

Greetings from Rideau Park

In his book *Surprised by Joy*, CS Lewis talks about experiencing the Holy as a child in the season of autumn, which he sought through the story *Squirrel Nutkin* by Beatrix Potter. "And one went back to the book, not to gratify the desire (that was impossible – how can one possess Autumn?), but to re-awaken it." I wish I could possess autumn this year – we have been blessed with such a beautiful one. However, as we move into a colder time, we hope you will be warmed with the thought of spending some of your November in our Rideau Park programming.

Frankenstein: Andrew Ager's opera is running **Thursday, October 31st and Friday, November 1st** at Carleton's Dominion Chalmers Centre. Tickets at eventbrite.ca or at the door.

Saturday, November 2, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Bazaar 2019 "O Christmas Tree": Volunteers and donations needed through this week, then come and enjoy!

Sunday, November 3, 10:00 am – Sunday worship – **Don't forget to turn your clocks back!** This is also a **Food Bank Sunday**, **Christmas pageant sign up** and **Mini Bazaar**.

Sunday, November 3, 11:30 – **Fall Congregational Meeting** will take place after the service. This is an opportunity to learn more about the implementation of our new governance structure and the work of the Strategic Planning group. Bring your coffee and join us in the parlour.

Tuesday, November 5 and 12, 6:45-8:00 pm – **The Big Questions: Doctrine isn't Dusty:** episodes 2 and 3 – *Questioning the Trinity*, and *What does it mean to say Jesus is Incarnate?* This is a United-in-Learning Webinar, which we will "attend" together.

Friday, November 8 – **Deadline for Churchpost** – if you have articles, please get them to Nancy McPherson.

Sunday, November 10, 10:00 am – **Remembrance Sunday**. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the honour guard, please let the office know.

Sunday, November 10, 2:30 pm – **Our Hearts Remember:** a candlelighting service for remembering loved ones, followed by a time for visiting. Everyone welcome. If you would like names of your loved ones read out, please remember to write them on the list at either entrance to the sanctuary.

Wednesday, November 13, 11:00 noon to 2:00 pm – **Harmony Club for Seniors**. Gathering at 11:00 for cards or visiting, then a delicious warm lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by an interesting speaker at 1:00 pm. Please RSVP to the office if you will be there for the lunch.

Sunday, November 17, 10:00 am service – **Youth and Young Adult Sunday:** a service celebrating the ministry and inspiration of young people. **Grace Notes**, our teen bell choir, will be playing. Following the service a meeting about the national **Rendezvous youth and young adult gathering** will be held.

Sunday, November 17, 11:00 – **Newcomer's Lunch:** If you have been new RPUC in the last couple of years, you are invited to this luncheon following the Sunday service. RSVP to Georgina at gfitzgerald@rideaupark.ca.

Sunday, November 17, 7:00 pm – **Healing Pathways Service** – an evening service of healing prayer, imagery, music and scripture. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, November 24, 11:00 am – **Harvest Luncheon:** a fundraiser for the Refugee Fund. Featuring soup, quiche, green Salad, apple cake; coffee and tea. Tickets - \$10 available during coffee hour or from the Church office

Friday, November 29, 5:00 and 6:30 pm sittings – **Roast Beef Supper**.

Put these dates on your December Calendar!

- **Sunday December 1** – **Communion** during our Advent 1 service at 10:00 am
- **Advent Happening**, a chance for families to gather and make gingerbread houses, will take place following the service.
- December 1 at **7:00 pm** – **Ring in Christmas, Bell Concert** featuring all 5 RPUC ringing groups.
- **Wednesday December 4, 12:00 noon** – **Harmony Club** comes early in the month!
- **Wednesday, December 4, 7:15 pm** – **Encarna**