### 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*
Dory Lunch	May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 10 am – 2 p.m.	F. Hall
Council	June 5, 7-9 p.m.	Kitchen
Loaves and Fishes dinner	June 11th, doors open 5:30 p.m.	F. Hall
UCW North	June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 1-3 p.m.	Bonnie Cole's

\*Roll call: Article/Fun Auction, Name a flower

Programme June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m. Kitchen

UCW Sunshine June 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 p.m. F. Hall/Kitchen

\*Lunch with Community Living

Reconciliation Blanket Exercise June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m. F.Hall UCW Lighthouse June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m. Choir room Membership & Mission June 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m. TBA

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



AV MINISTRY TEAM . Jim Zarubick, Dave Leaning

**COUNTERS**  Liz & Barry Schmidt

MAY HOUSE LEADERS 

Jack & Karen Nancekivell

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Krista & Lydia Ritchie

**SLIDE PRESENTATION ◆** Judy Zarubick, Sarah MacKenzie

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ◆** Krista Ritchie

WORSHIP(& SCRIPTURE READER) Administration Committee

Special thanks to Judy Zarubick for her hard work helping with the PowerPoint presentation for this special service, when Sarah was under the weather.



#### GORD'S OFFICE HOURS Week of May 28th

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

#### PROGRAMME CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 TRINITY SUNDAY

**Preaching - Gord Dunbar** 

Meditation: "Not Who's on First, Who IS First"

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, CONFIRMATION

**Preaching - Gord Dunbar** 

Meditation: "The Crutch Walkers"

#### **COLLECTING THE OFFERING**

As an experiment for the summer months of June, July and August, the offering will NOT be collected by passing the offering plates along the pews. Instead, the offering plates will be placed at the back of the worship space for people to put their offering in before, during or after worship. We wish to try this experiment because so many make use of the Pre-Authorized Remittance option (thank you!). As well, passing the plates is less than welcoming to first-time worshippers and those visiting with family. We will, however, always pray for God's blessing on what is offered.



**THANK YOU...**THANK YOU, thank you, for the tremendous support received from you, our church family, as we participated in the "Walk for Alzheimer's" fundraiser.

The walk was held in Hanover at the Sulphur Springs Conservation area on Saturday May 12. The weather was great and the spirits high!!

You made it special for us by contributing close to \$1000.00 in my name, in support of Meta and me. A special thank you to the Ritchie family for dealing with the pledge sheets, and to Sarah for including the internet connection in the announcements. Your support as we travel the difficult path that is Alzheimer's disease is valued more than words can express.

From the bottom of my heart: thank you! -Art Postuma.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:kuchurch@bmts.com">kuchurch@bmts.com</a>.

# A TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION EVENT WITH OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS FROM SAUGEEN SHORES AND CAPE CROKER



#### **MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018**

FROM 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

#### AT KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Set aside an evening to learn more about our Indigenous neighbours and our history with them. A Blanket Exercise will be led by indigenous leaders to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy. Come and dive deeply into the first steps of reconciliation. You will be changed.

#### TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION CALLS TO ACTION

The United Church of Canada actively participated in the Residential School Settlement Agreement in which thousands of indigenous children were ripped from their families – forced to stop speaking their language, to forsake their culture, to deny their spirituality, to endure terrible privation and to suffer abuse of all kinds to "take the Indian out of the child." We were horribly wrong. The United Church apologized in 1986 and again in 1998. In 1988, part of the response from the Native People of the All Native Circle Conference stated, "[we] hope and pray that the Apology is not symbolic but that these are the words of action and sincerity."

In 2015 the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission issued its report. At the end of the report, 94 "Calls to Action" were crafted "In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation." The United Church of Canada's General Council in 2015 affirmed all 94 "Calls to Action" as our collective direction for sincere action. Over coming weeks, we will be featuring one or two of those "Calls to Action" as part of our own congregation's active and sincere movement into healing. It is but a start on a generations long journey of reconciliation. (see next page)

**#58.** We call upon the Pope to issue an apology to Survivors, their families, and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools. We call for that apology to be similar to the 2010 apology issued to Irish victims of abuse and to occur within one year of the issuing of this Report and to be delivered by the Pope in Canada.

**#59.** We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary.



DATE:

#### **MONDAY JUNE 11th**

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. <sup>20</sup> 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: July 9, August 13



## PINE RIVER UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE

June 13th, 2018 4:30 to 7:00 PM at the Ripley Complex Adults – \$20.00, Child 5 to 10 – \$10.00, Under 5 Free Take Out is Available

For Tickets: Please see or call Dotty McClelland

## COMMUNITY HYMN SING AND CHOIR WORKSHOP

## SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2018 AT KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH 721 PRINCES ST. KINCARDINE



#### Friday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dent Davidson, Associate for Arts and Liturgy in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, will lead us in song that includes traditional hymnody as well as jazz, gospel and global music. Come sing some of your old favourites, learn some new things, and expect a few surprises! Admission: Free will offering.

#### Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dent will also be leading a workshop for choirs and choir directors. Simple skills learned through songs of faith will not be used to convert you, but can be applied to all kinds of sacred and secular music. Admission by registration. The registration fee will cover the workshop, related materials and catered lunch.

Registration fee (Limited to the first 250 registrants):

Before August 15: \$30.00 After August 15: \$50.00

Please send your name, contact information, dietary

restrictions, if any and registration fee to: Kincardine United

Church, 721 Princess Street, Kincardine ON N2Z 2A3.

ATTENTION: Choir workshop

For questions or information call 519-396-2391 or email kuchurch@bmts.com



#### "THE CHANGING ROLE OF MOTHERHOOD"

By Dr. Andrea O'Reilly
Professor in the School of Gender, Sexuality
& Women's Studies – York University
June 18 2018, K.D.S.S. Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear such a brilliant and passionate speaker. Sponsored by the Canadian Federation of University Women Kincardine. 396-3155.

Admission by donation funds the CFUW Bursary program.

#### MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MAY 27, 2018

#### A STREET PROGRAM OF EMPOWERMENT

Our gifts for Mission & Service support innovative programs like the cakedecorating program at Tamil United Church, Toronto.

Tamil United shares space at the former Wilmar Heights United Church with the Toronto Southeast Presbytery office. The congregation worships and offers programming for the surrounding community. The program was started by one of the women of the congregation, Ruth, who has her own cake-decorating business and found there was a need among women new to Canada who wanted to start their own businesses.

Vilvan Gunasingham, Chair, Tamil United Church, shared that this program has become an effective social justice outreach to women who are single mothers, unemployed, or underemployed, who now are able to support themselves and their families. Many of the women who took the course now work at major grocery stores decorating cakes in the store bakery. The program also provides a place of welcome to people new to the community.

Your gifts for Mission & Service make possible programs that offer hope to new Canadians. 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 our Mission & Service.