

First Glance

October 22nd, 2017

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Supporting our Partnership Ministry – Centre 507 October 27th, 2017

Paul Durber and Brian Cornelius, members of the Board for Centre 507, invite you to join them for the Fall Fling Dinner on October 27th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each. Contact the church office or speak with Paul or Brian to reserve one.

This is Water - Art Celebration on Wednesday, November 1st, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to share water images: photos, drawings, fibre art, paintings, children's art . . . to be part of an art show/celebration of water. Art Pieces will be pinned to dividers in the Labyrinth Room, so framing is not necessary. Please include a 3 x 5 card with printed title and your name.

Please drop art contribution in the Labyrinth Room on October 29 after Sunday service, or make arrangements with organizers or church office for another drop off time. Art will be returned on Sunday November 5th.

There will be refreshments for the viewing on Wednesday, November 1st from 7:30-9:00 pm
For more information, contact: Maryanne MacDonald maryanne.macd@gmail.com; Judith Miller j3miller@uwaterloo.ca; Joyce Hardman jhardman@rogers.com

Celebrating and Supporting our Westboro Food Bank From Joan Rogers, First United's representative

Thank you to Metropole... who at their fundraising event coordinated by Joan Rogers and Peter Cooney raised over \$11,000 for the Westboro Food Bank. We are grateful for the support of our neighbours.

An Idea from a Member: Every grocery shop, Murray Angus buys the same item every time, an item he knows is used by the foodbank. It is easy and then he can contribute to our weekly offering of food.

Volunteering: Did you know that the Westboro Region Food Bank is run entirely by volunteers? About 50 individuals volunteer their time and energy with the WRFB. Many—although not all—are affiliated with All Saints' or First. There is information about all of the volunteer positions and their duties on the WRFB website, <http://westborofoodbank.wixsite.com/westborofoodbank/volunteer>. If you would like to explore getting involved with the food bank, please email the Coordinator, Sarah Brown, WestboroRegionFoodBank@gmail.com.



Last Chance Today:

Sales for Hallowe'en Pumpkins will take place **today**
October 22, raising funds for the J2A Pilgrimage in
August 2018.



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NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED

Nurturing Christ-like Values During Difficult Times

From now until the end of this church year, our Sunday community gatherings will name Christ-like values and explore how we give expression to those values within our own community and beyond our community. We are aware of considerable tragedy and violence in our world, and so are focusing on grounding ourselves in our faith values so that we are encouraged in continuing as a healing presence in our world rather than being tempted to despair.

October 29th – Reformation Sunday

Theme: Leadership that Heals
Story: The leadership offered by Jesus contrasted with the leadership of some Pharisees
Anthem: *Unclouded Day* – Shawn Kirchner

November 5th – All Saints Sunday

Theme: Seeing Christ in Others and Ourselves
Story: “Child of Humanity” came to serve and not to be served.
Anthem: To be Announced

November 12th – Remembrance Sunday

Theme: In Remembrance of Her
Story: A Woman Anoints
Anthem: *Agnus Dei* – Faure Requiem

November 19th – Cosmic Christ Sunday

Theme: Leadership offered by Church Council
Story: Parable of the Sheep and Goats
Anthem: *I Arise Today* – Matthew Emery

Invitations from Those Organizing our Sunday Gatherings

Offering Leadership on Sundays: We celebrate the wisdom of our community, the diversity of our voices, and the depth of our experience. If you would be interested in learning more about contributing to our Sunday Gatherings, there will be a Saturday workshop on November 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (an alternative time being offered for a shortened workshop on Wednesday, October 25th from 7:00 to 9:00). If you are interested in attending, please indicate to the office at office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org

Serving Communion: If you would be interested in holding the cup or serving communion when we gather around the table to celebrate the Feast of God's love, please contact the Church office at office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org. We will be coordinating a schedule for the upcoming communion Sundays.

