

Rideau Park News

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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.



Upcoming Worship Events

March 4	Encarna/Labyrinth	6:30 p.m. – 8:30pm
March 11, 18, 25	Lenten Reflections	7:15 p.m.
March 29	Healing Pathways	10:00 a.m.

“We eat simply so that others may simply eat.” With the celebration of **communion today**, we invite you to make a special donation to the Benevolent Fund. This is a discretionary fund used by the ministers to offer financial support to individuals and households in the congregation and community. With your help, we can continue to respond to these emergencies, with compassion and care. Please use the Benevolent Fund envelopes placed at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Friday, March 6, 2:00 pm - **World Day of Prayer** is an ecumenical, international service that is organized by Christian women’s groups all over the world. This year the worship materials are written by women of Zimbabwe. Our local service is being held **at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church**, at 1758 Alta Vista Drive (just north of Smyth). Everybody is welcome!

The **UCW** has instituted a new format for **Easter Flowers**. An insert explaining the changes is available on the tables at the two entrance doors.

Churchpost is available for pick up at the Duty Officer’s desk.

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 2020.

Applications are due by March 31, 2020 and should be submitted to the Chair of Council, Patricia Whitridge, council@rideaupark.ca and Administrator. 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 April 15th meeting.

Congregational Information: Debby Gerro is having knee surgery on February 27, followed by 6-8 weeks of Restorative Care Leave. In addition, Debi Brown will be on vacation from March 2-15 inclusive. Council has voted to adjust the front office hours to **10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday inclusive.** *The office will remain closed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.* Please make note of these changes. Thanks you so much to all those who volunteered to be in the front office during Debby's absence. We have all the volunteers that we need.

The Refugee Committee will be holding an **E-Recycling Program** on **Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Rideau Park United Church. Bring your old TV's, VCRs, DVD, Blu-Ray players, audio and stereo equipment, cameras, phones and cellular devices, laptops, computers and all accessories, printers, speakers, remotes, gaming systems, etc. Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) will recycle the used electronics. Proceeds will benefit the Refugee Fund.

Parents, youth, and the young at heart: Rehearsals continue for ***The Jungle Book*** Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. (except March 7 & 8). You are still welcome to join this theatrical production! For a sample rehearsal schedule, or to ask questions, please contact Music Ministry Coordinator, Iain Macpherson (choirdirector@rideaupark.ca; 613 733-3156. ext. 301).

Iain Macpherson and Tessa Fackelmann will be starring in the **University of Ottawa**, School of Music fully staged production of **Mozart's Cosi fan tutte** with orchestra. Iain will perform on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. and Tessa on Saturday, March 7. The opera is set in the 1950s and the theme is based on football players and romantic Frenchmen.

Volunteers	Coffee Hour	Sunday Duty Officer	Counting
Week of March 1	Christel Kurz, Gretchen Conrad & Mark, Merina, Devon and Rigel Shulist	Beth Campbell-Keays	Lois Jensen, Brian Hamilton
Week of March 8	Kim, Jeff, Caitlin, Kieran & Grace Allo, Mary Lynne Holton	Anne Moore	John Durkee, Brian Hamilton
Week of March 15	Joanne Rodgers, Ron MacPherson, Shailja Verma, Suzanne Beausejour	Mary Lynne Holton	Rod Hagglund

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.*

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