someone whose name eludes us, or engage with the fellow who's sitting alone at Coffee Time. If it is our intent to Invite, Include, and Inspire people, it might be time to open up just a little wider (again).

6. I have noticed that among our many study groups and social groups, new people are joining, but are finding it hard to crack the social connections that exist with many long-time members. It's not that we're unwelcoming or intending to be exclusive; it's just that we often have a short-hand way of speaking or have a variety of shared experiences that the newcomer simply cannot know. In the Fall, I intend to start a study group for newcomers – for anyone who has joined Jubilee in the last couple of years and/or has never been part of a group. So, no disrespect to those who have been around for some time, been pillars of one or several groups, but we're going to start a group where the only person who knows it all, will be me (which will feed my ego as well as put the rest of us on equal ground).

7. Whenever I read about the war in Syria, as I'm wringing my hands over a breaking heart and wonder what I can do to help, I take great solace in the fact that the Alhassan and the Damlakhi families are building lives safely in Canada thanks to our efforts. I remember thinking of Zahwr and Loha, safe from the violence in Iraq, and the family of four seeking asylum from religious persecution whom we are currently assisting. It may not be much compared to the number of desperate refugees there are in the world, but together we have quietly and lovingly very likely saved the lives of at least 15 people.

8. Speaking of making a small but important difference, I am amazed at our little group of about six people who are beginning to write to prisoners on Death Row in Texas. You may wonder, "Why Texas?" Simply because we have learned the rules and regulations for communicating to prisoners in Texas and they change from state to state. Men on Death Row can be there for many years (the average is 11 years) and once on Death Row, they are not allowed to work in the prison; they are not allowed any physical contact with another human being, other than the touch of a guard putting on handcuffs to move them to another location. They are allowed eight hours of visitation a month through glass and are relegated to solitary confinement until their execution. The only media allowed are a radio, newspaper, magazine subscriptions, and books delivered from Amazon. By becoming pen-pals with these men, we are not saying that they don't deserve to be punished; we are not saying that we are opposed to the Death Penalty; we are not claiming that these people are innocent – we are simply recognizing that Jesus would reach out and talk to these men; he would not define them by the worst thing that they have ever done. He would offer companionship simply because human beings need community and God's love is NOT conditional. We want to share some of God's love. This will be an emotional and difficult ministry, but a handful of people have decided to give it a try. Please pray for us.

9. A United Church Minister joined us for worship recently. After the service, we spent some time together, and she went on most enthusiastically about the worship, the music, the preaching, the energy, the welcome, and the life of Jubilee. It was a wonderful review from a friend who really knows how to identify the things that matter to another minister and has no need to hold back positive reflection and celebration. The thing that struck me the most was her comment, "I envy you and Jubilee your older people." That's not something you often hear when people talk about church. Usually, people

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celebrate or mourn the number of young people and young families. She went on, "You are so fortunate to have wisdom, experience, and people who are not afraid to get involved; know what to do and how to make mistakes." At her church there are very few older people. In the past, the community focussed on young people to the exclusion of the older folks. They got what they wanted and now regret it. When I think of what makes Jubilee vital and competent, it is very much the work, experience, curiosity, patience, spirituality, and wisdom of those within the second half of life.

10. Finally, we get to number 10... but I've run out time (busy, busy, busy). It will have to wait for September. For now, I thank you for being more than competent, also compassionate, daring, dreaming, patient, wondering, and awe-filled. I wish you a glorious summer and hope to see you June through September, because God doesn't stop speaking, loving, forgiving, helping, and embracing just because it's bathing suit season.

God Bless you and thank you for being Jubilee United Church, a church of welcome, daring, the ministry of Jesus and the love of God.

Norm



Don't always have time for Study Groups or Lectures at Jubilee, but still want to dig deeper into your faith?

Wouldn't Home Delivery be great?

What do you think about an afternoon or evening of **Food, Friends and Faith?**

If you would like to host a dinner, lunch, dessert, wine and cheese, bbq or a pot-luck for 6 to 8 friends, Rev. Anne and/or Rev. Norm would love to join you, present a topic of your choosing and lead a discussion. You can pick any topic you like, but allow us to suggest the following that are already packaged and ready for delivery:

**Bible Basics ● Prayer ● Holy Spirit ● United Church of Canada
Jesus ● Easter ● Christmas ● Baptism/Communion
Living in the World Faithfully ● Evil and Suffering**

This is good for any age or stage of faith; Rev's Anne and Norm will bring knowledge, experience and handouts and/or video material that we explore together. They will come to your home or if you prefer we can arrange a time at the church and pot-luck or order take out. **For parents of young children, we can gather at Jubilee and arrange babysitting at the church.** The idea is get people together to talk about some of the things that matter and to provide easy access to the knowledge and experience of Jubilee's resident theologians.

