

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*
Loaves & Fishes Dinner	Oct. 9 th , doors open 5:30 pm	F. Hall
Animate: Faith	Oct 10 th , 1:30-3 pm or Oct 12 th , 7:30-9 pm	Choir room
UCW North	Oct. 10 th , 1-3 p.m.	Bonnie Cole's
*Roll call: Thanksgiving verse		
UCW Sunshine	Oct. 11 th , 1-3 p.m.	Choir room
Parables	Oct. 15 th , 1-2:30 pm	Choir room
UCW Lighthouse	Oct. 16 th , 7-9 p.m.	Kitchen
Membership & Mission	Oct. 17 th , 7-9 p.m.	Portz's
Questers	Oct. 19 th , 6-9 p.m.	Kitchen
Property	Oct. 24 th , 9-10 a.m.	Res. room
Administration	Oct. 24 th , 10 a.m. – noon	Res. room
Soup & Sandwich Lunch	Nov. 5 th , after service	F. Hall

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

Deadline to put your payment on the plate is today

150 Reasons to Subscribe to the Observer

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.

Anyone can place an order. **Cost is \$25** if you order with our group. Please **put your payment on the plate today**, – 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.*

I DIDN'T KNOW...!



It must be frustrating when you need a visit and no one knows. Kincardine United Church is so blessed to have people who are willing to visit folks who are less able to attend worship, or who are ill or in hospital. Let us know if you want a visit. Let us know if you wish to be one of those visiting. This is how we make our community of faith ever stronger. Contact Melinda

Smegal when you want a visit or if you wish to become a trained visitor.

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.

Gord's E-mail & Office hours Week of October 9th

Office hours: Drop in and say hi!

Wednesday: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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





Loaves & Fishes

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

DATE: October 9, 2017

SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 pm

DINNER: 6:00 pm

"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. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied." Matthew 14:18-20

Each month Kincardine United Church hosts a Loaves and Fishes dinner. **Everyone** is invited – to share fellowship, laughter and food.

There is always a great variety to eat. No one goes home hungry!

Unlike Jesus, we may not feed 5,000, but all who attend leave satisfied.

Bring a friend. Bring a stranger. Even bring family! Come alone and make new friends. Don't cook, not enough time to cook or shop? Come anyway. You're always welcome!

UPCOMING DATES: November 13
December 11 – Advent
January 8, 2018



SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

UCW Lighthouse unit is holding a soup and sandwich lunch on Sunday **November 5** in the Fellowship Hall. Your freewill offerings will be appreciated.

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: call Dotty McClelland

FESTIVE GIFT AND GOODIE SALE

Just a reminder Our annual Festive Gift and Goodie sale will be held on Saturday, **November 18th at the Presbyterian Church.** We will also be baking shortbread again this year. Please remember to save your cookie tins. Watch for further announcements in the bulletin.

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

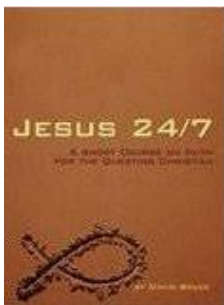


p.m. on Oct. 19th, Nov. 16th and Dec. 14th. We will have a short meditation/service followed by a light meal. You do not need to contribute any food. We will watch a 20-minute segment of "Living the Questions 2.0" and finish with a discussion period. Each session is independent of the previous one.

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 God’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 10th, 17th, 31st, and November 7th, 14th, 28th) **or Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** (October 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.

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 **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 15 **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Sermon: “A Place at the Table”

Sunday Oct 22 **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
Preaching – Doug Brown, DLM
Sermon: TBA

PAINT NIGHT

Honouring the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls



This paint night is to raise awareness of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and to come together to honour them through art and culture.

The painting captures the silhouette of the red dress with a depiction of a strong, brave and beautiful Indigenous Women bringing the two together as one!

Lead by First Nation artist Moses Lunham of Kettle and Stoney Point.

Saturday October 14, 2017

1 – 4 p.m.

Holiday Inn Kincardine, ON – Piper Room

Cost: \$50 per person

All supplies provided

Tea, coffee and sweets provided

To register email: wolfe.laura@hotmail.com

25 spots available

CARIBBEAN HURRICANES EMERGENCY RESPONSE



This fall, a series of hurricanes has struck several countries and territories in the Caribbean. And two major earthquakes have shaken Mexico. The United Church of Canada is supporting efforts of global partners to assist people affected by these events. Our membership in the global ACT Alliance provides more ways to help those affected communities. ACT members, organized in various regional and national forums (including

the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba), work quickly to assist with evacuations and emergency shelter where necessary, and to help communities rebuild. The United Church is already contributing to those efforts.

Please [pray for those affected](#) by the hurricanes. 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—Caribbean Hurricanes" 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.

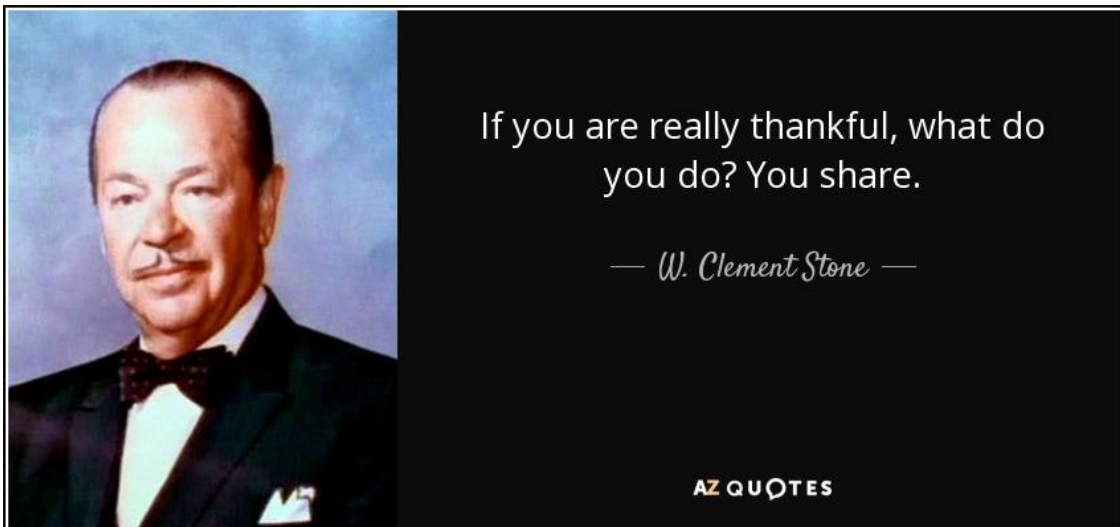
WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?



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



MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

OCTOBER 8, 2017

Dr. Reinerio Arce Celebrates Decades of Solidarity

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer long-term support and solidarity around the world. Let us hear a story about decades of solidarity with Cuba.

In May 2016 United Theological College in Montreal, Quebec, presented Dr. Reinerio Arce with an honorary doctorate. Dr. Arce took the opportunity to thank The United Church of Canada for its decades of solidarity. “We will not forget your friendship,” he said. “Even as it becomes easier to relate directly with the U.S. churches, we need you to be with us.”

He recalled shipments of food in the late 1990s through 2001 organized by the United Church through its membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank during a time of drought in eastern Cuba.

As Cuba renews its relationship with the United States, Cuban church leaders are saying thanks to Canadian churches that have accompanied them through nearly six decades of a U.S. embargo.

Reinerio Arce is a past-president of the Cuban Council of Churches and former rector of the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas—both Mission & Service partners.

We sing thanksgiving for Mission & Service support of the church in Cuba!

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!