

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*
Dory Lunch	Sept. 26 th , 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	F. Hall
Administration	Sept. 28 th , 9 - 11 a.m.	Res. room
Property Council	Sept. 28 th , 11 a.m.	Res. room
Loaves & Fishes Dinner	Oct. 3 rd , 7-9 p.m.	Kitchen
Program	Oct. 9 th , doors open 5:30 pm	F. Hall
Parables	Oct. 4 th , 7-9 p.m.	Res. Room
Animate: Faith	Oct 4 th , 2-3 pm or Oct. 15 th , 1-2:30 pm	Choir room
Questers	Oct 3 rd , 1:30-3 pm or Oct 5 th , 7:30-9 pm	Choir room
	Oct. 19 th , 6-9 p.m.	Kitchen

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

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.

SUBSCRIBING 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.*



NO OFFICE HOURS WEEK OF SEPT 24TH

Gord Dunbar will be at a clergy retreat for part of next week and will be unavailable for office hours until the following week.

You can email Gord at gord.kuc@bmts.com

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.



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.

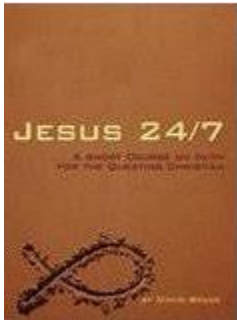
Come out and have some fellowship and fun

Questions: call Dotty McClelland

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.



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.



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)

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Custodian – David Walker

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.

Program Calendar



Sunday Oct 1 **World Wide Communion**
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Sermon: “Nailed it!”

Sunday Oct 8 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
**Sermon: “Sowing Grace,
Harvesting Relation”**

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

Friends of the Orphans Canada, a local charity, wishes to invite any and all people, young and young-at-heart, families, groups, or individuals to an information meeting to participate in a two week volunteer trip to Nicaragua this winter during the months of February and March. The meetings will take place on September 24 at St. Anthony's Church in Kincardine beginning at 7:00 pm or you may attend the Walkerton meeting at Sacred Heart Church on Monday, September 25 at 8:00 pm. If you or someone you feel might be interested in a working holiday, we would like to share the experience with those willing to serve. Come and see what we have done and need to do for our little brothers and sisters! If you are unable to attend, please email joy.king@nph.org for more information.

'My heart is afraid that it will have to suffer,' the boy told the alchemist one night as they looked up at the moonless sky.

'Tell your heart that the fear of suffering is worse than the suffering itself. And that no heart has ever suffered when it goes in search of its dreams, because every second of the search is a second's encounter with God and with eternity.'

-Paulo Coelho, author

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

ENGAGING DIFFERENCE

Our gifts for Mission & Service support intercultural programs. Let us hear the story of the Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry program (DUIM).

God is calling us to find new ways of being church together. It is not simply a matter of continuing with traditions we have become comfortable with and allowing others to join us. Rather, our intercultural vision calls us to be aware of who is at the centre and who is at the margins and to empower those at the margins to lead us into change.

The church's intercultural vision is about more than inclusion—it's about radical welcoming. When we affirm and welcome a variety of expressions of faith, it deepens our understanding of God and of one another.

DUIM is an interactive program for church leaders. It is offered by our partner the Canadian Churches' Forum and shaped, in part, by the United Church. Bursaries are available for United Church participants to help offset program costs.

DUIM is offered in different locations across Canada several times throughout the year and is tailored to the intercultural realities of each local context. Participants discover how to nurture faithful relationships across difference, gather insights on cultural relevance, and deepen understanding and awareness in their faith communities.

We sing thanksgiving that our gifts for Mission & Service support this exciting time of Spirit-led questioning, experimenting, and mutual learning.

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!