

This Week in the Life & Work of our 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.



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on **December 13th** after the live-streamed worship service. Please plan to participate via the Zoom meeting platform – all members and adherents are encouraged to attend.

Yes, we will be live streaming our 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Candlelight worship service this year. Like previous years, there will be



lessons, carols, solos and duets – although our choir and Kincardine United Church Instrumental Ensemble will not be part of the service this year for safety reasons. We will certainly miss gathering and reconnecting face-to-face, but we are pleased to continue this long-time Christmas tradition digitally.

There will NOT be a 4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve service with a come-as-you-are pageant because we are not able to facilitate something that matches the interactive nature of that service digitally this year.

Further Christmas Eve details will be forthcoming in December.

REVISED ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

It is that time of year again. We need to pull together our annual report for 2020. It has certainly been a different year, transformed by living with a pandemic. Nevertheless, please write your annual report for this past year before you forget the details because of the fog of our COVID brains. **The newly revised**

deadline for submission to the office (kuchurch@bmts.com) is **Sunday, January 10th, 2021.** Getting your report in earlier is even better. Thank you so much!



PROGRAMME CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Dec. 20th 10:30 AM **4th Sunday of Advent**
 Worship: Gord Dunbar
 Meditation: Surprise! Now What?

SUNDAY, Dec. 27th 7:00 PM **Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carol Service**

SUNDAY, Dec. 27th 10:30 AM **Christmas 1**
 Worship: Gord Dunbar
 Meditation: In the Family Way



Regular Sunday Services are live streamed on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Email kuchurch@bmts.com to get on the email list and receive live stream invitations.

Recent services can be found on our Youtube Channel:
[KUC YouTube Channel](#)

Services will continue to air on Rogers Cable Channel 6 a week later.
 View the schedule here: <https://www.rogerstv.com/schedule?lid=1&rid=75>

You can view some past services online at
<https://www.rogerstv.com/media?lid=237&rid=75> under Access
 Programming (no cable tv necessary)

Christmas Day 'TAKEOUT' Community Meal



Friday December 25, 2020

**Drive thru pick up by appointment only
starting at 12 Noon and running to 1:30 p.m.
Home delivery available by special request.**

***For planning purposes we need to know how
many meals to prepare so call to reserve.***

***Call Sam or Heather at 519 - 396 - 2001
by Monday December 21st***

**Turkey Dinner With All The Trimmings
No charge (Freewill Offering)**

**Meal Pickup Location
St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church Parking Lot
749 Russell Street, Kincardine**

HURRICANE RELIEF IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Help support the emergency relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Iota in Central America, which took the same path as Hurricane Eta just one week earlier. United Church of Canada partners in Central America are deeply concerned about the cumulative impact of both hurricanes on the communities they serve and ask for your prayers. If you wish to donate today, please check out this link: <http://ow.ly/6tty50CpzWw>
THANK YOU!



AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 MINUTES

Save the date - Sunday January 24, 2021



This will be a fun hour (over ZOOM) where we can all enjoy travel pictures from around the world. It is a fundraiser for the capital fund, and in particular the new HVAC system.

In order to make this fundraiser a success, we need members of the congregation to share pictures from your

favourite vacation in advance.

Please contact Mary or John Phillips – 519-396-8448 or 519-955-7448 (cell – text) if you would be willing to help make this a success.



ITEMS FOR SALE

These chairs, dehumidifier and end table are all for sale.

Sale price would be just a donation to the church.

Please contact Ralph Knowles 519-396-5580 to arrange for viewing or pickup.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Ann Gordon is at Tiverton Park Manor.

Ellie Taylor is in a retirement home near Fergus. If you would like to drop her a note, call Shirley Marie Harris 396-3686 for her address.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Death is a natural part of life. Finding one's way through grief is to realize that there is no right or wrong way to grieve. Your experience of grief will be unique and while grief can be difficult, reaching out for support after a loved one's death can be helpful and comforting.

VON Bereavement Support Groups

Our group services are designed for family members and friends who have experienced a loss through death. We provide a supportive and compassionate atmosphere for sharing and listening. We will be offering confidential video conferencing through the use of Zoom and the sessions run for 8 weeks. Instructions and support will be provided upon registration.

Call Ingrid Bell at 519-376-5895 ext 260 or ingrid.bell@von.ca to register.

Mondays starting October 19-December 7, 2020 2 pm-3:30 pm.

