



Manotick United Church

Our Mission:

We welcome all, who with God's help, work to build a better world.

“WEEKLY UPDATE”

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“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.” — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“Human potential, though not always apparent, is there waiting to be discovered and invited forth.” — *William Purkey*

“And suddenly you just know: it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.” — *Meister Eckhart*

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER:

Please continue to pray for each other, our community, our city, our province, our country and the world. Please pray for our incredible doctors, nurses and staff who are doing such an outstanding job; for our leaders, that they may provide compassion and direction. To those who are alone at this difficult time, for those who are facing treatment, surgery, and those who are recovering from surgery and for those who are grieving. Let us pray to continue to work together and support each other through these unprecedented times. **Rev. Dianne Cardin** continues to provide pastoral care. During the LOCKDOWN, Rev. Dianne will be doing most of her work from home (but continue with her Wednesday & Friday morning hours), if you would like to speak with her, please contact her on her cell at 613-327-7275. Should a pastoral emergency arise, Rev. Dianne can be contacted immediately.



Your Generosity Matters

Human trafficking is a burgeoning crisis in India, where an estimated 20–65 million people are exploited.



Trafficked by Her Aunt: **Lakshmi's Story**

Photo: Diocese of Durgapur



Lakshmi, a teenager from West Bengal, India, went missing from her family home just a few months ago. Struggling to survive, Lakshmi was trafficked by her aunt, who promised that she could earn money and become independent by “dancing.” Thankfully, Lakshmi’s parents contacted the Diocese of Durgapur, which runs an anti-human trafficking program supported by your Mission & Service gifts. The Diocese intervened, and on the threat of legal action, Lakshmi’s aunt returned her to her parents.

The pandemic has made the problem even worse, especially in parts of the world where the economy is suffering because of the COVID-19 crisis.

“The pandemic has had many repercussions in India. Migrant labourers all over India have lost their jobs, and many have died trying to reach home for the lockdown. The economy took a hit with the largest drop in GDP of

23.9 percent. Every time India faces a crisis, there is a rise in trafficking in the country,” explains Raja Moses, a program coordinator with the Diocese of Durgapur.

Your gifts through [Mission & Service](#) are making a difference. In partnership with the Diocese of Durgapur, your support helps the anti-trafficking unit find and free women and children who are being trafficked. Once they are freed, your gifts help victims seek justice for what they have been through and regain a sense of worth and acceptance. Your generosity is also preventative, helping provide the education that is needed to offer protection against predators.

With your help, young women like Lakshmi have a second chance at freedom, and families like hers can get their children back safely. Now, more than ever, the world needs your generosity. Thank you for your gifts through Mission & Service.

A MESSAGE from Mission & Service:

Friends, COVID-19 has changed everything—including how we tell the amazing stories of the life-changing difference Mission & Service makes. Before the pandemic, we sent Minutes for Mission booklets to print nearly a year ahead of when you read them. Many of these stories centred on ways we help people face to face or described large in-person gatherings we anticipated would happen. When we were all thrust into social isolation, the stories seemed out of touch. Our materials, which were geared to hour-long in-person worship, didn’t work for everyone anymore. Your Mission & Service gifts are critical as the pandemic makes Canadians and people around the world even more vulnerable. We want to share how your support helps transform and save lives right now. ***Where can I get these incredible stories and offer feedback? Access all the stories online at www.united-church.ca. Click “Mission & Service” on the homepage or search “Stories of Our Mission.” You can also subscribe to the God’s Mission, Our Gifts e-newsletter and have all the current stories delivered right to your inbox every month. Visit: www.united-church.ca/e-newsletters.*** We are working hard to adapt to the changing times, and we’d love to hear your feedback. Sharing the amazing results of your gifts is our top priority. We are grateful for any advice you can offer to help us do that better. As you can see in these stories, through Mission & Service we help transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world. Every day. Thank you for your generosity!



Children's Thoughts on Love:

“When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.” Rebecca – age 8

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.” Billy – age 4

“Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.” Chrissy – age 6

“Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.” Terri – age 4

“Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.” Danny – age 7

“Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.” Bobby – age 7

“If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.” Nikka – age 6

“Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.” Noelle – age 7

“Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.” Tommy – age 6

“During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.” Cindy – age 8

“Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.” Mary Ann – age 4

“You really shouldn't say ‘I love you’ unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.”

Jessica – age 8