



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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November 10, 2024

Celebration of Life for Helen Cappon:

A celebration of the life of Helen Cappon will be held at Willowdale Christian Reformed Church tomorrow, November the 11th at 2:00 p.m., doors open at 1:00 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments following the service.

At 12:00 p.m., prior to the service there will be an interment at York Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to attend as they wish. 160 Beecroft Rd, Toronto, ON M2N 5Z5 (Section B, Lot 2815)

A ZOOM link for the 2:00 p.m. celebration was sent out via email on Friday, November 8, 2024.

Thank you all for your kind love and support.

Today's Guest Preacher: Pastor Adrian Jacobs is a Cayuga First Nation member of the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy of the Grand River Territory, Ont.

Jacobs has been involved in spiritual and social service training for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in various places in the United States and Canada. He formerly served as Keeper of the Circle/Principal of Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, an Indigenous ministry training school for the United Church of Canada, located in Beausejour, Man.

"Adrian is an Elder and founding member of the Board of NAIITS—An Indigenous Learning Community and a frequent leader and contributor to evangelical and ecumenical dialogue on Indigenous justice and rights," added Mike Hogeterp, former director of the CRC's Centre for Public Dialogue.

Currently, Adrian is Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation working out of the CRCNA Burlington office.

Today's Second Offering Cause: In the 2024 offering schedule today's offering was noted as "To Be Determined". The second offering for today will be for **Indigenous Ministries Canada**. This ministry is made up of a national committee (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee), three Urban Indigenous Ministries, and a Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation, each using their strengths to support healing and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous people in Canada.

Anniversary:

November 12 — Sid & Joanne Sytsma (64th)
Congratulations!

Birthdays:

November 10 — Beatrice V.
November 12 — Peter G.
November 15 — Leo C.

Cheltenham Nursing Home Today: Today we plan to have our monthly worship service at 2:30 p.m. If you are able to join us to help with the singing, please contact Hye-Jin or Nell D.

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for our **1st offering** for our **church ministries and expenses**, faithful giving is a blessing to our whole church family.

Please pray for our **2nd offering; Indigenous Ministries Canada**.

Every **Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.** all are welcome to attend a **ZOOM prayer meeting**, email Alana for the ZOOM link and to submit a prayer request or praise report (alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com)

ZOOM Host Schedule:

November 10 – Peter
November 17 – Asal
November 24 – Alana

Greeters Schedule:

November 10 – Rob D.
November 17 – Ferdinand & Nathan
November 24 – Cici L.

Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:

Nov 10 – Zohreh, Kate, Armie, Angie
Nov 17 – Nelly, Zohreh, Sylvie
Nov 24 – Suzanne (2 more helpers TBD)

The Ministry to Seafarers (M2S) Christmas Parcel

Drive: The M2S Christmas Parcel Drive aims to collect gifts from individuals, churches and businesses. M2S offers a parcel to each seafarer visiting the Port of Montreal during the month of December to communicate that they are seen, loved and valued. Parcels are accepted each year from October 1st to December 15th and are distributed from the last week of November (for those ships we know will be out to sea over Christmas) and continue through to January (for the ships who were out to sea over Christmas).

As in the past, **Willowdale CRC** is supporting the M2S Christmas Parcel Drive. A limited number of pre-sewn parcel bags will be available in the fellowship hall after the **November 10** service, for you to pickup.

If you wish to pack a parcel bag:

1. Fill the bag suitable for a **male seafarer**. (M2S will provide parcel bags to female seafarers directly)
2. Write a personal note/card, if you're comfortable doing so.
3. Enclose new items in their original packaging from these **four categories (approx. 2 items/category):**

Toiletries: Ex. toothbrush/toothpaste, razor/shaving cream, soap/shampoo, cologne/aftershave, hand sanitizer, face cloth (not white)

Warm Clothing: Ex. toque, gloves, socks, scarf

Snacks: Ex. candy, chocolate, nuts, cookies

Play/Leisure/Gift: Ex. calendar, "Bicycle" playing cards, Canada souvenir such as a magnet or key chain, Sudoku, headlamp or flashlight, compass

4. Don't include heavily scented items such as Irish Spring soap, office supplies, cleaning supplies/products, used items or loose items such as a toothbrush, unwrapped candy or home baking

5. Return the filled parcel bag **on November 17th**, to the fellowship hall

Please contact any of the Deacons for more information.

Thank you for your gifts!

Advent & Christmas Schedule – Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, December 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent, worship service starts at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent, worship service starts at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 8 – Intercultural Potluck – Evening Christmas Gathering, more details will be shared as they become available.

Sunday, December 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent, worship service starts at 10:00 a.m., includes Children's Ministry skit, more details will be shared as they become available.

Saturday, December 21 – Christmas Party hosted by our **Farsi Fellowship**, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Willowdale Christian School, 60 Hilda Ave. All are welcome!

Sunday, December 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent, worship service starts at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 22 – Lessons & Carols Service, join us at 7:30 p.m. for this special service of reflection on our Saviour's birth.

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Service, come and rejoice, the service starts at **10:30 a.m.!**

Willowdale Christian School Christmas Bazaar: We joyfully invite you to join us at our annual **Christmas Bazaar at Willowdale Christian School** at 60 Hilda Ave! This festive event will be held on **Sat, Nov 16th** from 9am-2pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather in the spirit of fellowship and holiday cheer as we celebrate the season together.

The market will feature a variety of handmade crafts, delicious baked goods, delicious Dutch treats, and games and crafts room for the kids. There will be something for everyone to enjoy! All proceeds from the event will support the Christian education. Hope to see you there for a day of community, fun, and festive shopping!