

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. – Tuesday 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
Council	Oct. 3 rd , 7-9 p.m.	Kitchen
Program	Oct. 4 th , 7-9 p.m.	Res. Room
Parables	Oct 4 th , 2-3 pm or Oct. 15 th , 1-2:30 pm	Choir room
Animate: Faith	Oct 3 rd , 1:30-3 pm or Oct 5 th , 7:30-9 pm	Choir room
Loaves & Fishes Dinner	Oct. 9 th , doors open 5:30 pm	F. Hall
UCW North	Oct. 10 th , 1-3 p.m.	Donna Thacker's
**Roll call: Thanksgiving verse		
UCW Sunshine	Oct. 11 th , 1-3 p.m.	Choir room
UCW Lighthouse	Oct. 16 th , 7-9 p.m.	Choir room
Questers	Oct. 19 th , 6-9 p.m.	Kitchen

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

DEADLINE APPROACHING - SUBSCRIBE TO THE OBSERVER

150 Reasons

The Observer has won more than 150 awards for journalistic excellence in Canadian and U.S. church press competitions in the past five years – more than any other denominational magazine in North America.

Letters have been mailed to regular Observer subscribers. Anyone can place an order. **Cost is \$25** if you order with our group. Please **put your payment on the plate by Oct. 8th**, – and be sure to **include a note with your full name, address and phone number, and indicate that the money is for the Observer!** Or, you can also **contact Sarah in the office by Tuesday October 10th** with your payment if you would like to get this publication delivered to your home by mail. **If you're writing a cheque, make it payable to the Kincardine United Church and put "Observer" in the memo of the cheque.*

RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS



Many thanks to all who had a hand in the rummage sale. We work so well together and have a lot of fun doing it! It was a hot day and the sale was a great success with \$1,346.45 in revenue!

BUT, what really struck me this time is that the event is so much more than just a sale. For some, it is hard to part with things emotionally, but knowing that the church will benefit

and it has a place to go if it doesn't sell enables them to "let go".

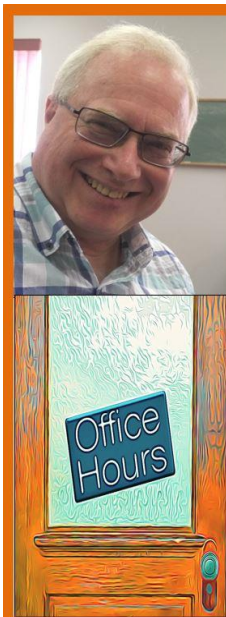
In one case, a member of the community was emptying her mother's apartment, and spent one afternoon unpacking the things she brought with care, arranging them on the table. It seemed to be very healing for her after losing her Mom. We also met a person who was starting over, and we were able to help them with all kinds of household items and clothes, at a time when they were in great need. So, you see, we have a wonderful opportunity to care for people in our community even simply running a rummage sale. With each sale we learn new things, and I learned we need a bigger packing crew! We were exhausted, but felt a huge sense of accomplishment. I have made notes and we will continue to refine this process for more successful rummage sales in the future!

-Krista Ritchie.

THANKSGIVING DECORATING ITEMS WANTED



The Program Committee plans to decorate the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving on Friday Oct 6 at 9:30 am. If you have any items to contribute to the decorations, please bring them to the Church in the afternoon of Thurs Oct 5 or Friday Oct 6 by 9:30 am.



Gord's E-mail & Office hours

You can e-mail Gord at
gord.kuc@bmts.com

Office hours: Drop in and say hi!

Monday: 1 – 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. - noon

Wednesday: 9 a.m. - noon

CALLING ALL WORKER BEES



Next Work Party is on Thursday October 19th, 2017

Time: 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Lunch will be provided

Please come with your bucket & rags and any cleaning supplies you wish. A job list will be posted, pick a job and go complete it by yourself or in pairs. This will complete some smaller jobs around your church home that don't fall under caretaker's hours.

Come out and have some fellowship and fun

Questions: speak to Dotty McClelland

QUESTERS "Questers" will meet in the Kincardine United Church Kitchen at 6



p.m. on Oct. 19th, Nov. 16th and Dec. 14th. We will have a short meditation/service followed by a light meal. You do not need to contribute any food. We will watch a 20-minute segment of "Living the Questions 2.0" and finish with a discussion period. Each session is independent of the previous one.



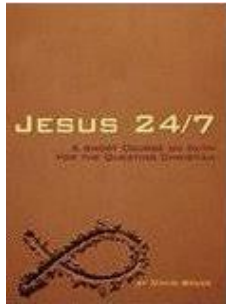
NURSERY COORDINATOR... We still need a co-ordinator for the nursery volunteers. Also, more individuals to work in the nursery are always welcome. It is great fun to spend time with the youngest members of our congregation, and all of you, both men and women, are encouraged to consider this role.

NEED TIME IN QUIET?

The Chapel is now available for quiet time before and after Sunday worship. Ask the ushers to show you the way to the Chapel. When worship is about to begin, the ushers will notify you. After worship, if you need time in quiet with God, stay as long as you need.



INTERESTED IN CONFIRMATION?



If you want to explore confirmation using the resource “Jesus 24/7: A Short Course in Faith for the Questing Christian,” contact Gord at 519-396-2391 extension 2 and let him know.

The class will start later this fall and include field trips, writing your own confirmation service and interactive discussion which wrestles with the questions YOU have.

SERVICE OF PRAYERS FOR HEALING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT 7:30 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.

