

HAPPENINGS ON-THE-HILL
Week of October 1-7, 2023

TODAY

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, thank you for this day. Guide my mind in your way and help me to do your will. All praise, honour, and glory is yours. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God, thank you for providing for my needs. Thank you for always being with me. Keep me through the night and put a song of praise on my lips when I rise again. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. (from *Feasting on the Word*, Year A, Vol.2)

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

THIS WEEK @ ST. PHILIP'S

- Tuesday* *Drama and Youth programs*
Thursday *10:00 am – Men's Bible Study on Zoom*
 7:00 pm – Mandarin Bible study
Saturday *5:00 pm – Evening Prayer and social time on Zoom*
Sunday *10:00 am – Sung Eucharist; Children's Worship – Thanksgiving Sunday*
 10:00 am – Mandarin Gathering, in-person and on Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 9* *Thanksgiving Day*
October 14 *Walkathon*
October 15 *Baptism*
October 28 *Harvest Hoedown*

Harvest Sunday Collection for Yellow Brick House

Yellow Brick House (YBH) offers emergency shelters with 51 beds and cribs, a 24/7 crisis and support line as well as counselling and support. They report that "Canada has seen a 30% increase in domestic violence since the start of the pandemic- but many women have been trapped in their homes with their abusers, unable to access our services." For years our Chancel Guild and SPOTH have supported YBH with fresh produce and groceries for their Thanksgiving Dinner. Last year due to COVID-19 we switched to raising

funds instead, and we encourage you to consider giving once again. On the cheque memo line, or if using our website on the option to write a note to the church, please write Yellow Brick House and we will make sure that your donation is delivered to YBH.



Walkathon2023- The Tradition Continues...

Goodness, there is so much going on in our world, we almost feel paralyzed. The needs are so great, what can I do? We know that you want to do something for the good in a concrete way. Please support our annual Walkathon, October 14th, 2023. Funds raised will go towards sponsorship for Syrian refugee families as well as support provided by 360Kids for youth in crisis in Markham and York Region (www.360kids.ca).

Your generous support as sponsor, walker or kitchen volunteer would be appreciated. If you donate online, please check off the box for Walkathon on the drop-down menu. Thank you!

Here's some more information about supported youth in need:
"360Kids is a non-profit organization that began over 33 years ago in York Region. The agency serves more than 150 youth each month who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, between the ages of 13 and 26. Their goal is to prevent young people from sleeping on the streets, "couch surfing", or staying in unsuitable accommodations where they would be at risk of abuse. 360Kids provides emergency shelters, drop-in centers, education and employment support and counseling services. In addition, they work with youths who are involved in gangs or at risk in gang involvement or have a history of involvement with the criminal justice system".



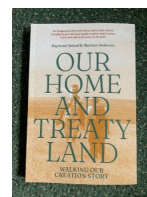
Please save the date for our **Harvest Hoedown 2023 Chili Dinner Fundraiser at SPOTH!** Join us on **Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 3PM to 7PM** for a delicious Chili Dinner with Entertainment, a Live Caller, Square Dancing, and Games for the youth. It's a crowd-pleasing time! Tickets are Adults \$10.00 and Families \$20.00.

Families, Friends, and Neighbours are Welcome at this Fall Fundraising Event in SPOTH's Parish Hall. Remember to wear your Western Hats and Clothes.

Tickets will be sold after Sunday Service beginning October 1st, 2023.

RSVP by Sun. Oct. 22/23

Please contact Pastor Lynne for any further information or call the Church Office at 905-477-1991. We look forward to seeing you there!



Get your copy! As part of our on-going learning we will be reading this together with our friends at Trinity Aurora, accompanied by Indigenous teacher Nanockashee Jake Charles from the Chippewas of Georgina Island who has agreed to be our Indigenous Participant. Zoom Talking Circles will begin on Thursdays October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:30 to 9 pm. Please register with Katharine our administrator. Cost for the book and 6 sessions is \$25.00. That's only \$4 a session!

Music Update

We continue to grieve Nina's unexpected passing in August and continue to pray for her son Nicholas and her family. We are deeply grateful for John Mole who has generously and kindly stepped into the gap for us until the end of the month. Thank you John!

We are also grateful to our choir members rebooting our choir this Sunday. The interviews for our strategic planning heard clearly, dear choir we have missed you! We have also heard the desire for variety in our worship music. So the work continues. We are booking supply musicians as needed, and consulting others with musical gifts as we move forward trying new things in conjunction with our choir. When we develop a clearer vision for our worship ministry we may be searching for a new director of music. Please pray for us as we move forward, keeping the goal engaging worship to glorify our God and support our mission in Unionville.

Upcoming Concert

Christian singer-songwriter Steve Bell will be in Toronto for a Solo Concert on Friday, October 13th, 7:30 pm at Little Trinity Anglican Church (425 King St. E.). Tickets \$25. Visit www.stevebell.com/events for more info.



Throughout the pandemic our congregation did a stellar job keeping one another safe. Let's keep that same spirit going as we keep our worship safe for those with scent allergies.

Each Sunday we have faithful parishioners gather, unsure if they will be triggered by scent and get immediately ill. Please, be scent free. Refrain from using scented perfumes, lotions, conditioners and scented clothing at church. We also keep the lounge as an extra safe space, so let's please keep our air safe for all.

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Clergy & staff are happy to meet with parishioners. Please call the office for an appointment. The information in the bulletin may also be found on our website: www.spoth.ca