

This Week in the Life and Work of our Church

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

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The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Choir – Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary

K.U.C.I.E. – Tuesdays 7-8 in the Sanctuary

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
Loaves and Fishes dinner Programme	April 9 th , doors open 5:30 pm	F. Hall
UCW Sunshine	April 10 th , 7-9 p.m.	Choir room
UCW Lighthouse	April 11 th , 1-3 p.m.	Choir room
Membership and Mission	April 16 th , 7-9 p.m.	Kitchen
Questers	April 17 th , 7-9 p.m.	TBA
Annual General Meeting	April 19 th , 6-8 p.m.	Kitchen
Property Ministry	April 22 nd , after the service	F. Hall
Administration	April 24 th , 9:30 a.m.	Res. room
Taizé Service	April 24 th , 10 a.m. – noon	Res. room
	April 29 th , 7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary

(*F. Hall = Fellowship Hall, Res. Room = Resource room)



EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

Gord is away on holiday from Monday, April 2nd to Monday, April 16th inclusive. If you need emergency pastoral care, Rev. Bonnie Holliday, minister at Port Elgin United Church, can be reached at (church) 519-832-9540 or at (home) 519-389-3071.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APR 15

3rd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Masonic Divine Service

Preaching – Bruce Whitmore

Sermon: “Everywhere – Symbols!”

SUNDAY, APR 22

4th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER -

Preaching – Gord Dunbar

Sermon: “Rich as Dirt”

Annual General Meeting follows the service

Annual General Meeting



Plan to attend this meeting after the service on **Sunday April 22nd in Fellowship Hall.**

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX:



**2017 ANNUAL REPORTS
(limited quantity)**

**& KUC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for January 1 to March 31, 2018**



NEW MAGNETIC NAME TAGS



Beginning this Sunday names are being gathered for the new name tags. They will be magnetic, have your first and last names on them and are \$5. These name tags are your property and will be yours to keep. Please look for the sign up today and over the next few weeks!

QUESTERS – NEXT MEETING APRIL 19



Questers will meet in the Kincardine United Church kitchen at 6 pm on April 19, 2018. We will have a short meditation/service followed by a light meal. You do not need to contribute any food. We will watch a 30 minute segment of "Beyond Theology" and finish with a discussion period. Each session is independent of the previous one. Please join us!

Beyond Theology: In this 10 part series noted theologians, scholars and authors reflect upon the fundamental challenges of our time, addressing the roots of contemporary culture wars and global environmental crises. The series focuses on the emergence of a worldview that integrates science and spirituality, while exploring the notion that the guiding myths of modern civilization are in transition.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Please keep in mind that the deadline for announcements and other information for the bulletin etc is **Tuesday afternoons at 4 p.m.** Thank you.

LOAVES AND FISHES

DATE: **MONDAY APRIL 9**

SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 pm

DINNER: 6:00 pm

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks to God and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied.” Matthew 14:18-20

Each month Kincardine United Church hosts a Loaves and Fishes dinner (formerly known as our pot luck dinner) – inviting everyone to come and share friendship, laughter and food. As those who attend know, there is always a large variety of food and more than enough to feed all who come to our table. Unlike Jesus, we may not feed 5,000 but all who attend leave satisfied.

We invite everyone to come to our Loaves and Fishes dinner – bringing friends, family and what you are able for food. If you are not able to bring something we also welcome you at our table.

Future Dates: May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13



THANK YOU

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

What a delight it was working with the cast putting Gord's creation for Palm Sunday together. As well as writing the script for the service, Gord also looked after the props, costumes, the casting and making sure the sound people knew what was happening. All the rest of us had to do was show up. From the apostles, the anchor person and roving reporter to the Easter Bunny, everyone was so enthusiastic and eager to have it go well. And it did go well with only a minimum of rehearsal time! What a great group of young people, and one slightly older actor (Easter Bunny Catherine), we have! Thanks to them all!

-Shirley Bieman

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

What a wonderful, giving, church and community! The response to the "Mission" requests has been exceptionally generous. In addition to our K.U.C. collection, the ladies of the Church of the Messiah have also contributed many knitted vests for our project, as they have for several years. We are most appreciative of their work. I wish to thank everyone for your talents, your time, and purchases of these gifts. The central distribution centre in Waterloo, will send these items, as needed, within Canada and other countries.

