



# Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

Welcome to Northlea! Northlea is proud to be a safe space and accessible for those with mobility assists such as wheelchairs, and scooters. We welcome pets, and invite you to bring your coffee to service! If we can help improve your experience by providing you with assisted hearing devices, a large print hymn book or large print order of service, we have them – just ask one of our *Welcomers*.

Infants, toddlers, and children are welcome as part of our worship in the sanctuary! Following the first part of the service each Sunday, many of our children and youth go with their leaders to “*Cool Church*.” Children who are visiting are invited to join in!

After the service, everyone reconnects in the Community Room over refreshments. We encourage everyone to wear name tags, so if you don’t have one, and would like one, please let one of our *Welcomers* know.

Thank You for Helping with Today’s Service:

**Welcoming: Anne and Stan Murray**

**Reading: June Cavers**

**Sound Technician: Bev Vanstone**

**Kitchen Hospitality: Alison Symington and Becky White**

*If you are interested in volunteering to help out with Sunday Morning Ministries, please contact Barb Ferguson in the church office or sign up on the sheets posted outside on the Welcome Board.*

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[www.northleaunited.ca](http://www.northleaunited.ca) or by signing up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Debit) through the church office.

**Northlea United Church**  
**November 12, 2017**  
Minister - Lee-Ann Ahlstrom  
Music Director - David Jafelice

*(\*) Please stand if you are comfortable and able.*  
**Bold letters** indicate words to be said by the whole congregation.  
*Please ask one of our greeters if you would like a large- print bulletin,  
a large-print hymn book or an assisted hearing device.*

**~ Gathering ~**

*Before or during the prelude you are welcome to come to the front and light a tealight candle and/or enter your prayer requests in the book provided. Your prayers can be included in the prayers of the people during the service.*

**♪ Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*♪ Gathering Hymn: *Lord You Give the Great Commission***  
**Voices United #512**

**Announcements, Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Worship:**

Come and worship,  
all you who love and serve our God —  
who surrounds us with unfailing love,  
and answers us when we call;  
who cares for the humble and lowly,  
and never abandons those in need.

**This is our God,  
worthy of our worship and praise!**

**♪ Sung Response: *Hallelu Hallelu Hallelu Halleluia***  
***Praise Ye the Lord!***

**Story and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Greetings of Peace** - *The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another. The children and youth will leave for their Cool Church listening and learning time.*

♪ **Sung Response: *Where Two or Three are Gathered***

**More Voices #14**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Holy Presence,  
We give thanks to You,  
who are the Source of Love;  
whose Light shines forth  
throughout the universe!  
Come, awaken our hearts that  
we might do your Work;  
For, without You, we can do nothing;  
'tis your Love that loves  
through us.**

(excerpt from Psalm 107 from  
*Psalms for Praying* Nan C. Merrill)

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~ Listening ~

\*♪ **Hymn: *In Christ There is No East or West***      **Voices United #606**

**Prayer for Understanding:**

**Holy One, we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit you  
will open our hearts and our minds to your mystery and grace.  
Guide us to the truth and wisdom we most need to hear,  
as we listen for your still small voice in our sacred story. Amen.**

**Reading:** Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

**Response:**

In this reading we hear God's voice.

**The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Monuments or Movements"

♪ **Anthem:** *Let Justice Roll Like a River*

Marty Haugen

~ Responding ~

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

\*♪ **Offertory Response:**

*Your work, O God needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.*

**Voices United #537**

*Because we love you and your work,  
our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own,  
we ask for Jesus' sake.*

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and treasure for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

♪ **Sung Response:** *Hear our prayer.*

*God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

\*♪ **Closing Hymn:** *For the Healing of the Nations*

**Voices United #678**

\***Commissioning**

\*♪ **Sung Benediction: *Go Now in Peace***

**Voices United #964**

♪ **Postlude**



Last Wednesday was the last Chair-based Exercise Class for the fall season! The laughter coming from the Narthex each Wednesday filled the halls! Thanks to Joanne P. and Anne M. for leading this fun group!

### **Coming Up!**

#### **TODAY - Strategic Visioning Project Retreat**

You are invited to attend a Strategic Visioning Project retreat today after church. There will be a light lunch after our service. The meeting will begin at 1:00pm and end at 3:00pm.

The purpose of the retreat is to hear and discuss some of the parameters and possibilities for further exploration. It is a preliminary sharing and listening exercise that will enable our missional options to emerge. If you have insights, perspective, or ideas to share, this is a great time for you to join the process. The Steering Committee felt that it would be beneficial to have as much congregational input into these discussions as possible. There will also be further opportunities as the process continues.

