

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, November 28th, 2025

**SERVICE
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday,
November 30th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist –
*The First Sunday of Advent &
Feast of St. Andrew*

Monday,
December 1st to
Friday,
December 5th

9:30am

Morning Prayer via Zoom
(<https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/> for the links)

Sunday,
December 7th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist –
The Second Sunday of Advent



Saturday,
November 29th

10:00am
Christmas Kitchen

Sunday,
November 30th

8:30am
Adult Education

5:00pm
Advent Potluck Supper

Tuesday,
December 2nd

10:00 – 11:00am
ESL Reading & Career
Mentoring Groups

11:00am - 12:30pm
ESL Conversation Group

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Wednesday,
December 3rd

10:00 – 11:00am
Contemplative Art

12:00nn
St. Andrew's Group
Meeting

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Thursday,
December 4th

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Sunday,
December 7th

8:30am
Adult Education

From the Incumbent



Welcome to one of the busiest weekends of the year at St. Tim's!

Christmas Kitchen is **TOMORROW!** Saturday, November 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Baked goods and jams, famous tourtières, artwork, Young Shoppers' Room, Santa's photos, mini silent auction, kids' craft, and more!

Advent Potluck follows the very next evening, Sunday, November 30, beginning with appetizers at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

Advent at St. Timothy's

This year our Advent Sundays follow the special themes introduced in last week's newsletter:

- **Advent I – Nov 30:** *St. Andrew's Anniversary*, marking the 70th anniversary of our St. Andrew's Ladies' Group, and the beginning of the liturgical year.
- **Advent II – Dec 7:** *Maria Reolin*, the Executive Director of Flemington Park Ministry, will share insights from her recent work and ministry in this need-filled area of the city.
- **Advent III – Dec 14:** *Christmas Pageant & Intergenerational Service*, led by our children and youth in story, music, and prayer.
- **Advent IV – Dec 21:** *Pamela Armogan*, the Program Head of St. George House, will speak about the ministry and life of this community, where Jonathan maintains a regular chaplaincy time and where we help out with various outreach projects.

Special Services

Towards the end of Advent, two services will help us enter the final days before Christmas with depth and beauty:

Deanery Quiet Christmas – Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.

A gentle service for those seeking peace, healing, and stillness. This year, the service will be held at St. Clement's Church.

Lessons & Carols – Thursday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.

Our own candlelit service of Scripture and song, always a highlight of the season.

Breakaway Retreat

Our parish retreat, Breakaway, will be the first major event of the upcoming year (Jan 30 – Feb 1). There are two ways to participate:

- **The away option** takes place at Fair Havens, Beaverton, for the full weekend.
- **The at-home option** includes lunch and a special Sunday presentation after church, given by Mike Janzen, a JUNO-nominated jazz musician and worship leader in the Anglican Church.

The theme of the education sessions offered at the "away option" is **"Practicing the Image of God."** Together we will explore what it means to live as bearers of the divine image through contemplative practices, embodied activities, and theological reflection. The retreat will be led by The Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss, ordained minister in the United Church of Canada, professor of theology, and Past Principal of Emmanuel College (Toronto School of Theology). Dr. Voss draws on her expertise in theology, spirituality, and interfaith dialogue, and creates inclusive spaces where participants can encounter the mystery of God in the fullness of human diversity.

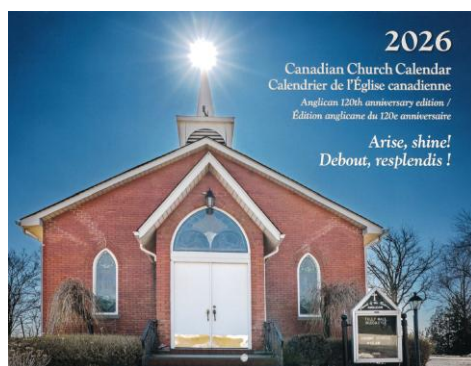
Blessings,
Irina+
Incumbent

2026 Church Calendars

Since 1906, the Canadian Church Calendar has been a useful and beautiful addition to the walls of homes, and businesses across Canada.

The 2026 calendar is now available at \$10.00 each

Speak to Jane Hutchinson on Sundays at church or call the office during the week to purchase your copy!





Want to reduce your stress level in
December?



