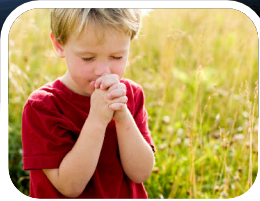


## Adult Faith Formation

Whether on the changing church, the four Gospels, inter-faith relations or how we understand the life and significance of Jesus today, occasional short-term seminars, led by the minister, provide an opportunity to learn more about God's way in the world.



## OUR STAFF...

### **Mr. Mervin Fick** (Minister of Music)

Mervin brings plenty of experience, teaching skills and energy to his music ministry with both Senior and Junior Choirs. He is always delighted to hear about new choir members, young or not so young!

### **Rev. Nelsona Dundas** (Pastoral Care Minister)

Nelsona offers caring and listening skills two hours a week, initiating contact with individuals in need of hope or healing. She also offers occasional worship leadership in tandem with Brian.

### **Rev. Bob Trimble** (Minister Emeritus)

After an accomplished and fulfilling career, Bob retired from his last call at Islington United Church in 1993, and was named our minister emeritus in 1996. He continues to preside at occasional weddings, services, etc., upon request.

## Counselling

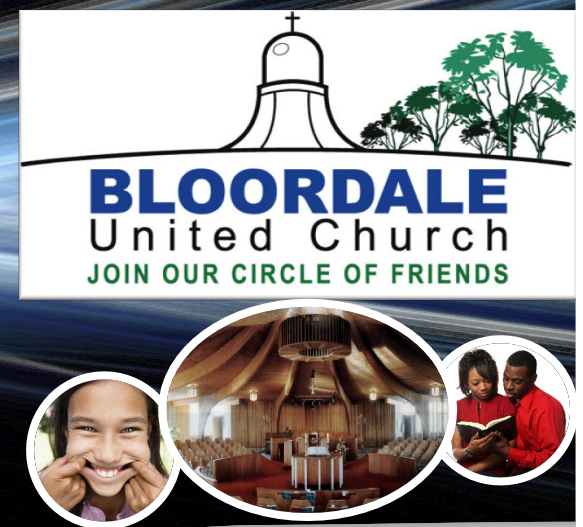
By appointment the minister is available to offer those in need a pastoral heart and a listening ear. Hope, comfort and strength can be found in sharing our burdens with a trusted pastor, and in mutual prayer.

## Administration

There are a number of committees and sub-groups responsible for the various ministries of the church. The leadership of the church, the Council, meets regularly to pray, learn, report, deliberate and oversee our mission. The current Chair of our Council is Bruce Jackson. We belong to a larger fellowship of United Churches in Southwest Presbytery, and work cooperatively with other Christians and people of other faiths in our area. In this 21<sup>st</sup> century of stress, competition and violence, we hope you will consider Bloordale United Church your spiritual home. We hope you'll join us for worship and fellowship, as we grow in faith together. If you have any questions, or would like an appointment with the minister, please feel free to call us at 416-621-1710. Our Church is fully accessible, we have assistive listening devices for those who are hard of hearing, and we deliver tapes to those shut-ins and others who request them. A warm welcome awaits you!

## Fellowship

After worship, during visitation, at special events, or during a host of informal gatherings, our ministry of hospitality and fellowship finds joy, laughter and love being shared with those we meet.



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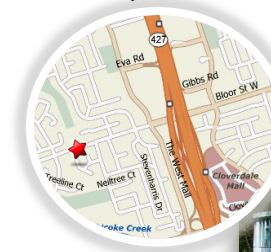
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**Rev. Brian McIntosh**

Minister

[rev.mcintosh@bellnet.ca](mailto:rev.mcintosh@bellnet.ca)

### **Rev. Brian McIntosh** (Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care)

With 21 years experience in pastoral ministry, in Cape Breton, New Brunswick and Toronto, Brian brings a passion for worship, music and preaching, mission, justice and service, and humor and joyful fellowship to his full-time call within the life of the church.

### **Mrs. Juanita Eldridge** (Church Secretary)

A warm, welcoming presence and courteous hospitality are Juanita's gifts for both members and visitors here at Bloordale. She fulfills a host of secretarial and financial administrative duties for the church, working 25 hours/week.

### **Mr. Jim Spalding** (Custodian)

Jim provides full-time maintenance, custodial and security services for the church, undertaking a wide variety of tasks with dedication, skill and humor.

### **Ms. Lydia McIntosh & Ms. Sarah McIntosh** (Youth Leader)

Lydia and Sarah are mature students who create a caring and fun environment for youth in Grades 7-9 to gather for food, faith formation, films, outreach efforts, participation in worship and congregational events, drama, etc.

### **Mrs. Lisa Mazzariol** (Children Program Minister)

Lisa is a committed member who recruits and trains teachers, keep in touch with parents, and coordinates all programming for children at the Church, as we fulfill our mission to be a church for all ages.

# ABOUT OUR CHURCH...

*Bloordale United Church was founded in 1958 as a member church of the United Church of Canada. As a faith family seeking God's leading for our mission and ministry, we wish to be vibrant and make a difference in people's lives and in the community. We hope that you will join us for worship and mission.*

## Our Mission Statement...

Bloordale United Church is a community where people gather to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ in a welcoming environment of fellowship, music, learning, caring and sharing.

## Our Vision...

Bloordale United Church will be an inclusive, vibrant Church that is increasing its Congregation and welcoming people of all ages to its family circle. We will have developed programs that are creative, interesting and fun for everyone. We will keep reaching out to the Community through expanded outreach programs and other activities that will draw the community into the Church. All will be done in the spirit of worshipping God and following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

# OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

## Worship

*Sunday at 10:30 am – Sanctuary  
(10 am from mid-May to September).*

We meet to seek spiritual refreshment and renewal, to celebrate God's presence in our lives and in the world, and to help us discern God's will and way for us here in Etobicoke in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Seekers, questioners and the committed are all welcome, as we worship seeking the spirit's leading. Though the language is ours, the grace comes from God as revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Special seasonal observances are a yearly highlight, as are regular opportunities to celebrate the sacraments of baptism and communion.

## Church School

*Sunday at 10:30 am*

Classes for multi-age age groups are based on the "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum. Children are introduced to and nurtured by the love of God and the great stories of the Bible, in worship and then in their classes. Infant care and at-home faith formation aids are also available.

## Youth Group

*Sundays, third Friday*

Youth in Grades 7 – 9 gather for fun, sharing questions and doubts, learning, and planning for participation in worship dramas, outreach activities, and other special youth events.

## Choirs

*Junior Choir - occasional practice after worship in Room 13.*

For ages 6 and up, this Choir has fun together, learns some lively songs, and sings occasionally in Sunday worship and at other events.



*Senior Choir – practices Thursdays at 7:30 pm in Sanctuary.*

Gives vital leadership in worship, with weekly offerings of anthems and other music, support for congregational hymn singing, and special seasonal music presentations for Christmas and Easter.

## Outreach

A Committee meets to discuss issues and events related to the mission of the Church beyond our walls. All our members, however, are called to be active in community outreach, through visiting the sick and shut-in, donating to various charitable endeavours, or giving time and offerings to support our many other outreach initiatives.

## United Church Women

*4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1:15 pm / 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 pm*

This is an organization for the women of the church who seek to grow in their faith, to experience Christian fellowship and contribute to the life of the church.