

First Glance

June 10th, 2018

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Sacred Conversation and Meal with Joëlle Morgan

Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

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

Come dialogue with Joëlle 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 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 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.

Strategic Review of our Children and Youth Programming

As mentioned at the Annual Congregational Meeting, one of the priorities of the Church Council for 2018/2019 was to do a strategic review of our Children and Youth Programming.

Volunteers have met since March. Last week, the Church Council received the report, endorsed the recommendations, and authorized the circulation of the report to the congregation as well as the implementation of the recommendations

Copies are available on the back table if you have not received one.

In the meantime, if there are any ways in which you would like to help in the implementation of the recommendations or become involved in providing leadership to the children and youth programming, please let the office know.

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



2018 marks the 30th 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 26th, 2018

For more information, contact Jessica Ward-King at j.ward-king@hotmail.com or Brian Cornelius at 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 12th 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: Monday, June 11th 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: TBA

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 26th 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 24th** 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 19th 6:15pm at the home of Brian Cornelius, 7 Edgar Street. For more information, contact Amelia Buchanan at abuch078@uottawa.ca.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & EVENTS

School supplies for WRFB

The Westboro Region Food Bank is already starting to prepare for fall. We will partner with Caring and Sharing Exchange to provide backpacks and school supplies for children in our area. Please add a few things to your shopping list to help us. A complete list of items will be suggested in the coming weeks; for now, we could use coloured pencils, notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, pencil cases, backpacks, water bottles... Please drop off supplies at the WRFB (in the church basement) or in the food bank basket on Sunday. Thanks so much!

GENERAL COUNCIL opening worship Livestream:

Something special is happening at the 43rd General Council this year, and you and your congregation are invited! The opening worship service is being held on Sunday, **July 22**, starting at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

We are inviting visitors from across Canada to join us for worship, with a special invitation to the churches in and nearby Oshawa, Ontario. "Virtually join" General Council commissioners, visitors, and international and ecumenical guests. Imagine how wonderful it would be to sing and pray with up to 2,000 people!

This General Council is being co-hosted by All Native Circle and Bay of Quinte Conferences. This unique collaboration will be reflected throughout the week and will be beautifully embodied in our opening celebrations.

If you are unable to attend the opening worship in person, consider following along online with the livestream from GC43 on the [United Church YouTube channel](#).

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/>



Research Study about how people show support for the same-sex marriage of a family member

We sometimes know more about the negative aspects that happen in families; this is an opportunity to understand positive family dynamics! I am interested in interviewing people (they could be a parent, adult child, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or sibling of someone who married).

In the interviews, I will ask participants questions such as what their views were on same-sex marriage when the family member announced that she or he was getting married and what their reaction. I will also ask them about their family member's wedding (regardless of whether or not they attended the wedding).

This research study is funded by a Mount Saint Vincent Internal Research Grant and **received ethics approval from the University Review Ethics Board on September 1, 2017 (#2017-027)**.

For further information, contact: Áine Humble, PhD, CFLE aine.humble@msvu.ca