

Activities Calendar: December 16- December 22

Sunday:		
Meditation	9:10am	B-9
Christmas Pageant	10:00am	Sanctuary
Monday:		
Circle	9:30am	B-9
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour
Tuesday:		
Wednesday:		
Advent Labyrinth	7:15pm	Beecroft
Thursday:		
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary
Friday:		
Christmas Cheer		Beecroft

The office will be closed between **Friday, December 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. to Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**



Coffee Hour Volunteers	
December 16	John & Carolyn Scollick Karen Ott & Bruce Dixon
December 23	Marlene Hutchison Lois Jensen Daryl & Garry Lindberg
December 30	Joanne Rodgers Ron MacPherson Susan & Colin Townsend

Sunday Duty Officers	
December 17	Marlene Hutchinson
December 24	Marilou Reeve
December 30	Pat Whitridge

Counting Volunteers	
December 17	Brian Hamilton
December 28	Volunteer Teams
January 2	Garry Lindberg

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RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 16th, 2018



Advent 3 - JOY

Compiled, edited and written using "Biblical Christmas Performances" (compiled by Rebecca Daniels), "Christmas Promise" and "A Very Opinionated Christmas Tree" (by Abingdon Press), "Promise of A Saviour" (by Sara T. Bredesen), "Come, Lord Jesus" (by Carol D. Shuh), "A Christmas News Broadcast" (by Alan J. Lewis & Adele Eley), "The Twelve Plays of Christmas" by Martha Bolton, The Holy Bible (KJV), the Max Lucado Inspirational Study Bible (NKJV), the Student Study Bible (NIV) and original material by Rod Hagglund, Andrea Laliberté and Wendy Tarry.

Prelude

Welcome

Andrea Laliberté

Life and Work of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Led by: Anna deHaan

(Adapted from "Echo Praise" by: Patty Medill)

One: Hear the promise of a King; Listen to the angels sing, Call Him Jesus!

All: Call Him Jesus!

One: See proud Joseph stand and smile; Mary wants to watch awhile, Baby Jesus!

All: Baby Jesus!

One: Smell the hay that blessed morn, Helping keep the Saviour warm, In a manger!

All: In a manger!

One: Touch the lamb as white as snow, Brought by shepherds meek and low, Sent by angels!

All: Sent by angels!

One: Taste the spices rich and sweet, Laid in wonder at His feet. Wise men worship!

All: Wise men worship!

One: See us raise our hearts and hands, Wise ones still throughout the lands, Worship Jesus!

All: Worship Jesus!

One: Let us praise Him!

All: Let us praise Him!

Funeral Team Volunteers needed: Serving funeral receptions is a Rideau Park ministry that was initiated about 5 years ago. Families who have lost a loved one and who desire a reception at RPUC following the funeral service at RPUC are paired with the lead of the reception team to co-ordinate the arrangements. Typically, the team sets up the room, makes tea and coffee, helps serve (all the food for receptions is now catered) and oversees the clean up. Usually each funeral team serves 3 – 4 times each year. Due to members moving or experiencing health issues, we need to recruit several people to continue this ministry. If you would like more information, please contact Judy Paré at 613-523-0098 or judy2006@sympatico.ca **We would welcome your help!**

Found in a offering envelope -"Please accept this donation to the church. Thank you for the contribution you make to the community."

Phase 1 Workshop: January 18 -20, at Trinity United Church in Ottawa, Friday: 7:00 – 9.30 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Sunday: 1:00 – 5.30 p.m. The Healing Pathway enables people to develop the gifts and skills of healing within the Christian tradition, and fosters the development of healing ministries in congregations and other communities. practitioners are trained to be a heart-centred, loving presence, and to use energy-based techniques in an intentional manner to facilitate and support the healing process of an individual, for physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual well-being. Speak to Brian Neal, Sharon Sanderson, or Rev. Clifton for more information. Brochures are posted on the bulletin board across from the Sunday School counter and available on line at healingpathway.ca (in Courses section). **Early Registration Fee:** \$210.00 (\$230.00 after Jan 4), half price to repeat as refresher. Subsidies are available.

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 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 or email billets@oyp.on.ca.

Kitchissippi United is holding their annual curling and chili dinner at the Granite Curling Club the afternoon of Saturday, February 16. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Gordon Dewis (gordon@dewis.ca or 613-482-1075).

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.

Andrew Rader's latest children's epic space book, "Europa Excursion" (the third in the trilogy) will be available for sale at coffee hour, **TODAY!**, after the Children's Pageant, for \$15.00. A great idea for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES – There has been a tremendous response to this year's Christmas Shoe Box program in support of the children and youth at Banff Avenue Community House, and the women and children at Minwaashin Lodge. Thank you to everyone who participated!



