



Eastminster United Church  
September 13, 2015  
Sixteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"I believe in both my right and my responsibility to work to create a world that doesn't glorify violence and war but where we seek different solutions to our common problems." -Jody Williams*

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Cathy Forrest

\*Opening Hymn VU#222 Come, Let Us Sing

Lighting the Christ Candle

adapted from Debra Faulk, *UU Words for Worship*

One: We light this candle, symbolic of the warmth of community and the brightness that love brings to the world, illuminating our search for justice and peace.

**All: Here in our midst is this flame, so tiny and so significant**

Opening Prayer

**Spirit of Life and Love,**

adapted from Krista Taves, *Prayers for the Journey*

**We gather this morning as a community of spiritual seekers.**

**We come together in a rainbow of diversity united by our conviction that the wounds of this world can be healed through compassion, forgiveness, acceptance, and courage.**

**We ask for patience, we ask for understanding, we ask for compassion,**

**We ask for hope and gratitude so that we may welcome our collective and individual journeys with open hearts, open minds, and open hands. Amen.**

The Peace Shared

Covenanting with Church School & Welcoming Jane

Blessing of the Backpacks

*The Children are invited to Summer Church School in the Nursery*

**We Share in Word and Song**

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-15

Cameron Thomson

One:

The word of hope.

**All:**

**Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

Longing for Home: Refugee Journeys

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Our Journey of Faith

Mark Hayes

## We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU#678 For the Healing of the Nations

*Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.*

\*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer VU#959

Mary Miller

## We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn VU#595 We Are Pilgrims

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\*Sung Blessing We Receive your Blessing - Grace and Natasha Moes



Postlude

## Today's Announcements

~ **SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-15 *p. 48*

### ~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

Our services in September focus on stories of refugees and migrants, both biblical and modern. September 20 we hear the story of Ruth and Naomi. We welcome guests from the East End Refugee Committee on September 27. On October 4 we celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday: Making Room at the Table and our preacher will be Jim Patterson!

**~ SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE at 10:15am!**

Beginning today, refreshments will be served before the service begins. Please feel free to bring your coffee into the sanctuary during the service and share the warm hospitality of your church!

**~ FOLK MUSIC GROUP**

The Eastminster Folk Music Group will be re-starting their meetings Monday, September 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 on the Auditorium Stage. Everyone is welcome, even if you don't play an instrument and only want to sing. Questions? Contact Alan Munn - [lamunn@pathcom.com](mailto:lamunn@pathcom.com) Meetings will be every second Monday.

**~ STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT – Jane Sanden**

We are very pleased to announce that Jane Sanden is joining Eastminster to develop and lead programming for our youth and intergenerational ministries. Jane is enthusiastic and has lots of creative ideas that we look forward to her sharing with us. Her first day is September 2, 2015 and she will be reporting to Rev. Sarah. There will be opportunities to introduce Jane to the rest of the Eastminster staff, committees and congregation however we encourage you to say hello and extend a warm welcome whenever you get the chance!

**~ EASTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN!**

**Eastminster Children's Choir** will begin another fun season of musical games, songs from all over the world, learning, and a cat-shaped piano on **Thursday, September 17 in the Parlour, 6-6:45pm**. New singers aged 4 to 12 are welcome, and returning choristers should feel free to bring a friend to our fun-filled first practice. For inquiries: [music.eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:music.eastminster@bellnet.ca)

**~ UPDATE FROM EUC'S MINISTRY & PERSONNEL (M&P) COMMITTEE**

**WHO WE ARE:**

Carol Bennett (Chair), Dale Hildebrand, Diana Hilton, Tom Veenstra and Cindy Zwicker-Reston.

**WHAT WE DO:**

We support our minister and lay staff on matters related to their employment with EUC and the United Church of Canada (including hiring, performance management, pay & benefits, and learning & development) so that they can successfully fulfill their role in Eastminster's growth as a faith community and living out our vision and mission.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

Believe it or not it has been a busy summer for M&P! We are thrilled to welcome **Jane Sanden**, our new Youth & Intergenerational Ministry Worker, who joins us Sept. 2nd and to confirm that **Hilary Seraph Donaldson & Scott Pietrangelo** are staying on board for at least another year!

There are some folks you may not see on Sundays so we want to give a shout out to them to remind everyone that they're also part of the Eastminster team... We are thankful for **Gerald Gordon** who keeps the building full and humming, **Sue Swann** who keeps our website and the workings of the office running smoothly, **Alex Sinclair** for keeping our books straight and making sure our staff get paid, and our custodians **Alison, Jessica, Joseph, Joshua & Robert** who keep the church ship-shape!

**QUESTIONS OR KUDOS?**

Feel free to speak to any of the M&P committee members or contact the staff directly (their contact information is in the bulletin each Sunday).

**~ INFO. UPDATES**

Please let the church office ([eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:eastminster@bellnet.ca)) know of any changes to your email, phone no's (including emergency contacts & cells), & home addresses so we can keep the Church files up to date, thank you!

**~ YOUR OPINIONS MATTER!**

The Accessibility Project Building Committee would like to hear from users and members of the congregation regarding any issues with accessibility and mobility that should be brought to the Committee's attention. Please e-mail Alan Munn at: [lamunn@pathcom.com](mailto:lamunn@pathcom.com). Thank you.

