

# First Glance

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## How Can We Ever Get to Reconciliation? The Hard Heart Work Ahead

The Living into Right Relations circle of First United is pleased to invite you to this two part series:

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** 7:00-9:00pm.

Grandmother Francine Payer, Anishanabe Kwe Elder  
"Pre-Contact to the Indian Act System. Unmasking Real Truths"

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** 7:00-9:00pm

Kathryn Fournier, Cree/Francophone Elder and Reconciliation Advocate.  
"Taking It All Apart: Decolonization in Support of Reconciliation"

### "NEW WAYS" PROJECT COORDINATOR required:

*First United Church in Ottawa is seeking a Project Coordinator for a sixteen month "New Ways" Project beginning August 1st, 2018 until November 30th 2019.*

A description of the project as well as the duties and responsibilities of the coordinator are available on the website of First United under Special Events. This project received a unanimous endorsement at the annual congregational meeting.

*Please submit cover letter and resume to [office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org](mailto:office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org) by Friday, May 25th at 12:00 noon.*

Check It Out!

## The Adoption Circle - A Service Recognizing Grief, Healing & Hope

**Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm, Chapel of the Holy Spirit

First United Church welcomes you to a service recognizing all of those touched by adoption - birth parents, adoptive parents, adoptees, and those who have aged out of the foster care system. The service will validate and honour all whose lives have been changed by the adoption process. A reception in the Labrynth room will follow.

We are in need of greeters (at 6:30 pm) and someone to serve coffee and tea for the reception at 8:00 pm. If available or for more information, please contact [Laura.bonnett@rogers.com](mailto:Laura.bonnett@rogers.com)

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# NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED

## Season of Easter & Pentecost Sunday: Rising in Us, Wisdom From Our Faith

During this season, we will celebrate the faith rising in our own Spirit stories as we draw upon the wisdom of significant Spirit writers who have impacted our lives and our life as a faith community.

This is a time to ground ourselves both in written scholarship and personal story.

May 13            Theme:    Proverbs of Ashes – Rebecca Ann Parker/Rita Nakashima Brock  
                  Text:        The Ascension of Jesus (Acts 1)

May 20            Theme:    Dancing with Creation – Matthew Fox  
                  Texts:      Pentecost Story and Ezekiel’s Vision (Acts 2 and Ezekiel 37)

### Season of Pentecost

May 27            The Spirit Alive through Music as we join together in *Taizé Meditative Chants*

June 3            The Spirit Alive in our Youth - Celebrating our Rite 13 Youth Class

June 10           The Spirit Alive through Our Commitment to Social and Ecological Justice with visual support from Ken Hoffman’s *Vietnam: Portraits of a Country in Transition* which documents the ongoing ecological impact of napalm gas from the 1970s war.

June 17           The Spirit Alive through Our Commitment to *Live into Right Relations*

## Bishop Padi Rex Reyes

First United has the honour of hosting Bishop Padi Rex Reyes on **May 13<sup>th</sup>** during his visit to Canada.

Fr. Rex is here for lobbying work with government primarily on Human Rights issues. “Padi Rex” as he is widely known holds the distinction of being the first Indigenous person of the Igorot Tribe of the Cordilleras in Northern Philippines, to be elected as General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, the position he has held since 2007. <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedAction/posts/560948837333779>

### Thank You:

Church Council wishes to thank everyone for their continued support of our life here at First. We are grateful for your participation in our community. Presently, over 100 individuals/families give directly through “First Things First” and those giving in this way are encouraged to take a “card” at the back of the church and place it in the offering plate. For information on supporting First United through “First Things First” or envelopes, contact Margo at the church office.

<u>To April 30</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General	66,019	60,051	51,300	(8,349)
Mission & Service	10,971	10,210	11,600	(1,390)

# 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.*

**Bible Study: Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>** Join Brian for a discussion of the Biblical texts for the two upcoming Sundays. From 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch and meet in the church kitchen.

