



Eastminster United Church
An East End United Congregation

September 23, 2018

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

“We have to find our way back to one another or fear wins” - Brene Brown

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome
Hodwitz

Andrew

*Opening Hymn: MV #174 Soil of God, You and I

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: With this small flame we begin a journey together.

All: Light our way into the wilderness!

Opening Prayer

This wilderness place can be lonely.

Give us the strength of community to help us find our way.

Bless us with the courage to reach out when we are lost.

Empower us to build bridges and mend the hurt places in our lives, our communities and our world. Amen

*Sharing the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

The children are invited to Church School in the Auditorium

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn:

We Will Take What you Offer

John L. Bell

**We will take what you offer,
we will live by your word,
we will love one another,
and be led by you, God.**

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sung Blessing

God, Dismiss Us With your Blessing John Fawcett, 1786, alt.

God, dis miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, Thy love pos-sess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.

O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us. Trav - eling through this wil - der-ness.

Postlude

Today

* **Welcome to Eastminster, an East End United Congregation**



If you're new, please fill out a contact card and drop it in the collection plate if you would like our weekly email newsletter or would like more information about Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Infants and children up to 4 are welcome in the nursery, and children 4 years and older are welcome to participate in church school in the auditorium.

Thank you to Hilary Donaldson, for guiding us through the wilderness this morning, and to Jane Gadd, Christine Leblanc and Andrew Hodwitz for volunteering their time and talents in the service.

East End Fall Worship Service Schedule

Date	Eastminster	Glen Rhodes
September 30	Joint Service at Glen Rhodes with Rev. Sarah Miller and Michiko Bown Kai	
October 7	Rev. Sarah Miller	Michiko Bown-Kai
October 14	Rev. Sarah Miller	Michiko Bown-Kai

East End Announcements

* **ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY**

**A Joint East End United Service
Sunday September 30 10:30am
Glen Rhodes United Church**

Wear an orange shirt on Sunday, September 30. Take a moment to remember those children and communities dramatically affected by the Indian Residential Schools System. Orange Shirt Day is inspired by Phyllis Jack Webstad who, on her first day at residential school in 1973, was stripped of her new orange shirt.

* **EAST END UNITED IS HIRING**

We're hiring a Director and Producer for Eastminster's Annual Christmas Pageant! This is a paid contract position from October-December 2018.

We will be hiring a permanent Coordinator of Church School & Youth Programs soon, but until then, we're hiring someone to coordinate the programs for the duration of 2018.

For more information and job descriptions talk to Rev. Sarah, Jenn Thomson, or Jane Sanden
janesanden@eastendunited.ca

* **We Want You! To be Part of Something New and Exciting!**

We're almost there! The final steps to East End United...

Many hands have been working hard over the past few years to build the connections that join our three congregations to create East End United. Please take note of these important events in September.

Town Hall sessions

September 23 at Glen Rhodes and Eastminster following the worship service

Learn about the new Constitution for East End United that will be presented for the congregation's approval on September 30th. Q&A sessions will be held.

Congregational meeting

September 30th at Glen Rhodes after a Joint Worship Service

The Congregation will vote on the East End United Constitution and the slate of Council and committee representation.

We'd like to officially announce the following intent:

To remove the following four trustees as members of the Board of Trustees on recommendation by the Board of Trustees recognized at a meeting of the Board of Trustees July 25, 2018 - BYERS, Doris; CAREY, Eugene; CHAN, Victor; STAFFORD, Charles. All said trustees have submitted a notice of resignation or otherwise identified their intention to not continue and have been duly notified of the intent to remove their names as members of the Board of Trustees at a congregational meeting to be held September 30, 2018.

- * **Volunteers are needed to welcome, read Scripture, offer prayers of the people, and provide refreshments.** Please sign up for any layleadership roles in the Narthex. We'd love to have your voice in our service!

* **GLEN RHODES OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Drop-in Food Bank

Wednesdays 9:00-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm

Glen Rhodes United Church

Second Harvest is celebrates their partnership with the Glen Rhodes Food Bank

From September 1 2017 to August 31 2018, Second Harvest has delivered 58,020 pounds of food to Glen Rhodes Food Bank, a donation valued at \$145,050.00. All of this food would have otherwise gone into the landfill but it was used to feed our community.

Community Dinners

September 24 5:00-6:00pm

Glen Rhodes United Church

* **CATS: Community Art Time Studio**

Thursdays 1:00-4:00pm

Cosburn United Church

Drop-in for art and community, all levels and interests welcome - bring a project you're working on, or start something new. Some basic materials are available but participants are welcome to bring their own. For more information, contact Greta King 416-421-5711.

East End Events

* **REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP MEETING**

Thursday September 27 6:00-7:30pm

Eastminster Parlour

If you're curious about being involved in East End Refugee Sponsorship or would like to continue your work with this initiative, join us for discussion, decision-making, and imagining what our 2018/2019 refugee work can be.

* **EXPLORING OUR FAITH: A DVD Session of insights with Eckhart Tolle**

Tuesday September 25 7:00-9:00pm

Eastminster United Church- Minister's Office

Engage in conversation and insights about Eckhart Tolle's DVD series: Finding Your Life's Purpose.

This Series gives straightforward advice on:

1. A new state of consciousness
2. Fulfilling your life's purpose
3. Shifting from thoughts to awareness
4. The power of stillness
5. Transformation of the world.

Please note we will be discussing lectures 1 and 2 on September 25 and the rest of the lectures on October 16.