Do you have a favourite Christmas carol or holiday song that makes your heart sing? For the service on **Sunday, December 23**, we are inviting you to suggest special Christmas songs and memories for our morning worship. Much like the service we held last spring, we hope you will introduce that "song in your heart".



Suggestions are not restricted to the Hymn Book! If we can find the music to play and words for a PowerPoint, we can all join in your favourite holiday song together. *We will have time for 8 speakers, so don't delay!*

Christmas Eve 2018 – As you prepare for the holidays, keep in mind these services on **December 24** at Rideau Park:

6:30 p.m – **Lessons and Carols** led by the children and youth, featuring Cherubs, Joyful Noise, Noteable Sound and Grace Notes.

8:30 p.m – **Candlelight Communion**, featuring music by our Chancel Choir and the celebration of **communion**.

10:30 p.m – **Candlelight Reflections**, featuring Touch of Brass bell choir and our Chancel Choir.

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. the service will be led by Sharon Sanderson.

For those who have ordered some, The **Got It! Bags** have arrived! These bags are ideal to replace single-use plastic bags in the produce section of the grocery store. **A set of three bags is just \$11.00** and can be purchased, or orders filled, during the coffee hour in Beecroft Hall. All proceeds go to Rideau Park. You can help reduce plastic pollution and raise some money for the church too. Thank you.

Please note that the 2019 Offering envelopes are available to pick up on the Sunday School counter. Thank you.

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.



Lighting of the Candle for Advent

Candlelighters: Sarah, Adam, James and Dean Charron

Prayer: In a spirit of joy, we come, Holy God, on this third Sunday of Advent, Instil in us a sense of your merciful presence and of the wonderful things you have done, that we might lift our voices to praise you and give you glory, now and always. Prepare our hearts, we pray, to receive the One who brings justice and joy. Amen

Advent Song:

"Hope is a Star"

#7 VU

(Please Stand)

Verse 3

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,

Telling the world that the Saviour is born.

When God is a child, there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,

And none shall be afraid.



ACT 1 – SINGING IN THE RAIN

Adapted from "Singing in the Rain" by Martha Bolton. "Singing in the Rain" is taken from *The Twelve Plays of Christmas*. ©1999 by Martha Bolton. All print rights administered by Lilienas© Publishing Co. All rights reserved.

Featuring: Grace Allo, Natalie Boyd, Anna deHaan, Nessa Hopkin, Anna Kurz, Mia Kurz, Sydney Laliberté, Grace Lockhart, Chelsea Roebuck, Jessica Roebuck, Nancy Sherman-Strome, Mikayla Tong, Special Guest Cameo

ACT 2 - THE PAGEANT

Narrator: Caitlin Allo
Peter Sandwich: Sydney Laliberté
Anderson Snooper: Grace Lockhart



Scene 1- An Angel appears to Mary

Prophet: Allyson Hopkin; **Angel Gabriel:** Meado Adlard; **Mary:** Hailey Laliberté; **Joseph:** Adam Bethune; **Zechariah:** Nate Geelen; **Elizabeth:** Nessa Hopkin.

Hymn: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #2 VU
(Please Stand) Verses 1,3

Scene 2 - The Road to Bethlehem

Jacob: Grace Allo; **Sarah:** Tosca Juyal-Bozza; **Yoshi:** Dzifa Agbenyoh;
Soldier: Mikayla Tong; **Extras:** Anna deHaan, Nessa Hopkin, Nate Geelen, Brandon Agbenyoh, **Mary;** **Joseph;** **Prophet.**



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Upcoming Worship Events

Dec 19	Advent Evening Retreat - Labyrinth	6:30pm
Dec 23	Christmas Carol Sing!	10:00am
Dec 25	Christmas Day Service	10:00am

The Christmas Nativity - Week Three: As we journey through Advent together, please take time to look at our Nativity display at the front of the church. Each week, one or more different scenes will be featured as the Advent Liturgy unfolds and we travel to Bethlehem and beyond. This week, we present some more whimsical views of the Christmas story. In some cases the extra element is as obvious as flying bears or snowmen or the igloo scene from Peru; in others it's more subtle, like three kings riding on llamas. The kitschiest item is a Canadian tourist nativity featuring Mounties and Baby Jesus resting on a Maple Leaf (made in China, of course!). And of course, since it is Pageant day, we have some pageant kids in the form of Charlie Brown and Lucy portraying Joseph and Mary.



