



The season of Advent is here, Christmas is coming! You are invited to **Unionville Presbyterian...**

*Hope is not the naïve expectation that all will go smoothly, that desolation will remain a stranger. It is a conviction that God will be with us in whatever happens.
Emmanuel ~ God with us.*

Dec/2022



Let's journey to Christmas together at UPC...

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 4

"Lighting the Candle of Peace"

3rd Sunday in Advent

December 11

"Lighting the Candle of Joy"

4th Sunday in Advent

December 18

"Lighting the Candle of Love"

Advent Sunday services, at 11am, will be lead by Robert Revington, with participation from UPC's Worship Support Team members



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00pm

with Rev. Heather Jones
& special music & readings



Christmas morning
11am
Songs & Stories
with Rev. Heather

Our worship services are blessed with exceptional audio-visual support. Linda Weston leads this important ministry that allows for live streaming & recording of hybrid services. **Thank you Linda!**



Thank you Rev. Joan Masterton, for your ongoing support of our congregation as UPC's Interim Moderator during our minister vacancy.



Take-a-Break at UPC is back for Christmas!

Christmas Lunch

Thursday, Dec.15, 12 noon

Come & enjoy an afternoon of good company, good food and some yuletide fun. Back by popular demand is our 'tacky gift' exchange!

Please let us know you are coming by emailing Margaret Mack at maggie.mac@sympatico.ca or phone Nancy R. at 905-201-9039 or Margaret at 416-276-0577.

Everyone Welcome!

Potluck

Sandwiches & Squares Lunch

Sunday, Dec. 18th,
following the service



Please bring some food to share that does not require a knife or fork to eat. Let's pause, from the Christmas hustle & bustle, to enjoy some food & fellowship together.

Looking forward to being together!



UPC's
Christmas
Wish
Program



This Christmas season, our congregation supported these two local agencies, providing critical funds that will help give those that rely on their services some joy this Christmas. Thank you to Pat Richards for coordinating.

**Thank you to all who donated to
UPC's Christmas Wish Program.**



'PROJECT HOPE HOLIDAY DRIVE'

From now until Dec. 14, Toronto Police 51 Division is collecting new toys, backpacks, baby essentials, hygiene products and gift cards.

Your donations will help to bring joy to thousands of Afghan refugees as they celebrate their first holiday season in Canada. Please contact Julie with any questions, Julie@upc.community or 905-475-6233.

Minister Search Team Update

UPC's Search Team has been working together since last spring, creating our congregational profile and getting it out for potential candidates to view. We have reviewed a number of resumes and are in the process of interviewing candidates. So, we are continuing to work hard on this and ask you to pray that God will be with us and guide us as we move forward.

Jean Cook, Tom Giles, Ellen Kaine, Margaret MacKenzie, Brent MacKinnon, Pat Richards, Nancy Robertson, Alison Toscano

Around our Building

Parking lot lighting replacement:

In consultation with the City, our aging lighting in the parking lot and driveway will be replaced. This will greatly improve the level of lighting and thus the safety in our parking lot.

Please note: There'll be short periods when the lot will be closed during this work. When we know the time of this, you'll be notified by email.

Many improvements were completed during COVID some of the more recent ones:
• external security cameras • LED lighting inside & outside • updating nursery room • panelling protection in the hallway • we also have a proposal in the works that we hope will allow us to make our inner entrance doors as accessible as our outer ones.



The Upper Room is looking good too, with new storage units being installed by Alison, UPC's official 'Jill'-of-all-trades! Many others helped with many improvements.

Thank you everyone!

UPC is all decked out for Christmas!

Thank you to Lynn & Vikki for ensuring that our church is decorated beautifully for the yuletide season!



Praying for others:

When we pray for others, we are offering our hearts as channels through which the healing Love of God may be directed to those for whom we are praying.

Please pray for Danielle's niece, Tina, in palliative care. And for Luella K., Marie S. (Chris's mom), Clare S., Lynn Th., June H. and Rachad's mom, all of whom are facing difficult health situations. Please remember Betsy M. and her family. It is coming up to the one year anniversary of her husband Linten's death. We also pray for Erika K. and her family. Erika's father passed away last month in the Bahamas. For all those on our hearts and minds we pray God's loving presence.



Community Family Services of Ontario

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CFSO is back at UPC after having to shut down their services here due to COVID. They have begun once again offering counselling and therapy at no charge, on Wednesdays at UPC. These services are available to anyone. To book an initial intake interview please call 416-979-8299.



UPC's ENJOY Group meets every Thursday for lunch and laughter. Those attending are grateful for their time together. They truly 'enjoy' each other's company! New folks are always welcome.

ENJOY support team: Linda W., Nancy R., Pat & Brent, Julie and Margaret M.



May the Peace, Hope, Joy & Love of this Holy Christmas Season be in your heart today and every day.