

Greetings from Rideau Park...

Fall is always a busy time when we try to get things done before the snow of winter becomes a factor. In the life of faith, our challenge is to keep a balance between opportunities for busy participation AND opportunities for deeper reflection. At Rideau Park, we try to offer both, as our calendar fills with events that are both programs and worship. Come and join us!

In Memoriam: We hold in our prayers the loved ones grieving the loss of these members of our church family: Ken Edwards (August 30), Jean Sprules (September 14) and Marcia Gosse (September 21; Memorial Service Saturday, September 29 at 3:00pm at Rideau Park).

Friday, September 28, 6:00-9:00 and Saturday, September 29, 9:00-11:30 – Nearly New and Book Sale.
Donations accepted from Thursday to Friday afternoon.

Sunday, September 30, 10:00 am service –

- **Orange Shirt Day:** Wear something orange to mark the story of Phyllis Webstad and indigenous children raised in residential schools.
- It is also the launch for our **2019 Stewardship Campaign** with co-chairs Michael and Kristina Inrig.
- Following the service stay for a light lunch and learn **“What’s up in the apartment”** with members of Environmental Action and partners in the Sustainability Office.

Starting Tuesdays, October 2 to 30 , 10:00-11:00 am – Tuesday Coffee Break: A time for conversation, community building and your favourite hot beverage (and maybe even cookies!)

Healing Pathways Prayer is offered every Thursday afternoon and one Sunday evening each month. To book an appointment contact healingpathway@rideaupark.ca. No appointment needed for healing prayers in the Chapel after most Sunday services.

Sundays at 11:30 – Intro to Drumming from Ghana – will be held in the Parlour or Sanctuary. Open to everyone. For more information, speak to our Choir Director Iain Macpherson.

Come and join us for services in the community:

Wednesday , **October 3, 1:30 pm** at **Oak Park** Retirement Community;

This month the service at **Hunt Club Manor is CANCELLED.**

Tuesday, **October 9, 10:45 am** at **Billings Lodge;**

Tuesday, **October 16, 11:00 am** at **Maplewood** Retirement Community.

Sunday, October 7, 10:00 am service – Worldwide Communion AND Thanksgiving service: To mark this special day when Christians gather to celebrate communion at the same time, and give thanks for God’s many blessings, we invite you to make a special donation to the **Benevolent Fund**, to support households from the community in financial need.

The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 8.

Saturday, October 13, 8:30-3:30 – Stewardship “Travelling Road Show” hosted in Cornwall at Knox-St Paul’s United. Come, discuss and ask! Contact Elizabeth Bryce if you are interested.

Sunday, October 14, following the 10:00 am service – Grab your coffee and come join us in the Parlour for a conversation about **adult programming, spirituality and study** at Rideau Park.

Sunday, October 14, 2:00 pm – Blessing of the Animals, in the parking lot. All species welcome.

Sunday, October 21, 10:00 am service – Anniversary Sunday, with guest preacher **Rev. Eloi Gunn.** Eloi was a ministry candidate from Rideau Park and now serves as a chaplain in the Canadian Forces.

Sunday, October 21, 11:30 – Fall Congregational Meeting: An opportunity to learn more about the congregation. This meeting's focus will be the current review of decision-making processes and work of the congregation, and an opportunity to hear feedback from the congregation.

Sunday, October 28, at 11:30 – Affirming Ministries is hosting a workshop on "How to be an Ally". Guest Presenter Daniella Noël (Education Coordinator at the Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity) will offer us an opportunity to learn about the diversity of gender identity expressions and help us explore ways to better support the LGBTQ+ community. The goal is to give participants a well-rounded understanding of what it means to be an ally, which we can apply to a variety of situations in our daily lives.

Put these dates on your calendar:

November 3, 1:00 to 4:00 pm – Rideau Park's **Christmas Treasures Bazaar.**

November 4, 2:30 pm – **Our Hearts Remember service** with memorial candlelighting.