EXPLORE FAITH THROUGH CONTEMPORARY VOICES



Wrestling with faith, living into our doubts, struggling with difficult questions – this is what Animate: FAITH helps us to engage. No experience is necessary.

Join us Tuesdays 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st, and November 7th, 14th, 28th) **or Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** (October 5th, 12th, 26th and November

2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd) starting with a 10-minute DVD on:

GOD – Faith is a quest.

RELIGION – Spirituality is not enough.

JESUS – the Revolution of love.

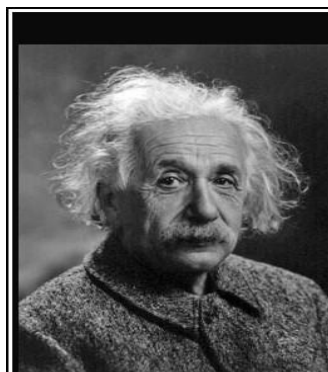
SALVATION – Abundant life now.

CROSS – Where God is.

BIBLE – a Book like no other.

CHURCH – an Imperfect family.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office.



Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth.

(Albert Einstein)

DIVING DEEPLY INTO PARABLES



Ever turned yourself upside down to understand the stories Jesus shared with his followers? Ever wondered if these stories have any meaning for us in today's increasingly complex world? Ever been intimidated by Bible study because you are afraid what others will think of what you (don't) know? Join us for discussions on the

stories Jesus told which we call parables. Knowing that no experience with the Bible is necessary, come on out to see what nuggets of meaning can be uncovered when everyone feels like you do on **Wednesdays** 2-3 pm (October 4th, 11th, 18th and November 1st, 8th, 15th.) **or Sundays** 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (October 15th, 29th and November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.) Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH STAFF

Minister – Rev. Gord Dunbar (gord.kuc@bmts.com)

Minister of Music – David Hamilton

Envelope Steward – Rod Coates (kucesteward@bmts.com)

Treasurer – Liz Dillman

Office Coordinator – Sarah MacKenzie (kuchurch@bmts.com)

Custodian – David Walker

Program Calendar



- Sunday Oct 8** **Thanksgiving Sunday**
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
**Sermon: “Sowing Grace,
 Harvesting Relation”**
- Sunday Oct 15** **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Sermon: “A Place at the Table”

HURRICANE IRMA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Photo: home flattened by Hurricane Irma in the Dominican Republic.



The United Church of Canada is accepting donations to help Mission & Service partners provide relief to those affected by Hurricane Irma.

The United Church works with several churches and agencies throughout the Caribbean region. Our membership in the global ACT Alliance provides multiple ways for the church to assist

people affected by Hurricane Irma. ACT members are organized in various regional and national forums (including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba) that have worked quickly to assist with evacuations and emergency shelter where necessary, and to prepare their post-storm responses. The United Church is already contributing to those efforts. In addition, the United Church will assist bilateral partners such as the region-wide Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), the Cuban Council of Churches, and the Karl Lévêque Cultural Institute in Haiti as they organize their responses. Please [pray for those affected](#) by Hurricane Irma. We are also accepting donations, below.

Donate Now

Online via our [secure donation page](#).

Phone: 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200 Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Hurricane Irma" on the face of your cheque.

Note: As part of the United Church's Emergency Response Fund, 100% of your donation goes directly to emergency relief with 85% of your donation responding to this designated emergency and 15% responding to future emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage. Donations to Mission & Service enable the United Church to cover all of the costs of emergency response work without deducting any fees from your donation.


WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?



If you have a concern, request or suggestion, please direct it to an appropriate volunteer. Thank you.

Chair of Council – Marion Boyd
Chair of Administration - Donna Mowry
Chair of Program - Jackie Clements
UCW Secretary – Dianne Henkenhaf
Membership & Mission committee members (no chairperson)
Liz Dillman
Jean Johnson
Charles Ludlow
Bernd Portz
Ursula Portz
Krista Ritchie
Melinda Smegal

Property Ministry Team
Ron Elliott
Bev Jennings
Ralph Knowles
Bill MacTavish
Dotty McClelland
Jack Nancekivell
Ron Smith
Gerry Stephens



It is the first responsibility of every citizen to question authority.

~ Benjamin Franklin

AZ QUOTES

A decorative black rectangular box with white scrollwork in the corners. On the left side, there is a portrait of Benjamin Franklin. To the right of the portrait, the quote "It is the first responsibility of every citizen to question authority." is written in white. Below the quote, it says "~ Benjamin Franklin". At the bottom center of the box, the text "AZ QUOTES" is written in white.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

OCTOBER 1, 2017

DISPLACED PEOPLE

Our gifts for Mission & Service support displaced people. Let us hear a story about one of our partners in Kenya.

Around the world tens of millions of people are forced to flee their homes due to natural disaster, violence, conflict, and persecution. Some are pushed across international borders and become refugees. Others remain in their own country but cannot return to their homes.

Ripped from homes and livelihoods, most displaced people have difficulty meeting the most basic needs of shelter, food, and clothing. They have experienced severe trauma and need psychosocial support. Some face serious health problems. Host communities, often already facing widespread poverty, are further challenged with the addition of many more people in need.

Mission & Service partner the National Council of Churches of Kenya works in collaboration with others in two Kenyan refugee camps that house refugees from Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, and other countries. In existence for more than 20 years, these camps are becoming “generational” —children are born and raised in the camps and know no other life.

We sing thanksgiving that through Mission & Service we are able to support our partners in offering displaced people the basic necessities of life.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!