So, put some friends together and invite the Revs.

Don't have a group of friends in mind? Tell us what topics interest you and when we get more than 4 interested, we'll find a date and do it at Jubilee.

To make a date or for more information, contact

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or Rev. Anne – (416)447-6846 x104 adionisio@jubileeunited.ca



Summer Fun at Jubilee

The sun is shining, the end of the school year is just around the corner, and we are ready for summer fun at Jubilee.

Summer Sunday Club

Beginning Sunday, June 3rd, a dynamic team of youth and young adults will be running an extended Sunday morning children's program. Each week, *Dr When* will take us on a ride through time and space aboard the T.A.R.S.U.S. (Time and Relative Space using Smiles) Machine. We'll land at new locations in the Bible where we will engage in a Godly Play story before moving on to the rest of the day's adventures. There will be games, lunch, crafts, field trips, and more!

Here's what you need to know if you are a parent, grandparent, friend, or neighbour bringing kids to church this summer:

- ✧ Kids aged 4-12 are always welcome to join in the fun. Whether they come one week, a few weeks, or each week, we are excited to have them as part of the crew!
- ✧ Even though Summer Sunday Club runs from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (4 p.m. if there is a field trip), kids are more than welcome to join us for part of the day. During the regular Sunday morning Worship Service, we will take a trip in the T.A.R.S.U.S., hear the Godly Play story, and play games. Lunch, crafts, and our bigger activities will start when worship is over. We will not be leaving on field trips until worship is over.
- ✧ Our Field Trip days are June 24th, July 22nd, and August 19th. We will be going to a baseball game, a park for a scavenger hunt, and a museum. Very young children (aged 4-6 years) will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- ✧ You can register your child for the full program using the form available at the church or online at jubileeunited.ca->ministries->children/youth. The \$30 (\$20 from July, \$10 from August) registration fee includes a Membership Card, 3 Field Trips, and 2 Guest Passes to bring a friend to any Summer Sunday. BUT please remember that kids are welcome to join us any Sunday as a guest (no membership required).

Youth Leadership Development

We have such a great group of young volunteers for Summer Sunday Club that we are offering a Youth Leadership Development program on Sundays too. Youth volunteers will have the opportunity to work with the children by leading games, crafts, and all other things fun. They will also have opportunities to learn and practice leadership skills among their peers and in the broader community through service projects and weekly activities. Volunteer hours and references can be given for this experience.

Hey Grown-Ups!

Keep an eye out for children and youth activities this summer. You may be invited to participate, and we hope that you do. A costume Sunday is already in the works, and so is a BBQ or two. We may be looking for help with music, rides, or lunches too. Email adionisio@jubileeunited.ca to join in the fun!

Council Report

Easter was very well attended and enjoyed by all this year. The highlight was 273 people attending the morning service.

The 2018 budget was passed by Council at the April 9th meeting. The budget includes internship funding to cover most of the costs of an intern to replace Anne while she is on maternity leave. We found out at the May 14th Council meeting that we will receive \$35k for the internship funding and this will cover most of our costs. In other areas, the budget includes conservative 3% estimates for the increases in revenues and a realistic estimate for expenses. Overall, the budget includes \$426k in revenue and \$511k in expenses for a total operating deficit of (\$85k). This deficit is higher than those projected in past years. However, our additional 2018 expenses will help to build the church for the future while we have the additional funding from the St. John's merger to reduce our overall financial risk.

Congratulations to Gary for getting the Finance area up to date!! He has had many challenges with the St. John's merger and the changing roles of others in Finance. We have a \$28.6k deficit to date which is under budget primarily due to envelopes and par being higher than budget in the first four months.

We had another successful garage sale on May 5th which has raised about \$13k for the church. 39 people including 15 Scouts delivered flyers to over 100 streets. We also had about 100 people who provided manpower for the garage sale. We are looking for more people next year to deliver flyers and lead the various sections of the sale.

In Property, an engineering plan has been created for the church with Property and Finance working together. The capital budget now includes a 10-year plan. A condition assessment report has been done on the HVAC, and it will need replacement over the next 5-10 years. Minor church repairs have been completed so far.

Facilities have had a successful meeting. The committee roles were explained to help Council better understand their function.

The UCW hosted a successful Presbytery Annual meeting in April, which was a challenge. A special thank-you goes to Fran Crabbe and Barb Secord for stepping forward to fill the gap left by Mary Kalanda's passing.

