

Stewardship Sunday  
Rideau Park United Church



Sunday, October 20, 2019

**RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH**  
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**We Gather Together**

Gathering Music

Lighting the Chancel Candles:

Philippians 1: 6 - The Message

*“There has never been slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish...”*

\*Call to Worship:

One: Holy One, you dwell within us.

**All: Whisper in our ears;**

One: glimmer in our vision;

**All: write upon our hearts.**

One: May we gather in prayer and song

**All: with open ears, open eyes, and open hearts.**

**\*Processional Hymn: 374 VU Come, and Find the Quiet Centre** Beach Spring

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

Song of Confession: 79 MV **Spirit, Open My Heart**

**Listening For God's Word**

Sacrament of Baptism: Bryony Lesley Dianne Clitheroe

**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 Bryony baptized today. May she be blessed in all of life's journey. May we who share the mark of baptism hold her in faith and Christian love. May she know the grace of your Holy Spirit in all the days ahead. Amen.**

**Hymn: 443VU**

**God, We Pray at This Beginning**

Abbot's Leigh

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

Responsive reading: 844VU Psalm 121 with sung refrain

Lay Reader: Gretchen Conrad

Anthem:

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
Chancel Choir

Madema

Scripture reading: Luke 18:1-8

Lay Reader: Gretchen Conrad

Sermon:

Caim and Lorica

Steve Clifton

**\*Hymn: 410 VU**

**This Day God Gives Me**

Bunessan

## **OUR RESPONSE**

Offering

Offertory Music:

"Vergin, Tutto Amor"  
Noah Bragança

F. Durante

Soloist:

\*Offertory 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

Life and Work of the Church

Stewardship Campaign: Ron Macpherson

**\*Hymn: 228 VU:**

**Sing Praises to God**

Laudate Dominum

Commissioning and Benediction

*We acknowledge, with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the indigenous peoples of Canada, and their stewardship of the unceded Algonquin land where this church is built. Rideau Park is an Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Canada. All are invited to participate fully, with mutual respect, in the life and work of the church, including those of diverse ages, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations, races ethnicities, religions, and economic backgrounds.*

# Rideau Park News

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## Upcoming Worship Events

Oct 27	Anniversary Sunday/Celebration of Paul S.	11:00am
Nov 10	Remembrance Sunday	10:00am
Nov 10	Our Hearts Remember	2:30pm

***As you are aware, Paul Sorg, our devoted custodian, will be retiring at the end of October. Please join us in Beecroft Hall after the service on **Sunday, October 27**, for a big send-off celebrating Paul's 40+ years of wonderful service to Rideau Park!***

**Tuesdays, ending October 22, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Coffee Break:** A time for conversation, community building and your favourite hot beverage, and always something sweet!



**Harmony Club for Seniors (60+) will meet on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.** Annual registration (\$4.00) will begin at 11:00 a.m. as members begin to gather. At 12:00 noon, a delicious lunch will be served (cost is \$6.00). From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a presentation by Andrea Katz, Education and Awareness Facilitator, "Elder Abuse Response and Referral Service", speaking about elder abuse, including scams, and what to do about it. 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 contacting Marg Nelson at 613 523-9357. *Plan to join us again on November 13, 2019.*

**Tea Room tickets are on sale at coffee hour for \$7.00 each and through the Church office during the week.** After enjoying the delicious treats in the Tea Room, please bring your ticket stub to the Book Alley: buy one book and get a second book (of equal or lesser value) for free!

Did you know that ***October is Ministerial Appreciation Month?*** We have three of the best ministers that we could have or want. Each one of them has a different job, but each one of them is dedicated to us, works diligently for us, cares deeply about us. We are indeed blessed. PS: these attributes are also shared by the rest of our staff as well. Thanks all!

**Yes, we're on Facebook! And Instagram!** If you are on social media, why not join the *Rideau Park United Church Facebook group*. It's a great way to share news and to connect with people. Here is the Instagram link: <https://www.instagram.com/rideauparkunitedottawa/>

**Funding Available from the Rideau Park Foundation Fund for Ministry** Applications are now being received for new project funding from the RP 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 RPUC may apply, but applications must be sponsored by a committee of the church who will oversee the finances of the project. Approximately \$3,150 is available for disbursement in 2019. Applications are due by October 31, 2019 and should be submitted to the Chair of Council, Patricia Whitridge, council@rideaupark.ca. Applications may be submitted electronically or in paper form. For more information on the application process and application forms, please see the church website or contact the church office. Please note that funds will not be disbursed until after Council makes a decision at their November 20 meeting.