THANK YOU. *-K.U.C.W. Mission Co-ordinator: Elaine Holmes*

BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GORD'S REFLECTION



**GET ON
the LIST**

Would you like to receive Kincardine's United Church weekly bulletin, announcements and Gord's reflection by email? It's easy to do. You can call the office and give Sarah your email address or you can email your request to kuchurch@bmts.com.

The deadline to register is Monday April 9th

BRUCE PRESBYTERY LEARNING DAY

Saturday April 14, 2018

Port Elgin United Church

\$ 25.00 per congregation – Fee includes snacks, lunch and workshops

Gathering Time 9:00 – 9:45

Workshops begin 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Lunch served at 12:00 Noon

Gluten free and vegetarian options will be available



All Day Workshop 10-12 Noon 1:00–3:00pm

Full Day M & P Workshop – Morning Session led by Diane Blanchard

Open to everyone especially Ministry and Personnel Committees

Morning Session: Basic Training and Information M&P (101)

An opportunity for Ministry & Personnel Committee members to review their role and responsibilities and to share ‘best practices’.

Afternoon Session: Led by Pegi Ridout

Specific model for working intentionally with the minister to set goals to support the congregation’s goals, check in with the minister and offer support, resources, and then gather feedback about how the goals were met.



One half Day Workshops

Morning Only 10:00 - 12:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>“When you Pay Special Attention:</i> Erik Matheson via Video Conference Treasurers: Common Mistakes Treasurers Make Trustees: Understanding the roles of a Trustee. Most common transactions to watch for.</p>
Afternoon Only 1:00 – 3:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Archives – presented by Rod Coates Managing records to preserve & Share the legacy of the United Church</p>



Two Concurrent Workshops

10:00 am & 1:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Systems Theory– presented by Judy Zarubick <i>Understanding how the parts of a Church are connected and how the Church can work to strengthen itself.</i></p>
10:00 am & 1:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Leading Planned Change – presented by Liz Dillman <i>Change is a normal part of life. How well is your congregation doing? Learn the basic steps for effective change.</i></p>

Registration Information:

Contact Joyce Osborne e-mail: janlea@hurontel.on.ca or phone: 519-395-3970

Please provide Joyce with the following information:

Workshop Choices, and the name of your congregation

Deadline for registration: Monday April 9th

Congregations: Please make cheques payable to Bruce Presbytery



KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

721 PRINCES STREET

APRIL 28TH

9-12

**Help will be needed in the following
areas:**

April 26th am set up of hall

**April 26th and 27th afternoon and
evening sorting**

April 28 Sale Day

***We are accepting
clothing, linens,
games, books,
household items,
craft supplies, you
name it!!!**

**Please ensure all
items are in good
used condition,
clean and in
working order.**

**Drop off on the
26th and 27th of
April**

**1:00 to 4:00 pm
and 6-8pm**

**Contact Krista Ritchie
with any questions
519-396-5453**

kristaleeritchie@gmail.com

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

APRIL 8, 2018

ORGAN DONATION ACROSS “ENEMY LINES”

Our gifts for Mission & Service support health and peace and the breaking down of barriers to peace. In the Holy Land, bringing ordinary Israelis and Palestinians peacefully together is extremely difficult in such a tense and violent environment. But the International Christian Committee in Israel (ICCI) does just that.

Along with Palestinian girls’ empowerment programs in Arab towns in Acre, the ICCI brings Palestinians and Israelis together through a variety of programs, from academic conferences to supporting inter-ethnic organ donation. As Hussam Elias, ICCI’s Executive Secretary, says, “Arabs and Jews are not ‘doomed’ to live together but *should* live together.”

The medical expenses related to organ donation in Israel are covered by the state; the ICCI raises awareness and organizes conferences to break down the social barriers and conflicting ideas about organ transplants that have been in place across cultures. Often, people only want to donate within their own ethnicity.

As a result of the support of the ICCI and other organizations, Israeli and Palestinian families come together in very unique, life-giving situations. One Arab youth was killed in a car accident, and his family donated his heart to a Jewish person; when the boy’s mother met the recipient, they hugged, and she said it felt like she was hugging her son. In another case, a Jewish family donated the liver of a relative to a young Arab man. When he got married, he invited his donor’s family, and the wedding photos show them all together as one big family.

