

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture	John 20:24-29	Katy Grabstas
	1Corinthians 1:26-27	
One:	The word of Hope	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
Meditation	Reflections on Agnes of God	Susan Wakefield, Jennifer Thomson & Rev. Sarah Miller
Musical meditation	River	Joni Mitchell

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU #628 Come, My Way, My Truth

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

*Dedication Prayer

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

Cameron Thomson

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU #682 O Day of Peace that dimly shines

*Blessing & Sending Forth

Postlude "O Gott, du frommer Gott," op.122 no.7

Johannes Brahms

Today

Scripture: John 20:24-29 *p. 115*
1Corinthians 1:26-27 *p. 166*

* Welcome to Eastminster

Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly eblast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Children are invited to Nursery (up to age 4) and Church School following the Children's Time. Please pick up children from Church school and Nursery following the service.



* **Special thanks to Kaleb Koslowski** for sharing his musical gifts in worship today!

Eastminster Events

* **Worship Services**

The Easter season continues with a series focused on Living in Hope as Easter People: In light of all the information, negative news, scheduling, daily challenges...how do we foster a life lived in hope and spirit filled expectation? May 8 our theme is Living the Questions! May 15 is Pentecost when we host the East End Churches for a service together at Eastminster!

* **Eastminster United Church Presents: Agnes of God Fundraiser!**

Eastminster is proud to announce our production of the play, *Agnes of God*, as part of our accessibility project fundraising efforts!

Agnes of God, explores fundamental issues of spirituality vs. obsession, miracles vs. magical thinking, and faith vs. doubt. The play will run for several nights: **Friday, May 13; Saturday, May 14; and Sunday, May 15 (the latter date we include two performances, one being a matinee)** at 310 Danforth Ave. (Chester Subway).

Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available on Sundays after service or through the church office Tues-Fri 10.30-3.30 (cheque or cash only). All performances will be followed by talk-back sessions.

Our hope is that this will give audience members an opportunity to engage with the play in a meaningful way.

* **Tues. May 3 @7pm: Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting**

* **Sat. May 7 @ 7.30pm: VOCA Performance: "Requiem" & "Vast Eternal Sky"**

Join the VOCA Chorus of Toronto, at Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave. (Chester Station) for a performance of Gabriel Fauré's renowned masterpiece — his powerful and profound *REQUIEM* — featuring Elizabeth Polese, soprano, Lawrence Shirkie, baritone and the Talisker Players Orchestra. The second half of our concert will feature a wide range of secular and sacred repertoire which celebrates themes of sky or heaven, including Ola Gjeilo's stunning *Across the Vast, Eternal Sky*, Gabriel Fauré's sublime *Cantique de Jean Racine*, Eleanor Daley's gorgeous *Paradise (Song For Georgian Bay)* and wonderful arrangements of popular classics, *Orange Colored Sky* and *Over The Rainbow*. Tickets \$25 General, \$20 Seniors, \$10 Students (see poster on last page)

* **Tues. May 10, 7:30pm: TCO Spring Concert: "From Furthest Base to Farthest Leap"**

The Toronto Community Orchestra, led by artistic director Leonidas Varahidas, is very pleased to extend a warm invitation to our spring concert "**From Furthest Base to Farthest Leap**", at Eastminster United Church, 310, Danforth Ave. (Chester Subway). The concert will include *Harry's Wonderous World*, from John Williams' *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *St. Paul's Suite* for strings and *First Suite* for winds by Gustav Holst. Alessia Disimino will be featured on violin playing Ralph Vaughan Williams' *The Lark*, and the program will finish with some wonderful Latin dance music! Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted. Please join us afterwards for a reception in the Auditorium.

* **Thurs. May 12 @ 10.40am: Chester Village Service**

Please speak to Rev. Sarah if you can help out.

* **Sun. May 15: East End Churches Service at Eastminster!**

On Pentecost we welcome 4 East End United Churches for a joint service! Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the early church! To celebrate, we will have a cupcake potluck following the service! Please bring cupcakes to share!

Announcement Deadline for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: Wednesday at 9am.

Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca thanks!

