

## 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 –Thursdays 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Sundays 9:45 in the Choir room  
K.U.C.I.E. – meets Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
Service of Prayers for Healing	Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 7 p.m.	Sanctuary
Children's "Come as you are" Christmas Pageant	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 4 – 4:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carol Service	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.	Sanctuary
Sundae Sunday	Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> , after worship	F. Hall
Council	Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7 – 9 p.m.	Kitchen

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

## SERVICE OF PRAYERS FOR HEALING – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7:00 P.M.



For many the Christmas season is a time of painful memory and of struggle. Many of us feel at odds with people singing "Joy to the World" while lights twinkle and wink with delight.

In recognition of this long night for so many of us, let's join together for a special, intimate and contemplative service in the Iona tradition. May it become a place where healing abounds as we struggle with the burdens of the season and with the expectations of others.

In our 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.

	
<b>AV MINISTRY TEAM</b> 📺	Sean Crawford-Thompson, Dave Leaning, Mary Phillips
<b>COUNTERS</b> 💰	Barry & Liz Schmidt
<b>DECEMBER HOUSE LEADERS</b> 🏠	Vacant
<b>MUSIC</b> 🎵	David Hamilton, KUC Choir
<b>NURSERY ATTENDANT</b> ♠	Thank you
<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> 📖	Marion Brown
<b>SLIDE PRESENTATION</b> ♠	Sarah MacKenzie
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER</b> ♠	Catharine Crawford
<b>WORSHIP</b> 🕯	Gord Dunbar

### GORD'S OFFICE HOURS WEEK OF DEC 23rd



**Monday 1 – 5 p.m.**

#### GORD WILL BE AWAY

Gord will be taking holiday from Wednesday, December 25th, 2019 to Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 inclusive. It will be a time for family and for friends, for sleeping in and for snow games, for time away and for battery re-charging (and not just for any toys which may come...). May your Christmas be filled with hope, peace, joy and love. **For emergency pastoral care while Gord is away, please contact Rev. Marsha Roberts, the minister at Ripley-Bervie-Kinloss, at 519-270-9883.** Thank you.



### PROGRAMME CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, Dec. 22nd</b>	<b><u>7:00 PM</u></b>	<b>Service of Prayers for Healing</b>
<b>SUNDAY, Dec. 24th</b>	<b><u>4:00 PM</u></b>	<b>YOUNG CHILDREN'S "COME AS YOU ARE" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (4-4:30 p.m.)</b>
	<b><u>6:30 PM</u></b>	<b>K.U.C.I.E. PRELUDE</b>
	<b><u>7:00 PM</u></b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT &amp; CAROL SERVICE</b>
<b>SUNDAY, Dec. 29th</b>	<b><u>10:30 AM</u></b>	<b>Christmas 1 Worship: Marion Boyd Meditation: The Great Escape</b>



**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1-5 p.m. Gord has office hours**

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed**

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Office open 12-2 p.m.**

**This will be the last chance to  
make your 2019 donations.**

**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - Office closed for New Year's Day**

**Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Office is open 1-4:30 p.m.**

*Children's*  
**CHRISTMAS  
PAGEANT**

**Children's "Come As You  
Are" Christmas Pageant**

Come on Christmas Eve to  
bring the birth of the baby

Jesus to life. On Christmas Eve, young families  
have little time and the kids have short attention  
spans. For no more than 30 minutes beginning at  
**4:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**, come for a  
children-friendly worship. Costumes for those  
interested will be provided.

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE**

A photograph of a row of lit candles in holders, with a dark background. The candles are of varying heights and are all lit, with bright yellow flames.

**December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
in the Sanctuary.  
KUCIE Prelude starts at 6:30 PM.**

## **A MESSAGE FROM FORMER CONGREGANT LOREEN AMBLER (Shared by the UCW Sunshine Unit)**

We have had quite an eventful church year welcoming our sixth Syrian family and celebrating our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We celebrated with our Minister when he graduated with his Doctorate. Quite an achievement indeed!

As you have observed, Viola Desmond is now pictured on the ten dollar bill. She challenged the law, in a Nova Scotian theatre that blacks could not sit in the downstairs area. A member of our congregation and her date sat behind Viola, and is now the only living person to witness that event. It's a small world in so many ways!

