

# First Glance

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Saturday March 4, 2017  
@ 7:30 pm

First United Church  
347 Richmond Road, Ottawa

Free Will Offering (receipts for  
donations over \$20)

## Songs for Shelter

A Concert to Benefit "The Haven"  
a Multifaith Housing Initiative Project

Featuring Bob Chilcott's "A Little Jazz Mass"

Choirs of **First United** and **Trinity United** in Ottawa

directed by Marg Stubington and James McGowan

with Tom Denison, Bass and Valeriy Nehovora, Drums



For more info on "The Haven" see:  
<http://www.multifaithhousing.ca/the-haven.html>

## A Lenten Spirit Journey

### Water is Speaking: Are we Listening?

*Indigenous Perspective on Water,  
our Sacred Response*

*Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5*

Brochures are available to describe these five inspiring evenings with keynote speakers that include water rituals, music, and invigorating conversations. You will not want to miss being a part of these evenings sponsored by First United's Living into Right Relations Circle.

Your assistance is required for the Water is Speaking - Are we Listening Lenten Series. The topics, speakers and process for the series have been set. We now require help with set-up, welcoming and shut-down for each evening. You can sign up at the table in the Labyrinth room this morning or email [maryanne.macd@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.macd@gmail.com) of your commitment. Thank-you.

## Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> following Sunday Worship

Join us for our Annual Meeting where we will celebrate our congregational life as well as share our annual reports as we continue to live into our three commitments:

- i) Our commitment to spiritual nature in community
- ii) Our commitment to healing
- iii) Our commitment to social and ecological justice

At this meeting we will receive our financial report for 2016, adopt our budget for 2017, name priorities for the upcoming year, and elect our Church Council. **Everyone is asked to bring a loaf of sandwiches**, and this simple luncheon is being organized by Gwen Robinson. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office. **Activities for children and childcare will be provided.**

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# NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED

## Lent

### Good News: Stories Alive with Grace and Truth

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>: **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Pancakes are served from 5:00 to 6:45.

Activities for youth and children starting at 5:30

***First United's turn to make the Pancakes and Brian is looking for help in the kitchen.***



Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: **Ash Wednesday Taizé Service at 7:15 in Chapel**

Throughout Lent we will be reflecting on stories told in the gospel of John. These narratives are multi-layered, a layering that helps us to connect with our deepest feelings. In reflecting on these stories we encounter moments of stark honesty and surprising humour, encounters which surface both tears and laughter.

March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Water into Wine: The Wedding at Cana Choral Anthem: <i>I Will Sing</i> – Rosephayne Powell
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Living Water: The Samaritan Woman at the Well Choral Anthem: <i>Sanctus and Benedictus</i> – Bob Chilcott
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Healing Waters: The Pool of Bethesda Choral Anthem: <i>I've Been in the Storm So Long</i> – spiritual, Mark Hayes
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Let the River Run: Jesus Halts a Stoning Choral Anthem: <i>Let the River Run</i> – Carly Simon, arr. C.H. Johnson
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	God's Resurrecting love. The Raising of Lazarus Choral Anthem: <i>I Hunger and Thirst</i> – trad. Shaker Song, Kevin Siegfried

### **Members of First are invited to Lenten Studies offered by ASW**

Living the Questions, (Tuesdays February 21<sup>st</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm) offered by John Wilker-Blakley is a series of conversations stimulated by contemporary biblical and theological thinkers. To register call the ASW office 613-725-9478.

Reflections on the Book of Genesis (Tuesdays March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4, 18, 25, and May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm) is a five week course offered by Ray Van Leeuwen, a professor of Old Testament. To register call the ASW office at 613-725-9478.