**Youth Confirmation classes are being offered this year.** We would meet one Sunday a month, after church from October through May to discuss our faith and to learn about our faith tradition. If participants so choose, they would be confirmed in the spring. We would work out a more precise schedule when we meet together. Confirmation is for those grade 8 and up. Please speak to Alyce Dunnewold or Rev. Steve if you would like to know more.

Unfortunately our new custodian, Sean Richburg, does not feel he is a good fit for Rideau Park. The Search Committee is now in the process of approaching the next qualified applicant.

Rideau Park is now registered as a “Green Church” with the Green Churches Network. We have been invited to the **Green Churches Forum 2019, October 19-20** at Trois Rivières Quebec. If you would be interested in participating on our behalf, please contact Elizabeth Bryce or see <https://greenchurches.ca/green-churches-forum03riv> for more information.

**Tuesday, October 29, November 5 and 12, 6:45-8:00 p.m. – The Big Questions:** a web-based study series on 3 persistent questions for the Christian community: the problem of Evil, questioning the Trinity and what does it mean for Jesus to be Incarnate? Everyone welcome.

**Our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Pageant** will be held on **Sunday, December 15** at our 10:00 a.m. service. All children and young people are invited to participate in this traditional telling of the birth of our Saviour. **Sign-up for all speaking and non-speaking parts and behind-the-scenes jobs will be held on November 3 following the service, in the upper hallway.** Information and rehearsal schedules can be found on the Sunday School counter (across from the parlour upstairs). There are no auditions - everyone is welcome to participate. **Rehearsals begin November 10.** For more information, please contact Andrea at 613-248-1283 or email her at: [marcandrea@rogers.com](mailto:marcandrea@rogers.com)

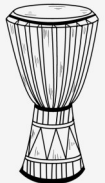
**Help needed for the Bazaar!** The UCW would greatly appreciate help with the baking and sandwich-making required to ensure the success of the Tea Room at the Bazaar! **Needed:** Squares cut into 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" portions, **delivered to the Beecroft Kitchen on Friday, November 1.** **Needed:** People to help make sandwiches, starting at **8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 1** (finishing around 11:00am). **Needed:** people to help assemble the plates of sandwiches and squares for the Tea Room, starting at **8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 2** (finishing around 11:00am). If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Nancy McPherson at 613-737-7339 or nmcpherson@rogers.com.

**Christmas Bazaar BAKE TABLE:** We need your baking for our success at Rideau Park! Squares, cookies, shortbreads, sweet loaves, small cakes and pies, muffins, buns and bread are always in demand. *Please identify ingredients, especially any nuts, or if it is gluten, dairy or egg free.* Cut and wrapped is always nice. Ask your friends to bake too! **Receiving and pricing in the Ladies Parlour: Friday, November 1, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2 until 11:00 a.m.** For further information or questions, please e-mail Nancy Begg Durkee at: nandjdurkee@ncf.ca or call Marlene Hutchison at 613-731-2159 or contact the Bazaar Convener Nancy McPherson at: nmacpherson@rogers.com

**Because it's Bazaar time again,** and every room is used, *please note that the following activities are cancelled on these dates:* **Wednesday, October 30:** Gentle Yoga; **Thursday, October 31:** Quilting, Healing Pathway, 50+ Fitness, 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 1:** Morning Yoga and Chair Yoga. Thank you.

**Healing Pathway:** Full sessions are offered most **Thursdays, by appointment between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and once a month on Sunday evening between 7:00 and 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, most Sundays of the month. No appointment is needed for these shorter, 3-5 minute sessions.

**Drums Alive** is a weekly, drop-in drumming class, open to people of all ages. At this time, there is no cost to the class, and people are welcome to join in at any time. Class dates have been posted to the Rideau Park website. The current participants include children, parents, teens, adults and grand-parents. If you have any questions or would like to become involved, please call Iain Macpherson at 613-733-3156, ext 301, or email choirdirector@rideaupark.ca.



***Please note:*** In Debby's office there is a basket for **small Lost and Found items**. Currently, there are car keys, lots of sunglasses, some jewelry, etc.. These have been in the basket for some time. *If you are missing any items like these, please come to the office and check.* Thank you.

**Christmas Pageant 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Slide Show!!!** To help us celebrate 20 years of Christmas Pageants, everyone is invited to submit their favourite Pageant photos. We will be creating a slide show that will be viewed leading up to the Pageant and during the offertory during the Pageant itself. Digital images can be sent to Andrea directly at [marcandrea@rogers.com](mailto:marcandrea@rogers.com). If you would like to submit a physical photo to Andrea, please note your name and contact info on the back so Andrea can return it to you.

