

EPIPHANY II

Sunday, January 14, 2018



RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH



Welcome to Rideau Park United Church. Please note: Audio loops are available from the ushers. Prayer requests for today's services can be noted on the lists at the entrances. Childcare for preschoolers is available in room B-12 (lower hallway). Quiet activity boxes are also available for children in the chapel each Sunday. ****Indicates where the congregation is invited to stand as able. After the service you are invited to join us for refreshments and conversation in Beecroft Hall.***

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We Gather Together

Gathering Music

Cantilena

Boccherini

Lighting of Chancel Candles: Psalm 4: 7 "Let the light of your face shine on us, O God. You have put gladness in my heart."

***Call to Worship:**

One: All who thirst, come to the water and drink deeply of these living streams.

All: Come all who are weary.

One: Come all who yearn for healing.

All: As the waters of the Jordan washed over Jesus, so the Spirit washes over you and me.

One: God calls us and blesses us!

All: Let us praise God for new life in Christ.

***Processional Hymn: 445 VU A Little Child the Saviour Came** Puer Nobis Nascitur

*Prayer of Approach and Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

Prayer of Confession:

O God, you have searched us and known us. You know when our faith rises and falls. We confess that we have not trusted our questions of faith leading us to a deeper understanding. Call us again, O God, that we might be surprised by you, and enriched with a new light, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Listening for God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism - Extending the Christian Family

† Statement of Purpose

† Introduction of the Candidates

† Questions of Commitment

† Profession of Faith-A New Creed VU 918

† Pouring of the Water & Prayer of Thanksgiving

† Act of Baptism

† Giving of the Baptismal Candle

† Sung Blessing VU 965 (sung by all)

Prayer: (unison)

God of gracious welcome, hear our prayer for Lev baptized today. May he be blessed in all of life's journey. May we who share the mark of baptism hold him in faith and Christian love. May he know the grace of your Holy Spirit in all the days ahead. Amen.

Hymn: 187 MV

We Give Our Thanks to God

Verse 2: French "Nous rendons grace a Dieu..."

Verse 3: English "We give our hands to you..."

(Following the hymn, the children are invited to go to their Sunday School classes.)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139, p. 861, with sung refrain

Anthem:

Come to the Water
Chancel Choir

Foley

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-11

Lay Reader: Devon Shulist

Sermon:

The Voice

Elizabeth Bryce

Hymn: 209 MV

Go, Make a Diff'ence

Steve Angrisano &
Tom Tomaszek

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Upcoming Worship Events

Sunday, January 21	I Have a Dream Sunday	10:00am
Sunday, February 11	Congregational Meeting	11:15am
Tuesday, February 13	Shrove Tuesday	

Coffee, Cake, Choir and Conversation TODAY!: The Worship and Music Committee invites you to meet choir members, say thank you and to express appreciation to Chancel Choir members for their gift of music throughout the year and the Christmas Season. Please join us!

TODAY, at 11:30 a.m.: All are invited to come hear an exciting presentation from Dr. Andrew Rader. Andrew will discuss his career progression through Carleton Engineering and MIT to SpaceX, where he helps launch the world's most advanced rockets with the goal of revolutionizing space travel. We will meet in the Parlour. Everyone is welcome.

Our Confirmation Class meets TODAY, in Brackenridge at **11:30 a.m.** Please remember to bring your binders and your holiday homework.

TREASURER'S NOTE

Based on our preliminary review, we have a small deficit of approximately \$1,200 for the year ending December 31, 2017 for the "Rideau Park Ministries and Program" (RPMP) Fund. We have exceeded our budgeted goal for the "Mission and Service" (M&S) Fund and we have a good reserve for next year's Christmas Cheer program. On behalf of Stewards, I want to thank the congregation for supporting our year end financial appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the UCW for their very strong support to the RPMP Fund this past year. Through the generosity and work contributed by both individuals and groups to the RPMP and M&S Funds, we are able to continue to provide important services within the Church and to the wider community. Bob Roden Treasurer

Once again this year we will be hosting youth from the **London Conference for Worshiplude**. We are looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast and provide hospitality to 110 youth and leaders early on the morning of Sunday, February 4. If you could help please speak to Steve. We would very much appreciate it.

Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, beginning with registration at 11:00 a.m. At noon, lunch (cost \$6.00) will be served by volunteers. *From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Kristy Marr will make a presentation on her trip to Africa last year with Help Lesotho, as well as on her experience on a medical mission ship.* Please spread the word that presentations are open to all, without charge or prior notice. For anyone who is not yet a member, **to join us for lunch, registration is required by Wednesday, January 17**, by calling Carolyn Scollick at 613 745-1798. Plan to join us again on February 28, 2018.

Sunday, February 25, at 4:00 p.m. : Andrew Ager and guest soloists will present “*Winter Dreams*”, a short concert of classical music. All are very welcome to join us. Admission by freewill donation.

Invitation to our Young Adults: Our church has begun the Affirming Congregation process. An Affirming Congregation is a church that is intentional in extending a wide and complete welcome to all: all races, ages, ethnicities, cultures, sexual orientations and gender identities. Our Affirming working group invites you to a conversation to hear your points of view on **Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. in our Parlour**. Please let Elizabeth or Steve know that you are coming so that we can have refreshments for everyone.

