

Upcoming Events & Happenings:

The **bulletin** will be posted Sunday.
(www.nkuc.ca).

Summer Worship Schedule –

July 12 – Rev. Jeff Cook

We welcome all T'BJIGGN members to our services. These members of area churches may be worshipping with us this summer.

Prairie to Pine and the World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle:

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle enables us to journey through every region of the world affirming our solidarity with Christians all over the world. Lord, hear our prayer...please keep the work of the communities of MacGregor, Portage, Trinity, Winnipeg, Knox and Eritrea, Ethiopia in your prayers this week.



Rev. Susan will be out of the office for holidays and study leave until Friday, July 17. She will be back to work on Sat. July 18, and back to regular office hours on Tuesday, July 21, and will reply to messages at that time. There will be no service at the Kildonan Personal Care Centre in July. Services will resume on Thurs, August 13.



Summer has arrived and NKUC will be hosting the T'BJIGGN services on July 12 and 26; August 2 and 16. These special services are always appreciated by everyone with attends. We hope to have goodies for our "coffee and conversations" available for our travelling church group plus our regular Sundays. The summer sign-up sheets for July, Aug. and Sept. are in the Narthex. Thank you for all your contributions for this year. We know it has been greatly appreciated by all.

Offering:

PAR: General Fund \$1644.00 **M&S:** \$122.88 **MCP:** \$35.00

July 5th Offering:

General Fund: \$806.00 **Rental:** \$50.00 **Garage Sale:** \$60.00 **Toonie Sunday:** \$26.00

NKUC Weekly News

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture Readings for July 12, 2026

Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112; Isaiah 55: 10-13; Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Scripture Readings for July 19, 2026

Genesis 28: 10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24; Wisdom of Solomon 12: 13, 16-19; Psalm 86: 11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Thank you to the following for their participation in the July 12th Sunday Service:

Worship Leaders – Rev. Jeff Cook **Music** – Joanne Diplock
Candle Lighter & Scripture Reader – Sylvia Banfield
Greeter – Peggy Latimer **Usher** – Peter Latimer
Sound & PowerPoint – Heinz Goetz
Counters – Ron Fortier & John Rempel

**CARING AND SHARING**

Please keep the following in your prayers: Betty Hamilton, Jen Babcock, Betty Clark, Shirley Davie, Benjamin (Shirley Codd's grandson), and the Goetz family as Heinz's younger brother undergoes cancer treatments. Please keep Cliff McMillan (Grant's father) in your prayers as he fell & is awaiting hip surgery.



A service to celebrate the life of Bob Franklin will be held at NKUC on Saturday, July 18th at 10:30am, with a reception to follow. Please keep all of the Franklin family in your prayers.



Revs Susan & Rob Reed - July 10



Kevin Gard - July 13



The purpose of the **Pastoral Care Team** is to nurture and coordinate the work of visitors/elders to visit with members of the Community of Faith, to care for people in transition in grief and to visit/phone the elderly and the sick. If any members of the congregation are wishing to be in touch with members of the NKUC Pastoral Care Team, the members of this team are as follows: Rev. Susan, Sheila Fortier, Karen Kearney, Marlene Dziad, Heather Schaub, Heather Boroski, Donna Stone, and Barrie McPherson.

The T'BJIGN group is once again hosting Church-o-rama this summer. **North Kildonan has services every week throughout the summer months.** However, if you wish to visit other churches, passports will be available for you to have signed when you visit. A list of the summer services follows. Note the days that NKUC are hosting. Have a blessed summer everyone. ~Betty Clark

(All services at 10:00 am unless otherwise marked)

- July 12 – **NKUC**, The Big Red Church (Gordon-King Memorial UC)
- July 19 – The Big Red Church (Gordon-King Memorial UC)
- July 26 – **NKUC**, Transcona Memorial UC, The Big Red Church (Gordon-King Memorial UC)
- Aug 2 – **NKUC**, Transcona Memorial UC
- Aug 9 – Transcona Memorial UC
- Aug 16 – **NKUC**
- Aug 23 – Immanuel UC (10:45 am)
- Aug 30 – John Black Memorial UC (10:45 am)
- Sep 6 – Grey Street UC



Calling all singers and musicians! The choir will be taking a break for the summer. If anyone is interested in singing a solo or duet or playing a musical instrument during a summer service, please contact Joanne Diplock, choir director. Thank you.