We are reaching closer to our goal of \$15,000. Please help us be successful. Thank you to all who have volunteered for Christmas Cheer, however, **we very badly need 10 people to help drivers carry bags, as well as 4 additional drivers to deliver the hampers on December 21. Please help.** We have received several comments from this year's recipients: "Alice Campbell provided our family with hampers when I was little. For years, I have wanted to thank her for her kindness, and now, as an adult, I can financially donate towards this very special program."

Labyrinth: On **Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.**, the **Labyrinth** will be laid out in Beecroft Hall for walking meditation and prayer, with an Advent theme. Come and be part of Encarna.



The poinsettias at the front of the church are donated by the UCW in loving memory of Marcia Gosse.

Rehearsal/Chapel Helpers

Erin Brunet-Decaire
Linda Hagglund
Rod Hagglund
Marc Laliberté
Marie-Elaine Little
Patricia Moise
Merina Shulist
Donna Wenzel

Bulletin

Andrea Laliberté
Debby Gerro

Pageant Director

Andrea Laliberté

Costumes & Make Up

Stephanie Bailey
Gaveen Cadotte
Gretchen Conrad
Line Detchou
Linda Hagglund
Rod Hagglund
Alexander Kurz
Christel Kurz
Andrea Laliberté
Marc Laliberté
Joann Roebuck
Merina Shulist
Anisa Ann

Props

Linda Hagglund
Marc Laliberté

Catering

Line Detchou
Linda Hagglund
Aniza Ann
Erin Brunet-Decaire
John and Nancy Durkee

Stage Set-Up/Take-Down

Steve Bethune
Erin Brunet-Decaire
Pete Decaire
Linda Hagglund
Rod Hagglund
Brian Hamilton
Andrea Laliberté
Marc Laliberté
Kim LeClair
Madison LeClair
Sydney LeClair
Steven Neal
Jon Roebuck
Trevor Sabean
Ken Tong
Mark Shulist
Chris Leclair
Drew Presley



It is our sincere hope and prayer that the offering of our time and our talents has been a blessing to you. May all of us be reminded of the wonderful gift we have received through the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to everyone who so willingly gave of their time to make this Pageant fun, spiritually uplifting and full of fellowship.



Hymn:

(Seated)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Verse 1

#64 VU

Scene 3 - The Inn

Innkeepers: Mikayla Tong, Brandon Agbenyoh, Claire Bennet
Mary; Joseph.



Hymn:

(Please Stand)

“Away in a Manger”

#69 VU



Scene 4 - Peaceable Kingdom

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Manger Animals: *Wolves*– Cameron Lockhart, Avery Pye; *Sheep*– Malcolm McGraw, Cohen Hinds, Cole Hinds, Averie Walker; *Lions*— Ben Grandy, Oliver Hicks; *Cows:* Evelyn Barbour, Charlie Walker; *Bears*— James Charron, Carter Merriman, Billy Tong; *Donkey*– Gavin Neal, Korbin Neal, Johnathan Sabean;
Mary; Joseph; Prophet.

Hymn:

(Please Stand)

“Jesus, Our Brother”

Verses 1, 2, 3

#56 VU

Scene 5 - While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks...
Shepherds: *Keziah:* Simon Hicks; *Micah:* Sydney LeClair;
Rivkah: Nancy Sherman-Strome; *Deborah:* Fiona Bayless;
Samuel: Chelsea Roebuck; **Angel Joel:** Jessica Roebuck;
Angels: Emma Geelen, Clara Grandy, Victoria Bailey,
Serena Cadotte, Rory McGraw; **Angel Chorus:** Charlie Cruz,
Maddie Cruz; Samuel Decaire, **Angel Gabriel.**



Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High” #38 VU
(Seated) **Verses 1 & 2**

Scene 6—The Shepherd Who Was Left Behind..
Joel, Gabriel, Samuel

Hymn: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” #75 VU
(Seated) **Verses 1 & 6**

Scene 7 - The Shepherds Find the Manger
Shepherds; Shepherd Chorus; Mary; Joseph.



