

## 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 11, 18, 25	Lenten Reflections	7:15 p.m.
March 22	Food Bank Sunday	10:00 a.m.
March 29	Healing Pathway	10:00 a.m.

Handbell music ministry this morning is from **Grace Notes Teen Bells**: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" By Rick Founds; Arranged by Arnold B. Sherman. *Director: Andrea Laliberté. Assisted by: Erin Brunet-Decaire & Merina Shulist.*

**Saturday March 14 is PIE Day**, a day to celebrate being Public, Intentional, and Explicit in our church's welcome of LGBTQ2+ people. We will be going to Riverside where their Affirming Circle is hosting an evening discussion of the documentary *Fish Out of Water* at 7 p.m. And there will be pie! There is a sign up sheet on the volunteer board so we can have an idea of how many people from our church might attend.

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.

Join the Social Action and Outreach Committee on **Sunday, March 15 at 11:45 a.m. for a Lunch and Learn with Multi Faith Housing Initiative**. In Ottawa, thousands of individuals and families are without permanent homes or adequate temporary living facilities. How do you make a change? Come and find out from MFI representatives. When one person or one family has a safe, adequate, and affordable place to call home, their lives are changed. But when entire communities and cities, like Ottawa, provide housing and basic social services to the poor, the country is positively changed.

The **Sunday Food Drive** for **Heron Emergency Food Centre** will be **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Come early and have coffee and muffins that you can bring into the Sanctuary. If you are willing to help by bringing muffins, there is a sign-up sheet on the green "Help Wanted" Board at the top of the stairs to the upper hallway.

**Turkey Dinner: Friday, March 27:** Celebrate spring by joining us for a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, followed by dessert, tea and coffee **at 5:30 p.m.** All are welcome. Proceeds will go to the work of the church. For tickets, please call the office at 613-733-3156 ext. 229, purchase on Sundays, or come to the church office (Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). Adults: \$20.00, Children: \$10.00.

Please mark your calendars for **Unit 7's annual Easter Bake Sale on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

**Easter Memorials:** On Easter Sunday several potted flowers will enhance our Sanctuary. These flowers will be delivered to members of our congregation. In 2020 we are also creating cards with a personalized message to be given to many who would normally receive Easter flowers. The flowers and cards are intended to be a special remembrance of all our loved ones and to let those receiving the flowers or cards that they continue to be remembered by our congregation. An insert explaining the changes is available on the tables at the two entrance doors.

Anyone who wishes may make a Memorial Donation in the name of loved ones. All names will be listed in a special Memorial Section of the Easter Sunday bulletin. Cheques should be made payable to **Rideau Park UCW** and given to either **Mabel Bannerman or Judy Paré**. The deadline to order is **Sunday, March 29**.

#### **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](mailto: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.

Check our website [rideaupark.ca](http://rideaupark.ca) for protocol on COVID-19 - click on the *Resources* link, then *Documents*. Printed copies are available on the Sunday School Counter.

Volunteers	Coffee Hour	Sunday Duty Officer	Counting
<b>Week of March 8</b>	Kim, Jeff, Caitlin, Kieran & Grace Allo, Mary Lynne Holton	Anne Moore	John Durkee, Brian Hamilton
<b>Week of March 15</b>	Joanne Rodgers, Ron MacPherson, Shailja Verma, Suzanne Beausejour	Mary Lynne Holton	Rod Hagglund
<b>Week of March 22</b>	Heather & Wayne Bennett, Glenys Pike, Pat & Gavin Currie	Jennifer MacKinnon	Christel Kurz

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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