St. Timothy's CHRISTMAS KITCHEN

Saturday, November 29, 2025

10:00am – 1:00pm



Holiday Baking



Photos with Santa



Ham-on-a-Bun Lunch Café
(eat in or take out)



Mini Silent Auction
(bidding closes at 12:30pm)



Young Shoppers' Room
(for children 12 and under to buy gifts)



Hand Knitted & Crocheted Items



Christmas Décor from the Old Orchard Grannies Group
(to raise money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation)

- Squares, Butter Tarts, Mincemeat Tarts
 - Cookies - *shortbread, gingerbread, etc.*
 - Jams, Jellies & Preserves
 - Home-baked Loaves - *Lemon Loaves, Date Nut Loaves, etc.*

- Fruit Cakes
- Tourtières
- Unique greeting cards, handcrafted Christmas decor,
- and more!



- Hors d'oeuvres
- Nuts & Bolts



ADVENT POTLUCK



Come one, come all to this lively event!

Sunday, November 30th from 5:00 – 8:30pm

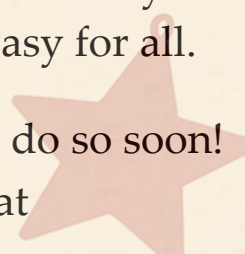
- As St Timothy's has a nut-free policy, please do not bring any items containing nuts to the Potluck Dinner.
- Appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert. If you are 1, bring for 1, etc.
- Set up 4:30pm - 10 tables + 96 chairs, cutlery, plates, etc.
- Warm food deliveries anytime after 5pm, just for keeping warm (must arrive fully cooked!)
- Appetizers served 5:30-6:00pm
- Buffet dinner 6:00-7:00pm
- Desserts 7:00-7:30pm
- Christmas carols 7:30-8:00pm
- Cleanup, put away 8:00-8:30pm
- Everyone takes home their leftovers and casserole, dishes etc.!

As always, help in setup and cleanup is much appreciated - everyone who can should allow 5 minutes to help make the tasks easy for all.

If Gord Hendra hasn't already got you to sign up, he will do so soon!

If not, you can always text him at 437-230-6986. or email at

gord.hendra@gmail.com



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**Wed, Dec. 3, 2025 7:30 pm
Sat, Dec. 6, 2025 4 pm**

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Sat, Nov. 29, 2025 4 pm

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10 TRINITY SQUARE, TORONTO

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DONNA BRYCE
INVITES YOU

PLEASE JOIN ME FOR MY
LATEST

ART EXHIBIT

Friday, Dec.5 3:00-6:00 &
Saturday Dec. 6, 2:00-5:00

St. Timothy's Church
100 Old Orchard Grove,
(Side entrance, 2nd floor)

All Proceeds to Emily's House
Hospice

Etobicoke Jazz Vespers &
St. Philip's Recital Series presents



A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

with the
**TERI PARKER
TRIO**

Teri Parker (piano)
Chris Kettlewell (bass)
Kyle Sullivan (drums)
and guest children's choir.



Sunday, December 7
@ 4pm



Tickets: \$25 adult / \$15 student / \$45
family (2 adults + children)

Hot chocolate and Christmas cookie
reception following the performance!

St. Philip's Anglican Church
25 St. Phillips Road, Etobicoke
For tickets contact – 416-247-5181
or speak to Ashani

CANADA'S LARGEST 2SLGBTQQIA+ CHOIR

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Sleigh Ball

December 13 | Saturday
3:00 PM and 7:30 PM
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PRESENTS



WARM FOR DECEMBER



A HOLIDAY CONCERT

Warm songs for a cold world



Saturday December 20, 2025 | 7:30PM

Trinity-St. Paul's United Church

427 Bloor Street West, Toronto

TICKETS & INFO AVAILABLE AT

WWW.FORTECHORUS.COM



CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST

Christmas Gift Cards for the Residents of St. George House

*Sign up sheet on the notice board opposite the office.
Add your name opposite the gift you will purchase
and bring it to Church by
Sunday, December 7th.*

St. George House is a high needs boarding house, located near Dupont Avenue and St. George Street. SGH is home to 26 men and women with histories of dependence on alcohol and/or drugs, homelessness or risk of homelessness and mental health issues.

For several years, at Christmas, we have given residents a \$35 gift card to a store of their choice.

If you would like to give a \$35 gift card to a resident, sign up at coffee hour on Sunday or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please bring your gift card to church on a Sunday or to the office by **Sunday, December 7th.**

Thank you. The residents and staff are appreciative.

Linda Gilpin
416 226 4139 or l.gilpin@sympatico.ca

OUTREACH CORNER

VACANCY ALERT!

Here is your chance to coordinate a dedicated family of volunteers who delight in their ministry.

Beside our front walk stands our Little Free Pantry, built, painted, and stocked daily by volunteers. In the 4 years since the Pantry was dedicated, we have never had a meeting.

