

First Glance

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Multifaith Housing Initiative warmly invites you to our annual **Tulipathon** scheduled for **Sunday, May 7th at three o'clock** near Dows Lake at Commissioners Park.

This walkathon brings faith groups together in support of affordable housing. Last year, over 40 different faith communities across Ottawa participated and we raised over \$27K!

The 3.2 km walk through the Tulip Festival area is a great opportunity to get outside and refreshments offer a chance to engage with other faith communities.

ANN SQUIRE

We have been saddened to learn that our friend, former Moderator, and long-time presbytery colleague, Dr. Anne Squire, died Monday afternoon at the Perley Retirement Home. She was 96. Her daughters Marni, Lauri and Fran were with her; friends from Emmanuel United Church visited her earlier in the day.

Anne Squire was a strong supporter of the community of First United. During our difficult transition time, she was vocal at the Presbytery level and supported our move to Westboro.

There will be a memorial service for her at Emmanuel United, 691 Smythe Road, on **Thursday, May 4th at 2:00 p.m.** A reception will follow.

Please hold Anne's family and friends in your prayers, remembering that her beloved husband Bill died just this past October, so grief is added to grief.



Canadian Centennial Choir is turning 50!

Come and support Marg Stubington and others from our congregation at the 50th anniversary concert.

Sunday, May 7th, 2017, 3 p.m. Woodroffe United Church 207 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are excited to present an all-Canadian program featuring the premiere of a newly commissioned piece by Ottawa composer Laura Hawley. We will also perform works by Eleanor Daley (A Celtic Blessing of Light), Srul Irving Glick (excerpts from Triumph of the Spirit), Elise Letourneau (Ave Maria), and even a little something from the choir's very first concert in April 1967!

Tickets and more information available online at www.ccc-ccc.ca or see Margo in the office.

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NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED

A Sabbatical Time at First United

Our minister, Brian, is on sabbatical taking time for spiritual renewal as well as reflecting on creative congregational responses to societal changes impacting church life. Sabbatical shifts our routines that can rejuvenate the whole community and provide energy for new insights and perspectives to emerge.

Our whole congregation are “ministers”. To facilitate our work, Peter Farris-Manning is hired as a Sabbatical Logistics Coordinator (peter@firstunitedchurchottawa.org). Peter will coordinate responses to incoming requests and is supported by a Sabbatical Team--Norman Ball (staff and refugees) Jane Ellis (finance and administration), and Carol McMurdo-Paton (spiritual nurture and pastoral care). The Presbytery appointed Howard Clark as the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for additional support.

In addition to our ongoing networks of pastoral care (i.e. Healing Pathway, TGIF, etc) we have a list of congregational volunteers and retired ministers who are available to offer pastoral support, and contact can be made with Peter or the Church Administrator, Margo.

Our Sunday services, supported by Marg and Peter, highlight the leadership and ministries that embody our congregational commitments to spiritual nurture in community, to healing, and to social and ecological justice.

- May 7th ***Listening to the Echo – And Beyond (with Holy Communion)***
Leadership of Voluntary Associate Ministers - Ellie Barrington & Tom Sherwood
- May 14th ***What I find at Church that I can't find on Netflix***
Leadership by Young Adults Coordinator: Amelia Buchanan
- May 21st ***Hope in Times when it is Difficult to Hope***
Ministry of Youth and Youth Leaders Coordinator: Wendy Snelgrove
- May 28th ***Seeds of Hope***
Leadership by Social Justice Activists Coordinator: Marika Morris
- June 4th ***Spirit Alive (Pentecost Sunday with Holy Communion)***
Leadership by Healing Pathway Ministry - Howard Clark & Sharon Moon
- June 11th ***Sacred Dance: Rituals for Reverence***
Leadership by JourneyDance Coordinator: Kathleen Howell
- June 18th ***Je suis Donald: A response to Narcissism***
Leadership from those inspired by the Arts Coordinator: Jane Sly
- June 25th ***Indigenous Sunday***
Leadership by Living into Right Relations Circle Coordinator: Diana Douglas

Leadership has been identified for Sundays from July 2nd to August 6th. Brian returns on Sunday August 13th, and during the Fall, there will be time to integrate learnings from this sabbatical time as we nurture a vibrant future together.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Young Adults Potluck Gathering: Tuesday, May 16th in the kitchen at the church beginning at 6:15. For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at abuch078@uottawa.ca

Queer Group Potluck: Sunday, May 28th at the home of Paul Durber, 375 Third Avenue beginning at 6:15. For more information, contact Chantel Nantel at cnantel555@gmail.com

Parents with Small Children Potluck: Our next gathering is Saturday, May 6th 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 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 Maryanne MacDonald maryanne.macd@gmail.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 or 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.