I have had the pleasure this year of visiting with Orlo Jarrell. When she first moved to London she resided in Arbor Trace but she has recently moved to Country Terrace in Komoka. This home is closer to her daughter Susan in Delaware. ... With good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year to all!"

**THIS MONTH IN 1946**

### **Unequal Billing**

**WHEN** entrepreneur Viola Desmond bought a movie ticket in New Glasgow, N.S., she had no idea she was about to make a bold step toward desegregation. After taking her seat, Desmond was told to move to the balcony, where Black people were "supposed" to sit. She refused and was arrested. Her case went to the Supreme Court, but she wasn't pardoned until 2010 — 45 years after her death. In 2018, she became the first Canadian woman to appear on a bank note.



### **Where They Are**

**Becky Vance:** 322 Queen St. Kincardine ON N2Z 2R6

**Julia & Stu Metzger:** 979 Heritage Drive Kincardine ON N2Z 0B9

**Mary Wilkinson:** Bridges Community Living, 52 Piper Drive,  
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## NEW ROOM BOOKING PROCEDURE

### (and changes to Committee & UCW meetings etc.)

If you want to book space in the church, or change meeting dates/times etc., please contact our new Booking Facilitators through the church website under “Facilities” in the top menu, or email both Judy Zarubick at [jzarubick@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:jzarubick@hurontel.on.ca) and Liz Dillman at [Dillman.l@bmts.com](mailto:Dillman.l@bmts.com)

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



In the event of severe or inclement weather or power failure, a decision to cancel the Sunday morning service will be made by two of the following people: Chair of Council, Chair of Program, Chair of Property Ministry. The decision will be made by 8:30 a.m. and then notice given to the radio stations by one of the chairs. (95.5 myFM , FM 102 and AM 920). You may also visit this web page after 8:30 a.m. to see if we are listed, which means church is cancelled: <https://blackburnnews.com/midwestern-ontario/midwestern-ontario-closures/midwestern-ontario-event-cancellations/>

## Loaves & Fishes Potluck



**DATE: JANUARY 13**

**SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 pm, DINNER: 6:00 pm**

We invite everyone to join us for our Potluck Dinner and share friendship, laughter and food. Please bring friends, family and what you are able for food. As those who attend our monthly Loaves and Fishes Potluck know, there is always a large variety of food and more than enough to feed all who come to our table. If you are not able to bring food, bring your smiles and friendship.

If you are unable to carry your dish into the Friendship Hall there will be a cart at the side entrance you can put it on and we will bring it down. If you need assistance carrying it from your car just let us know and we will bring it in for you.

*“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. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied.”* Matthew 14:18-20

## Boxed Offering Envelopes for 2020 are now ready for pick-up in the Narthex!



This year we are using a New series of boxed envelope numbers and they are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. If you did not receive your envelopes and/or wish to receive a set of envelopes for 2020 and/or have changed your mind and wish to become a PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). Please contact: John Phillips, Envelope Steward via email: [kucesteward@bmts.com](mailto:kucesteward@bmts.com)

### ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS



As the year draws to a close, the time has come once again to submit your Annual Reports for 2019. Write them now while your memory is fresh! Please submit them to Sarah MacKenzie in the office either electronically (preferred) or in print. The **deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Thank you.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

DECEMBER 22, 2019

## Healing and Teaching

Rhonda Johns, Program Coordinator of Nations Uniting on the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation in Ohsweken, Ontario, engages with a lot of seniors, many of whom are residential school survivors, and with youth who don't know who they are and where they belong. Observing this intergenerational dynamic, she realized that many on the reserve needed to experience healing. She asked herself what she could do.

The answer came to her in the form of the Reclaiming Our Path program. It helps youth and young adults understand who they are and how behaviours learned from the families raising them, peers, and the community, impact who they are. Using an Indigenous framework and traditional teachings, individuals and families now have an opportunity to reframe who they are and begin to walk a new path toward a future of hope. Reclaiming Our Path is a way to create healthy future leaders.

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.