Wednesdays starting November 4-December 9, 2020 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm

One to One Bereavement Supports

VON provides one to one telephone bereavement supports by trained volunteers. We offer a safe environment to grieving individuals where they can speak openly about their feelings. Each individual can expect to receive a weekly call from a trained volunteer once a match has been made.

Understanding Grief- educational presentations

This is a presentation on the fundamentals of grief, including how best to support someone you know who is experiencing grief. Presentations are being offered through Zoom at 11:00 am on the last Thursday of each month. Registration required.

You Are Not Alone

ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION DEADLINE

Submit information to kuchurch@bmts.com by 4 PM on TUESDAYS.

Thank you.

DESPERATE FAMILY UPDATE AND CELEBRATION



Many of the people of this congregation took a risk a little over two years ago and contributed over twenty thousand dollars to a family of five I called “Desperate Family.” They used those contributions to keep a roof over their heads and food in their bellies. Without it, they would have been on the street even as they waited for a civil lawsuit to compensate the Mom for injuries sustained at her husband’s workplace. Then, a grandbaby, Noah, came along, further stressing their limited resources.

I received some wonderful news this past week. The civil lawsuit was successful. They used the settlement to pay off legal bills, debts and health costs (over and above what OHIP covers).

With the remaining money, they put a down payment on a house so that they would have secure and safe housing into the future. It has a unit to provide the longed-for privacy that Grandma and Grandpa have needed. It has a unit for their single son living with clinical depression to settle into dignity, safety and healing. It has a unit for Noah and his parents to finally have a space of their own without constantly bumping into the rest of the family.

The family wanted me to share this message with everyone. *“We cannot express how much your generosity has meant to all of us. When we were alone with no one to give us a hand up, Kincardine United Church was the only place to offer help and compassion. You*



*may not understand how much we appreciate everything you have done for us. You kept a roof over our heads when we would have been homeless again. You donated furniture, newborn baby clothes, toys for Noah and the anonymous assurance that we were not alone. You were an answer to our prayers of desperation and of hope. You have truly made a difference for our family, keeping us together when we were ready to throw up our hands in defeat. **Thank you very, very much!**”*

DONATIONS

During these difficult times, making donations to the church is severely hampered!

We have added a couple of options to make on-line donations to the church. These can be found on our church web site

<http://www.kincardineunitedchurch.org>

E-Transfer:

- From the web-site additional instructions will guide you through the process using your own secure bank on-line software!
- With E-Transfer you can make a contribution directly from your bank account to the church bank account.
- The church receives the full amount as there are “no” fees on our end, unlike many other donation methods that charge us a service fee.
- No password is required and the Envelope Steward receives an auto email to update your donation record.

PayPal:

- The second option is PayPal. From the website, a pop-up will link to the secure PayPal web site, where you can use your PayPal account OR use your credit card.

Canada Helps:

- Now there is a third option using Canada Helps. Click on the link and a customized entry form will assist with your donation.

These contributions will be administered by John Phillips – KUC Envelope Steward E-mail: kucesteward@bmts.com and get these donations added to your yearly contribution totals.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**DECEMBER 13, 2020****PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION IN ZAMBIA**

In 2015, the UN adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which named 17 Sustainable Development Goals to end poverty. Goal 4, quality education, is critical for communities to develop innovative solutions to daily challenges.

According to UN statistics, over 265 million children worldwide are not enrolled in school. Access to education is a challenge in many parts of the world, particularly in rural areas, and it's one that Zambia's Mission & Service partners Women for Change and People's Action Forum are tackling.

Women for Change encourages girls and young women in rural Zambia to stay in school. The group works with national and community leaders to develop an understanding of the importance of education for all young people. It works with families, offering livelihood training to help address the economic issues that may be keeping girls out of school. It also works with teachers to support girls who return to school, and with communities to break down the cultural and social norms that sometimes prevent girls from completing their education.

People's Action Forum (PAF) also works with rural communities in Zambia to help them see how their resources can be used to improve local education. Collaboration between schools and local communities has turned schools into hubs of community health and development, including providing safe community water supplies.

Through a mentorship program called Girls Action Forum, PAF helps girls succeed by providing the skills, space, and encouragement they need to thrive.

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.

COVID INFORMATION

Information about Covid19 (Updates, What to do if you have symptoms, Dealing with anxiety, etc.) can be found in this document:

http://kincardineunitedchurch.org/sites/default/files/covid/announcements_-_covid_aug_20_pdf.pdf