# GROOVY GROOVY GROOVY

**~ BOOGIE THROUGH THE 70'S ACCESSIBILITY FUNDRAISER!**



Have you purchased your tickets yet? Don't miss out. Join the Eastminster Choir and Friends on October 3rd at 8:00 to sing and dance the night away! Boogie through the 70's to the incredible beat of Scott's Great Band as we raise funds for Eastminster's Accessibility project. Cash bar, outta sight finger foods, totally tubular cakes. Bring extra cash for the amazing silent auction. For tickets please contact Diana Hilton. Cost \$50 per person. Please spread the word, invite family & friends, we need a full house to make this a successful event! Check out the scoop & share with your friends at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/945833995455157/>

**~ SILENT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

The Choir would like your help in raising money for the accessibility project for our church building. At our 70's Cabaret on Oct 3rd (see above) we are once again holding a silent auction and we need your help with donations.

Are you a great gardener willing to offer some hours of your time?

Are you willing to offer baby-sitting time?

Maybe you have some artwork that you are tired of looking at?

Do you have a cottage that you may feel comfortable offering some time at for the auction block?

Donations can include anything from your time to your knowledge to your products.

If you have any contributions for the auction, contact Laura Cory at: [dla619@rogers.com](mailto:dla619@rogers.com) / 416-465-3297..... Thanks!



**~ VISITS**

If you or someone you know would like a visit from Rev. Sarah, please let her know either on Sundays after service or leave her a message at 416-463-2179 ext. 100 or at: [sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca](mailto:sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca)

**~ THE ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE** for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: **Wednesday at 9am.**

Please send to: [eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:eastminster@bellnet.ca)

## Eastminster Events

**~ Mon. September 14 from 1-3.30pm: PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS GROUP BEGINS AGAIN**

If you are interested in joining, please speak to Joan Hewson. Meet in Sarah's Office.

**\* CHANGED DATE \* NEW EASTMINSTER STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS, & SCAPEGOATS**

**Beginning Tues. September 15** Five sessions from 7-8:30pm every other Tuesday, with subsequent sessions on **Oct. 6**, Oct. 13 & 27, and Nov. 10. Meet in the Parlour.

How are all these things connected?

Anthropologist and literary critic **René Girard**, author of such works as *Violence and the Sacred*, *Things Hidden Since the Foundation of the World*, and *I See Satan Fall Like Lightning* offers us a set of powerful tools for thinking about human relations, social order, and the divine.

Drawing on selections from Girard's work, this 5-session study series will explore a fresh and provocative way of thinking about violence, cruelty, tribalism, and religion in our contemporary setting.

Discussions led by Eastminster's **Cameron Thomson**.

For electronic copies please email: [cameron.thomson@gmail.com](mailto:cameron.thomson@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**~ Sun. September 20: POTLUCK LUNCH AND COMMITTEE FAIR**

Bring something to share and plan to stay for lunch following the service and to learn about the different committees and groups at Eastminster!

**~ Wed. September 23 at 7pm: COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HUB PLANNING MEETING**

Eastminster and Community Partners are exploring becoming a Resilience Hub, a place where people could come for warmth, food and shelter during events like the 2013 ice storm and power outage. There is a program with *Greening Sacred Spaces: Faith and the Common Good* working with the municipal government and other partners to plan for such events. Come out for an initial meeting of community partners. For more info: <http://greeningsacredspaces.net/>

**~ Fri. September 25 at 7pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB**

**BOOK:** *Cutting For Stone* **AUTHOR:** Abraham Verghese **MODERATOR:** Mary Gerritsma

You are welcome to join in - come out for a lively discussion, followed by the 9pm Social Wine & Cheese at the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren. Info: John Brown 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren 416-465-6174 [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com)

**~ Tues. September 29 at 7pm: THE JEWISH HOLY DAY OF SUKKOT & THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES**

Join Rabbi Miriam and the Danforth Multifaith Committee, for celebration, learning, and discussion in the DJC sukkah. Along with members of the Eastminster United Church community, we will learn about the holy day of Sukkot – the festival of temporary dwellings, precariousness, and harvest – and explore this powerful symbol and practice in relation to contemporary refugee issues. Dress warmly – it can be chilly outside at the end of September! **RSVP:** [info@djctoronto.com](mailto:info@djctoronto.com)

## Our Staff

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**Custodians:** Alison LeGrow, Jessica Aguiar, Joseph Telford, Robert Covert, Joshua Somers

**Soloists:** Michelle Suzanne - *soprano*, Andrew Hodwitz - *bass*, Jeff Schissler - *tenor*, Joy Klopp - *alto*

## 2ND ANNUAL DANCIN' ON THE DANFORTH

# Get Up and Boogie!

A 70s Fundraiser for Eastminster's Accessibility Campaign

## The Eastminster Choir and Guests

Scott Pietrangelo and Hilary Seraph Donaldson

Music Directors

With Scott's Great Band

**Saturday, October 3, 2015, 8:00 p.m.**

**Tickets \$50**

**Get down with live music, outta-right finger food, totally tubular cakes, and an unreal silent auction, then boogie with Scott and the band!**

**Cash bar**

Eastminster United Church  
310 Danforth Avenue at Chester subway  
[eastminsteruc.org](http://eastminsteruc.org)

For tickets, contact Sue at 416-463-2179, ext. 103  
or [eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:eastminster@bellnet.ca)

**Until we raise half a million dollars, access to this venue is limited by stairs  
We want to change that with your help**