Presbytery has finalized the new regions, and we are included in Region 10. The new regions come into effect on January 1, 2019.

The Refugee committee is supporting two families currently with a third family supplemented for groceries. Our third family has happily become involved in the church and participated in several areas including the garage sale and community dinners.

In Outreach, the Grannies continue to be quite active, the Community Table continues to draw a good crowd, and the Don Mills Connection meetings have proved to be valuable.

The St. John's scholarship is proceeding, and we are anticipating providing two scholarships for \$1,000 this year.

Worship will be welcoming Susan-Jane Bynoe as the chair after she is confirmed at the AGM. The eight-member, three-leader committee continues to facilitate the delivery of our worship services.

Council also discussed how to update our "Framework for Decision Making". Several good ideas were raised including the need to fit into our vision advance notice for agenda items, checking the availability of facilities, actively engaging relevant committees, and looking at resources for funds and volunteers before approving new or expanded events. We will be using our "Wisdom" (experience and good judgement) to see us through more challenging decisions.

Thank-you,
Elizabeth Clarke,
Chair

Life Events

Marriages:	Scott Simpson & Amanda Smith	January 27
	Devon Morrison & Brooke Devine-Silva	February 10
Baptisms:	Sophia Maria Alleyne	April 15
Deaths:	Mary Kalanda	February 4
	Michael Henville	March 9
	Bess Thomson	March 25



2018 was a very successful year for the Garage Sale, bringing in the highest

revenue in several years. 39 people, including 15 Scouts, delivered fliers to over 100 streets. Over 100 different individuals worked in the various areas from Thursday to Saturday. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this very important fundraiser. Special thanks goes to the team of Fran Crabe, Pat Lansche, Dick Patrick, Charlie Scott, and Barb Secord.

Area	2018 Results	2017 Results
Clothing	\$ 1,578.05	\$ 1,640.90
Housewares	\$ 780.70	\$ 859.80
Linens	\$ 587.25	\$ 323.00
Baking	\$ 593.75	\$ 681.85
Children	\$ 664.40	\$ 483.35
Sports Equipment	\$ 495.40	\$ 246.55
BBQ	\$ 1,429.00	\$ 843.50
Jewelry	\$ 1,095.55	\$ 1,659.95
Furniture	\$ 986.00	\$ 1,526.75
Treasures	\$ 1,616.05	\$ 1,437.75
Books	\$ 1,017.65	\$ 690.20
Electronics	\$ 1,367.25	\$ 1,244.75
Office Supplies	\$ 267.00	\$ 200.65
Plants	\$ 405.85	\$ 507.75
Pictures and Frames	\$ 602.15	\$ 419.05
CD & DVD's	\$ 157.15	\$ 156.25
	<u>\$13,643.20</u>	<u>\$12,922.05</u>

Pennies for Mission & Service

Pennies have been coming in by the paper bag, plastic bag, glass jar, and plastic tub. It has been a terrific joint effort. My dream was to raise maybe, \$500. Then it was \$600 and \$700. Could we...could we....YES, we have surpassed \$1000! Yes, the lowly penny: most people would not stoop to pick it up.

And pennies are still being found and brought in. I will continue this until there are no more pennies in the land.

Thank you. You are amazing.
Anne-Mari Rimmel



Notes from Outreach

Two wonderful students have been chosen to receive a scholarship from St. John's Scholarship Fund. The students will be informed of this very soon. In the Fall Jubilation, they will be mentioned, and you will learn more about them.

Our Community Table dinners are the second Saturday of every month. We are always happy to have help setting up tables, cooking, and clean-up. If you are willing to be a part of our dinners in this capacity, please talk to Iona Williams. Please join us and have a good meal surrounded by great friends, old and new.

Iona Williams



ADVANCE FALL NOTICE JUBILEE BRIDGE 2018



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 9, 2018

COST: \$60.00 Cash or current cheques payable to Jubilee United Church

Information on Registration

We suggest you pre-register by contacting
Marie at 416-222-9329 / 416-560-0187
mmcroe@rogers.com

If this is not convenient, there will be a Registration Day at
Jubilee on Friday, September 7, 2018 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.



On May 26, 2018,
Greg Daly was ordained to the ministry of
Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care
in the United Church of Canada.

Allow us to present
the Reverend Greg Daly



Medical Assistance in Dying

What's going on?

What do you need to know to make informed decisions for yourself, your family, your community?

What does the United Church of Canada have to say?



An Evening of Exploration and Information

featuring Sally Bean, JD, MA

– Ethicist and Policy Advisor to Sunnybrook's Ethics Centre
and other professionals.

**Jubilee United Church,
Tuesday, June 26th at 730pm**

There is no admission cost for this event.

