

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*
Kincardine United Church Strong Retreat	Nov 19 th , Noon – 2:30 p.m.	F. Hall
UCW Lighthouse	Nov. 20 th , 7-9 p.m.	TBA
Membership & Mission	Nov. 21 st , 7-9 p.m.	Jean Johnson's
Animate:Faith	Nov. 23 & 28, 1:30-3 p.m.	Choir room
Parables	Nov. 26 th , 1-2 p.m.	Choir room
UCW General Meeting	Nov. 27 th , 1 p.m.	F. Hall
Dory Lunch	Nov. 28 th , 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	F. Hall
Property	Nov. 28 th , 9 – 10 a.m.	Res. Room
Administration	Nov. 28 th , 10 a.m. – noon	Res. Room
Big Brothers & Sisters		
Christmas Yard Sale	Dec. 2 nd , 8 am – 11 a.m.	F. Hall
Drop off for donations	Dec. 1 st , 3 – 7 p.m.	F. Hall
Loaves and Fishes dinner	Dec. 11 th , doors open 5:30	F. Hall

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



KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH STRONG ... Let's discover how we are strong. Once we figure out our strengths we can grow into what God is calling us to become. Everyone will have a voice as we retreat. That's right! Come for worship, enjoy lunch after and stay for the mini-retreat. **The 2nd and final mini-retreat is today, from noon – 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. See you there!**

UCW GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 27, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

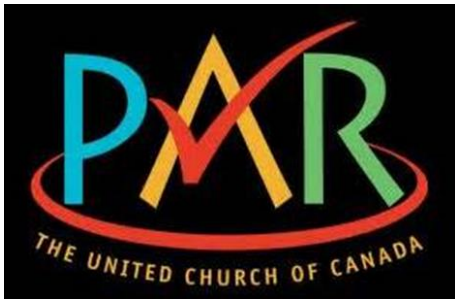
All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM?



The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 14th, 2018** during worship. If you know of someone who is thinking about being baptised, please contact Gord at 519-396-2391, extension 2 to make arrangements to explore the possibilities. Isn't it cool how this family of faith keeps growing!

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES & PAR



With the new year only two months away, it's time to begin planning for 2018. For those in the congregation presently using weekly offering envelopes, the envelopes will be available in mid-December. The 2017 envelope number assignments will be updated and changed for 2018, so if you have grown fond of a specific number we can only offer you the promise of change. ☺

If you do not presently use offering envelopes and would like to do so, please contact the Envelope Steward (Rod Coates) or the church office.

Many of the congregation have opted to become Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) subscribers. In fact, more members of the congregation now use PAR than offering envelopes. While any time is a good time to consider how you support your church, now is an especially good time as offering envelopes are being assigned and distributed. Some of the advantages of PAR are:

- PAR allows members & adherents to give faithfully to the church even when they are not able to be there in person.
- PAR offerings are transferred automatically to the Kincardine United Church bank account monthly, which makes budgeting and planning easier.
- PAR donations can be changed or cancelled at any time.
- PAR avoids paperwork for the Sunday offering counters and the envelope steward. (Yes, it's all about us, isn't it?) This reduces carbon footprint and management of used offering envelopes, which must be retained for 7 years. There is no paperwork involved once PAR is set up.
- Anytime anyone is up to PAR it's a good thing!
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Please consider PAR as one of the ways in which you can support Kincardine United Church.



GORD'S OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 19

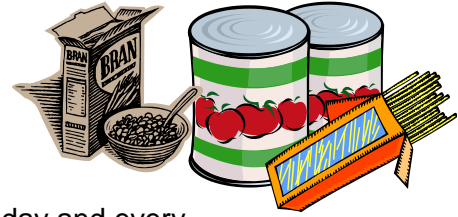
Monday 1-5 p.m. Drop by and say hi!

FOOD BANK



Our church is a regular supporter of the Kincardine Food Bank.