**TODAY**

**The Jazz Service at Northlea - Sunday, November 12, 4:30 pm.**

**Epic Romances - Songs and Stories**



Musicians: Rob Rowe - Piano

Mike Pelletier - Bass

Kelly Arrey – Drums

Featuring: Ian Jutsun – Vocals

*Singer, actor and comedian Ian Jutsun began his singing career at the age of 13 in Montreal and has lived in Toronto since 1992. Ian is an accomplished and consummate performer with thousands of live performances to his credit and has worked in TV, theatre and film throughout North America.*

**Bible Study**

Monday, Nov. 13

10:30 - 11:30 am

No experience necessary! Explore the Narrative Lectionary that Lee-Ann uses on Sunday mornings.

**Ben McNally of Ben McNally Books presents his “Winter Reads” -**

Tuesday, November 14, 7 pm

More info posted on the welcome board and on our website! *It helps the organizers out to have an idea of*

*numbers, so please be sure to RSVP by email: [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca) or call 416-425-5252 Thanks! Also, help us spread the word by inviting your friends!*



**Staff Meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 15 - 11 am**

**Labyrinth Walk -**

Wed. Nov. 15, 7:30 pm



Guided group walks are led by a facilitator and usually take about 1 – 1 ½ hrs. There are also opportunities to walk alone during the hour before and after the guided group walks. (More info on the Welcome Board)

<b>Arts Circle – Thurs.,</b> Nov. 16 - 1:30 pm	Bring art supplies to draw, paint, create, and share your love of the arts! All welcome!
<b>The Christmas Claymation Project with Jo - Thursday,</b> Nov. 16 – 6 pm	Thursdays, until December 7. Jo will be working with the youth and junior youth to build characters, sets, film and edit a short stop motion video in the Claymation style. The world premier will be in December, remember to check NewsBites for behind the scenes pictures in the upcoming weeks.
<b>Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, Nov 16 - 7:30 pm</b>	
<b>Youth Night with Jo - Friday, Nov. 17 - 7 pm</b>	
<b>Congregational Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 19 12 pm.</b> Hard copies of the Agenda and past minutes are in the Narthex on the tables. Information was emailed out early last week. If you did not receive that information, please let Barb Ferguson know so that your email can be added to our Members and Adherents email list. Thanks!	



**46th Community Canned Food Drive**

*You can help promote this event by giving permission to have a sign put on your lawn. The sign up sheet is on the Welcome Board.*

*The signs will be put up on November 18th and removed right after the collection on Nov. 25.*

Where to go to help out: St. Cuthbert's - 1399 Bayview Avenue.

Sat. Nov. 18th - Flyers being distributed in the community

Sat. Nov. 25th – 9:30 am - Canned food to be picked up

Contributions will go to several organizations - Evangel Hall Mission, Toronto Christian Resource Centre, Flemington Park Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you, Roger Touw, for representing Northlea United on this community project!

***The next meeting of the Refugee Support Group will take place at Northlea United Church on Tuesday 28th November at 7:00pm. All who would wish to support Northlea United's continuing work among the refugee community in our neighbourhood are warmly invited to attend and share their ideas and inspiration***

### **Spring Retreat at Five Oaks**

Paris in the spring? Yes, do plan to join us at Five Oaks, Paris, Ontario April 14th & 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunities to play and learn together, for community and faith building, while enjoying the wonders of nature. We encourage our Youth and families to join in.

This event was on the Big Win list which is now called the Celebration list! Funding has been allocated toward this weekend. In order to confirm our reservation in December, we need to have some idea of how many might be interested in attending. We ask that you consider this and sign up or let Barb ([office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca)) know as soon as possible if you think you MIGHT attend, and how many. This is NOT a final commitment! We have the main building being held for us at this time, and accommodations are lovely. Meals will be provided on site and we will likely have a facilitator for some portion of the time. More details will follow – such as sharing rides, possible events and of course the directions and time to arrive.

### **The People Tree - It's growing!**

Please send us your pictures - some simple rules!

1. One picture per person (or family)
2. Colour or black and white
3. Max size 4" x 6"
4. Matt or glossy

#### ***How?***

- Submit hard copy by bringing it to the church and by filling in the permission form that allows us to use your photo.
- Submit it electronically to the office at [office@northeaunited.ca](mailto:office@northeaunited.ca).



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**OBSERVER**

*It's Renewal and New  
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*(More information posted on the Welcome Board.)*

*We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the Mississauga peoples who came to this place long before us, and our responsibility for the territory wherein our church resides.*