

Greetings from Rideau Park:

*In Memorium: We hold in prayer the family and friends of Norman Edwards (June 4.)*

### **Council News:**

- Ken Tong, Chair of Council, wrote to the Assunnah Muslim Association on behalf of the congregation expressing our concern and solidarity following the killing of four Muslims in London.
- Elizabeth Bryce notified the Council that she plans to take 3 months sabbatical in 2022.
- Council reviewed a proposed financial policy, which will be sent to all committees for feedback prior to final discussion by Council in the fall of 2021.
- Trustees presented a revised investment policy, which was approved.
- In a discussion of re-opening the sanctuary for worship, Council agreed to continue gathering information about safe distances with a vocal soloist, and ensuring the worship team is fully vaccinated. It is a priority for our re-opening to be safe and inclusive for the whole congregation.
- \$5500.00 in Foundation Fund grants were approved: for the Refugee Family Fund and for Wild Wonder Camp. There is more money available for grants in the fall.

**Rideau Park Heart Garden:** As a symbol of our support for indigenous people and in remembrance of all lives lost through the trauma and intergenerational trauma of church-run residential schools, we have started a summer "Heart Garden". You are invited to **add to the "heart flowers"** and plant them by the Beecroft Door or the church sign on Alta Vista.

**Wild Wonder Camp** – is a new initiative by Tucker House and Camp Awesome to bring faith exploration and the environment together in an **online camp for 4-12 year olds**. "Camps" will be held online, morning or afternoon for 5 days, 5 weeks available July 5 to August 6. More information at [wildwondercamp.ca](http://wildwondercamp.ca), register at: <https://maisontuckerhouse.wufoo.com/forms/wild-wonder-camp-2021-registration/>.

The United Church of Canada is offering an opportunity to **donate towards vaccinations** for overseas partners as Gifts with Vision campaign: [https://giftswithvision.ca/products/pay-it-forward?\\_pos=1&\\_sid=721f7cbd2&\\_ss=r](https://giftswithvision.ca/products/pay-it-forward?_pos=1&_sid=721f7cbd2&_ss=r).

**Soul Sisters:** Spend your summer with some fascinating women of the Bible. These are **one page reflection/bible studies** that you can print off for yourself or take to a friend, published every Monday in July and August, on [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca) or our Facebook Group.

**Summer Sermon Series:** This summer we are **going to the movies!** Steve Clifton, Dianne Cardin and Elizabeth Bryce will be basing their sermons on films YOU have suggested.

**July 1 at 11:00 am**, Glebe St James United is hosting **a vigil to remember** victims of our national and church's residential schools. Open to all, here is the link: <https://www.glebestjames.ca/vigil-to-remember-unmarked-graves-of-indigenous-children-july-1-2021?fbclid=IwAR2QHEO-RjQlo4jqueUtrLRH4sSHr2iD1GIAEjiJSmay-fcligme0BITXXc>

**Sunday, August 1, 10:00 am service** – We continue our tradition of sharing worship with **Emmanuel United Church**. The service will be led by Emmanuel and available on [www.emmanuelunited.ca](http://www.emmanuelunited.ca).

**Social Action Outreach Committee** is holding a drive for **personal care and toiletry items** for community partners, drop-off at the church between 1-3 pm on June 28, July 26 and August 30.

**Put this date on your calendar:** **September 25** is the proposed day for a hybrid online Bazaar, so if you are a jelly or jam-maker, put aside a few jars for RPUC. Keep your eye on the website and RPNews in the weekly emails for more details.