Hymn: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” #58 VU
(Please Stand) **Verse 1**

King Herod & Wise Counselors
Herod: Hae-Bin Gulliver
Counselors: Kate Benn
Madeleine Boyd

Three Wise Men
Natalie Boyd
Lacey Adlard
Violet Adlard

Claude the Camel
The Presley family

Recitations
Star: Meado Adlard
Call to Worship: Anna deHaan

Stage Crew
Set Design: Owen Clifton
Stage Manager: Mia Kurz
Stage Crew: Kieran Allo
William Bailey
Alexander Kurz
Anna Kurz
Ben Pye

Sound System & Projection
Graeme Dawson
Brian Hamilton
John Scollick

Grace Notes Teen Bells
Director: Andrea Laliberté
Assistants: Erin Brunet-Decaire
Merina Shulist
Musicians: Meado Adlard
Violet Adlard
Caitlin Allo
Kieran Allo
Luke Dillman
Allyson Hopkin
Haden Hopkin
Nessa Hopkin
Carolynn Kelman
Lauryn Kane
Anna Kurz
Mia Kurz
Tyler Lagace
Hailey Laliberté
Jessica Roebuck
Nancy Sherman-Strome
Francine Stripinis
Irene Stripinis

Organist: Andrew Ager

Rideau Park Team
Ministers: Rev. Elizabeth Bryce
Rev. Steve Clifton
Rev. Georgina Fitzgerald

Music Ministry
Coordinator: Iain Macpherson

Admin. Assistant: Debby Gerro
Administrator: Debi Brown
Custodian: Paul Sorg

Director’s Assistants
Erin Brunet-Decaire
Merina Shulist

Singing In the Rain

Anna Kurz
Grace Allo
Jessica Roebuck
Nancy Sherman-Strome
Chelsea Roebuck
Natalie Boyd
Anna deHaan
Mikayla Tong
Nessa Hopkin
Grace Lockhart
Mia Kurz
Sydney Laliberté
Special Guest Cameo

Main Characters

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Peter Sandwich: Sydney Laliberté
Anderson Snooper: Grace Lockhart
Prophet: Allyson Hopkin
Gabriel : Meado Adlard
Mary: Hailey Laliberté
Joseph: Adam Bethune
Elizabeth: Nessa Hopkin
Zechariah: Nate Geelen

The Street Scene & Innkeepers

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Sarah: Tosca Juyal-Bozza
Yoshi: Dzifa Agbenyoh
Soldier: Mikalya Tong
Extras: Anna deHaan
Brandon Agbenyoh
Nessa Hopkin
Nate Geelen
Innkeepers: 1. Mikalya Tong
2. Brandon Agbenyoh
3. Claire Benn

Animals

Wolves: Cameron Lockhart
Avery Pye
Sheep: Cohen Hinds
Cole Hinds
Malcolm McGraw
Averie Walker
Lions: Ben Grandy
Oliver Hicks
Cows: Evelyn Barbour
Charlie Walker
Bears: James Charron
Carter Merriman
Billy Tong
Donkeys: Gavin Neal
Korbin Neal
Johnathan Sabean

Angels

Gabriel: Meado Adlard
Joel: Jessica Roebuck
Angel 1: Emma Geelen
Angel 2: Clara Grandy
Angel 3: Victoria Bailey
Angel 4: Serena Cadotte
Angel 5: Rory McGraw
Chorus: Charlie Cruz
Maddie Cruz
Samuel Decaire

Shepherds

Rivkah: Nancy Sherman-Strome
Keziah: Simon Hicks
Micah: Sydney LeClair
Deborah: Fiona Bayless
Samuel: Chelsea Roebuck
Chorus: Lindsey Bayless
Juby Boyd
Martin Hicks
Madison LeClair
Owen Pascoe

Scene 8 – The Journey of the Three Magi

King Herod: Hae-Bin Gulliver; **Wise Counselors:** Kate Benn, Madeleine Boyd;
Three Kings: Natalie Boyd, Lacey Adlard, Violet Adlard;
Claude the Camel: The Presleys; **Prophet;** **Mary;** **Joseph**



Hymn: “We Three Kings Of Orient Are” (Seated)

We three Kings of Orient are	Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain,
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar,	Gold I bring to crown him again,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,	King forever, ceasing never,
Following yonder star.	Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night,	O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;	Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,	Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.	Guide us to thy perfect light.

Poem: “One Bright Star”
By: Wanda E. Brunstetter
Recited by: Meado Adlard



Scene 9 - The Three Magi Find the Manger
Wise Men; Claude the Camel; Mary; Joseph; Prophet.



Offering

Offertory: "Silent Night" **Arr. Cathy Mocklebust**
 Performed By: Grace Notes Teen Bells
 Directed By: Andrea Laliberté
 Assisted By: Erin Brunet & Merina Shulist

Prayer of Dedication

Scene 10 - And The Light Shall Shine
Prophet; Entire Cast.



Hymn:
(Seated)

"Silent Night" **#67 VU**
Verses #1-2 in English, then verse #1 in French

ACT 3– FINALE
Entire Cast

Closing Hymn:
(Please Stand)

"Joy To The World"
Verse 1

#59 VU

Closing Words and Announcements

Andrea Laliberté

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