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS 2026

Reverence and Service

Our faith at work can have lasting impacts through the years.

We would like to share a blog written by Rev. Won Hur, who works as the Global Partnership Program Coordinator for Asia in the General Council's Church in Mission Unit:

One of the biggest challenges in my thirty years as a congregational minister was not knowing whether I was making any difference at all. Unlike bricklayers, butchers, or teachers, there were no concrete indicators to measure the impact of my ministry. This also holds true when we give, practice generosity, and support Mission and Service. We often want to know what difference it makes.

In reality, our offerings do make a difference in ways we cannot even imagine, and often in very concrete ways.

There are many partners of The United Church of Canada who do incredible work in Canada and around the world. One of them is Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin, a private Christian girls' school in Tokyo, Japan. The school was founded in 1884 by Ms. Martha Cartmell (1845–1945), the first woman missionary of the Canadian Methodist Church, a predecessor of The United Church of Canada.

At a time when girls were often denied education, she started a school for them, beginning with just two students. Today, the school has grown to an enrollment of over 4,200, with students from kindergarten through high school and into graduate school. It has retained its core Christian identity—the school day begins with worship, and students take classes on Christianity while living into the school's motto, "Reverence and Service." Over its history, more than 140 members of the United Church have answered the call to serve this school.

One of the more famous graduates of Toyo Eiwa is Hanako Muraoka, who graduated in 1913. During her time at the school, she enjoyed the library and read many books in English; she became a writer and translator. Later in life a Canadian friend, Loretta Leonard Shaw, gave her a copy of *Anne of Green Gables*, by Lucy Maud Montgomery. Hanako fell in love with the book and its main character, Anne, and went on to translate it into Japanese. The translation became a bestseller and has since become a cultural phenomenon—Japanese tourists regularly visit Prince Edward Island to see the Anne of Green Gables Museum, as Toyo Eiwa students each year do.

Another notable graduate is Rev. Shoko Aminaka, General Secretary of the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ), who attended the school from grade one through grade 12. Having grown up in this environment and been immersed in Christian faith, she began to think deeply about life and she found freedom in entrusting herself to God. After being baptized in grade nine, she discerned her call, was ordained, and eventually rose to the highest office in the UCCJ. Currently, four ordained women clergy in the United Church of Christ in Japan are graduates of Toyo Eiwa.

It is often difficult to see or fully understand the impacts of our faith at work in the world. Like fruit trees in an orchard, they take time to grow, blossom, and bear fruit for all to enjoy. Such is the work of ministry and service—it is often hidden from our eyes, yet it is growing and flourishing.

Among Toyo Eiwa students and alumni, there is immense gratitude toward Ms. Martha Cartmell and The United Church of Canada. They raised funds to plant about 100 cherry blossom trees in Centennial Park in Dundas, near Hamilton, Ontario, and in Lakeview Cemetery in Thorold, Ontario—Ms. Cartmell's hometown. In 2014, for the school's 130th anniversary, they visited Dundas to celebrate the tree-planting ceremony.

Thanks to [your contributions](#) to Mission and Service, The United Church of Canada continues to support partners around the world in ways that are not always visible. Yet those partners—and God—appreciate our generosity and our shared commitment to a more just and peaceful world.

"On behalf of those with chemical sensitivities and asthma, we would like to thank you for keeping North Kildonan United Church a **scent-free zone** by **refraining from the use of perfumes and colognes.**"