January greetings from Rideau Park:

Got a new calendar with lots of empty space on it? Don't be surprised if those blank boxes fill up quickly. Looking ahead, we try to ensure that the New Year fulfills our resolution – not just to exercise more or eat less – but our resolution to be God's people, at work in the world. We hope you will help us fill those empty boxes with opportunities to grow in faith.

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends of Lorne Gold, Dorothy Brown and Paul Woolner, who died in recent weeks.

Sunday, January 6, 10:00 am – Epiphany Sunday – will be a paper-free Sunday. If you have announcements, ministers will be making them verbally.

Beginning **Sunday, Jan. 6, 11:30 am** - **Drumming resumes.** Meet in the parlour, or if unavailable, in the Sanctuary. Please join in and grab a drum! We will be learning a stick drumming piece called *Gahu*! Drums are provided, or bring your own - including the hand-made drums from last year! We need singers, percussionists, dancers, and drummers to make this work!

Sunday January 13, 10:00 am service – This Sunday service will include the **installation of officers for the UCW's** 2019 Executive.

Sunday, January 27, 10:00 am service – I Have a Dream Sunday, with guest speaker Mohammed Adam. Mohammed is a columnist with the Ottawa Citizen.

Sunday January 27 4:00 pm - A Celebration of Mozart's Birthday, Andrew Ager, pianist. In the RPUC Sanctuary, freewill contribution.

Wednesday, January 30, 11:00 am -2:00 pm — Harmony Club for Seniors meets for informal card games, then a hot lunch, then an interesting speaker.

Friday, February 1, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm – Acknowledge, Confront, Transform – Right Relations and Black Lives Matter at Trinity United Church, 1099 Maitland Avenue. Our moderator, Richard Bott, will be with us for a day-long reflection on right relations in the United Church of Canada. The event is "pay what you can" (suggested donation \$35.00), register at http://bit.ly/RightRelationsUC.

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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