To help boost donations, the Membership & Mission committee has deemed the last Sunday of each month as a special time to remember to bring a non-perishable item. Some suggestions are: cans of ham, fruit, stew, vegetables, toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.), peanut butter, pasta, cookies, school snacks, jam, cereal, and feminine products.



Let's overflow the wire shopping cart in the narthex next Sunday and every month! Thank you for your contributions, for sharing and for caring.

GIFTS WITH VISION



"...you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31, NRSV)

We have received the "Gifts with Vision" catalogues. It is full of ideas for gifts that bring God's compassionate presence into people's lives throughout Canada and across the world. Consider purchasing a special Christmas gift for the people on your list. To select a gift and to read inspiring stories of how "Gifts with Vision" is changing lives, visit the website giftswithvision.ca or pick up a catalogue in the stand outside the office.

SERVICE OF PRAYERS FOR HEALING HAS BEEN POSTPONED



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This special Service of Prayers for Healing in the Iona Tradition **has been postponed to Sunday January 28th at 7:30 p.m.**

EXPLORE FAITH THROUGH CONTEMPORARY VOICES



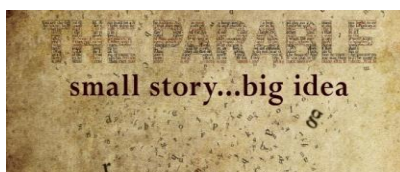
Wrestling with faith, living into our doubts, struggling with difficult questions – this is what Animate: FAITH helps us to engage. No experience is necessary.

Join us Tuesday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (November 28th) **or Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** (November 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.



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 *Sunday November 26th 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.*

THANKS FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS! Earlier this year, Council asked the congregation for suggestions targeting various improvements that would increase the functionality or improve the appearance of our church. Many suggestions were submitted, and Council has subsequently obtained cost estimates for most of these suggestions. The updated Project Wish List will allow Council to allocate funds as they become available and permit members of the congregation to target donations for a project they would like to see completed. This also allows us to manage bequests in accordance with our Memorial Gifts Policy. This list will be updated periodically as projects are completed and new ones are identified.

Kincardine United Church
Project Wish List

Project Name	Description	Cost Estimate	Classification	Priority	Status
Fellowship Hall Washroom Floor	Replace washroom floor with new tile flooring	\$1000	Maintenance	High	Complete
Paint Sanctuary	Repair damaged plaster, prime and paint.	\$32,00-\$40,000	Maintenance	Medium	
New Choir Gowns	Replace current 1994-vintage gowns (20).	\$2,000-\$3,000	Improvement	Medium	
Replace Sanctuary Carpet	Replace the sanctuary carpet	TBD	Maintenance	Medium	
Replace North Roof	Remove existing shingles, replace with metal roof matching South Roof	\$50,000-\$60,000	Maintenance	High	
Washroom Upgrades	Replace fixtures in all washrooms	TBD	Maintenance	High	
Choir Seating	Re-arrange choir seating and provide new seats. Possible movement of choir pews	\$120-\$130 per chair	Improvement	Medium	
Second monitor for A/V booth	Second video monitor to allow viewing of service recording		Improvement	High	In Progress
USB Splitter for A/V booth			Improvement	High	In Progress
Learning Centre 2 nd Floor Washroom Doors	Re-hang washroom doors such that they swing open and improve accessibility		Improvement	High	
Electronic Sign	Install 2-sided electronic billboard-style sign on Princes Street to communicate church news and events	\$10,000-\$15,000	Improvement	Medium	



THE DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IS TUESDAY AT NOON. Thank you.



BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS OF KINCARDINE CHRISTMAS YARD SALE

**Saturday Dec. 2nd
8 a.m. – 11 p.m.**
in KUC Fellowship Hall



Wanted: Donations of your unneeded Christmas season supplies!

Items **must** be in working/usable condition!!