From our Friends

* **Wed. May 4 @ 7pm: Meet & Meditate**

A chance to see your Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation

7pm - Meet & Greet – with Rodrigo Solano, UU Minister in Preliminary Fellowship

7:30pm – Mindful Meditation – Led by Rev. Wayne Walder, Minister at Neighbourhood UU

Neighbourhood UU Congregation-79 Hiawatha Road (South of Lower Gerrard East in Little India)

Sponsored by the Danforth Multifaith Community

* **Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM**

Here's to Love: An evening to build solidarity with Bangladeshi freethinkers by raising funds for those seeking asylum in Canada. West Hill United Church, 62 Orchard Park Drive

An evening to build solidarity with Bangladeshi freethinkers by raising funds for those seeking asylum in Canada. Gifted singer-songwriter, Michael George, comes to town for this special engagement to add his amazing voice to this important piece of work. Raihan Abir, an author and recent refugee to Canada from Bangladesh, will be with us. Fleeing Bangladesh in 2015, Raihan has lost many friends, including his co-author, editor, and publisher, to the religious extremists who are fighting for control of the country. Many more are living in hiding within the country or in sub-standard conditions in refugee camps outside Bangladesh. Raihan will speak to the gathering as he is able. Unique items will be up for silent auction; door prizes will also be distributed. A bar serving wine and beer will be available and fresh prepared food items will be available for purchase. The world's refugee crises are many. Help make this one a little less extreme.

* **Mon. May 9 at 7:30pm: 2016 Heart & Vision Awards Concert at Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. E.**

Focuses on the Report of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada

On Monday May 9 2016 join Toronto United Church Council at the eighth annual *Heart & Vision Awards Concert*. Former Ontario Ombudsman and President of Indspire, Dr. Roberta Jamieson and Truth and Reconciliation Commission Commissioner, Dr. Marie Wilson will be honoured for their contributions to the process of reconciliation between Canada and First Nations peoples. The Hon. Bob Rae will host a musical celebration featuring Inuit throat singers, Nukariik, Jackie Richardson, Aboriginal Music Award winner Christa Couture, Medicine Song Woman Brenda Macintyre, and many others. Tickets are \$60 for the concert alone or \$150 including a post-performance reception. Proceeds support the Council's Community Relief Fund, which funds United Church social ministries. Reserve your ticket online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-toronto-united-church-council/events/hv2016/> or call Ali Hayes at 905-771-5124.

* **Fri. May 13 from 3-7pm & Sat. May 14 from 9am-Noon: "The Awesome Sale!!"**

Location: Leaside United Church - 822 Millwood Road (at McRae). Donations are being accepted for this amazing Annual Sale of all kinds of bargains, from treasures & trinkets, books, clothing, linens, toys, furniture, small appliances, housewares, jewellery and more!! Snack Bar, recycled bargains and proceeds go towards funding both the church and Outreach Programs at Leaside United Church. To donate or arrange pick ups please contact George at georgehurst@sympatico.ca 416 421 6491 or Bob at aelister@sympatico.ca 416 757 1491. Info at: www.leasideunited.org

* **Refugee Voices: Stories of Struggle and Success: Monday May 16, 7:00pm at Kingston Road United Church (975 Kingston Road at Scarborough Road.)**

In recent months, Canada has welcomed 25 000 Syrian Refugees and is committed to welcoming 10 000 more by year's end. Thousands of Canadians have joined together to form private sponsorship groups to help these individuals settle and learn to call Canada home. Groups are now busy helping families with their initial immediate settlement needs. However, once the official time period ends for the sponsors to help the refugees resettle, there continue to be many obstacles in the process of making a new life in Canada. Join the East End Refugee Committee (EERC) when four of our former refugees will share their personal stories. They came from different places and situations and different life stages: as a teenager, a single woman and mid-career. Each will describe personal struggles and successes. This will be followed by a question and answer period.

There is no charge but the EERC would gratefully accept donations. Receipts can be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more. The EERC has been sponsoring refugees since 1995. It was started by Kingston Road United Church & St. John's Norway Anglican Church and joined by representatives of Beach United, Calvary Baptist, Eastminster United, Fallingbrook Presbyterian, Neighbourhood Universalist Unitarian, St. Aidan's and St. Saviours Anglican Churches. We are dedicated to making a difference in the world for those less fortunate than ourselves.



Read Beth Baskin's great "Justice Note" bi-weekly updates & events notice here: <https://torontoconference.ca/torontosoutheast/outreach-social-justice-project.php> or contact Beth at: BBaskin@united-church.ca

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

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