

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 EVENTS

Choir – returns in September

K.U.C.I.E. – returns September 10th, 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Craft, Conversation & Coffee - returns last Tues. in Sept.

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
Bible Study	Aug 21 st & 28 th , 7-8:30 p.m.	Choir room
New Stove Fundraiser (Dessert sale)	Aug. 24 th in the afternoon, during Gathering of the Bands	Church entryway
Service of Prayers for Healing	Aug 25 th , 7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

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

CELEBRATING KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

As a family of faith, we make a difference in this community and in the world. Our Mission Statement – the one we see on the screens before worship every Sunday – focuses on core values of *Spiritual Growth, Hospitality, Service, Fellowship, Study and Community*. We live out our mission by reaching out into our community and into the world. Our donations to Mission and Service – local, national and international mission support – increased by ten percent over last year. As well, our congregation has subsidized children attending summer camp, supported the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the local Hospice, the Kincardine Refugee Committee and those marginalized “just passing through” town through the local Ministerial Association.



Without the funds we provide, these missions would be diminished. Celebrate Kincardine United Church by taking just one of the 200 envelopes from the back wall of the sanctuary. Put the same amount of money into the envelope as written on the outside – amounts from \$1.00 to \$200.00 – donating that amount as a celebration of the difference we make in our community. Thank you in advance for your faithful generosity. You're wonder-full!



FUNDRAISER FOR THE NEW STOVE

On Saturday August 24 is the Gathering of the Bands in Victoria park. Debbie Michielson and Mary Phillips are going to sell desserts in the afternoon from the church entryway. If anyone would like to donate a

cake, pie or squares, please drop them off at the church kitchen on Friday or Saturday morning. Thanks for your support.



GORD'S OFFICE HOURS



Monday: 1 – 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. – noon

PROGRAMME CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Aug 25th **10:30 AM** 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship: Gord Dunbar
Meditation: "Pro-Claiming Faith"

 7:00 PM Service of Prayers for Healing

SUNDAY, Sept. 1st **10:30 AM** 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship: Gord Dunbar
Meditation: "Humility By Loving"

**SERVICE OF PRAYERS FOR HEALING –
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 7:00 P.M.**



Join us for this special, intimate and contemplative service in the Iona tradition. Too often in our living we struggle with woundedness – whether of the body, of the mind or of the spirit. Come and discover a place of healing for your soul rooted in Gord's sabbatical experience on the Scottish island of Iona where Celtic Christianity flourishes.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



For the second time, we will be blessing the animals during morning worship on **Sunday, September 22nd**. Please feel free to bring your pets – dogs, cats, hamsters, rabbits, birds (caged), iguanas, stuffed animals, pictures of animals who have died but are still living in your heart. At the end of worship, you will be invited to come forward to have them blessed as part

of God’s good Creation. If needed, the park is just outside the front door, but be prepared for that eventuality (bags anyone?). Bring treats for your pets if necessary to keep them relatively calm. Be prepared, as well, for the possibility that various animal personalities may conflict at times. In this family of faith, our pets are part of that same family.



AUGUST 25th is Food Bank Sunday
 Please remember to bring a non-perishable item. Suggestions: cans of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, chili & stew; peanut butter, pasta & sauce, school snacks, jam, cereal, toiletries and feminine products.

Please check Expiry dates before donating!



DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 pm, DINNER: 6:00 pm

Each month Kincardine United Church hosts a Loaves and Fishes Potluck 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. **We invite everyone to come to our Loaves and Fishes dinner!**

SAVE YOUR RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS



Please gather your unwanted clothing for the upcoming rummage sale!

Drop off Sept 19/20. Sale Sept 20/21. More details to come!

Please reserve some time to help us where possible.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

TRANSFIGURATIONS – TRANSGRESSING GENDER IN THE BIBLE



Peterson Toscano has shaken up Bible scholarship and received high praise for his ground-breaking, genre-bending, gender-blending Bible interpretations. By unearthing the gender stories of people in the Old and New Testaments, Toscano's one-person performance deepens well-known – and lesser known – Bible stories, presenting an array of Bible characters with an array of genders. Join us to view Toscano's DVD dramatizations that will get you thinking in a new way about gender identity, interpretations deeply rooted in vigorous biblical research which capture the complexity of the original texts. Come and explore with Gord how Toscano's insights bring light for our modern understanding of gender from a faith perspective. No previous Bible experience is necessary.

We will meet in the Choir room on Wednesdays between 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. to discuss:

Wednesday, August 21st: Eunuchs as gender non-conforming.

Wednesday, August 28th: The *Man* with a pitcher of water.



A "CELEBRATION"

All Women of The United Church of Canada
in
Western Ontario Waterways Region
are invited to
our 1st Ever Gathering "CELEBRATION."



Mt. Forest United Church, 175 Queen St. E (Hwy 89)

Saturday, September 21, 2019

10 am – 3 pm

Speaker

Beulah Hayley

*The National
UCW President
From Newfoundland
And Labrador*

Coffee and Snacks

on arrival.

Registration begins at 9:30 am

Lunch - \$15

*Offering for UCW's M&S
"Women For Change Zambia"*

Worship

Led by

*Rev. Cheryl-Ann
Stadelbauer-Sampa
Executive Minister
of Western Ontario
Waterways*

IMPORTANT

RSVP

If you plan to attend, let us know **by Monday, September 9th**
the individual or the number in your group attending.

PLEASE CONTACT: Diane Clubb, 519- 396 -3668,
or Elaine Holmes, 519-396-7107
We will then contact Mt Forest with numbers from KUC.

Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa

It seems more important than ever for the Christian church to foster intentional ecumenical and interfaith partnerships. The Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) is a pan-African Christian organization that was started in 1959 to build good relations between Christians and Muslims. It brings together communities of faith, in spite of their differences, to work together for justice, peace, and reconciliation.

Countries in Africa are advised to stay secular, says the Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutei, Programme Director of PROCMURA. “There is so much fighting happening these days, and religion has been the most divisive factor here, aside from economic factors.” While this is not unique to Africa, it is evident there that education is a key tool in fostering good relations for Africans. PROCMURA has partnered with St. Paul’s University in Nairobi, Kenya, to create a Master of Islam and Christian–Muslim Relations program. Mutei has a strong conviction that religious education such as this will lead to a deeper understanding of each other’s beliefs. He says, “education should be the foundation of what is happening around the country of Kenya and the continent of Africa.”

A visitor listening to the students in this program was moved by their enthusiasm for engaging in work they hoped would help others understand Christian–Muslim relations. Canadians have much to learn from this organization. We give thanks for the United Church’s partnership with PROCMURA through Mission & Service.

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.