Yet, the Little Free Pantry is restocked every day of the year, the indoor stock cupboard is kept brimming full, and delightful stories circulate among the volunteers. Neighbours take note and their donations turn up in the pantry all the time.

It has been my pleasure to coordinate this work via email for the last 4 years. The number of volunteers varies from 12-18. Everyone has a chosen duty and they happily cover for each other as necessary. The coordinator job is maximum fun for minimum effort. Highly recommended.

Still, 4 years is sort of a long time and this is not a one woman show. Will somebody please step up to take on this job? I am done at the end of 2025.

Thank you all for your bountiful support of this ministry.

Lanadee Lampman

lampmanlanadee@gmail.com



Back by popular demand, The Old Orchard Blossoms are selling **handmade gingerbread trees** again this year in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers Campaign!

These decorated gingerbread trees are 8" tall and come beautifully gift-wrapped for **\$35 each**. They make beautiful table decorations and gifts. (And how many table decorations smell great, taste great and look great?)

We are taking orders now until Friday, December 5.

Pickup will be on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13, between 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM near Avenue Rd and Wilson Ave. We will send you the pick-up address closer to the pick-up date.

Payment is in advance by e-transfer, cash or cheque.

Please contact any member of the Old Orchard Blossoms, or send an email to oldorchardblossoms@gmail.com



The Old Orchard Blossoms are once again selling tickets to the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir's Christmas Concert. All tickets sold by us support the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We hope you will join us for a fun evening of festive music. You can also order tickets and pay with a credit card on our website www.oldorchardblossoms.ca

TWMVC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Wednesday, December 10th 2025

7:00pm

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
26 DELISLE AVENUE, TORONTO**

Artistic Director William Woloschuk
Accompanist Matthew Coons

**Ticket prices are \$45.00 Children under 12 are free...
(Purchase ticket before December 1st... \$35)**

Registration Now Open for BREAKAWAY 2026

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual weekend retreat, taking place once again at Fair Havens Resort from **Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

Registration is now open! Sign up online using the [Breakaway Registration Form](#) or by emailing Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com. The cost of the weekend is \$230 per adult or \$260 for an individual premium room. There is no cost for children. Cost should not be a barrier to attend. If it is for you, please reach out to Irina as subsidies are available.

Breakaway is a beloved winter retreat that invites our parish community to step away from the city's pace and reconnect in a peaceful, scenic setting. Whether you're a longtime attendee or considering it for the first time, this is your chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together after the holiday rush.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Inspiring sessions for adults led by engaging speakers
- Fun, age-appropriate programs for children and youth
- Delicious buffet-style meals — no cooking required!
- Outdoor adventures at Fair Havens, from cross-country skiing to a wagon ride

At Fair Havens our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Michelle Voss

Dr. Michelle Voss is the Director of Master of Divinity Programs and Professor of Theology at Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology. She was the 13th principal of Emmanuel College (2018–21) and the first

woman to lead the institution as Principal in its 90-year history. She led the school through a consolidation of its multireligious programs, a period of significant faculty renewal, and the first 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. She is also an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada. An expert in comparative theology, Dr. Voss has also written widely about aesthetics, gender, embodiment, disability, and interculturalism in the church.

This year we will have an “At Home” component as well:

Lunch and Presentation/Recital by Mike Janzen

Mike Janzen is a JUNO- and GMA-nominated musician who has performed in concert halls, churches and festivals across North America, and led worship at Little Trinity Anglican Church, combining undeniable talent with a desire to create music that draws attention to the Maker. Melding jazz, pop and classical styles, Mike brings an imaginative and fresh voice to the current music scene. From soul-stirring songwriting to mesmerizing piano solos, Mike's music is approachable and hits the deep places of the heart. His recent works include "The Psalms Project" (2021/Independent), a collection of Psalms-inspired sacred songs that emerged during his long period of recovery from a serious concussion injury.

We'd love to share either of these experiences with you. Come join us!
For any questions, contact Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com

Donating to the Church

We encourage all of you to continue to give generously in support of the work that continues at St. Tim's. The needs are great.

- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – If you are already on pre-authorized giving you do not need to do anything and we are very grateful for your continued support.

If you would like to shift to pre-authorized giving, even if only in the short term, please contact Jane Hutchinson, at envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca

- Envelopes & Cheques – If you use envelopes, we encourage you to mail those envelopes in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.
100 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, ON, M5M 2E2
Cheques should be made payable to **Church of St. Timothy**.

- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers. To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to office@sttimothy.ca



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