

## Greetings from Rideau Park

*We celebrate the lives of members of our Rideau Park family, holding their families and friends in prayer: Joan Adamson (September 10), Elizabeth (Liz) Waldron (September 14) and Colleen Holmes (September 21).*

*We welcome into the family of the church through **Baptism** Ken Tong (September 13) and Fletcher Presutti Van Every (September 27).*

What a beautiful fall season we're having. Let's hope the warmer than usual temperatures last for a while. Fall is usually 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, albeit in a different way this year, as our calendar fills with events that are both programs and worship. Come and join us!

## Updates

**In person worship:** has resumed, with several precautions in place. Starting September 13 to October 4, we welcome up to 20 people in the pews for worship. This number may be increased to 40 guests in the pews starting Sunday, October 11. **To join the in person worship at Rideau Park you must register online at [www.rideaupark.ca](http://www.rideaupark.ca).** The protocols for attending are also listed there for your review.

**Sunday School:** Starting September 20, our Sunday School is restarting for fall online. The Zoom meeting coordinates have been emailed to members of Rideau Park. If you wish to join or if you have any questions, please contact CD Chairpersons Andrea Laliberté ([marcandrea@rogers.com](mailto:marcandrea@rogers.com)) or Tara Lockhart ([taralockhart8@gmail.com](mailto:taralockhart8@gmail.com)). There are four class groupings – JK/SK and Grades 1-3 meet at 10am Sunday mornings, Grade 4-6 meets at 10:30am Sunday mornings and the youth class meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings. We are grateful to our teachers for making these online gatherings possible.

**Sunday, October 4 – Worldwide Communion Sunday** – To mark this day shared by Christian communities around the world, we will celebrate communion in a different way. People at home may share bread and cup where they are. Those who come to the sanctuary should bring their own bread and juice.

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – 5:30pm: Pop-Up Bake Sale at Rideau Park:** There's going to be a mini bake sale outside the church, near the Fosters' farm stand at the Cunningham side. Pat Whitridge is organizing this event. The funds raised will be directed to UCW 2020 Bazaar Pop-Up Events. There will be baked goods, some jams and jellies, and some hand-made face masks for sale. The masks are available for a donation of at least \$10.00 per mask. Some of them have a Christmas motif so you can be stylish during the festive season.

At the sale, helpers will wear masks and hand-sanitize. There will be crowd control for everyone's wellbeing. Safety first!

So, pick up your fresh vegetables for Thanksgiving dinner at Fosters' and dessert at the RP bake sale! If you wish to contribute baking, please contact Pat at [whitridge.patricia@sympatico.ca](mailto:whitridge.patricia@sympatico.ca) for packaging guidelines.

**Sunday, October 11 – Thanksgiving Sunday.**

**Sunday, October 18 – Anniversary Sunday:** Guest Speaker Rev. Eric Lukacs of Carleton Memorial/ St. Andrews, Buckingham.

**Meditation Group Online: Thursdays at 10am:** Twenty minutes of quiet, peace, and mindfulness, shared together through Zoom. Meditation is not difficult. And group meditation is a deepening experience. We have posted a video of a session both on Facebook and on our website so you can participate later if Thursdays at 10am don't work for you. There are also 3 short instruction videos to help people to begin in meditation.

To join in the live group, please email Steve Clifton ([sclifton@rideaupark.ca](mailto:sclifton@rideaupark.ca)) to receive the Zoom invitation. The recorded sessions will be posted within a few days after the online group session.

**Ladies:** Watch for an invitation to join other Rideau Park women for a half hour Zoom **CYBER CHAT**. Sometimes these have a theme, sometimes they're just a check in. Always friendly and informal though. Contact Georgina Fitzgerald ([gfitzgerald@rideaupark.ca](mailto:gfitzgerald@rideaupark.ca)) for more information.

**Youth Confirmation Class:** We are offering an online Zoom class this fall, for Grade 8 and up. We will meet at a day and time that works for everyone. If you are interested or want more information please contact Steve Clifton: [sclifton@rideaupark.ca](mailto:sclifton@rideaupark.ca)

**UCW Bazaar:** The UCW has announced, with great regret, that there won't be a Christmas Bazaar this fall but are going in another direction. For more information, see September's Churchpost at <https://www.rideaupark.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Churchpost-Sept-2020.pdf>

**Frozen blueberries, raspberries and cranberries:** HEADS UP! We are planning the sale of frozen berries again this fall. Watch the Rideau Park website and Facebook page for details in the coming weeks. Questions? Contact Sheila Faure [RPUCberries@gmail.com](mailto:RPUCberries@gmail.com)

**Healing Pathway Ministry:** Our practitioners are still available to offer prayer, now over the telephone. If you would like more information, contact Steve Clifton at: [sclifton@rideaupark.ca](mailto:sclifton@rideaupark.ca)

**Activities and Programs:** Council Executive decided that committees, groups and organizations will be contacted about their plans to return to their meetings. Council has decided that no indoor activities will begin before October. Guidelines are being prepared that will outline the strict protocols that take into account all Public Health measures.

**E-transfers: NEW!** Finally we have auto deposit for e-transfers through online banking, send your E-transfer to "[accounting@rideaupark.ca](mailto:accounting@rideaupark.ca)". This email is registered for "auto-deposit." In the Comment section, include **your Envelope Number** (if you have one) to help us prepare your tax receipt. You may designate your gift for a specific purpose, or to the **Ministries and Programs Fund**, which is our primary operating fund. If you do not have an Envelope Number, you will receive an email within 30 days requesting contact information for your tax receipt.

The **UCW** is also accepting e-transfers at [ucwfinance@rideaupark.ca](mailto:ucwfinance@rideaupark.ca)

**2021 Stewardship Campaign:** Check your mailbox or Inbox for your 2021 Stewardship package.

**Blessing of the Animals** has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.