

# First Glance

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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## **Sacred Conversation and Meal with Joelle Morgan**

**Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 ***Restorying Indigenous-Settler Relations In Canada: Taking a Decolonial Turn Toward a Settler Theology of Liberation.***

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

## **Spirituality is Unity Walk**

**Called by Algonquin Elder**

**Albert Dumont & Friends**

June 22, 2018

10:30 am. Victoria Island

Walk to Parliament

The Spirituality is Unity walk will occur on the traditional lands of the Algonquin Anishinabeg, beginning at 10:30 am on Victoria Island and ending on Parliament Hill at approx. 1 pm. The date is June 22, 2018, the Friday marking the beginning of the Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival at Vincent Massey Park. This Walk welcomes the presence of children. It is for them after all, that we are doing this. If possible, bring your children, bring your grandchildren. Never forget that the grandchildren of your grandchildren will be the true beneficiaries of the actions we take today in protecting the water, the wind, the atmosphere and all the life of the forests, so that these things will be strong and energetic in the days of the distant future.

## **Joy Camp – A Camp for All Ages**

**July 6 to 8 at Gracefield Camp**

Come and enjoy a weekend with others from First United. Tent camping along with accommodation in a lodge are available. We choose to utilize the meal plan of the camp to simplify the weekend. ***Registration forms are available on the back table or can be sent to you electronically through the Church 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.

### Season of Pentecost

- 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.**

## Celebrating 30 Years of Naming the Full Inclusion of the Queer Community Within the United Church of Canada



2018 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary where the United Church of Canada, at its General Council in 1988, named that the United Church of Canada celebrates the full inclusion of the Queer Community. In honour of this milestone, First United is organizing...

**An All Ages Dance**, from 5:00 to 8:00 on Saturday, August 25th, 2018

**A Special Pride Celebration** on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

For more information, contact Jessica Ward-King at [j.ward-king@hotmail.com](mailto:j.ward-king@hotmail.com) or Brian Cornelius at [briancornelius@firstunitedchurchottawa.org](mailto:briancornelius@firstunitedchurchottawa.org)

### 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	80,330	76,164	85,500	(9,536)
Mission & Service	13,651	12,950	14,500	(1,550)

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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 June 5<sup>th</sup>** Join us 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: June 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 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:** TBA

**Queer Group Potluck: Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm** at the home of Paul Durber. For more information contact Chantel Nantel at cnantel555@gmail.com

**Talking About Mental Health** will meet after church **Sunday, June 24<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, June 19<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm** at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street. For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at abuch078@uottawa.ca.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE & EVENTS

**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)



## **Annual Conference and AGM** **2018 Online Registration Form**

*Affirm United's 2018 AGM and conference: Many Voices- One Song July 13-15 at Royal York Road United in Toronto*

We emphasize that all people of all identities are welcome at this gathering; we ask that you bring a respectful spirit and open mind, and that all participants come with the belief that sexual and gender diversity is part of God's beloved creation. Our movement believes that being gender and/ or sexually diverse is a gift, not a sin.

For more information, see <http://affirmunited.ause.ca/annual-conference-and-agm-2018-online-registration-form/>