

Sunday, September 30, 2018  
Stewardship Sunday



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 pre-schoolers 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.***

## September 30, 2018, Stewardship Sunday

### We Gather Together

Gathering Music:

Lighting of the Chancel Candles: *Psalm 119: 105—Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**\*Call to Worship:**

ONE: Welcome to a time of worship.

**ALL: Worshipping God through every chapter of our story.**

ONE: Welcome to a time of seeking.

**ALL: Seeking courage to live with integrity.**

ONE: Welcome to a time of hope.

**ALL: For we find hope in God's Word, in Spirit, in Christ.**

ONE: Welcome to a time of worship.

**\*Processional Hymn: 218 VU**

**We Praise You, O God.**

Kremser

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

Prayer of Courage: (unison-seated)

**O God, we pray for the courage to live in faith. In this time when cynicism is popular, in this time when it seems dangerous to trust. Give us courage, O God, that we might reach out in faith, in hope and in love. Give us courage, we pray, to believe in your gospel of new life.**

**Amen.**

*(a time of silent reflection and prayer)*

Words of Assurance

## Listening for God's Word

**Hymn: 156 MV**

**Dance With the Spirit**

Jim Strathdee

A Time for all God's Children—Orange Shirt Day

***(Following the story, the children are invited to go to Sunday School.)***

Responsive Reading: Psalm 124, p.848 VU (with sung refrain)

Anthem:

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Bevell

Scripture Reading: Esther 4: 10-17

Lay Reader: Ron Macpherson

Sermon:

Living Courageously

Elizabeth Bryce

**\*Hymn: 176 MV**

**Three Things I Promise**

Blann

## Our Response

Offering

Offertory Music

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Medema

**Offering Response: 538 VU**

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts  
...that we give.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

Stewardship—Kristina and Michael Inrig

**\*Hymn: 716 VU**

**My Life Flows On**

How Can I Keep From Singing

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

*The flowers are presented in loving memory of Ayliffe Kettles  
from her family.*

*We acknowledge, with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the indigenous peoples of Canada, and their stewardship of unceded Algonquin land where this church is built.*

Rideau Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming faith community, inclusive of all, including those of different economic, ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. We have recently begun a study process with the goal of becoming an Affirming Ministry, as defined by the United Church of Canada.

# Rideau Park News

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## Upcoming Worship Events

Oct 7	Worldwide Communion Sunday	10:00am
Oct 21	Anniversary Sunday	10:00am
Oct 21	Congregational Meeting	11:00am

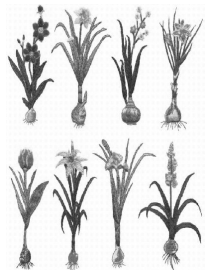
**What's up with the Apartment? TODAY at 11:30 a.m.** Come and join us for a **Sustainability Showcase Luncheon**. An opportunity to learn more about the Environmental Action Team's sustainability project, and to hear guest speakers from local environmental groups over a hot lunch. Everyone welcome, freewill donation.

**Sunday, October 7, 10:00 am service – Worldwide Communion AND Thanksgiving service:** To mark this special day when Christians gather to celebrate communion at the same time, and give thanks for God's many blessings, we invite you to make a special donation to the **Benevolent Fund**, to support households from the community in financial need.

**Have you heard about Structural Review?** Do you have ideas or comments to share about how we are organized here at Rideau Park? If so, we would love to hear from you! We are currently holding consultations. More information and a list of the Members working on this can be found at: <https://www.rideaupark.ca/download/59/documents/2730/rpuc-2018-structural-review.pdf>. Looking forward to hearing from you.

## TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT PLANTING YOUR BULBS FOR SPRING!

The Social Action/Outreach Committee are selling bulbs from Veseys on Prince Edward Island. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the sale come to Rideau Park and will be divided equally between the Refugee Committee and the Environment Committee. Catalogues are on the Duty Officer's desk and we will be selling bulbs on Sundays during coffee hour. **The cut-off date is October 5.** We thank you for your support for this project.



**Items for the new Rideau Park website calendar** must include the date, duration, location of the event, a brief description and a contact person. As always, *please book the space* with Debby Gerro *first*.

***The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 8.***

**Sunday School** is looking for willing volunteers who would be able to teach our Pre-K/JK/SK room (ages 3-6). This class is a lovely group of eager learners who love a song, story and time to explore our kindie room toys. We have a curriculum with lesson plans already in place and we just need a few willing individuals who would be able to step up and take over. We are open to individuals or a team of rotating teachers who would be able to offer their time to helping our youngest worshippers grow in their faith. We are also on the look out for volunteers to create a list of "fill in" teachers for our grade 1/2/3 and grade 4/5/6 classes. If you think you could, please speak to CD co-chair Andrea Laliberté at 613-248-1283, [marcandrea@rogers.com](mailto:marcandrea@rogers.com) or anytime at church.



**Blessing of the Animals service is happening on Sunday, October 14 this year, at 2:00 p.m., as Thanksgiving Sunday, October 7, is the first Sunday.** All of God's creatures are welcome to share in a service of blessing. We will meet in our side parking lot. (If it rains we may move into Beecroft Hall.) Pets should be leashed or caged or carried, whatever makes them feel safe and secure in the company of others. No pre-registration is required. All (species) are welcome!

