

First Glance

January 29th, 2017

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Dinner to Celebrate With Syrian Refugees **February 11th, 2017**

Join us in a celebratory Syrian dinner on February 11th, 2017, at **5:30 p.m.** in the Labyrinth Room. We're delighted to mark the anniversary of Ebrahim and Amina's first year in Canada, and we are thrilled to have welcomed in December and January, members of Amina's family - twenty in total! Many will be present at this Dinner.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30 each for adults, \$10 for children 6-12, and free for 5 & under (we are supporting the efforts of a Syrian Refugee Cooperative called Yasmin), and will be on sale today in the Labyrinth room from Mary Donaghy and also available next Sunday.

Talking with Kids about the Painful Truths of Canada's History with Indigenous Peoples **Saturday February 4th, 2017**

Parents with Small Children and the Living into Right Relations Circle invite parents, grandparents and others to join Sylvia Smith, long-time teacher and founder of Project of Heart and honorary witness to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, for an evening potluck and discussion.

We gather at 4:45 to begin a potluck supper at 5:00. The conversation begins at 5:30 and goes for an hour and a half while childcare and activities are provided for the children.

Living in Right Relations Circle invites you to view the film **"We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice"** **Wednesday, February 8th, 7:00 pm in the Chapel**

Join us for a special screening of the NFB's newly released film by Alanis Obamsawin which is the long awaited documentary based on Cindy Blackstock's and the AFN's Human Rights challenge to the Canadian Government on discriminatory welfare access for children on Canadian Native Reserves.

For more information about this film read the back page....

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NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED

Upcoming Sundays At First United Learning from the "Sermon on the Mount"

- January 29th The Depth Wisdom of "Blessed are those..."
February 5th The Depth Wisdom of "turning the other cheek" and Holy Communion
February 12th The Depth Wisdom of "consider the birds of the air"
February 19th The Depth Wisdom of "the mote in another's eye"
February 26th The Depth Wisdom of "the narrow gate"

Embodied Heart JourneyDance workshop at First United. Saturday, February 11th

JourneyDance Global Event - Embodied Heart on Saturday February 11th a special class from 3 pm to 5 pm led by Kathleen Howell, free will donation. Contact drkhowell@hotmail.com and see flyers for more details.

Next JourneyDance class Friday, February 3rd 7:00 to 8:30 pm. More to follow...

Joint Choir Concert with First United and Trinity United of Bob Chilcott's Little Jazz Mass and other pieces Saturday, March 4th at First United at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of music with some 40 to 50 singers, accompanied with piano, bass, drums. A free will offering will be gathered for the Haven project of the Multi-Faith Housing Initiative.

Thank You:

Church Council expresses deep gratefulness, and invites you to express gratefulness to one another, for your ongoing support of our community of faith and our significant increase of 6% over 2015. We had an increase of over 12% for Mission and Service. While we were just shy of our givings goal, some unanticipated donations and revenues from other sources will result in a small surplus for 2016. We celebrate in sharing this news. Below is a report on our 2016 givings. **Tax receipts** are being mailed this week. Our full financial statements will be reviewed and adopted at our **Annual Meeting on Sunday March 5th following our morning service.**

<u>To December 31</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund	205,151	218,390	220,000	(1,610)
Mission & Service	30,706	34,662	33,000	1,662

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Young Adults Gathering: Tuesday, February 21st at Brian's house, 7 Edgar Street at 6:15.
For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at abuch078@uottawa.ca

Queer Group Potluck: Tuesday, January 31st at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street. For more information, contact Brian or Chantel Nantel at cnantel555@gmail.com

Parents with Small Children: Our next gathering is slated for Saturday, February 4th. On February 4th we will be inviting an intergenerational gathering with a presentation by Sylvia Smith on **How Do I Talk with my kids about the Painful Truths of Canada's History?**

Monday Christian Meditation: Every Monday at 5:30 pm in the Chapel.
For more information: Joyce Hardman jhardman@rogers.com or Liz Tyrwhitt
liz.tyrwhitt@sympatico.ca.

TGIF: Our TGIF group, which is primarily seniors but not exclusively, meets on **Fridays at 1:30** in Room 5/6. Newcomers are welcome! Call Betty at 613-722-9038 for more information.

Tuesday Morning Book Study Group: We are studying "I am Woman" by Lee Maracle. For information, please contact Sue Taylor at susanne_taylor@rogers.com.

Living Into Right Relations Circle (LRRC): First Wednesday of every month, in the Chapel at 7 p.m. For information on Book Club and Right Relations Circle, contact Diana Claire Douglas inspiritworks@sympatico.ca and Sharon Moon sharonmoon@gmail.com.

Healing Pathway: Offer Yourself the Gift of Self-Care and Healing Hands. Tuesdays and occasional Sundays after church. All are welcome to receive. There is no cost. You can find out more in the pamphlets on the bulletin board and at the back of the church. Contact healingpathway2010@gmail.com to make an appointment.

Updates from the Living Into Right Relations Circle

Invites you to browse/borrow books or to add your name to the 57 others who have taken up the Reading Challenge to read the TRC Report and plan on joining us for a Lenten Series - **Water is speaking to us but are we listening?** will be held over 5 Wednesdays from March 8th until April 5th.

Reminder – **Men's Retreat at Galilee House**
Friday to Sunday, February 24th to 24th
For more information contact Paul Durber.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

Living in Right Relations Circle invites you to view the film

“We Can’t Make the Same Mistake Twice”

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Join us for a special screening of the NFB's newly released film by Alanis Obomsawin which is the long awaited documentary based on Cindy Blackstock's and the AFN's Human Rights challenge to the Canadian Government on discriminatory welfare access for children on Canadian Native Reserves.

Including the many appeals, the legal process spanned nine long years before finally ending in victory for the plaintiffs in 2016. ***We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice*** gives a voice to those involved in this legal battle, notably Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director of the FNCFCSC, who endured government spying and retaliation as a result of her central role in the trial. Abenaki filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin guides us through the intricacies of the legal system while never losing sight of the real issues at stake: the welfare of children and the survival of Indigenous cultures.

Trans-Script

Sunday February 12, at Riverside United Church, 7:00 p.m.

The Faith and Arts Ottawa theatre production about love and relationships in the context of the transgender experience will be presented at Riverside United Church, 3191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa. Free-will offering.

This play was presented on the opening night of the 2016 Affirm United Conference in July, and at Orleans, First and Rideau Park United Churches as well as Carleton University, Algonquin College and Sir Wilfrid Laurier High School in 2016. It will also be performed at the Ottawa-Carleton board-wide professional development day on February 24, 2017. For further information, email tom.sherwood@carleton.ca

The Politics of Migration

Sponsored by the World Student Christian Federation

**Tuesday, February 2nd at Trinity Anglican Church, 1230 Bank
Street**