



Welcome to Visitors and Newcomers!

If you are new to Northlea, please be sure to make yourself known to the minister and sign the visitors' book beside the centre doors of the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is on the main floor beside the Minister's Office. Nursery caregivers welcome infants and toddlers so

that parents can participate in the service.

Sunday School (or "Cool Church" as the children call it) for elementary school aged children is held in the church basement and for teenagers, in the youth room on the second floor. Parents, following the service, please meet your children and youth in the Fellowship Room.

Assisted hearing devices and large print hymnals are available from the sound operator at the back of the Sanctuary. Audio tapes or CDs of this morning's worship service are available through the office.

Sunday Morning Ministries

Thank you for helping with today's service...

Greeters and Ushers – Elizabeth and John Gundy, Gail Lindsay, Lisa Parsons

Lay Reader – Jackie Morris

Refreshments – Rosalind and John Dekker

Sound System – Barb Ferguson

Following this morning's service, please come to the Fellowship Room for conversation and refreshment.

If you would like to have name tags, to be put on our mailing list, or would like more information about Northlea United Church, please contact Barb in the church office.

Northlea United Church

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Minister: Rev. Jim McKnight

Music Director: Marc McNamara

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*Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship
Northlea United Church*

January 22, 2012 10:30 am

Minister – Rev. Jim McKnight

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*Worship Celebration
Beginning of the Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity*

God loves wondrous variety.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

*There are times during the service when the congregation is asked to stand.
At these times, please stand as you are comfortable and able.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Introit: The Call

R. Vaughan Williams

Neal Armstrong - Baritone

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: We Are One

VU 402

Lighting the Christ Candle and Invocation

The Peace:

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response

VU 955

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, every day there is something else, and something else confounds us. We often wonder what it's coming to, and what it means. We sometimes wonder what things really matter ... what we really can embrace as worthy and worthwhile. But we know those things exist. You tell us and you show us. You set them out before us and put in us a heart and soul to understand, and get it, and hold dear what you hold dear. Gracious Saviour, enliven us in hopes and dreams of all that is worthwhile, and take us with you in your loving, worldly ways. This we pray in Jesus' name...

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

VU 921

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Hymn: Simon, Simon, a Fisherman (verses 1 and 2)

VU 597

Theme Conversation

After the Theme Conversation, the children and leaders are invited to go to Cool Church. Children ages 4 to 11 go to the classrooms in the Lower Hall, pre-teens and teens (ages 12 to 15) go to the Youth Room upstairs, and infants and toddlers (newborns to 3 years) go to the Nursery on the main floor. Children who are visiting are invited and welcomed to join in!

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious Holy Spirit, we pray you lend to us your sense of understanding and of wonder, that we might live in ways that heal and make things new. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Jonah: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

NIV 654

One: This is the prophet's promise of deliverance!

All: Thanks be to God!

Congregational Reading: Psalm 62, paragraphs 2 and 3

VU 779

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

One: We hear a ready willingness to follow;

All: to discover promise, and new place, and life!

Anthem: Be Still

Jennifer Lunday Lewis

Sermon: Drawing on a Readiness Already

Hymn: Come, We That Love (verses 1, 2 and 4)

VU 714

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering is received

Offertory Music

Offertory Response

VU 539

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, receive the gifts we give with thankful hearts, and hearts of understanding. In our giving, help us recognize what's worthy, and walk with you the sacred ways of life for all the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Morning Prayers

Closing Hymn: You Call Us Out

VU 569

Commissioning

Choral Benediction and Amen

VU 963

Postlude

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC here at NORTHLEA UNITED CHURCH

On Wednesday, January 25 between 2 and 7 p.m.

**Please book your appointment as soon as possible at
1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283).**

**Show your support for those in need by making your
appointment to donate blood today!**

The staff at Northlea will be taking the AED/CPR training course with the Red Cross on Thursday, Feb 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in taking this course along with them, please contact Steve Jarvis. The cost is \$55 per person. Thanks!



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT FUN-D-RAISER

PROCEEDS GO TO NORTHLEA UNITED OPERATING FUND

Friday, February 10 at Northlea United.

Doors open at 7 pm and Lone Hand Euchre starts at 7:30.

SNACKS AND DOOR PRIZES INCLUDED

\$15.00 – GET YOUR TICKET NOW!!

AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE: 416-425-5252

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Sun Jan 22	Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tues Jan 24	Shall We Talk? 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Please join in for a discussion on “Compassion, Pity and Justice”. A Discussion outline is available for pick up in the Narthex or email Barb and she can send you a copy.
Wed Jan 25	Blood Donor Clinic at the Church 2-7 pm. Book your appointment soon at 1-888-2-DONATE.
Wed Jan 25	Taizé Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Thurs Jan 26	Cool Church Choir practice at 3:45 p.m. Adult Choir practice at 7:30 p.m.
Sun Jan 29	Celebration of Baptism - We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism here at Northlea on Sunday, January 29, 2012. If you are interested in baptism in your own family, or know of other families who might be, please let Rev. Jim know.
Sun Jan 29	The Children and Youth celebrate India Day. Special visitor, Sue Dutton, comes to talk about “Families for Children” with the children during <i>Cool Church</i> . The congregation is invited to join the children downstairs for a sample of Indian food following the service. There will be a donation box available and all proceeds will go to the children in the orphanage.
Sun Jan 29	Pastoral Care meets at 12 p.m.
Sun Feb 5	Celebrate Northlea United’s 62nd Anniversary
Wed Feb 8	Taize Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

More events and announcements from the community, neighbouring churches, and Toronto Southeast Presbytery and Conference can be found posted outside the church office.

Hope for HIV/AIDS Patients



MISSION AND
SERVICE FUND

The United Church has a strong history in the struggle against HIV/AIDS. Here's a story about the ongoing work of a Mission and Service partner in Tanzania.

The Christian Council of Tanzania promotes the spiritual unity of churches in Tanzania and speaks for member churches on the spiritual, moral, and socioeconomic welfare of Tanzanians.

HIV/AIDS strikes hardest at the poorest and most marginalized. For those living on the edge of survival, food is a particular challenge because malnutrition limits the effectiveness of antiretroviral drug therapies. As a result, people in poverty become more seriously ill or die, leaving families at even greater risk.

Through its HIV/AIDS department, the Christian Council of Tanzania has developed income generating programs such as small-scale pig and poultry farming. Such programs, relatively easy to establish and sustain, have very positive results. In the short term, family nutrition is immediately improved. In the long term, there is an opportunity to increase family income.

The coordinator of the program reports, “We have witnessed a positive transformation from hopeless men and women to happy families with success and ambitions.”

Your gift to Mission and Service helps people facing hardship and disease. Through Mission and Service we help families and communities in Tanzania find health and hope.