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December 2026

Please join us in person or online at www.donheights.ca Click on "Join us on Zoom"
Don Heights is a fragrance-free premises.

Our monthly Giving Sunday supports Agincourt Community Services Association and the Flemingdon Park Ministries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		**1** 4:00 to 5:00 pm **Chocolate Lovers Seminar**	**2** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Office open 5:00 pm **Virtual Coffee Hour**	**3** 1:00 pm **Online Vegan Lunch Group**	**4** **2:00 pm** **Ways and Means** at DH Meet and decorate!	**5**
6 PEACE Service – 10:30 am **How Does the Truth of Death Shape Our Lives?** Giving Sunday Don Heights Potluck	**7** 7:00 pm Multi-Faith Spiritual Dialogue Circle ***Peace*** 7:00 pm **Don Heights Singers**	**8** 7:00 pm **UU A to Z** **H is for Heartfelt UUs – Part 1**	**9** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Office open 5:00 pm **Virtual Coffee Hour**	**10** 11:00 am **Sunday Services** 1:00 pm **Online Vegan Lunch Group**	**11**	**12**
13 JOY Service – 10:30 am **The Sense of Wonder in the AI Age**	**14** **Deadline January Calendar Content** 7:00 pm **Don Heights Singers**	**15** **7:00 pm** Board Meeting	**16** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Office open 5:00 pm **Virtual Coffee Hour**	**17** 1:00 pm **Online Vegan Lunch Group** 7:15 pm **Men's Discussion**	**18** 2:00 pm **Women's Group @Gabriela Sanchez'**	**19** 2:00 pm Rehearsal Christmas Service
20 LOVE 8:30 pm Doors open Service – 7:00 pm **Sing Out Joy!**	**21**	**22** **11:00 am** **Social Action**	**23** **Publish January Calendar** **10:00 am - 3:00 pm** **Office open** **5:00 pm** **Virtual Coffee Hour**	**24** 1:00 pm **Online Vegan Lunch Group**	**25** **Christmas Day**	**26**
27 Service – 10:30 am **The Erosion of Workers' Compensation**	**28**	**29**	**30** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Office open 5:00 pm **Virtual Coffee Hour**	**31** 1:00 pm **Online Vegan Lunch Group** **New Year's Eve**		

December 2026 Sunday Services

Join us on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/8339952710?pwd=R0k0ZXI3WllFR2xFMW9UWEdjTDlOZz09
Dial in 647-374-4685 OR 647-558-0588 Meeting ID: 833 995 2710 Password: 1111

December 6 at 10:30 am

How Does the Truth of Death Shape Our Lives?

Presenter: Catherine Lake
Service Leader: Germaine Kovary
Music: Sheila White

Unitarian Universalist minister Dr. Forrest Church described religion as “our human response to the dual reality of being alive and having to die.” **Catherine Lake** offers a sermon on death with some cross-cultural insights, humour and stories. Death is always around us in the arts, movies, the news cycle, our socials, and it touches the community here at Don Heights. How do we, as an intentional faith community, talk about death?

Catherine Lake is a professional writer with a background in creative writing, editing, and book publishing. Her poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction have been published in a variety of anthologies and literary venues. She occasionally shares her writing from the pulpit of the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto. Attending First Unitarian since 2003, Catherine is a warrior feminist and spirited poet who loves being in the wilderness and discovering intersections on the human map.

Sheila White is the Music Director and a published songwriter as well as a Lay Chaplain at Don Heights. Don Heights Singers meet Mondays at 7pm with the exception of some holidays. New members and invitations to perform in the community are always welcome. Contact: sheila@donheights.ca.

December 13 at 10:30 am

The Sense of Wonder in the AI Age

Presenter: Reverend Lynn Harrison
Service Leader: Sunaina Menezes
Music: Reverend Lynn Harrison with Sheila White and Don Heights Singers

The holiday season can be a time of wonder and awe as stories of miracles are told in various religious traditions. **Reverend Lynn Harrison** asks: Where can we find mystery in today's world? Does the sense of wonder still serve us, and, if so, how can we nurture it?

Reverend Lynn Harrison served at Toronto First from 2016 to 2023. Reverend **Lynn** is also a recognized singer-songwriter and has recently produced her seventh recording entitled *Treasure*. She is the author of “Songwriting as Soul Work: Songs and the Inner Life” from Friesen Press, Inc.

December 20 at 7:00 pm

Sing Out Joy 2026

Presenters: Germaine Kovary, Bob Long et al.
Service Leader: Susan McAlister
Music: Sheila White and Don Heights Singers with special guest Michael Moon

This family-friendly service for the Don Heights community, members, friends, and relatives will capture the spirit of Christmas. We’ll sing together, light candles, listen to wonderful music and seasonal readings, and enjoy “Star Talk” an original skit by **Linda Schofield**, starring **Germaine Kovary** as the Soul of the Universe and **Bob Long** as the Star of Bethlehem. There’ll be special performances by Michael Moon and our choir. Share in fruitcake and cider and in our “Mitten Tree” tradition of collecting generous financial contributions for North York Women’s Shelter.

Songwriter and recording artist **Michael Moon**, who is acclaimed internationally, creates musical soundscapes that envelop listeners with a sense of calm, peace, and well-being. He is well known in the healing and yoga communities, is deeply connected to the environment, peace, and making the world a better place.

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December 27 at 10:30 am

The Erosion of Workers’ Compensation

Presenter: Janis Daly
Service Leader: Sunaina Menezes
Music: Sheila White and Don Heights Singers

Find out the history and future of Ontario's workers compensation system. Workers’ compensation began in 1914 – an historic tradeoff to prevent employers from being sued and protecting workers who had been injured or killed on the job. Recently, the Ontario government closed several regional offices and returned millions of dollars to employers. It did not give workers better or enhanced services but reduced their access to services province wide. The WSIB is a non-profit, arm's length Crown corporation. So why does this sound like a backdoor plan to privatize a public insurance scheme?

Janis Daly has been a member of Don Heights Unitarian Congregation since 2011. She has served on the Board and is active on several committees. She is a Lay Chaplain and a Lay Minister at Don Heights.
A former adult trainer, she is a Distinguished Toastmaster with many speeches to her credit. Janis is also a singer-songwriter, an enthusiastic member of the Don Heights Singers and various bands.