**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 between 11:00 am and 9:00 pm by appointment. Please contact HealingPathway2010@gmail.com

**Journey Dance:** A spiritual practice in which movement becomes your medicine. No previous dance experience or spoken words are required. Every **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in the chancel. For more information contact Lorena Norwood at lorena.norwood@gmail.com

**Men's Breakfast: Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. at Donna's Express. For more information contact Tseheyoun at Tsehayouseyoum@hotmail.com or Paul at pdurber@rogers.com

**Parents with Small Children Potluck: Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 4:45 at the church.

**Queer Group Potluck: Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm** at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street. For more information contact Chantel Nantel at cnantel555@gmail.com

**Talking About Mental Health** will meet after church **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** in room 5/6 at 12:30 p.m. Join us for a bowl of soup and conversation. For more information, contact Jessica Ward-King at j.ward-king@hotmail.com or Zachary Houle at zacharyhoule@rogers.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:** We meet **Tuesdays 9:00-11:00** in Room 5/6 and focus on topics that help us understand right relations and Truth and Reconciliation. Open to everyone. For information, contact Maryanne MacDonald at maryanne.macd@gmail.com.

**Young Adults Gathering: Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm** at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street. For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at abuch078@uottawa.ca.

## Update on Review of Children and Youth Programming



**Curriculum Development:** We have decided to write our own curriculum for 2018/2019 and development of this curriculum is taking place Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be involved, please speak with Brian.

**The next review meeting is taking place on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE & EVENTS



On May 27<sup>th</sup>, our Rite 13 class in walking in the Multi Faith Housing Tulipathon at Commissioners Park (across from Dow's Lake Pavilion). New to this year's Tulipathon is the ability to make your donations online and to promote the event to your peers and congregation via e-mail and social media. Click on this link to register as an individual or with your faith community team, and share the link widely: [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/multifaith-housing-initiative/p2p/tulipathon2018](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/multifaith-housing-initiative/p2p/tulipathon2018).

**Ottawa Brain Tumour Walk - June 10th at 10am, Andrew Haydon Park.** Join Chris Moore and his family along with many others who have suffered or know someone who has been affected by a brain tumour. Proceeds go to the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada which raises funds to lead research into the cause of and cure for this devastating disease. Brain cancer is currently the leading cause of cancer death in children under the age of 20 and 60% of the high priority research projects are going unfunded. There is a real need for funding support. You can register for the walk or donate at <http://www.braintumourevents.ca> (click under "Brain Tumour Walk" on left and search "Chris Moore"; his team is: Yippee Happy Liveliness)



## **FROM OUR WATERCARE TEAM:**

The issue of nuclear waste affects all Canadians, not just those near the proposed Chalk River nuclear waste dump. Other sites are being considered. Canada has no master plan to deal with it. This petition is about regulations and reforms for the management of radioactive waste. It was initiated January 11th and sponsored by Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party. **Deadline to add your signature May 11, 2018, at 8:17 a.m.**

Just Google e-petition 1450 to sign.

## **Constellating for the Collective: Into Our Collective Heart**

Participate in Systemic Healing Circles

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 9:30 at First United Church sanctuary

Given all the societal challenges we are facing, are you wanting to find a new way to serve the Earth, humanity, and all living beings? Come and participate in this systemic whole body/mind, creative approach. It works!

This is an open group. New participants welcome!

Suggested donation: \$20- \$30

Facilitator: Diana Claire Douglas [dianaclairedouglas@bell.net](mailto:dianaclairedouglas@bell.net) 613-799-1343 [www.knowingfelddesigns.com](http://www.knowingfelddesigns.com)

## **SATURDAY. MAY 26th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. ALL SAINTS with St Matthias SPRING FAIR**

Come and discover - locally grown and acclimatized perennials ready for your garden in the Courtyard, new treasures at the Flea Market inside in the church hall, books galore, yummys at the bake table (early birds might find a homemade rhubarb pie), then take a break and have soup, coffee and coffee cake in the bistro. Nearly New Shop will be open. See you there!



## **This is Why we Sing: Five Decades of CCC**

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., First United Church

Director: **Marg Stubington**

A light and joyful concert with Cantiamo Choirs of Ottawa, directed by Jackie Hawley and Leslie Bricker.

**\*\*Over 100 singers ages 7 & up!\*\***

Visit [www.ccc-ccc.ca](http://www.ccc-ccc.ca) for ticket info or see Margo in the office.

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