

First Glance

June 17th, 2018

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The Cosmic Dance...

Walk the labyrinth and JourneyDance™ to celebrate our movement into the Summer Solstice. Come explore the stillness of the earth and dance with the energy of creation from 5:30 to 7 pm **Wednesday, June 20th**. Meet in the Labyrinth Room at First United Church.

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.

Announcing Hiring of New Ways Project Coordinator



The Search Committee for the New Ways Project Coordinator authorized by the Church Council and consisting of Amelia Buchanan, André Fontaine, Miriam Koene, Sharon Moon, and Brian Cornelius (ex-officio) interviewed several qualified and highly skilled candidates over two evenings last week. These conversations were profound and the Committee found itself in the abundant position of having several qualified persons to select from.

After a thorough discerning discussion, the Search Committee reached a consensus and, in consultation with the Chair of M&P, have offered the position to **Kira-Lynn Ferderber**. Kira-Lynn has accepted the position.

Kira-Lynn began attending First United in the Fall of 2016, has a degree in Women and Gender Studies, Human Rights, and Political Science. Kira-Lynn presently works on several contracts including training sessions to prevent sexual violence at musical festivals through bystander intervention. In addition, Kira-Lynn has recently been commissioned to write an article for the United Church Observer and is a rapper.

We welcome Kira-Lynn to this position which begins on August 1, 2018.

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NEWS FROM FIRST UNITED

Upcoming Sundays

- June 24 Celebration of Baptism and New Ways
- July 1 Canada Day - First United is joining All Saints' Anglican with St. Matthias for their 9:30 service, and there will **not** be a service at 11:15.

Summer Sabbath

Throughout the summer we continue to worship every Sunday at 11:15. There is no children's programming; however, we do provide childcare in the nursery.

Brian Cornelius will be on holidays and attending General Council from Monday, June 25th and returning to the office on Tuesday, July 31st. Pastoral Care arrangements have been made and can be accessed by contacting the office.

Marg Stubington will be here until Sunday, July 8th and return on Sunday, August 19th.

Margo den Haan will be on holidays beginning at noon on Friday, July 20th and will be back in the office on Friday, August 17th.

While email and telephone are checked daily, summer office hours beginning the week of June 25th are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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. 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.

There are a number of ways that people can be involved in supporting our Children's programming. If you would like to be a Sunday Support person on a six week rotation basis or if you have any interest in being part of 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

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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 19th 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: Weekly JourneyDance™ classes to resume in the Autumn, possibly on a different time and day. See these pages for monthly special JourneyDance™ events over the summer months and do join our ceremony "the Cosmic Dance" when we follow a special walk of the labyrinth for the Summer Solstice on June 20th from 5:30 to 7 pm.

Men's Breakfast: TBA

For more information contact Tseheyoun at Tsehayouseyoun@hotmail.com or Paul at pdurber@rogers.com

Parents with Small Children Potluck: Saturday, June 23rd at 4:45 p.m. We gather for a potluck with everyone that begins at 5:00. Childcare is provided as the parents have opportunity for discussion

Queer Group Potluck: Tuesday, June 26th 6:15pm at the home of Paul Durber, 375 Third Avenue. 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.wardking@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: Young adults are invited to join the launch of the Paul Dewar Initiative at the National Arts Centre (see page 4 for details.)

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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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!

Constellating for the Collective: Into Our Collective Heart - Participate in Systemic Healing Circles **Tuesday, June 19th** from 6:30 to 9:30 at First United Church sanctuary

This is an open group. New participants welcome! Suggested donation: \$20- \$30 **Facilitator: Diana Claire Douglas**
For Info: dianaclairedouglas@bell.net 613-799-1343 www.knowingfielddesigns.com



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/>

"A better world is possible. I believe in the power of the next generation of change leaders to get us there. I want to do my part in unleashing that power." - PAUL DEWAR

This **Tuesday, June 19th** from 5-7 at the NAC Paul will launch his Youth Action Now initiative. Join us to celebrate Paul's service to our community and support him in building a lasting legacy for the next generation of change leaders. to the launch. It will be a chance to learn more about the initiative, which is in the beginning stages, and speak with friends, family and people who have supported Paul over the years. Please click on this link if you may be able to come. <http://youthactionnow.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2179161372314739/>

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