STORYTELLING TODAY 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Room 5/6

Storytelling is an ancient oral art. Once both educator and entertainment, now a rare treat. A tale needs a beginning, middle, end. Come join us after refreshments to hear two stories and to talk about what telling a story means to you.

THE LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS CIRCLE

Wednesday, May 3rd in the chapel at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join us to help us as we keep the journey of Reconciliation before the whole congregation. Coordinators, Diana Claire Douglas inspiritworks@sympatico.ca Sharon Moon sharonmoon45@gmail.com

EXTREME HUNGER APPEAL



The United Church of Canada is launching an [Extreme Hunger Appeal](#) as the humanitarian crisis in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen reaches grave levels. Starvation and extreme hunger are rapidly reaching a scale the world has not seen before in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. There is also extreme hunger, malnutrition, and starvation in Kenya. Vulnerable people are most impacted, including children.

If you wish to give to this special fund of Mission & Service, please make your donation to **First United**, but mark it clearly for the "Extreme Hunger Appeal."

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

Itinerant Identities: The Intersections of Religion, Gender, and Diaspora

Tomorrow, May 1st, 2017 9am-3pm 303 Paterson Hall, Carleton University.

Esther Guillen is chairing this year's Religion Colloquium at Carleton University. Students from Carleton and other universities will be presenting on a variety of topics that you may find interesting. To receive a list of paper topics, please email Esther at the address below, or check out the poster at the Madison Ave door.

Kosher lunch and refreshments will be provided throughout the day for those who RSVP. If you have any questions, and to RSVP, please email estherguillen@cmail.carleton.ca.

EARTH GROUP

Hazardous Waste Special Collection - **Sunday, May 7, 2017** Tunney's Pasture 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sir Frederick Banting Drive Residential electronic waste is also accepted at this site.

GOOD SAMARITANS INTER-FAITH FOOD DRIVE

Through the **Good Samaritans** Inter-Faith Food Drive, religions are working together cooperatively for the public good. Beyond the issues arising in these troubling times, this inter-faith, cooperative activity highlights the value religious believers bring to civic life, as engaged citizens committed to Rev. Martin Luther King's "Beloved Community", social justice and caring for the most vulnerable among us. Non-believers are also welcome to participate. **Places of Worship can deliver their food donations to our central drop-off point at the Ottawa Mosque, 251 Northwestern Avenue @ Scott St., on Friday May 12 from 3 to 7 pm, Saturday, May 13 from Noon to 7 pm or Sunday, May 14 from 1 to 7 pm.**

The **Good Samaritans** Leadership Mosaic: Elder A. Dumont, Iman Z. Delic, Rabbi R. Bulka, Rev. Dr. A. Bailey, Fr. J. Kabangu, Ms. M Stark, Sr. N. Tareen, Rev. J. Wilker-Blakley, Rev. J. Lam.

Project Managers: D. Stringer, thestring@rogers.com & Blandine Stringer, blandinestringer@gmail.com

In partnership with the Capital Region Interfaith Council, Ottawa Muslim Association and the Women's Federation

VOLUNTEER AS A COMMITTEE TEAM MEMBER WITH MHI

MHI is recruiting passionate volunteers to serve on the following Volunteer Committees:
Resident Relations Committee, Housing Management Committee
Membership and Outreach Committee, Communications Committee, Development Committee
Committee members meet once a month to make decisions that drive MHI.



To volunteer or for more information, please contact our Manager of Community Engagement, Sahada Alolo:
Phone 613.686.1825 Email mhi.sahada.alolo@gmail.com You may also visit www.multifaithhousing.ca to apply.

Since 1985, UPSTREAM OTTAWA has been a not-for-profit agency that empowers youth and adults with mental health challenges in their pursuit of a fulfilling life. As part of Upstream's activities many of its clients attend the First Connections lunches held at First United each month.

We are currently seeking volunteers to join the Upstream community for the following positions:

- Volunteer Driver, Volunteer Handyman/Handywoman, Social Media/SEO Marketing Volunteer, Newsletter Content Creator Volunteer

If you would like to learn more about the following openings, please contact Reyna Vega at 613-248-3330 Ext. 401 or email rvega@upstreamottawa.ca Please visit our website: www.upstreamottawa.ca

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