

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL
NEWS THIS WEEK



Friday, March 8, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

It was very nice to meet some of you in person at the **EOORC Open House** last week in Carleton Place. What a lively and enthusiastic group!

It seems with every issue of *EOORC News This Week*, I'm asking you for something. This week, I am hoping you can help me find people within the region who don't use a computer or email or any technology aside from their landline phones. Could you please send me an email with names and phone numbers of anyone in your Community of Faith who fits this description and is planning on going to the Annual Meeting in June? Also, could you please help me ensure that those who are not 'plugged in' are receiving this newsletter in printed format? If you have a capability to print this and take it to your church on Sundays for those who haven't seen it, you would be doing a great favour. Thanks, and have a good week!

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NEWS FROM THE EOORC

CHANGES TO THE OBSERVER by Jane Dawson, Minister, Supporting Communities of Faith, Clusters and Networks

As many of you know, alongside the organizational restructuring happening in the church, the *United Church Observer* is also going through big changes. Starting with the May 2019 issue it will be published under a new name. The new name will be revealed in the March issue which you should be receiving shortly. Readers will still get United Church news and perspectives in every issue, along with the award-winning quality of journalism that we have come to expect. It will continue to bring a progressive Christian lens to spirituality, ethical living and social justice issues through stories that provide hope and inspiration amid challenging times. Each issue will have an in-depth feature related to the United Church focusing on emerging trends, big-picture actions happening at General Council, a challenge facing a church, an individual or community of faith doing something interesting, or anything else that's starting conversation around the church. They are also looking for shorter United Church news stories covering new initiatives and projects, unique human-interest stories, or United Church people making a difference. If your congregation is doing something new and fresh that everyone should know about, let me know (JDawson@united-church.ca) and I will forward it to the editorial team.

WE NEED PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS!! In EOORC we have many pastoral charges that are without ministry personnel and must have a Pastoral Charge Supervisor in order to have quorum at the meetings of their governing body as well as having someone to offer sage advice as they make day-to-day decisions. At present, we have a number of Communities of Faith who cannot hold Council/Board/Session meetings for lack of quorum! Pastoral Charge Supervisors are paid on an hourly basis for their time, as well as reimbursed for travel. I know that we have many people (active and retired Ministry Personnel, as well as lay folks) who have the skills needed for this essential ministry in our church. Please be in contact with Rev. Whit Strong wstrong@united-church.ca 1-800-268-3781 x6148. Your reward will be both earthly and heavenly!!

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Senator Harder with Norma McCord

NORMA MCCORD ON PARLIAMENT HILL

March 5th marks the 40th anniversary of the United Church's participation in private sponsorship of refugees as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH). On February 28th in the Senate, Norma McCord from McKay United Church and a member of the United Church of Canada Refugee Advisory Group represented the United Church along with the General Secretary in recognition of the anniversary. The UCC was the second signatory to a SAH Agreement with the Government.



El Salvador 2019

This photo shows part of the team from Emmanuel United in Ottawa who will be among the joint Region Councils 11-12 Pilgrimage trip to visit Global Partner Emmanuel Baptist Church in El Salvador in March Break. Thirty-six youth and adults from churches across the two regions will take part. The group is holding a quilted banner that will be presented as a gift to our partner church. The two maple leaves represent the two UCC Regions.

IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP NOTE REGARDING ANNUAL REPORTS

The last time we reported about Annual Reports, we asked you to send two copies to Whit Strong. This procedure as changed slightly. Please send **one** digital copy to Whit Strong (wstrong@united-church.ca) and **ONE** digital copy to the General Council Office at: statistics@united-church.ca Please only send **ONE** copy; you do not need to send a paper copy. If you do not have a digital copy that can't be sent by email, send one paper copy to: Whit Strong 37 Franklin Street, Carleton Place, ON K7C 1R6 and along with your statistics (blue) sheets to: Susan Jackson, Information and Statistics, UCC, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

COMING EVENTS

SUN, MAR 10 – SUN APR 7, EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M., BRITANNIA UNITED CHURCH, OTTAWA, ON Join us as we take a look at the Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah and Haggai. For more information call 613-828-6018

TUES, MAR 12, 10:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, SMITHS FALLS, ON
AREA YOUTH EVENT: WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOUR? LIVING WITH RESPECT What does it mean to Live into Right Relations? Event is open to all. For more information and register, phone 613-383-4444

WED, MAR 13 LENTEN WORSHIPS AT NOON IN THE CENTENARY PASTORAL CHARGE
 Sharbot Lake United Church, Parham United Church, Parham Free Methodist Church, The Praise Church, St. Andrews Anglican, St. James Anglican, St. James Major Roman Catholic Church, Sharbot Lake Pentecostal are offering a short Lenten worship service at noon, followed by a Lenten poverty soup lunch and visiting. People of all faiths or no faith are welcome. Visit the [Facebook](#) page for more information.

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THURS, MAR 14, 5:30 P.M., MERRICKVILLE UNITED CHURCH AFFIRMING PIE DAY 2019 A National Celebration of LGBTQ2SIA+ Inclusion. Come join us for free pie and dessert and a chance to chat. Concert to follow This event is for everyone in the community to affirm ourselves as a welcoming place. Visit the [website](#) for more details.

