

Greetings from Rideau Park!

Did you know the month of May is National Salad Month? No wonder, when it seems like everything is bursting with greenery and new life all around us. I'm not sure they all make good salads, but I know that other good salad ingredients are being planted this month. At Rideau Park, we have had a great year of programs and are enjoying the fruits of our labours as many of those programs wind up in the month of May, while others are just beginning. Come and join us! If you would like more information about church events, please contact the office (info@rideaupark.ca) or check the website (www.rideaupark.ca).

Sunday, May 6, 12:15 – **LUNCH** will be served following the 11:15 service. An opportunity for the congregation to gather and build community.

Sunday, May 6, 7:00 pm – **BELLS IN SPRING** featuring bell choirs from Emmanuel and Rideau Park United; St Andrews and Trinity Presbyterian Churches. A great event for music lovers of all ages.

Sunday, May 13, 9:30 and 11:15 services – **Our CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** will add their voices to the praise for this Christian Family Sunday service.

Monday, May 14, 7:00 pm – The Worship and Music Committee is holding an **open meeting to explore and revision the 11:15 Sunday service**. We need your input and ideas to help us reinvigorate this unique opportunity to worship together.

Sunday, May 27th, 5:00 pm – **ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP ROCKS** meets at Orleans United Church. A contemporary worship service with light supper – a biblically inspired message presented through rock music, conversation and video that deals with our everyday lives.

The 2012 edition of the Rideau Park **PHOTO DIRECTORY** has arrived! If you had your picture taken for the directory, you should receive one free of charge. Please contact Heather or Wayne Bennett for your copy.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Rideau Park is in need of **caretaking help** for six weeks between May 18th and October 9th. Work hours are 9am to 1pm, Tuesday to Saturday except for the week of Vacation Bible School (August 13 – 17) when the hours are 2pm – 6pm. Some flexibility is an option for discussion.

Duties will include light custodial duties, care and maintenance of the grounds, set up for groups meeting in the church, attendance at weddings and funerals and other duties as required.

If you wish to apply, leave your résumé in Debi Brown's mailbox outside the office, or email to administrator@rideaupark.ca

CAMP AWESOME 2012 – This year's Vacation Bible School will be held **August 13-17th**. Registration forms and online registration are now available.

The United Church of Canada's GENERAL COUNCIL (or national meeting) will be held in Ottawa this summer, August 11-18. Many volunteers are needed – see uccanottawa.org for more information or speak to Judy Pare, who is our local volunteer coordinator.