The Benevolent Fund

Allow me to preface this note with, “this is not a plea.” There is no Benevolent Fund campaign – or ever will be. Some people in the church and around our community like to contribute to this fund and I think it only fair that I share with you from time to time.

As most of you know, the Benevolent Fund is a modest and discreet fund that I use to help folks in the greatest need. There are no reports made or records kept; it is entirely at my discretion. It is my policy to shy away from repeat requests, and to try and keep to modest amounts, so that we can reach as many as possible and not turn people away when the funds are depleted.

“I've found a place to live, but I don't have quite enough to cover first AND last month's rent...”

“My brother has special needs, and the food that he needs is never available at the foodbank...”

“My father just died in Nova Scotia, and I'm trying to get home for the funeral...”

“If I could get into that college program – well, they have daycare provided so I could afford to get my diploma and a better job without putting my child at risk.”

“I've got my rent covered, and there's food in my cupboard, but I don't have anything for the laundromat or washing soap. I can't go to work looking dirty.”

“I'm not sure what I can do with the kids this summer. I can take a week off of work, but I can't afford daycare for the other 9 weeks.”

These are the stories that I hear on a weekly basis. Sometimes they make appointments; sometimes they just show up. Usually, they are telling the truth; sometimes they are not (the fellow going to a funeral in Nova Scotia was trying to get to that same funeral last year about this time). With your help, we have provided food and shelter, the relief of getting a bill paid off and the hope of getting into school. We have sent children to camp, allowed others to have medical procedures or appliances that are not covered by OHIP or insurance, and simply offered a gesture of hope and understanding.

In the summer months, I suspect that the number of people looking for food support and transportation to seasonal jobs will increase. The opportunity to help send children to camp will present itself, and I am sure to be touched and amazed by another story shared by someone looking for friendship and compassion.

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 sometimes).

You will not hear about these efforts during the year as privacy is essential – but please know that your contributions are valued and make a difference in people's lives... people you might never know, or people who might be sitting beside you on Sunday.

Thank You, **Norm**





For those of you who attended the Annual Meeting, this is probably not news, but for those of you who missed it, but have looked over our financial statements, this might save you some shock and heart-ache.

For many years, the Jubilee Council has provided a projected Annual Budget of projected expenses balanced with anticipated income: an Operating Budget. Expenses have included salaries and estimated utility expenses, needed supplies, and anticipated maintenance and repair costs. Income has included anticipated donations, rental income, and projected fundraising event proceeds. We have also included the anticipated interest from our various

interest-bearing funds (provided through legacy gifts and memorial donations); in doing so, we have usually shown a modest (and we hope inspiring) deficit in the \$20,000-\$30,000 range.

However, this is not the way that Non-profit organizations typically present budgets or report financial matters and we have decided to follow the recommended practice of providing an Operating Budget of projected expenses and anticipated income, WITHOUT including the interest from our invested funds. In this way of doing things, we will predict a much higher operating deficit, but our Trustees and Finance committee will provide us with what size deficit can be handled, utilizing interest from our funds and NOT cutting into the capital of the funds.

If that doesn't seem clear, allow me to give an example:

Instead of predicting a \$30,000 deficit, we would now present a \$90,000 deficit (which sounds terrifying) and the Trustees and Finance Committee would review our investments and inform Council that we can likely cover an \$80,000 deficit with the interest from our funds. If we don't find a way to raise another \$10,000 or cut expenses, we will risk cutting into to our capital funds, which means that we will have less money upon which to earn interest in the coming years. However, if we are able to cover a \$100,000 deficit from the interest earned by our funds, and if we are able to stick to our budget, we will have an additional \$10,000 to add to our funds and gain more interest in the future, helping us to secure Jubilee's ministry in the years ahead.

With the added benefit of new members from St. John's United Church and the proceeds from the sale of the St. John's property, we now have greater funds and resources, so this seems the opportune time for us to comply with the financial reporting practices of other charitable organizations. It is also our belief that this way of tracking our finances offers greater transparency and clarity as we continue to grow our ministry and establish the legacy of Jubilee United Church in our community.