Healing Pathway: Full sessions (30 to 40 minutes) are offered most Thursdays, by appointment, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., and once a month on Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m. To book an appointment, please email healingpathway@rideaupark.ca, or speak to Sharon Sanderson or Brian Neal. Healing prayer is also offered in the Chapel, immediately following the service, every *third Sunday* of the month. No appointment is needed for these shorter 3-5 minute sessions.

So Where Can You Go For \$2.00? Well, let me tell you! There is a great group of people who meet every Thursday afternoon in the Parlour for conversation, laughs, stories and, oh yes!, some Euchre card playing, all for that small fee. And at the end of the afternoon, there will be tea and cookies. So why don't you join us, starting on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. for some fun?!!!**



The Rideau Park Quilters have a few full size quilts for sale. If you are interested you can view them during office hours. Just ask the administrative staff.



Please join us for refreshments and conversation in Beecroft Hall after the service. Newcomers are invited to take a blue mug and to please approach the Welcome Duty people for friendly church information.

HearSay Dinner: If you are new to Rideau Park or to our **Thursday music programs**, please feel free to start your evenings off each week with a fabulous dinner called **“HearSay”**. Different families or groups of families take turns coming in to prepare meals for anyone interested, and the meal takes place at **5:45 - 6:15 p.m.** each week. It’s a great way to meet other families and individuals and have a meal before the evening music practices begin. There is a donation basket on the table each week – the money is used by the family making dinner to cover their costs. You don’t have to sign up to cook before you’ve had a few weeks to come and see how things work – just come and share a meal with us and get to know the group. Then, when you are comfortable, sign up for a week like our returning families. We look forward to seeing you there.

The **Counters have a New Year’s Resolution** request—*please **do not** fold your paper money or cheques*. All the envelopes supplied for offering are the size of money and cheques. This will make the counters’ job much easier! Thank you.

Peace of mind, lower blood pressure, greater calm in crisis, heightened mindfulness, greater intimacy with God... these are some benefits of meditation. Come join us for meditation from 9:10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Why not give meditation a try? If you would like to know more about meditation in the Christian tradition please visit: rideauparkspirituality.blogspot.ca or speak to Steve to learn more.

Gentle Yoga: Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., starting January 10 -OR- Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., enhances any other exercise routine as well as stretching and strengthening. Certified Yoga Instructor, Lynda Spalding, will lead beginner to advanced (male and female) students through a gentle flow mat class. Fees are \$50.00 for 10 weeks (1 class per week) or \$100.00 (2 classes/week), payable at the first class. Drop-in fee \$8.00. For more info, call Lynda at 613-422-3565. The programs started on January 12, but anyone is welcome. **Chair Yoga**, for those of you who find floor work challenging, is also available on **Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.** Please call Lynda for more information.

Reminder: Please note that the services at Rideau Park are live-streamed on our web site: www.rideaupark.ca *on Sunday mornings only*, and then they are posted mid-week under "Webcast Service Archives" for your enjoyment. Good to know if you’re stuck at home due to illness, or bad weather, or out of town!

Please keep in mind worshippers who have limited mobility. Parking in the parking spots beside Cunningham makes it easier for them to come to church, so if you don’t have the need, please use a parking spot on the Beecroft side. Thanks.

Activities Calendar: January 14- January 20

Sunday:

Meditation: 10:00am B-9
 Epiphany Service 10:00am Sanctuary
 Confirmation Classes 11:30 am Brackenridge

Monday:

Circle 9:30am B-9
 Knitting 12:30pm Parlour
 Ringing Praise 6:30pm Sanctuary
 Touch of Brass 7:15pm Sanctuary

Tuesday:

50+ Fitness 9:00am Beecroft
 La Bell Ensemble 7:15pm Sanctuary

Wednesday:

Gentle Yoga 5:30pm Beecroft
 Website Meeting 6:00pm Apartment
 Council 7:30pm Parlour

Thursday:

50+ Fitness 9:00am Beecroft
 Quilting 9:30am Parlour
 Euchre 1:00pm Parlour
 Healing Pathway 1:00pm B-9
 HearSay 5:45pm Beecroft
 KinderPraise 6:15pm B-9
 Joyful Noise 2 6:15pm B-12
 Cherubs 6:15pm B-13
 NoteAble Sound Chimes 6:15pm Sanctuary
 Joyful Noise 2 6:45pm Sanctuary
 Grace Notes 6:45pm Sanctuary
 Chancel Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary

Friday:

Morning Yoga 9:00am Brackenridge
 Chair Yoga 10:30am Brackenridge

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Jan 14 Bob & Margo Roden
 Lois Jensen
 Shailja Varma
Jan 21 Karen Humphries & Rob Blake
 Heather & Wayne Bennet
Jan 28 Kathy McKinlay
 Nancy McPherson
 Gerri & Greig Scott

Sunday Duty Officers

Jan 14 Shanti Inman
Jan 21 Kate Whitridge
Jan 28 Susan Klimowicz

Counting Volunteers

Jan 16 Norm Edwards
Jan 22 Bob Roden
Jan 29 John Scollick

Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm

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