### ***No Mining on Algonquin Land***

#### **Community Fundraiser for Barrière Lake**

**March 11, 2017 5:00-8:00 p.m. at First United**

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# SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

## WEEKLY/MONTHLY SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

**Young Adults Potluck Gathering:** Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at Brian's house at 7 Edgar Street.  
For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at [abuch078@uottawa.ca](mailto:abuch078@uottawa.ca)

**Queer Group Potluck:** Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street.  
For more information, contact Brian or Chantel Nantel at [cnantel555@gmail.com](mailto:cnantel555@gmail.com)

**Parents with Small Children Potluck:** Our next gathering is Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> gathering at 4:45 pm to begin our potluck supper at 5:00 pm. Childcare is provided beginning at 5:20 pm leaving opportunity for parents to explore faith and life together.

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

**Mental Health (MH+) Postive Space:** Our next gathering is Wednesday...a chance to talk about mental health where stigmas are "checked at the door". Contact is Jessica Ward-King@hotmai.com

**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](mailto: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 at [inspiritworks@sympatico.ca](mailto:inspiritworks@sympatico.ca) or Sharon Moon [sharonmoon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:healingpathway2010@gmail.com) to make an appointment.**

## ***More "Remits"***

As a democratic "bottom up" church, remits are "votes" within the United Church of Canada whenever major changes are considered. On Sunday March 19 (after worship) and Tuesday March 21 (7-8:30), everyone is invited to come and learn about, discuss and provide wisdom two remits titled Office of Vocation and One Order of Ministry. This discussion will be facilitated by Wendy Snelgrove and Susan Chambers, who will offer a brief overview, and then invite some in our congregation who have experience related to these two remits. While not necessary to read in advance in order to participate in the conversation, if you are interested in getting more information, please visit <http://www.gc42.ca/remits>.

## **JourneyDance**

Classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month ( March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup> )

***Hard Times Require Furious Dancing***

Contact [drkhowell@hotmail.com](mailto:drkhowell@hotmail.com) and see flyers for more details

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE

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**Give it up for the Earth!** This Lent, Citizens for Public Justice invites you to participate in an exciting new faith-in-action campaign to increase climate justice in Canada. Many Christians mark Lent by “giving up” a bad habit or distracting practice during the 40 days leading up to Easter. By signing the **Give it up for the Earth!** pledge, you’ll be committing to **Give it up for the Earth!** – by reducing your driving or meat consumption, for example. You will also signal to the federal government that Canadian Christians want policy changes to move us further and faster towards international climate change goals. To learn more visit [www.cpj.ca/for-the-earth](http://www.cpj.ca/for-the-earth) and to sign the pledge, go to [www.cpj.ca/pledge](http://www.cpj.ca/pledge).

### Letter of Thanks from Multi-Faith Housing Initiative

On the bulletin board downstairs is a letter of thanks for the \$6,279 given to *The Haven* project by the congregation of First United Church. The 98 unit project is nearing completion and many of the new residents will be families leaving temporary shelters for a new “home” where the values of inclusion, safety, affordability, and community are sustained.

### Update on Our Partnership with ASW

This April 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate 10 years of partnership with All Saints Anglican.

**Celebration of our Partnership:** In the coming weeks, we will be sharing ways we will celebrate and mark our 10 years of sharing faith together.

**Review of our Partnership:** To keep our partnership healthy, we take time to review our relationship and agreement every five years. A review process engaged 24 persons a week ago (12 from each congregation) and a report from this meeting will be forthcoming. The conversation was very healthy and life-giving as both partners expressed deep appreciation for the partnership.

**Property Improvements:** The Joint Property Committee (First’s representatives are Neil McFadyen, Howard Clark, and Chris Carlson and from ASW are Lamar Mason, Doug Fisher, and Bryan Bonnel) has many projects on the go. Over the next two years, you will see extensive painting, a refurbishment of the Labyrinth Room (hope you are enjoying the new lights), and many other “unseen” projects as the integrity of the building is maintained. We are thankful for all the extensive work that they do.

**Available on the back table**  
**A Letter of Solidarity for Our Muslim Neighbours**  
**From Moderator Jordan Cantwell**

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