* **READS Book Club**

Friday September 28 Book Chat 7:00pm, Social 9:00pm

Book this month: Red Sparrow by Jason Matthews

Our sixth year of Book Club starts with a brilliant spy fiction thriller strongly recommended by Jennifer Murray! A great and dangerous spy-game is being played today between Russian intelligence and the CIA. Very few people know about it, but the author, Jason Matthews does; he is a veteran CIA officer and writes what he knows. His Red Sparrow takes us deep inside this treacherous spy world and present-day Russia, ruled by a blue-eyed, unblinking President Vladimir Putin; and involves Finland, Greece, Italy, and the United States. He's an insider's insider and a masterful storyteller in the tradition of John LeCarre (this is the first of a trilogy). This is a need-to-read book considering current political events that are impacting our world. Buy your copy at bookstores everywhere or borrow from the library in book, e-book and e-audiobook format.

Enjoy a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9:00pm Social Wine and Cheese. Held at the home of Neil Riach and Carolyn Curren a block from the Chester Subway. For address, queries email Carolyn at: neilcarolyn@idirect.com or call 416-465-6174 or John Brown at 416-463-0844.

* **FARM VISIT with Grow Hope Danforth**
September 30 4:00pm
13582 Ninth Line, Stouffville ON

East End United, in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and other Danforth churches, is fighting World Famine through a "Growing Project" sponsorship with a local farmer in Stouffville. The fundraising target is \$5,000 to cover all the costs, including seeds, fertilizer, other inputs, land rental and support services, of 10 acres of this year's corn crop. East End United churches have agreed to sponsor 10 acres at \$500 each, and the hope is that 10 more acres could be sponsored by the other churches this year, with an overall goal of 20 acres. The crop will be sold, proceeds given to Canadian Foodgrains Bank and put to work in food assistance and food security projects, multiplied up to 4 times with government funds in the process, in countries like Sudan, Ethiopia, Syria, Haiti, and others, where access to sustainable food sources is a constant challenge for millions of families.

A visit to our Grow Hope Danforth farm is planned for Sunday September 30 at 4:00pm, after the congregational meeting. The field visit will allow to see the crop and meet the farmer and the animator from Canadian Foodgrains Bank. We'd love you to join us! Carpooling option will be available in the coming weeks.

We are still accepting donations to the project. We appreciate any donation and \$125 would pay for a quarter-acre.

We're more than halfway to our East End goal of \$5000 but still need your help! If you haven't already, you can still play your part in ending world hunger by sponsoring a quarter of an acre (\$125) or more as we approach World Food Day and Thanksgiving.

* **BRAVING THE WILDERNESS BOOK STUDY**
Tuesday October 7 7:00pm and Sunday October 14 12:30pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

Join us to share your thoughts on Brene Browns book as well as your personal reflections on the devotional. You are welcome to join us for one or both sessions.

* **ART SHOW FUNDRAISER**
Benefiting East End Refugee Sponsorship
Saturday October 20 1:00-9:00pm & Sunday October 21 10:00am-6:00pm
Cosburn United Church 1108 Greenwood Ave

* **GLEN RHODES WALK OF DREAMS**
Sunday October 28- Gather at 10:00am, walk starts at 10:30am
Glen Rhodes United Church

* Walk of Dreams is an annual family event to raise awareness and money for Glen Rhodes and East End United programs that improve the quality of life for people in our community

* As a participant in the Walk of Dreams, enjoy a 1km or 5km walk or run through the Gerrard/Coxwell neighbourhood

* You'll be invited to participate in celebration and ceremony at the beginning and end of the walkathon

* This event is suitable for all ages and abilities.

* Registration and pledge forms and walk routes are available from Glen Rhodes or Eastminster. For more information call 416-465-3755 or email glenrhodesunited@bellnet.ca

Community Events

* **PATHWAYS EXHIBIT**

Toronto Reference Library- 789 Yonge Street

August 18 -October 28

Land and water routes across what is now Ontario reveal layers of Indigenous knowledge, resistance and presence that connect from time immemorial to the present and future. This exhibit features works by contemporary Indigenous artists as well as historical materials from the collections of the Toronto Public Library and Library and Archives Canada.

* **Harvest Festival**

September 23 12:00-3:00 pm

East York Community Centre- 1081 1/2 Pape Ave, East York

5th Annual Harvest Festival at the East York Community Centre in support of Bethany Baptist Church food bank.

This year there will be a free outdoor BBQ with live music and children's activities, including a pop-up Outdoor Adventure Playground and a Good Food Market.

* **CENTERED IN SONG – TORONTO 2018**

September 29 9:30am

Eastminster United Church

Join us to learn about our ground-breaking new resource, The Center for Congregational Song! This is a new initiative of the Hymn Society in the US and Canada, one focused on fostering and empowering the voice of the congregation for the good of all our communities. You will hear from some of Toronto's top song leaders and hymnologists and sing together in a "Big Sing," celebrating the diversity of the church's song.

Hilary Donaldson is leading the opening worship and it would be wonderful to have members of East End United participating to welcome new people into our space.

Registration is free, but required so that we can make sure that our venue has enough space to house everyone. You can register at <https://congregationalsong.org/event/toronto2018/>.

* **COME AND SEE PALESTINE AND ISRAEL**

October 31- November 10, 2018

Join Rev. Marianna Harris and George Bartlett on a pilgrimage to see for yourself what is happening in Palestine and Israel. Learn about the effects of the occupation on the lives of ordinary people.

Discover how Jewish Israeli and Palestinian activists are seeking to create change. Visit key holy places as we reflect on Jesus' life and teachings. Cost \$2800 plus airfare. Contact George Bartlett at g.bartlett@sympatico.ca for further information.

Weekly Events

Mondays 1:00pm

Prayer Shawl Knitters

Meet in Sarah's Office

Thursdays 7:30 - 9.30pm

Choir

Meet in the Sanctuary

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