Multifaith Housing Update:

You are invited to the Dedication of the memorial plaque in the community room of The Haven on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 2:00 pm at 435 Via Verona Avenue, Nepean. In recognition of the support of the Ottawa Presbytery and congregations like First United to the building of The Haven, a Memorial Plaque will be placed in the community room and will read as follows:

The Dr. Anne Squire Community Room

*With sincere gratitude to the **United Church of Canada and United Churches of the Ottawa Area** for their generosity and dedication to providing safe and affordable housing.*

You will be able to have a tour of The Haven site and refreshments will be served.

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

If you have an idea for a small group gathering that you would like to initiate, please contact the office or chat with Brian who will help to facilitate getting it started.

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

Drumming Group: Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Join with other drummers for a time of connecting spirit with rhythm. For more information contact Dave Henderson at daveandging@gmail.com

Healing Pathway: Give yourself the gift of deep relaxation, and healing hands offered in the Spirit for the highest good of mind, body, spirit, emotions. Healing Pathway sessions are offered Tuesday mornings, afternoons, and evenings between 11:00 am and 9:00 pm by appointment. Please contact HealingPathway2010@gmail.com

Living Into Right Relations Circle: Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 pm at the church. Our circle meets to plan projects and programs for the year ahead as together we seek to be in Right Relations with First Peoples.

Men's Breakfast: Sunday, November 5th at 9:30 a.m. at Donna's Express. For more information contact Martin at martin.raillard@gmail.com or Paul at pdurber@rogers.com

Parents with Small Children Potluck: Saturday, October 28th - We gather at the Church beginning at 4:45, begin supper at 5:00. Childcare is provided as parents engage in conversation starting at about 5:20. The evening usually ends around 7:00 p.m.

Queer Group Potluck: Tuesday, October 24th at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street. For more information contact Chantel Nantel at cnantel555@gmail.com

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

Tuesday Morning Book Study Group: Weekly book study discussion group meets on Tuesdays from 10:00 - 12:00 in Room 5/6 to discuss "Indigenous Healing" by Rupert Ross. For information, please contact Maryanne MacDonald maryanne.macd@gmail.com.

Young Adults Gathering: Tuesday, November 21st at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street. For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at abuch078@uottawa.ca



Are You Coming to Dinner?

2 Saturdays, October 28th and November 4th, 2017

Registration is open until midnight tonight!

** Email Dorothy or Joan today or see them at coffee time today. **

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Dorothy Naylor done07@sympatico.ca.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

PUBLIC LECTURE: “Not Spiritual But Not Religious – how SBNR young adults see our world”

Tom Sherwood is giving the next Carleton University Lecture in the Glebe on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm in Scotton Hall at the Glebe Community Centre. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

November 25 - Wear something ORANGE and/or PURPLE and join us for the launch of the UNiTE Campaign and the 16 Days Canada Campaign.

4:15 p.m. Meet at Minto Park (corner of Elgin and Gilmour Streets) for a Candlelight March to the Canadian Tribute to Human Rights Monument.

5 p.m. Jean Pigott Hall (City Hall)

Presentation of Proclamation by Mayor Jim Watson, guest speakers, entertainment, refreshments.

Thank you to the City of Ottawa for agreeing to light up the Heritage Building in ORANGE & PURPLE to shine a light on the issue of violence against women and girls.

Our goal is to invite governments, civil society organizations and individuals to mark the days between November 25 and December 10 (the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence) to take action and to match political commitments with specific ACTIONS and adequate FUNDING to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

Plans Have Begun for our Annual December 6th Service **A Gathering to Remember and a Call to Action**

Set the date aside, and more information will be shared in the next couple of weeks.

9th Hour Theatre – Thursday, November 9th

Brian will be attending a showing of “The Prodigal” which tells the story of a young man coming to grips with his sexual orientation within a strict religious upbringing. It is a play of return, reconciliation and honesty in the face of inner and interpersonal tensions. Brian invites you to join him and if you are interested, please contact him at briancornelius@firstunitedchurchottawa.org