

# 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 13<sup>th</sup>** after the live-streamed worship service. Please plan to participate via the Zoom meeting platform – all members and adherents are encouraged to attend.

### GERARD THOMAS GILLESPIE



This little bundle of joy arrived Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 20 inches long.

Gerard is a very content baby, who boasts a very happy Mom and Dad.

As advised by doctors, no visiting is permitted due to COVID-19 precautions. Jean and John thank you all for your prayers, for your joyful congratulations and for all your best wishes!



## **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: A TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE, AWARENESS AND ACTION**

Join us on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for a



live streamed vigil. Pay respect to the 14 women murdered at École Polytechnique, Montreal in 1989. Pay respect to the women murdered this year by their intimate partners. Pay respect to the women victimized this year by femicide. Take the time to raise awareness about issues

affecting women in abusive relationships, teaching us how to become allies of safety in their experiences. May this digital vigil move us to action, leading to our becoming advocates for safety and for justice for all women. There will be no sermon, but it will be a safe space of quiet reflection and relevant scrolling information. More information to be announced.

## **CO ADVENT'S LAMENT: A BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP GATHERING**

**December 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

When Christmas lights twinkle and people seemed full of joyful celebration, it can feel opposite to how many of us are feeling.

Christmas usually doesn't make much space for people who are grieving, or who are feeling sadness, anxiety, frustration or loss. This pandemic and the



increased restrictions make it even harder for many. As we mark one year of changed life because of COVID-19, a denominational-wide service of Lament for Advent will be led by Richard Bott, our Moderator and national spiritual leader. You don't need to pre-register at all. To access the simultaneous translation, you must be connected by Zoom; otherwise, you can watch the bilingual version on the United Church's [YouTube channel](#).

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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.

## PROGRAMME CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, Dec. 6th 10:30 AM**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 Worship: Gord Dunbar  
 Meditation: Stealing Time

**SUNDAY, Dec. 13th 10:30 AM**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 Worship: Gord Dunbar  
 Meditation: Bubbling? Joyful? Both?



**Regular Sunday Services are live streamed on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Email [kuchurch@bmts.com](mailto: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)

## 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!**

## A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT

When we enter the church building, we appreciate heat in the winter and cooling in the summer. Unfortunately, our furnaces and our air conditioning units are beyond their projected life spans. Because we don't want to blow hot and cold about replacement, we are launching a **Capital Project** to replace our two furnaces and our air conditioning units.

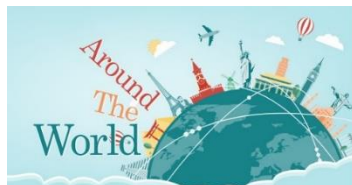


Our goal is to raise \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 before the end of 2020. Kincardine United Church is a family of faith who have proven over the years to be wonderfully generous. Because our church building is closed due to the pandemic, this is a perfect time to make such replacements. Therefore, once the building is reopened, we will be warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Then, thanks to the wonderful giving of the people of this congregation, it will continue to feel like home.

**To make donations, please follow the online instructions on our website and note it is for "CAPITAL PROJECT."**

## 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.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

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 deadline for submission to the office ([kuchurch@bmts.com](mailto:kuchurch@bmts.com)) is **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. Thank you so much!



## 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.

## **GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS – VON ZOOM PRESENTATION**

Grieving the death of a significant person in your life during the holiday season can be overwhelming. It can be an emotional time as you try to navigate your way through the expectations of family and friends. This year, the COVID -19 pandemic has further complicated our ability to cope with this difficult time of year.

**Grief During the Holidays** is a one hour community education session where the difficulties of the holiday season are acknowledged and coping strategies are shared to help you through this time. All sessions will be presented over Zoom and there is no charge to attend. A Zoom invite to the event will be sent upon registration. Instructions for zoom use available.

**Tuesday December 1, 2020, or Thursday December 10, 2020**

**Sessions begin at 7:00 pm. For more information and registration, please contact Ingrid Bell at (519)376-5895 x 260 or [Ingrid.Bell@von.ca](mailto:Ingrid.Bell@von.ca)**

## **FURTHER 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kucesteward@bmts.com) and get these donations added to your yearly contribution totals.



**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS****NOVEMBER 29, 2020****GOLDEN LAKE CAMP**

*Our gifts for Mission & Service make United Church camps places where many lives are transformed. Let us hear from Amy, a young adult leader at Golden Lake Camp in the Upper Ottawa Valley.*

This year will be my second as Program Director for Golden Lake Camp and my fourth year in total. I started my GLC journey as a volunteer, spending two and a half weeks there my first summer.

I could go into lots of detail about all the amazing things I experienced—the equally amazing staff and campers I met, the personal and spiritual growth I went through, and the deeper connection with God I fostered—but I don't think you want to hear an essay-length story! In short, by the end of my time volunteering I had been having so much fun that I didn't even remember to cash my honorarium cheque. The Executive Director (the one-and-only lovely Beth Payson) told me the following summer when I applied for a permanent position how I had kind of messed up the budget that year by not cashing it...whoops!

Working at GLC literally (and I don't use that word lightly) made my life better, and I've met some lifelong friends there. The atmosphere and love in this place are infectious, and you truly make a noticeable difference in children's lives.

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