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*
Annual General Meeting	April 22 nd , after the service	F. Hall
Property Ministry	April 24 th , 9:30 a.m.	Res. room
Administration	April 24 th , 10 a.m. – noon	Res. room
Rummage Sale	April 28th, 9 am – noon	F. Hall
Taizé Service	April 29 th , 7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Council	May 1 st , 7-9 p.m.	Kitchen
Sunday School Teachers	May 6 th , 9:30 a.m.	Res. room

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



Please plan to attend the annual congregational meeting after the service today.

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

2017 ANNUAL REPORTS & KUC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for January 1 to March 31, 2018





GORD'S OFFICE HOURS Week of April 23rd

Monday 1 – 5 p.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. - noon

PROGRAM CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APR 29 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Preaching - Gord Dunbar

Meditation: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way Home"

SUNDAY, MAY 6 6th

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Preaching - Gord Dunbar Meditation: "Loving Hard"



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

Sunday School Teachers Ministry team meeting will be **Sunday May 6 2018 at 9:30 am** in the Resource room. Anyone interested in Sunday School is welcome to attend.



THANK YOU MARCH HOUSE

Thank you to the March House volunteers. Your help is appreciated, and also thanks to those who helped even though they do not belong to March House.

Where are they now?

Shirley Fair is now at Malcolm House, 255 Durham St. Kincardine Room 302.

NEW MAGNETIC NAME TAGS



Beginning this Sunday names are being gathered for the new name tags. They will be magnetic, have your first and last names on them and are \$5. These name tags are your property and will be yours to keep. Please look for the sign up today and over the next few weeks!

BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GORD'S REFLECTION



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.



KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

721 PRINCES STREET

APRIL 28TH 9-12

Help will be needed in the following areas:

April 26th am set up of hall
April 26th and 27th afternoon and evening sorting
April 28 Sale Day

*We are accepting clothing, linens, games, books, household items, craft supplies, you name it!!!

Please ensure all items are in good used condition, clean and in working order.

Drop off on the 26th and 27th of April

1:00 to 4:00 pm and 6-8pm

Contact Krista Ritchie with any questions 519-396-5453

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MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

APRIL 22, 2018

BRINGING KIDS TO NATURE!

Our gifts for Mission & Service support inner-city programs for children, like Camp Cosmos run by Montreal City Mission.

An 11-year-old girl has new respect for her 9-year-old brother with special needs thanks to the environmental summer day camp.

Eden Haber, Assistant Director of Camp Cosmos, learned about the experience from their mother. Before the camp, the girl felt ashamed of her brother, says Eden. At the camp she was able to see how he interacted with other campers and how they enjoyed being with him, and her attitude changed. "She came out of the camp saying she was proud to have him as her brother."

This is just one example of how Camp Cosmos brings together children: those with special needs and those without; kids who have lived in Canada their whole lives and refugees who arrived a month ago; children from different economic backgrounds, cultures, and faiths. "It's a good opportunity for kids to integrate with other kids," says Eden.

An environmental focus is fundamental. It's reflected practically, as the camp tries to achieve zero waste through recycling and composting. "These kids are growing up downtown and don't have a tangible connection with the environment," says Eden. The camp provides that. Campers learn through ecological games, organic gardening, outings in nature, and visits to local farms.

Montreal City Mission, through Camp Cosmos, offers children and youth an appreciation of nature and a place to learn leadership skills that will help them become caring adults working for a better world.

Mission & Service is the heart and soul of The United Church of Canada. If you already give, thank you so much. If you do not give, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith! Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

10 Easy Ways to Kick Our Nasty Plastic Habit It's not as hard as you think.

By Susan Nerberg

This story first appeared in The Observer's April 2018 edition with the title "10 ways to go plastic free."

- **1.** Carry a canvas or other fabric shopping bag to avoid using plastic throwaways.
- **2.** Bring reusable glass jars to the bulk store.
- **3.** Use a stainless-steel water bottle and mug. (Starbucks' disposable cups, for instance, have a plastic lining and can't be recycled, so some four billion of them go into landfill every year.)
- **4.** Organize a clothing swap to avoid buying new garments made of synthetic fibres.
- **5.** Buy beans and other staples in bulk instead of plastic-lined cans. They take longer to cook but cut down on your plastic use and exposure to bisphenol A.
- **6.** Consider buying a yogurt maker instead of getting your fix from plastic containers.
- **7.** If you bring a lunch to work, pack your regular cutlery instead of using plastic. Too cumbersome? Outdoor gear stores offer lightweight, portable options.
- **8.** Use biodegradable dog-poop bags and compost Fido's business (separately from food waste, of course).
- 9. Pack your lunch in glass jars or stainless-steel containers.
- **10.** Make your own cleaning products, like toothpaste and laundry detergent, to reduce the number of plastic containers.



DATE: MONDAY May 14th

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: June 11, July 9, August 13