

## **Greetings from Rideau Park**

Since 2009 the Government of Canada has named June as Indigenous History Month, an invitation for all Canadians to deepen their understanding of our shared Canadian history. In June we focus on the church's reconciliation with indigenous people and learning more about their spirituality and faith. With the recent news from Kamloops, this June brings with it particular poignancy and a longing for justice.

**Sundays, 11:15 am – Healing Prayer Circle.** Following every Sunday service, you can join with our Healing Prayer Practitioners in a time of prayer on YouTube. This is a pre-recorded prayer session, and is available any time, but at 11:15 on Sundays, the practitioners will be praying with you.

**Wednesdays, June 2 to 30, at 10:00 am – Imposter Epistles, a 5 part Zoom bible study,** led by Steve, Elizabeth and Sharon, in which we study some of the epistles attributed to Paul but probably not written by the apostle. Contact [sclifton@rideaupark.ca](mailto:sclifton@rideaupark.ca) or [ebryce@rideaupark.ca](mailto:ebryce@rideaupark.ca) for the Zoom coordinates.

**Thursdays, 10:00 am – Meditation:** Twenty minutes of quiet, peace, and mindfulness, shared together through Zoom. To join in the live group, please email [sclifton@rideaupark.ca](mailto:sclifton@rideaupark.ca) to receive the zoom invitation.

**Sunday, June 6, 10:00 am service** – We welcome to our pulpit **Clare Savage**, a candidate for ministry in Ottawa, who is currently working with a team of Ottawa congregations on inner city outreach. It is also Pride Sunday for the United Church of Canada.

**Monday, June 7, 7:30 pm** – Our UCW executive invites everyone to the **UCW Annual General Meeting** on Zoom. The meeting will include worship, reports and a special not-to-be-missed presentation on **the Guatemala Stove Project** by guest **Liz Ballantyne-Smith**. Contact [ucw@rideaupark.ca](mailto:ucw@rideaupark.ca) or [ebryce@rideaupark.ca](mailto:ebryce@rideaupark.ca) for the Zoom coordinates.

**Sunday, June 20, 10:00 am service – Indigenous Prayer Sabbath,** with guest speaker **Elder Albert South Wind Dumont**, recently appointed as a poet laureate for the City of Ottawa. Many of you might know Albert from the Mamawi Together project at Pleasant Park school and the creation of the outdoor murals, a visible reminder of the culture and spirituality of the land we inhabit. We also welcome drummers Helene Raven and Daniel from KUC.

**Wednesday, June 23, 7:30 pm – RPUC Council meeting.** If you have any concerns or questions you would like addressed, please let us know: [council@rideaupark.ca](mailto:council@rideaupark.ca).

**Funding Available from the Rideau Park Foundation Fund for Ministry** - Applications are now being received for new project funding from the Rideau Park Foundation. Projects eligible for Foundation funds include those which involve experimenting with new or new approaches to ministry, outreach in our community, leadership development, special projects, and property renewal projects. Foundation funds are not intended to meet ongoing operational

requirements of current projects/programs. Any member or long-term adherent of Rideau Park United Church may apply, but applications must be sponsored by a committee of the church who will oversee the finances of the project. Approximately \$13,306 is available for disbursement in 2021. Applications are due by June 11, 2021 and should be submitted to Patricia Whitridge, at [vicechaircouncil@rideaupark.ca](mailto:vicechaircouncil@rideaupark.ca) . Applications should be submitted electronically. For more information on the application process and application forms, please go to [www.rideaupark.ca/giving/rideau-park-foundation-for-ministry](http://www.rideaupark.ca/giving/rideau-park-foundation-for-ministry) . Please note that funds will not be disbursed until after Council makes a decision at their June 23rd meeting.