

Greetings from Rideau Park!

Our September calendars are full of start-up dates and registration times. We hope that you will include some of the following Rideau Park events in your schedule as you plan for the year ahead. For more information about any of the following events, contact the church office or our website at www.rideaupark.ca.

In Memorium: With summer holidays, some of you may not be aware of the deaths and memorials for these friends from our church family: Karen Marie Cross (July 8); Marg McNally (July 15); and Morley Craig (Aug 4 in Carsonby). We hold all their loved ones in our prayers.

Adult Bell Choirs:

Ringin' Praise (for beginning ringers) – Mondays at 6:30-7:15 pm

A Touch of Brass – Mondays 7:15-8:30 pm

La Bell Ensemble – Tuesdays 7:15 – 8:30 pm.

Thursday, September 5, starting at 5:45 PM – Hearsay: a multigenerational supper, takes place every Thursday evening in Beecroft Hall. Families take turns preparing and cleaning up for this supper, which runs until 6:15. Expenses are paid through freewill donations (suggested amount about \$5.00 per person.) Come and join us, it's a great way to get to know people in the congregation.

Thursday, September 5, 1:00 pm – Our **Euchre Club** is beginning a new year. Everyone is welcome – if you don't know how to play they'll teach you!

Thursday night music programs, starting September 5:

- ***Cherubs*** – 6:15-6:45 music for young children up to 6 years;
- ***Joyful Noise*** – 6:45-7:15 pm; children's choir for 6 years to 11;
- ***NoteAble Sound*** – 6:15-6:45 pm; chimes for grades 2-5
- ***Teen Choir***- 6:15 -6:45 pm; for youth 12 and up;
- ***Grace Notes*** – 6:45-7:30 pm: bell choir for teens and tweens, grade 6 and up.
- ***Chancel Choir*** – 7:30 pm for adult singers.

Sunday, September 8, 10:00 am – Worship, with childcare and Sunday School classes. Anyone interested in drumming (African drums) will meet after the service.

Sunday, September 15, starting at 10:00 am. – Launching Sunday and Open House: following the service there will be a brunch and opportunity to learn more about the activities happening at the church.

Tuesday, September 17, 9:00 am – Tuesday and Thursday morning **Fitness classes** starting for the fall season. We also have teachers who offer Tai Chi and Yoga classes in the church on Wednesdays and Fridays. To register or learn more, contact the office (613-733-3156.)

Friday, September 20, 6:00 pm – Lobster Supper: Come and enjoy a special treat: Lobster or Steak supper: tickets are available through the office \$42.50.

Sunday, September 22, 4:00 pm – A New York Afternoon: a concert featuring sopranos Sandra Graham and Doreen Taylor-Claxton in an afternoon concert that will take us from Opera to Broadway. A fundraiser to support some of RPUC's young performers - tickets \$30.00.

Wednesday, September 25, 11:00-2:00 – Harmony Club for Seniors: gathers before lunch for cards and conversation, then a delicious lunch and an interesting speaker. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending the lunch, everyone is welcome to hear the presentation at 1:00 pm.

Friday September 27, 6:00-8:30 pm and Saturday, September 28, 9-11:30 am – Nearly New Sale. Items for sale are greatly appreciated, and may be dropped off Thursday all day and until noon on Friday. Volunteers to help with sorting and organizing are needed Thursday and Friday daytime. Friday evening and Saturday morning volunteers are needed to help keep tables tidy and clear everything away.

Sunday September 29, 10:00 am – Sunday Worship and celebration of Rideau Park United as an **Affirming Ministry**. In May we voted to become inclusive of all - regardless of gender identity and orientation, ethnicity, abilities or income. Guest speaker: Rick Prashaw, author of *Soar, Adam, Soar*.

Monday, September 30 is Orange Shirt Day – wear an orange shirt in recognition of residential school survivors and their families, and to spread the hope that all might be treated with dignity and respect.