

First Glance

May 13th, 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 15th 7:00-9:00pm.

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

May 22nd 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 by Friday, May 25th at 12:00 noon.



Celebrating 30 Years since the United Church Publically Welcomed Queer Community

In 1988, the United Church of Canada was public in declaring that sexual orientation or gender identity was not a reason to exclude anyone from full inclusion within the church. During the Pride celebration on the weekend of August 25th and 26th, we wish to mark this occasion. Jessica and Mirelle Ward-King along with Brian Cornelius are hosting a planning meeting on Wednesday evening, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, but wish to be involved, let the office know.

Congregational Retreats: Carol Garceau, Paul Durber, and Brian Cornelius are co-hosting a gathering of everyone interested in attending and/or planning congregational retreats in the 2018 to 2019 church year. The exact nature and timing of these retreats would emerge from our conversations. We are gathering on Thursday May 31st at 6:00 p.m. in Room 5/6. If you are unable to attend but have a contribution to make, please forward it to the office.

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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 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***

June 24 The Spirit Alive in Our Commitment to Spiritual Nurture through the Celebration of Baptism.

July 1 is Canada Day: Our plan is to join with the Anglican congregation for their service at 9:30 and not have a service at 11:15 UNLESS there is someone who would like to plan a service. Brian Cornelius is away on vacation at this time.

Sacred Conversation and Meal with Joelle Morgan

Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

Meal begins at 6:15 and conversation begins at 6:45

Come dialogue with Joelle Morgan on her learnings, experiences, insights, and content related to her doctoral thesis ***Restoring Indigenous-Settler Relations In Canada: Taking a Decolonial Turn Toward a Settler Theology of Liberation***.

Please RVSP to the office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org so that we can prepare to have sufficient food for all, and will include gluten free and vegetarian options.

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)

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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.

Bible Study: Tuesday May 22nd Join 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: May 14th at 7:00 in the sanctuary. 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 3rd at 9:00 a.m. at Donna's Express. For more information contact Tseheyoun at Tsehayouseyoum@hotmail.com

Parents with Small Children Potluck: Saturday, May 26th beginning at 4:45 at the church.

Queer Group Potluck: Tuesday, May 29th 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 27th** 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 15th 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 17th at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be involved, please speak with Brian.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE & EVENTS



On May 27th, 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.

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)



Community Living Ontario - supporting people who have an intellectual or developmental disability

Community Living Ontario and an ever-growing number of allies call on the next Government of Ontario to do a better job of supporting people who have an intellectual or developmental disability, their families, and the community organizations that assist them.

- Children lose funding for supports for no other reason than turning 18. They must reapply for funding as adults with no guarantee of when or how much they will receive.
- The waitlist for adult support is anticipated to reach 11,000 this year.
- Adults can wait more than 20 years for a home of their own. The waitlist for residential services is currently over 10,000.
- 73% of working-age adults who have an intellectual or developmental disability who live on their own are living in poverty, compared to 23% of people the same age who do not have a disability.

Community agencies that support people who have an intellectual or developmental disability are severely underfunded. A petition is available to add your voice to this issue at:

<https://www.change.org/p/government-of-ontario-address-the-gaps-in-funding-and-support-for-people-with-intellectual-disabilities>

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!

TODAY - Bishop Padi Rex Reyes

First United has the honour of hosting Bishop Padi Rex Reyes on **May 13th at 3:00** 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>

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