# WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

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**September 27, 2026**

**Prayer requests:**

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

Please pray for our **2nd offering (blue bag); Pauline Ho Children's Ministry – (Friend of Nations Church)** Friend of Nations Church is a multi-cultural CRC community of Christians that meet near Keele and Finch. Friend of Nations Church supports a child and youth ministry in Alexander Park, under the leadership of Pauline Ho, offering Kids' Church on Saturdays, youth group reunions, outings, camp and visits to the homes of the Kids' Church participants. Your prayer and financial support allow Friend of Nations Church to continue reaching out to the children and youth so that they may know God's love and live for Him. Visit https://ancftoronto.com

**Food & Faith Conversations:** Join Pastor Greg on September 27 for Food, Theology, Biblical and Catechism Studies and Fellowship after the church service. We will wrap up November 8.

**Communion Passed in the Pews:** Today (**Sunday, September 27),** during the morning worship service, communion elements (bread & juice) will be passed in the pews as we did on June 7th. As we pass the bread to each other, we will say, **"The body of Christ for you."** As we pass the cups, we will say, **"The blood of Christ for you."** We hope that serving communion this way every few months will be a blessing for all.

**Potluck Dinner & Taizé Service:** This evening (Sunday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m.) we will gather at church for a potluck dinner and Taizé Service. Please bring some food to share (either homemade or store bought) and spend some time visiting over food. Following our meal (about 7 p.m.) we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of prayer, song, and reflection on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. If you are able to help with either the set up or the clean up **(after Taizé service)** please contact Alana Yoneyama. Plan to join us!

**Birthdays:**

There are no birthdays to report.

**Thanksgiving Sunday (October 11): Food donations for The Lighthouse**: Willowdale CRC has a long tradition of supporting The Lighthouse with both regular offerings, and with donations of food. Each year on Thanksgiving we invite the congregation to show care and generosity to our neighbours through donations of food and personal care products. You are invited on Sunday October 11 to bring food donations to the church service with you. During the offering time you will be invited to bring your donations to the front of the church.

The most needed food items include: canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and tomato sauce, peanut butter, canned fish/meat, and oatmeal and cereal. Personal and feminine hygiene products are also needed. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

**Ushers:** A few months ago we announced that we were looking for volunteers to be **Ushers** during the worship services. The first groups of volunteers is in place and ready to start on **October 4**. Starting next Sunday, two Ushers will be sitting in one of the back pews and they will quietly greet people who arrive after the opening worship song and the doors to the Sanctuary are closed. They will have liturgies available if needed (both English and Farsi), and will direct those that arrive after the congregation is seated to Reserved pews at the back of the Sanctuary in front of the Sound Booth. The Ushers will also assist worshippers who need assistance during the service (for example, someone needing to know where the washroom or nursery are). If you have questions or feedback about the Ushers, please talk to Leanne Grauds. And, if you are still interested in volunteering, please Let Leanne know.

**Cold & Flu Season:** Please be reminded that there are masks in the Narthex, and hand sanitizer on the welcome table. ZOOM is available every Sunday if you are not feeling well and would like to stay home to recover.

**Are you interested in volunteering at Willowdale CRC in one of the duties below?**

**Your help is needed and appreciated! Please contact Alana Yoneyama for more information:**

**office@willowdalecrc.com**

***Indicates that P2P training and Vulnerable Sector Check is required**

***ZOOM Host Schedule:**

September 27 – Alana Y.
October 4 – John M.
October 11 – Nafise CZ
October 18 – Alana Y.
October 25 – Alana Y.

**Greeters Schedule:**

September 27 – Batac Family
October 4 – Asal P.
October 11 – Gerard D.
October 18 – Rob D.
October 25 – Ann G.

***Hall Monitor Schedule:**

September 27 – Rob D.
October 4 – WilmaJoy V.
October 11 – Beatrice V.
October 18 – Nelly S.
October 25 – Rob D.

**Coffee & Tea Serving Schedule:**

September 27 – Homayoun, Mitra, Reza
October 4 – TBD
October 11 – TBD
October 18 – TBD
October 25 – TBD

**There are countless ways to share your gifts at Willowdale CRC!**

**If you would like to serve your church in a different way please speak to Pastor Greg, an elder or deacon.**

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**REMINDER: Plan to Protect – Safe Church Training Refreshers:** ***There are 2 ways to complete your training:***

1. Video modules – start anytime, complete at your own pace, you are given 30 days to do so.
2. Attend the upcoming ZOOM webinar **on** **Thursday, October 22, at 8:00 p.m.**

**Your refresher training is paid for by the church.** Contact Alana for assistance.