

# First Glance

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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## Living Into Right Relations Circle

June 25<sup>th</sup> **Worship** will be led by the Living Into Right Relations Circle with Rev. Dr. Jamie Scott speaking.

## TRC Reading Challenge Reflection Gathering

Following the service all those who have taken the TRC reading challenge (almost 70 of our community) are invited to reflect on their experience of reading the report and where we want to go from here. It's not too late. You can still read the report. When asked "what can we do?", Justice Murray Sinclair replied: "Well you could read the ... report"

There will be light lunch provided.

## **INTO OUR COLLECTIVE HEART: WHERE THE PERSONAL AND COLLECTIVE MEET**

**Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30 in the Chancel of First United Church**

Join with others exploring new ways to become sacred activists ready to serve the larger collective using a whole body/mind creative + experiential approach. Even in the face of so many societal challenges (climate change, polarized politics, refugees, right relations with indigenous people etc) let's co-create the most beautiful world our hearts can imagine!

**This is an open group. New participants welcome!**

**Theme for this session:** Exploring Reconciliation - in honour of National Aboriginal Day June 21.

**For Info:** [dianaclairedouglas@bell.net](mailto:dianaclairedouglas@bell.net) [613-799-1343](tel:613-799-1343)

## **SHARE YOUR WATER IMAGES**

Building on the Lenten water series, we are planning an art show for the fall: photographs, paintings, drawings, fibre art . . . called **This Is Water**. So gather up to five of your favourite creations to display on the dividers in the Labyrinth Room. Children's art is of course welcome. More details in Sept.

## **FABRIC FROM YOUR STASH??**

We are looking for fabric for a New Canadian Mom who wants to sew dresses for her high school daughters and shirts and pants for her elementary school age son.

If you have appropriate fabric in your "stash" that you are willing to part with, contact Ruth Stewart-Verger [613 722 8402](tel:613-722-8402) [ruth.stewartverger@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.stewartverger@gmail.com)

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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](mailto: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.

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| June 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Indigenous Sunday<br>Leadership by Living into Right Relations Circle (Diana Douglas) |
| July 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Jason Swan<br>Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42 - theme of welcome                             |
| July 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Paul Durber<br>Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30 - theme of finding rest from burdens          |
| July 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Patti Robillard<br>Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9 - Parable of the Sower                      |
| July 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Cathy McBride<br>Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33 - Parable of the Mustard Seed/yeast         |
| July 30 <sup>th</sup>  | Pat Lindsey<br>Gospel: Matthew 13:13-21 - Jesus feeds at least 5,000                  |
| August 6 <sup>th</sup> | Esther Guillen<br>Gospel: Matthew 14:22-38 - Jesus walks on water                     |

Brian returns on Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>, and during the Fall, there will be time to integrate learnings from this sabbatical time as we nurture a vibrant future together.

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# SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

## WEEKLY/MONTHLY SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

**Young Adults Potluck Gathering:** Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. - picnic at Westboro Beach. For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at [abuch078@uottawa.ca](mailto:abuch078@uottawa.ca)

**Queer Group Potluck:** Next potluck on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. See you in the fall! For more information, contact Chantel Nantel at [cnantel555@gmail.com](mailto:cnantel555@gmail.com)

**Parents with Small Children Potluck:** TBA

**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).

**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:** No meetings over the summer. We will meet again in September to discuss "Indigenous Healing" by Rupert Ross. For information, please contact Maryanne MacDonald [maryanne.macd@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.macd@gmail.com).

**Living Into Right Relations Circle (LRRRC):** 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.**

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## **FREE CONCERT**

*BIG SOUL PROJECT* - Canadian hit songs

**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 pm

Lansdowne Park, South Court Under the direction of Roxanne Goodman With Deep Groove Band

### **Pride prayer and United Church statement on Pride worldwide**

The United Church offers us both a prayer for Pride (<http://www.united-church.ca/prayers/pride-prayer>) and a reflection on Pride Month (<http://www.united-church.ca/news/solidarity-lgbtq-people-chechnya-and-around-world>).

### **Iridesce: The Living Apology project launches website**

IRIDESCE: The Living Apology Project seeks to inspire and reconcile people of diverse sexual, romantic, and gender expressions and identities within The United Church of Canada. This project, approved by the 42nd General Council, is a vehicle for dialogue, story-telling, and education with gender- and sexually-diverse communities. [www.iridesce.ca](http://www.iridesce.ca)

## **NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY IGNITING THE SPIRIT GALA**

From inspiring cultural performances, to stunning auction items and this years Trickster theme, Wabano's igniting the Spirit gala will take you on a transformative journey.

**Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2017

5:00-9:30 p.m.

Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, 200 Coventry Road

For further information: email [Shelagh.mills@sympatico.ca](mailto:Shelagh.mills@sympatico.ca)



## **Honour the TRC's calls to action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on June 23**

Faith is Peace: Walk for our Sacred Site Akikodjiwan Sponsors: Albert Dumont, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Jane Chartrand, Pikwakanagan First Nation & Faith is Peace organizing committee See the full invitation on Albert Dumont's blog: <http://albertdumont.com/faith-is-peace-walk/> Visit our Facebook page to show your interest: Contact the organizing committee at [faithispeace2017@gmail.com](mailto:faithispeace2017@gmail.com)

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