

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

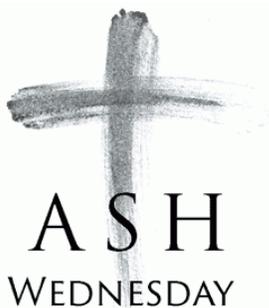
Choir – Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 K.U.C.I.E. – Tuesdays 7-8 in the Sanctuary

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
Animate:Bible	Feb. 12 th , 10.-11:30 a.m. or Feb 18 th 2-3:30 p.m.	Choir room
Loaves & Fishes dinner	Feb. 12 th , doors open 5:30 p.m.	F. Hall
Pancake Supper	Feb. 13 th , 5-7 p.m.	F. Hall
Program Committee	Feb 13 th , 7-9 pm	Res. Room
Ash Wednesday Service	Feb. 14 th , 7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Council	Feb. 18 th , 8 a.m.	Kitchen
Lighthouse Unit	Feb 19 th	TBD
Membership & Mission	Feb 20 th , 7:00 pm	
Property Committee	Feb 27 th , 9:30 am	Res. Room
Admin Committee	Feb 27 th , 10:00 am	Res. Room

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us for a special worship service to mark **Ash Wednesday on February 14th at 7:30 p.m.** This ancient practice affirms the beginning of our Lenten journey of contemplation, study, repentance and forgiveness. During this contemplative service, there will be an imposition of a cross of ashes on your forehead or on the back of your hand as a symbol committing to a Lenten discipline.



TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY



The 2018 charitable tax receipts are ready for pick up! Envelopes are located on the table in the narthex. Please pick up yours to save the church some additional postage costs. Receipts not picked up by mid-February will be mailed out. Any questions/changes (address, phone, email) email John Phillips - KUC Envelope Steward: kucesteward@bmts.com

ANIMATE: BIBLE

Join Gord either on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning on February 12th or on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. beginning on February 18th for this engaging study. **Animate: Bible** poses questions people really have, encouraging participants to respond – although answers aren't included. Each session's 10-minute video features perspectives from contemporary Christian leaders on topics such as:

History – Parchment to pixel with Phyllis Tickle;

Testaments – One story, two parts with Rachel Held Evens;

Gospels – Unexpected good news with Nadia Bolz-Weber;

Genre – Rhythm of the text with Jose Morales;

Interpretation – Scripture reads us with William Willimon;

Grace – Love is the bottom line with Jay Bakker.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!



ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Please keep in mind that the deadline is **Tuesday afternoons at 4 p.m.** Thank you.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE CHURCH?

A few folks have expressed an interest in joining the congregation as members. If you are also interested, please contact Gord Dunbar at 519-396-2391 (ext. 2). We'll chat, get to know each other and plan.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEB 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY (7:30 PM Service)**
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Sermon Title – “Re-Turn”

SUNDAY, FEB 18 **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Sermon Title - “Quantum Entanglement”

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS

Thank you to those who have made their submissions.

The deadline for remaining submissions is February 26th.
Thank you.

BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GORD'S REFLECTION

**GET ON
the LIST**

Would you like to receive Kincardine's United Church weekly bulletin, announcements and Gord's reflection by email? It's easy to do. You can call the office and give Sarah your email address or you can email your request to kuchurch@bmts.com.



SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

Lighthouse unit is hosting a soup and sandwich lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the service on today. Everyone is welcome. Free will donations appreciated.



January House!

To all who donated cookies, ushered, read scripture or worked coffee time – thank you for another wonderful year. I wish you all a joyful, healthy and exciting year.

Jodi Ostrowski

LOAVES AND FISHES

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

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 (formerly known as our pot luck dinner) – inviting everyone to come and share friendship, laughter and food. As those who attend know, there is always a large variety of food and more than enough to feed all who come to our table. Unlike Jesus, we may not feed 5,000 but all who attend leave satisfied.

We invite everyone to come to our Loaves and Fishes dinner – bringing friends, family and what you are able for food. If you are not able to bring something we also welcome you at our table.

Future Dates: April 9
May 14
June 11



**PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
5:00 TO 7:00 PM**

The M&M Committee will be hosting a Pancake Supper on February 13 – Shrove Tuesday. Please plan to attend and bring friends. Free will offering.

A sign up sheet to assist with the evening will be posted prior to the date.

**MESSAGE FROM KINCARDINE REFUGEE
SPONSORSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE**

The Kincardine Refugee Sponsorship Steering Committee is pleased to let you know that an application is being prepared to sponsor a second family to be welcomed into the Kincardine community. The process this time will be slightly different, as it is hoped to sponsor a specific named family of two parents and four children from Syria. It may take a long time before the results of the application are known, but there will be news releases to keep people informed of progress. The congregation of Kincardine United Church, and indeed the entire community in Kincardine, were incredibly generous with financial donations and volunteer services to help the Elahi family on their way, and it is hoped that the new family will receive an equally warm welcome when they are finally able to be here. Many thanks for your wonderful support.



Our Daily Bread, a booklet of daily devotions, is available in the wooden box on the narthex table. Each booklet covers three month of devotions. .Donations may be left in the glass jar beside them. Speak to Shirley Marie Harris if you have any questions.

QUESTERS



Questers will meet in the Kincardine United Church kitchen at **Feb 22, March 15, April 19, 2018**. We will have a short meditation/service followed by a light meal. You do not need to contribute any food. We will watch a 30 minute segment of "Beyond Theology" and finish with a discussion period. Each session is independent of the previous one. Please join us!

Beyond Theology: In this 10 part series noted theologians, scholars and authors reflect upon the fundamental challenges of our time, addressing the roots of contemporary culture wars and global environmental crises. The series focuses on the emergence of a worldview that integrates science and spirituality, while exploring the notion that the guiding myths of modern civilization are in transition.



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 AND MISSION MEMBERS (NO CHAIR)			
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	



Worship service information/Renseignements sur la célébration

FRIDAY MARCH 2nd at 2 pm

Knox Presbyterian Church, 345 Durham St. Kincardine



Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname
Prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Witness Inter-Church Council of Canada

Service rédigé par le Comité de la Journée mondiale de la prière de Suriname
Préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Conseil œcuménique des chrétiens du Canada

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

February 11, 2018

Like a Family

Our gifts for Mission & Service create safe spaces where people can come together as family. Bissell Centre in Edmonton is of these places. The stories in today's Minute for Mission were first shared on its blog.

Bissell Centre offers people living on the margins food, shelter and a feeling of belonging. Most people who visit the centre can immediately tell that the people there have a special bond with one another. Diane, a long-time volunteer, describes the connection she feels. "When I don't come, I miss the people in the Drop-In Centre. They're always stopping us and talking to us," she says. It's like a family."

The phrase "like a family" is often used by staff, volunteers, and especially the participants themselves. Here are some of the ways Bissell Centre has shaped people's sense of family.

Kayla shared that "Bissell Centre has given us a sense of belong, tradition and foundation to start from. The staff has encouraged us to grow and always gives us something to look forward to."

Judy says, "I don't know what I would have done without all of the staff at Bissell Centre. Look! Now I am sitting in my own home. I consider *all* of the staff to be my family."

The community at Bissell Centre has grown and changed for over 100 years, thanks in part to the support you have provided through Mission and Service.

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 Mission & Service.