**The flowers at the front of the church are provided by the UCW** and delivered to members of the congregation each week. If you know of anyone who has been ill, has a special birthday, a significant anniversary, or is just in need of support please contact the flower conveners so that they can be remembered. Also, if you are not a member of a UCW Unit and would be interested in occasionally delivering flowers, we would love to hear from you! Conveners are Mabel Bannerman, 613-731-5865 or [jamban@sympatico.ca](mailto:jamban@sympatico.ca) and Judy Paré, 613-523-0098 or [judy2006@sympatico.ca](mailto:judy2006@sympatico.ca).

**Healing Pathway Phase 1** training is being offered **November 8 and 9** at Glen Cairn United Church: An introduction to the basic concepts of Christian-centered healing; through prayer, meditation and the laying on of hands, to reclaim the healing ministry that Jesus taught. If you would like to know more speak to Sharon Sanderson or email [healingpathway@rideaupark.ca](mailto:healingpathway@rideaupark.ca)

**Rendezvous 2020:** The UCC's triennial youth and young adult national gathering will be held in Calgary next summer, from August 11 to 14. Rendezvous is for young people age 14 and up and it is really a great experience. **Young people interested in knowing more are invited to an information meeting in the Parlour after the Sunday service on November 17.** Questions? Speak to Steve or Elizabeth.

**NEWCOMERS LUNCH:** If you're new to Rideau Park in the last couple of years, please mark **Sunday, November 17** on your calendars, **11:30a.m. in the Parlour**, after the service. We're having a lunch to celebrate you!

Come and travel with Rev. Kim for 14 days, July 31 – August 13, 2020, and experience the world-renowned **Oberammergau Passion Play** presented every 10 years. *Tour includes visits to Frankfurt, Wittenberg, Berlin, Potsdam, Nuremberg, Munich and a two-day trip to Prague.* Early bird discount of \$300.00 applies until November 15, 2019. **An information session will be held on Thursday, October 24, 9:30 a.m. at Bells Corners United.** For more information, contact Rev. Kim Vidal [kim.vidal@gmail.com](mailto:kim.vidal@gmail.com)) or pick up a brochure on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

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. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in Beecroft Hall after the service.***

Activities Calendar: Oct 20 – Oct 26			Coffee Hour Volunteer	
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>			<b>Oct 20</b>	Carolyn & John Scollick Shailja Verm Janet Buske-Wichser
Meditation	9:10am	B-9		
Sunday Service	10:00am	Sanctuary		
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>			<b>Oct 27</b>	Karen Humphries & Rob Blake Beth Campbell-Keays Sandra Graham Korjus
Election Day	9:30am	Beecroft Hall		
Knitting	12:30pm	Parlour		
Ringing Praise	6:30pm	Sanctuary		
Touch of Brass	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
<b><u>Tues:</u></b>			<b>Nov 3</b>	Kim & Jeff, Caitlin, Kieran & Grace Allo
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft		
Coffee Break (last!)	9:30am	Parlour		
La Bell Ensemble	7:15pm	Sanctuary		
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>			Sunday Duty Officers	
Harmony Club	1:00pm	Parlour	<b>Oct 20</b>	Lorna McCrae
Tai Chi	4:00pm	B-12	<b>Oct 27</b>	Janet Buske-Wichser
Gentle Yoga	5:30pm	B-12	<b>Nov 3</b>	Beth Campbell-Keays
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>			Counting Volunteers	
50+ Fitness	9:00am	Beecroft	<b>Oct 21</b>	Lois Jensen
Quilting	9:30am	Parlour	<b>Oct 28</b>	Rod Hagglund
Healing Pathway	1:00pm	B-9	<b>Nov 4</b>	Susan Vaughan
Euchre	1:00pm	Parlour		
Hear Say	5:45pm	Beecroft		
Teen Choir	6:15pm	B-12		
NoteAble Sound Chimes	6:15pm	Sanctuary		
Cherubs	6:45pm	B-13		
Joyful Noise	6:45pm	B-12		
Grace Notes	6:45pm	Sanctuary		
Chancel Choir	7:30pm	Sanctuary		
<b><u>Friday</u></b>			Main Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm Visit our website: <a href="http://rideaupark.ca">rideaupark.ca</a> Prayer Chain: Ext 227 or <a href="mailto:prayerchain@rideaupark.ca">prayerchain@rideaupark.ca</a>	
Morning Yoga	9:30am	Parlour		
Chair Yoga	11:00am	Parlour		

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