

Greetings from Rideau Park!

There's a picture on my door, of dandelions forcing their way through asphalt – a bright blaze of mischievous yellow in the midst of endless but practical grey. The quote says: "A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill – except for learning how to grow in rows." (Doug Larson). Dandelions may not be your favourite aspect of summer, but you have to admire their persistence. Over the months of June, July and August, many of our programs at Rideau Park wind down, leaving time for the travel, long walks and visiting relatives that come with summer. We hope, however, that Rideau Park will be persistent in your thoughts and your time as well.

We keep in our thoughts the friends and families of those whose lives we celebrated in recent months: Sadie Hoover, Lorraine Frances Stevenson.

These are upcoming events for June, July, August and early September:

Sunday, June 3, 11:30 – Following our worship, come to the Parlour and try out some **African drumming**. Open to everyone old enough to hold a drum!

Mondays to Saturdays, June 4 to 23, Rideau Park hosts the **Royal Conservatory of Music Exams** in a variety of rooms in our building. PLEASE check on the white board in the entranceway before you enter your usual meeting rooms or the sanctuary, so that the musicians are not disturbed! As compensation, you are invited to ...

Rideau Park Café, which will be set up in Beecroft Hall or the Parlour most days, between 10:00 5:00 – offering a variety of treats, coffee, tea and cold drinks for a small donation. Everyone welcome.

Monday, June 4, 6:00 pm – **UCW Dinner and Meeting**. A celebration of our United Church Women, their work throughout the year and the awarding of life memberships. Tickets are \$20.00, but all are welcome.

Saturday, June 9, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm – **Alta Vista Garage Sale**: Rideau Park offers a barbecue, book sale and a space for garage sale tables. Come and join us for lunch, or if you are interested in a table, call the office for more information.

Tuesday, June 19, July 17 and August 21 at 11:00 am – **Maplewood Worship service**. Come join friends at Maplewood Retirement Residence as we worship together.

Sunday, June 24, 10:00 am service - **Indigenous Prayer Sabbath**. This year we welcome as our guest speaker, **Rev. Daryold Winkler**, a Roman Catholic priest serving the St Elizabeth Parish. He will speak about his experience of being indigenous and Christian.

Sunday, July 1, 10:00 am service – We welcome the congregation from **Emmanuel United Church** at Rideau Park this morning.

General Council 2018 – Every three years our national church holds its national meeting, this year in Oshawa, from August 21-27. Visitors are always welcome, or you can tune in to their livestream at <https://generalcouncil43.ca/>. There is also a festival of faith being held in conjunction with the national meeting, for more information go to: <https://generalcouncil43.ca/festival>.

Sunday August 5, 10:00 am – Rideau Park United **worships at Emmanuel United Church**, on Smythe Ave.

Camp Awesome 2018 – **August 20-24**, for children ages 4 to 12 years. The Camp program runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, but childcare before and after is available. Please register through the website, www.rideaupark.ca.

The office will be closed for statutory holidays July 2 and August 6.

September dates to plan for:

Sunday, September 9 – 10:00 am service is our **Launching Sunday and Open House**.

Thursday, September 13 – 5:45 – **Hearsay** and Children's Music program begins.

If you would like more information about church events, please contact the office or check the church's website (www.rideaupark.ca). If you would like to add or remove an address on the mailing list, please contact administrator@rideaupark.ca.

Sent on behalf of Elizabeth Bryce.

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