Open Doors

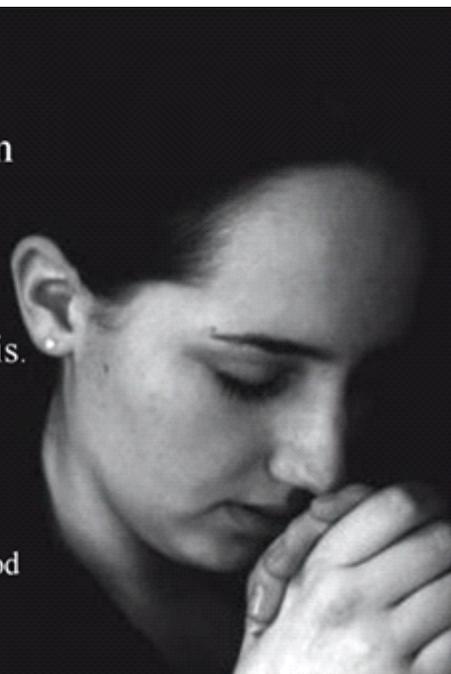
Wednesdays 430 – 630 pm

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



Grandmothers to Grandmothers

The Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation has won an international health award!

Jubilee has provided amazing support to Brookbanks for African Grannies, our local chapter, since our inception in 2006, so you definitely share in our pride and delight about the following announcement: The Geneva Forum for Health Awards are presented during the World Health Assembly, recognizing and honouring global health leaders "who have made fundamental improvements in delivering high-quality, sustainable, patient-centred healthcare. (This award has been given to big foundations and countries which have developed innovative health care systems.) Here's what the Geneva Forum for Health says about the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign: "Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign is a unique fundraising initiative conducted in solidarity with African grandmothers raising 15M children orphaned by AIDS. It has attracted more than 10,000 volunteers forming 300 local chapters who raise money through everyday fundraising activities such as potlucks, art auctions, and quilting bees; the movement has since spread internationally. The movement is grounded in building solidarity, respecting African grandmothers' expertise and amplifying their voices to promote authentic and substantive response to the AIDS epidemic. African grandmothers supported by the initiative are vocally demanding access to education, healthcare, land, legal representation, and freedom from violence. Collective vision defined by African grandmothers calls for a future in which grandchildren and communities are thriving, and have left behind the ravages of AIDS."

The Brookbanks for African Grannies group is busier than ever! We are happy to have some members transfer from the St. John's Go Go group. Our concert with The Toronto Cantata Chorus in June is raising money for grandmothers, children, and agencies that support them. There still may be some tickets left. Call Jeanne Kennedy at 416-951-1856.

We are very excited about our next project, an Antiques Roadhouse, on Saturday afternoon, September 22, at Jubilee United Church. Rev. Norm has been most helpful to us with this project; finding Angela McCool, a generalist expert, to inspect and comment on the treasures we will be bringing. Each ticket will allow its purchaser to bring one treasure to be evaluated for information purposes only. Come and have light refreshments and learn.

We are in the planning stages of an Art Auction, courtesy of Mark Geberzon and Waddingtons Gallery. Bidding will start at \$50.00 and will feature small paintings, collages, etc. Artists will donate their work to support Stephen Lewis' Foundation, Grannies to Grannies Campaign. Another event in early planning stages is a Wellness and Yoga day in March 2019 with Cathy Mines. Keep watching.

Jeanne Kennedy

THEATRE SCARBOROUGH UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS:



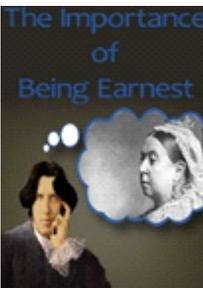
A successful Los Angeles TV actor is challenged to take on the role of Hamlet in Central Park - however, he doesn't want the part. Come see if Andrew meets the challenge with some soul-searching, sword fighting, and supernatural help.

Recommended for age 10 and up. Advisory: Contains strong language.

Adults: \$24 Seniors & Students: \$20

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

*Wine and Cheese Reception ** Audience Talk Back Session



Oscar Wilde's classic is a delight right from the first cucumber sandwich! Two bachelors, Jack and Algernon, must disentangle then re-entangle their double lives in order to win the affections of two very pretty young ladies, each of whom has a soft spot for fellows named Ernest.

Recommended for age 14 and up.

Adults: \$24 Seniors & Students: \$20

July 6*, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20 at 8:00pm; July 8, 14, and 21 at 2:00pm.

*Wine and Cheese Reception

Purchase Tickets online at: www.theatrescarborough.com

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



Jubilee

UNITED CHURCH

ScotiaBank Waterfront Marathon

(Marathon, 1/2 Marathon and 5k)

Sunday, October 21, 2018

We're doing it AGAIN!!!!

Last year we had 19 participants and raised over \$8,000!

This year, we want more participants!

**This year we've got at least one runner doing the
WHOLE Marathon!!!**

All of the money that is donated to Jubilee goes to Jubilee.

So, start training now... and imagine the Jubilee Community up and running (walking) while raising money for our church and ministry in the community.

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www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com/

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You can also talk to Rev. Seli if you have questions

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