

October 19, 2020

Greetings from Rideau Park

October is a month of transitions – the darkness lengthens the evening, the morning frosts appear with increasing regularity, the trees shed their leaves. Maybe this is a time when we make transitions too, when we lengthen and deepen our thinking, when the frost forces us to give up on the garden, when we shed unhealthy thoughts and attitudes. October gives us 31 days to reflect on how we can best use our time and this has never been truer than this year as we face daily restrictions for our own health, the health of our family and friends and the health of the whole community.

Suspension of **in-person worship services and weekday activities** will continue until Public Health Ottawa reports an acceptable decline in Covid-19 cases. For now, live streaming Sunday morning worship service is the primary way to join Rideau Park in worship.

Christmas Pageant #21 is going virtual! The 21st Annual Christmas Pageant is going virtual during the Rideau Park service on Sunday, December 13th! We are looking for as many babies, toddlers, waddlers, children, tweens and teens as possible to bring the amazing story of the birth of Jesus to life on screen this year! **Watch for a video announcement from Andrea on October 25th during the morning service;** a detailed email will also be sent out shortly! Any interested families can get in touch with Andrea directly at 613-762-1777 or marcandrea@rogers.com.

Sunday, November 1, 10:00 am – Sunday worship – **Don't forget to turn your clocks back!** Watch for an announcement about Rideau Park's **Christmas Cheer Program**.

Wednesday, November 4 – deadline to order Frozen Berries – This year all the berries come from Ontario.
Wild blueberries (1kg) \$12 Raspberries (1kg) \$12 Wild strawberries (1kg) \$12
Pick-up at RPUC on Saturday, 28 November at assigned times after 3pm. Contact Sheila Faure at RPUCberries@gmail.com for details and to place your order. Proceeds to the UCW.

Wednesday, November 11 at 12 noon – check out the website on November 11 after the public ceremony for a special musical tribute by Andrew Ager and Iain Macpherson for **Remembrance Day**. Musical selections include:

1. "In Flanders Fields" by Andrew Ager, sung by Iain MacPherson
2. "Prelude in G-sharp minor" by Rachmaninoff
3. Kitchissippi United Church Choir – **Call to Remembrance, by Richard Farrant**

Friday, November 13 – Deadline for ChurchPost – if you have articles, please get them to Nancy McPherson at nmcpherson@rogers.com.

The **Worship and Music Committee** wants to thank the worship leaders and others who have contributed to the inspiring services and to Brian and Doreen Hamilton for their technical expertise in making the webcast available during this challenging time.

Sunday School: Our Sunday School restarted in September and is now 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 at marcandrea@rogers.com or Tara Lockhart at taralockhart8@gmail.com. There are four class groupings – JK/SK and Grades 1-3 meet at 10am Sunday mornings, Grades 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.

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. If Thursdays at 10am don't work for you, there are also 3 short instruction videos to help people to begin in meditation that are posted both on Facebook and on our website. To join in the live group, please email Steve Clifton (sclifton@rideaupark.ca) to receive the Zoom invitation.

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) for more information.

UCW NEWS: THERE IS NO RIDEAU PARK BAZAAR ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

1. We are asking you to consider donating directly to the UCW, for which you receive a tax receipt. When making this donation you might want to think about what you would normally contribute to the Bazaar in baking and the cost of those ingredients, in time and in Tea Room tickets, Books, Silent Auction, Deli, Jams and Jellies, and of course the General Store, Plants and Ladies Boutique. This is an option if you are able to do so. You might consider making these donations during the last week of October and the first week of November when the normal Bazaar activity would be at its peak.

- The UCW is now able to accept e-transfers to ucwfinance@rideaupark.ca or you can mail your donation to Elaine Robertson, UCW Treasurer, 31 Pittaway Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 4P3. Elaine's contact number is 613-447-9119 if you have any questions on how to donate.

2. **PoP-Up Events:** We are encouraging any UCW members or supporters who are interested in helping, to consider taking on a fundraiser to help replace Bazaar funds. The UCW will support you as much as we are able. Please contact us if you have ideas or are interested in helping.

- ❖ We thank Pat Whitridge for organizing a **PoP-Up Bake Sale** which we unfortunately cancelled due the increasing Covid19 cases. We greatly appreciate Pat's enthusiasm and zest for the bake sale. We hope it is eventually possible to make it happen. In the meantime, I expect Pat is still baking ... maybe even to order. You can always check with her.

- ❖ **PoP-Up Berry Sale:** Thank you to Sheila Faure for organizing a frozen berry sale. This year all the berries come from Ontario:

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- ❖ **Face Masks:** A huge "thank you" goes to the ladies who sewed masks this fall. Under Lynda Coombe's leadership, and in lieu of a craft table at the Bazaar-that-will-not-be, Anne Blades, Lynda Coombe, Christy Harris, Astrid Paidra and Ruth Scobie made approximately 65 masks, some Christmassy, to be available for a minimum \$10.00 donation at the pop-up bake sale that was supposed to take place October 9th. Instead, almost all (about a dozen non-Christmas ones remain) have gone for donations to the UCW totalling close to \$500.00. (That includes a few jars of strawberry jam, too!) For information, please contact Nancy McPherson at nmcpherson@rogers.com.