They accept lights, gift wrap, trees, garland, kitchen items, interior decor, music, tacky sweaters, ornaments, etc.

Clean out your house and help provide mentoring to youth in your community.

DONATION DROP OFF:

DEC. 1st, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. *

at K.U.C. in the Fellowship Hall (please use ramp entrance on Russell St.)

**You need to make arrangements with Big Brothers & Big Sisters to drop off items before Dec. 1st @ 3 pm. Call 519-396-3565 or email bbrosis@bmts.com. Thanks!*

Program Calendar



Sunday Nov 26 Reign of Christ

Preaching – Gord Dunbar

Sermon: “Reign, Reign, Go Away”

Sunday Dec 1 Advent 1, Communion

Preaching – Gord Dunbar

Sermon: “Blowed Up Real Good!”

CHRISTMAS KNIGHTS FOOD AND NEW TOY DRIVE ... will occur **Saturday December 9, 2017**. Students will be in your neighbourhood between **9 am - noon**. Leave the items your family wants to donate outside your front door with a Christmas Knights label. Donations from this drive are used for the Christmas Hamper program.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

This program assists those who are in need at Christmas time!



Your valued donations of non-perishable foods (preferably festive), **new** toys, gifts and/or clothing should be delivered to St. Anthony's Parish Church Hall on **Friday Dec. 8th between 10 a.m. – noon**. Festive food suggestions: pie filling, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pineapple/tomato juices, cookies/cakes, candy, canned hams/specialty meats, puddings/jellos. Vouchers or gift certificates from local stores would be especially appreciated because the correct size/needs would be better met. Vouchers can be mailed to the treasurer (see below) or brought to St. Anthony's on Dec. 8th.

Please send monetary donations to the treasurer – Rhodora Doughty, Box 527, Kincardine, ON N2Z 2Y9, ***Cheques payable to Kincardine Community Services Association***, please. The Christmas Knights drive is part of this program. Contacts: Heather Finnie, 396-2001, Barb Burgess 396-8345, Rhodora Doughty 396-4368.

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

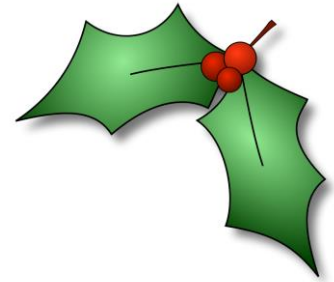
Property Ministry Team

Ron Elliott
 Bev Jennings
 Ralph Knowles
 Bill MacTavish
 Dotty McClelland
 Jack Nancekivell
 Ron Smith
 Gerry Stephens



Loaves & Fishes

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN



DATE: December 11, 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 DATE: January 8, 2018

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.

QUESTERS "Questers" will meet in the Kincardine United Church Kitchen at 6 p.m. on



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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

UCW Works to End Child Poverty

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the United Church Women Child Well-Being Initiative. Let us hear a story of the ways the Prince Edward Island UCW are working to end child poverty.

What important message could a colourful cloth doll give? A powerful one! Just ask the members of the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly, who each recently received a handmade doll from the PEI UCW Presbyterial Child Poverty Committee with a message reminding them that all PEI children deserve to have their basic needs met.

The members were genuinely interested in the dolls and commented on the uniqueness of each one, some with personal comments such as “I have a sweater just like my doll!” But better yet, the UCW committee was assured that politicians understood the intent of the dolls—to be a concrete reminder that over 22 percent of children in that province live with poverty every day and that the responsibility of government is to do all it can to eradicate poverty.

This is only a beginning, as the UCW works continually to monitor progress in this area and hold government to account until child poverty has been eradicated in Prince Edward Island. This initiative is part of a nation-wide UCW strategy to address child poverty. Across Canada, United Church Women continue to be huge supporters of the Mission & Service of The United Church of Canada.

We sing thanksgiving for UCW's work to end child poverty.

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!