

Greetings from Rideau Park United Church

We are very thankful for everyone who has made this time of building closure possible through your support and feedback. The pace of covid-19 has been slowed in our community and we are grateful for the opportunity to begin planning for the fall, perhaps without some of the restrictions we have lived with since March. Your generosity in supporting the church financially has made it possible for us to continue supporting our regular worship and programs in a time of many other uncertainties.

Memorials: We remember these members of Rideau Park who died in the last month and hold their families in our prayers – Richard Geddes (May 26), Judge Arthur Thurlow (May 27) and Helen Cameron (May 30.)

- **Sunday, June 28** at 10:00 am, we continue the tradition of worshipping at Emmanuel United Church in the summer months: <http://www.emmanuelunited.ca/worship/webcast.php>. Emmanuel United will tune in to our livestream on August 2.
- Council and its Executive have made the decision to **continue worshipping by livestream only**, through Labour Day (September 6). We are looking forward to having some of our musicians participate now that we can have 10 in the building. Initial plans for re-opening are being developed and will be posted on the website for you to read once they are ready.
- The Government of Ontario raised the capacity of funerals and weddings held in places of worship. We are currently working on **guidelines for funeral services** of up to 30 people.
- **Camp Awesome** is offering an online camp for children 5-12 years old for four weeks in July. Check out their facebook page and videos: <https://www.facebook.com/CampAwesomeEOOR/>.
- If you **make jams or jellies**, please make extra for the church. The UCW and the Bazaar Committee are working hard to figure out how to sell them!

Some of our community partners have gone online with events. If you are interested, here are a few:

- **Somali Hope Foundation** (supporting schools in Somalia) is holding its Gala on Saturday, July 11, between 6:00-8:00 pm. Learn more at www.somalihopefoundation.ca.
- **Multifaith Housing Initiative** raised more than \$60,000 through its annual Tulipathon. They continue to do fundraising for Veteran's House: <https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/donate.html>.
- **Heron Emergency Food Centre** is adapting to the changing needs of the pandemic, with a group of young people who transport pre-packed boxes of food to our clients, who wait outside. They appreciate donations of fresh produce from people's gardens, as well as financial donations on our website through CanadaHelps.

A question for you to ponder: What do you appreciate about what Rideau Park is doing now? What are you looking forward to when we can come back? Join the RPUC Facebook group to comment, or send comments to [Elizabeth Bryce](#).