As a piece of anonymous street art in the city of Haifa says, “This is for the organ donors, reminding us all that we won’t be strangers for long.”

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

HOPE MENU & PROJECT LIST

Response to the December 2017 Hope Menu program was awesome! We received over \$7,000 in gifts to enliven the mission & ministry of Kincardine United Church. (see next pages)

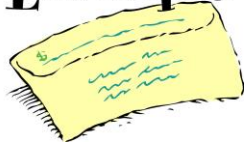
Hope Menu responses have been combined with the Fall 2017 Project Wish List so that the congregation can be aware of what has been accomplished and what's next on the list. The updated list includes capital improvements to increase the function & appearance of our church, as well as its mission & ministry. If you have an idea for an improvement you would like to see happen, please drop your suggestion into the office, put it on the offering plate or send it to the church in an email at kuchurch@bmts.com.

NEW CHOIR CHAIR APPEAL

Now that we have exceeded the 50% threshold for this Hope Menu project, we would like to encourage the congregation to consider additional donations to help reach the funding goal and make this a reality. You can donate to one or more chairs through a contribution on the offering plate or at the church office. For more information, please feel free to speak with anyone in the choir – they'd be more than comfortable to chat with you about their seats. ☺

BOXED OFFERING ENVELOPES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE A SET!

Offering Envelopes



We still have some numbered boxed offering envelopes for those that would like to use them. Numbered envelopes ensure donations get filled out correctly, credited correctly and saves time recording the donations each week....

Additionally - consider switching over to be a PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) subscriber, thus setting up monthly contributions. Saves you time each week, allows you to budget yearly givings, allows KUC to budget yearly donations as well.

Contact: John Phillips - KUC-Envelope Steward: kucesteward@bmts.com or Sarah at the church office.

Kincardine United Church
Project Wish List
 (March 2017 Update)

	Project Name	Description	Goal/Cost Estimate	Funds Raised	Classification	Priority	Status
Completed Projects	Fellowship Hall Washroom Floors	Replace washroom floors with new tile flooring	\$1000		Maintenance	High	Complete
	Second monitor for A/V booth	Second video monitor to allow viewing of service recording			Improvement	High	Complete
	USB Splitter for A/V booth				Improvement	High	Complete
	Learning Centre 2 nd Floor Washroom Doors	Re-hang washroom doors such that they swing open and improve accessibility			Improvement	High	Complete
Pending Projects	Paint Sanctuary	Repair damaged plaster, prime and paint.	\$32,00-\$40,000		Maintenance	Medium	
	New Choir Gowns	Replace current 1994-vintage gowns (20).	\$2,000-\$3,000		Improvement	Medium	
	Replace Sanctuary Carpet	Replace the sanctuary carpet	TBD		Maintenance	Medium	
	Replace North Roof	Remove existing shingles, replace with metal roof matching South Roof	\$50,000-\$60,000		Maintenance	High	
	Washroom Upgrades	Replace fixtures in all washrooms	TBD		Maintenance	High	

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Hope Menu	Automatic Door – Ramp Entrance	Purchase, installation and operation to make the church more accessible	\$15,000	\$1,600	Improvement	Medium	
	Automatic Door – Office Entrance	Purchase, installation and operation to make the church more accessible	\$5,000		Improvement	Medium	
	Automatic Door – Front Entrance	Purchase, installation and operation to make the church more accessible	\$5,000		Improvement	Medium	
	Choir Seating	Re-arrange choir seating and provide new seats. Possible movement of choir pews	\$3450 (\$165 per chair)	\$1950	Improvement	Medium	
	Electronic Sign	Install 2-sided electronic billboard-style sign on Princes Street to communicate church news and events	\$10,000-\$15,000	\$2850	Improvement	Medium	
	Cape Croker	To allow our indigenous neighbours to enjoy dignity while purchasing gifts	\$25/gift	\$225	Outreach	High	
	Healing the Heartbreak Books	To comfort grieving people through reading this practical, faith-full book	\$15/book	\$105	Outreach	High	
	Huron Shores Hospice	To provide nursing care for those needing palliative care in our community	\$75/2 hours	\$225	Outreach	High	
	Dent Davidson Weekend	Provide funding for inspirational weekend song workshop	\$5,000	\$200	Outreach	High	
	Storage in Nursery	Provide storage in nursery for children’s items	\$300		Outreach	High	