**UCW Unit 2's Fall Deli Pie Making** sessions are beginning. If you are available some Tuesday or Thursday mornings for 2-3 hours in **October, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings (October 9, 10 and 11 and 16, 17, 18)**, please contact Mabel Bannerman at 613-731-5865. We'd be delighted to schedule you in for one or more sessions. Lots of laughs and great conversation!

**Sunday, October 21, 11:30 – Fall Congregational Meeting:** An opportunity to learn more about the congregation. This meeting's focus will be the current review of decision-making processes and work of the congregation, and an opportunity to hear feedback from the congregation.

**Intro to Drumming from Ghana: Sundays at 11:30 a.m.** Meet in the Parlour; classes to be held there, or in the Sanctuary. Open to everyone old enough to hold a drum - children, pre-teens, teens, young adults, adults, and everyone with one hand or two! Parents, drum with your kids! Teens, bring a friend along! Come and see what it's all about. Questions? Contact Iain Macpherson, Music Ministry Coordinator, (613) 733-3156 x 301 or [choirdirector@rideaupark.ca](mailto:choirdirector@rideaupark.ca)



**Please note:** The frozen berries campaign has been cancelled for this year. However, Riverside United works with the same supplier and forms will be coming soon.

**Healing Pathway** is a United Church ministry that develops the skills and gifts of healing hands within the Christian tradition and has fostered the development of healing ministries in congregations and other communities for over 25 years. Rideau Park offers full sessions (20 to 40 minutes), by appointment, on Thursdays between 1:00 and 4:00 pm, and once a month on Sunday evening from 7:00–9:00pm. To book an appointment, please contact [healingpathway@rideaupark.ca](mailto:healingpathway@rideaupark.ca), or speak to Sharon Sanderson or Brian Neal. Healing prayer is also offered most Sundays in the Chapel, immediately following the service. No appointment is needed for these shorter, 3-5 minute sessions.

**Sunday, October 28, at 11:30** – Affirming Ministries is hosting a workshop on **“How to be an Ally”**. Guest Presenter Daniella Noël (Education Coordinator at the Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity) will offer us an opportunity to learn about the diversity of gender identity expressions and help us explore ways to better support the LGBTQ+ community. The goal is to give participants a well-rounded understanding of what it means to be an ally, which we can apply to a variety of situations in our daily lives. A light snack will be provided for attendees. No pre-registration is required for this after-church event.

**Because it is Bazaar time again, and every room is used, please note that the following activities are cancelled on these dates:**

**Wednesday, October 31:** Gentle Yoga

**Thursday, November 1:** Quilting, Healing Pathway, Euchre, HearSay; and choir practices for: KinderPraise, Joyful Noise 1 and 2, and Cherubs. (*Chancel Choir, Bells and Chimes practices are still on.*)

**Friday, November 3:** Morning Yoga and Chair Yoga. Thank you.

**Ontario Youth Parliament (OYP)** is a youth run, Ontario wide Organization and registered charity. The main focus is for youth to make new friends, speak their mind, and know their heart. This February 2019 OYP will be hosted at Rideau Park United Church! *OYP is looking for billets from the community* to host at least 2 delegates overnight on **November 17** for a planning meeting. *OYP will also be looking for billets for 3 nights February 15-17.* To learn more, or to get involved, further information is available at [oyp.on.ca](http://oyp.on.ca) or email [billets@oyp.on.ca](mailto:billets@oyp.on.ca).

**Do you play piano?** If you are available to play, on occasion, for a retirement home service, please let Georgina know.

**Monday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.** - *Canada and Indigenous Peoples: Toward a Better Relationship* Presentation by Hon. Frank Iacobucci, former Justice of the Supreme Court, at Parkdale United Church, 429 Parkdale Ave, Ottawa.

### Activities Calendar: September 30-October 7

#### Sunday:

Meditation	9:10am	B-9
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Sustainable Showcase	11:30am	Parlour

#### Monday:

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

#### Tuesday:

50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft
Coffee Break	10:00am	Parlour
M& P Committee	1:30pm	Parlour
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary

#### Wednesday:

Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	Beecroft
Worship/Music	7:00pm	Parlour

#### Thursday:

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

#### Friday:

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

#### Saturday:

### Coffee Hour Volunteers

**Sept 30** Karen Humphries & Rob Blake  
Ken & Dipty Tong & Family

**Oct 7** Nancy Begg-Durkee & John Durkee  
Ada McEwen & Morley Craig

**Oct 14** Bob & Margo Roden  
Helen Beck

### Sunday Duty Officers

**Sept 30** Jennifer MacKinnon

**Oct 7** Shanti Inman

**Oct 14** Kate Whitridge

### Counting Volunteers

**Oct 1** Norm Edwards

**Oct 10** Garry Lindberg

**Oct 15** John Scollick

**Main Office is open Monday to Friday,**

**9:00am-4:00pm**

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**Steve Clifton - Minister**

**Georgina Fitzgerald - Minister**

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**Debby Gerro - Administrative Assistant**

**Paul Sorg - Custodian**

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