

First Glance

January 7th, 2018

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January 21st - PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY

We Celebrate Our Partnership with
All Saints' Westboro with St. Matthias

10:30 a.m. - Joint Worship Service

This year the service will be a United Church liturgy, with John Wilker-Blakley offering the reflection and there is a choir with around fifty voices under the direction of Marg Stubington.

There will be special joint programming for children and youth.

11:45 a.m. - Potluck Partnership Luncheon

We gather in the Labyrinth Room/Steacy Hall and everyone is asked to bring a potluck luncheon dish.

If you are able to help in the kitchen, please let the office know.

Journey Dance

Wednesdays – 5:30 – 6:30 in the church with Lorena Norwood

To register or for information contact office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org

JourneyDance™ is a spiritual practice in which movement becomes your medicine. It is a fun and powerful method for moving stuck emotional and physical patterns toward joy and deep ease. By telling your story to the dance floor, your soul is invited to journey home into the body where healing happens. No previous dance experience or spoken words are required. Free will donations to the Sowing Seeds Fund (which can be tax-receipted) are accepted.

UCOBSERVER

If you currently do not, but would like to receive the United Church of Canada magazine, the Observer, please contact Margo in the office.

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NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED

A Heartfelt Thank You (from Church Council and to one another)

Church Council would like to thank everyone for the support of our congregational life this past year, both in spirit and financially.

With some unexpected income as well as ensuring we were under budget in our spending, First United will end the year with only a small deficit of \$5,650 which is less than our budgeted deficit of \$6,150. Here is a report on our annual givings.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Advent Campaign	14,860	13,345	14,000	15,000
Congregational Giving	193,770	192,010	195,000	205,000
Mission and Service Fund	33,279	30,705	33,000	33,000

Our preliminary budgeting indicates that to maintain our current congregational ministry and to operate without a deficit, our congregational giving would need to grow by a little more than 5%. Many, during our living room conversations, indicated a willingness to increase their givings and to join First Things First (Pre-authorized remittance). If you have not had a chance to make changes, please contact Margo, our Church administrator, at office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org.

In Addition...We Supported the following Ministries/Project in 2015

We raised \$11,850 for our accessibility project.

We raised \$ 6,730 for the Odawa 510 Centre and contributed another 4,530 to various outreach projects.

We raised \$35,000 for sponsoring refugees as the community of First United and have partnered with neighbours

to raise \$195,000 for sponsoring refugees within our neighbourhood.

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: TBA 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: TBA 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, January 7th at 9:00 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: Will be joining with the Church Advent Celebration. Information to follow.

Queer Group Potluck: Tuesday, January 30th 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: 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. Beginning January 9th we will examine Part 3 - Healing from Colonization, Chapters 9 & 10. For information, please contact Maryanne MacDonald maryanne.macd@gmail.com. Chapters 9 & 10. For information, please contact Maryanne MacDonald maryanne.macd@gmail.com.

Young Adults Gathering: Tuesday, January 23rd at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street. For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at abuch078@uottawa.ca

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality begins its 54th Winter Term on Monday, January 8th with a lot of United Church content. Six courses are offered, including one by Paul Dillman with Brien Marshall – “Would you want Jesus as your financial adviser?” and another by Tom Sherwood. Peter Holt (Orléans United) is the President of the School.

Classes are at Dominican University College, 96 Empress off Somerset.

Mondays at 7:30 pm for 10 weeks. Further information and registration: <http://osts.ca>

Getting to Getting to Room Temperature

January 8-13, 2018 Monday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Friday & Saturday matinees at 2:30 p.m.
Starring Robert Bockstael, Written and directed by Arthur Milner

A hard-hitting, sentimental and funny play about dying — based on a mostly true story.
All tickets: \$25 + \$3 facility fee = \$28

The audience is invited to stay following each performance for a special talkback presentation featuring special guests. The audience is also invited to share their stories and experiences in an open forum.

Tuesday, January 9:

Rev. Ellie Barrington, Imam Mohamad Jebara

For more information: <http://www.thegladstone.ca/getting-to-room-temperature/>

Trans-Script

Faith and Arts Ottawa presents Trans-Script at the Gladstone Theatre on Sunday, January 21st and Monday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm. Both performances will be followed by an audience-cast talkback moderated by either **David Sherwin** or **Tom Sherwood**.

Trans-Script is an original 50-minute, 6-actor play dramatizing love and relationships in the context of transgendering experiences. It has been performed at Carleton, Algonquin, uOttawa, high schools, churches, Rendez-Vous 2017 in Montreal, the Annual Meeting of Bay of Quinte Conference, and the annual conference of Affirm United.

This may be the last opportunity to see Trans-Script because Faith and Arts is launching two new theatre programs in January 2018, Spirit Talks in Ottawa, and a sequel to The god Monologues in Kingston. Tickets are available at <http://www.thegladstone.ca/trans-script/>

Jesus + Justice: Citizens for Public Justice and International Justice Mission Canada are hosting two great events in Ottawa on **Friday, January 19, 2018**.

From **8:30am to 1:00pm** - "**Jesus + Justice: Working together for God's just kingdom**," a half-day conference to encourage and equip Christians in Ottawa to work together for God's just kingdom through prayer, acts of charity, and advocacy. Register at jesusandjustice.eventbrite.ca. In the evening, starting at **7:00pm**, Mark Wollenberg of International Justice Mission will lead us through the Lord's prayer with a justice lens at "**ReAlign 2018: Praying for God's just kingdom**." Both events will take place at **Rideauview Bible Chapel** ([1249 Prince of Wales Drive](http://www.thegladstone.ca)) Ottawa.

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