EVERY THURSDAY FROM MAR 14 – APR 4, 10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., CHRIST UNITED CHURCH, LYN, ON Exploring Community, Soul and Service. Join us for study, conversation and fellowship based on Celtic spirituality. Lunch provided. For more information: Rev. Wendy 613-865-7824 wendymac55@hotmail.com

FRI, MAR 15, 7 P.M. – SUN MAR 17, 5:30 P.M. TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, OTTAWA

Healing Pathway Phase 2 training workshop “Healing from the Heart.” Instructors are Sharon Moon & Howard Clark. The fee is \$210. For more information, download the [registration brochure](#). Healing Pathway has been a ministry within the United Church of Canada for about 30 years. Its focus is to enable people to develop the gifts and skills of healing within the Christian tradition, and to foster the development of healing ministries in congregations and other communities. Visit [Healing Pathway](#) for more information.



SUN, MAR 17, 2:00 P.M. ATHENS UNITED CHURCH, ATHENS, ON

AN AFTERNOON OF IRISH AND COUNTRY MUSIC Featuring Rev. David Steele, Tom Wilson, and Alison Purcell and Cameron Steele. \$15 (under age 15 free). Tickets available at church office or online at: <https://1000islands.snapd.com/events/view/1224707>

WED, MAR 20, 4:30 – 6:30 P.M. ATHENS UNITED CHURCH, ATHENS, ON

SPRING SUPPER Ham, meatballs, scalloped potatoes, and a variety of home-cooked dishes including salads, rolls and pie. Adults: \$15, children age 6-12, \$7, children age 5 and under, free. Take out available. Wheelchair accessible. Everyone welcome!

WED, MAR 20, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH, 691 SMYTH ROAD, OTTAWA

Evening Lecture on **Powering Reconciliation: How Indigenous Participation in Canada’s Clean Energy Future Contributes to Social Justice, Ecological Protection and Climate Action.** Chris Henderson, Indigenous Clean Energy, promotes a close connection between faith, energy futures, and reconciliation. He is a passionate advocate of bringing Indigenous communities into the mainstream of economic activity and sustainable development, generating a diverse array of economic, social and environmental benefits for all stakeholders. Q&A following the presentation. Tickets (\$10) can be reserved at the Church Office, 613-733-0437.

SAT, MAR 23, 6:00 P.M. ST JOHN’S UNITED CHURCH, KEMPTVILLE, ON

THE RETURN OF ROCK N ROLLY All are welcome to come and help solve the murder mystery. Presented by the Kemptville Players with a wonderful meal prepared by St. John's United Church Social Committee. Fully accessible venue, we look forward to solving the crime together! Tickets are \$30.00 per person, available through the office. call 613-258-3259 or e mail: stjohnsk@magma.ca to reserve your seats.

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SAT, MAR 23, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M., GRACE UNITED CHURCH, GANANOQUE, ON

Concert featuring “Mary’s Merry Minstrels” a group of 10 to 20 local area musicians, led by Mary Kennedy. Light refreshments will be served at intermission. Admission is by Donation and proceeds will go to our Messy Church program. For more information, contact grace.gan@outlook.com

SAT, MAR 30, ALL DAY, TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CARP, ON

HANDBELL WORKSHOP Handbell Directors’ Roundtable of Eastern Ontario (H.D.R.T.) is presenting a full-day handbell workshop. Hone your ringing skills, learn new ones and hear a feature concert presented by The Bronze Foundation, Greater Toronto’s auditioned community handbell choir. \$60 includes all workshops, snacks, lunch and a complimentary concert ticket. (Additional concert tickets may be purchased through your registration or at the door). Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. **For more information and to register, contact Ann Frederking: OttawaHDRT@gmail.com**

SUN MAR 31, 7:00 P.M. ST JOHN’S UNITED CHURCH, CARDINAL, ON

AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC “The Northern Home of Southern Gospel Music” Freewill offering and refreshments. Visit the [Facebook](#) page for more information.

FRI, APR 12, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. JOEL STEELE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WINCHESTER, ON HOMELESSNESS MAZE Hosted by **Linking Hands Dundas County** and facilitated by the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. Tickets available here: <https://bit.ly/2NykJou> For more information, please contact Sandy Casselman, scasselman@houseoflazarus.com

**FRI APR 26 – SUN APR 28, ST, ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH, HALIFAX, NS**

MUSIC MATTERS 2019 A learning event for all church musicians, singers, players, leaders, listeners. Workshops, hymn festival. All are welcome. Visit the [website](#) for more information

SUN APR 28, 7:00 P.M., ST. PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH, PERTH, ON

HANDEL’S MESSIAH Directed by Brad Mills and performed in the newly renovated sanctuary. For ticket and more information please go [here](#).

SUN APR 7 – SUN MAY 5, RIDEAU PARK UNITED CHURCH, OTTAWA, ON If you would like to understand yourself and others better, consider taking the **Myers--Briggs Personality Type Indicator**. Four workshops are being offered Dates: Sundays, April 7,14, 28 and May 5th; Time: 11:30 to 12:45; Cost: \$20. For more information contact Georgina Fitzgerald: gfitzgerald@rideaupark.ca.

*****SAVE THE DATE *** JUNE 1, SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH, KINGSTON, ON**

Re-imaging Places of Faith Places of faith anchor and shape our communities. Yet many congregations are facing declining attendance and insufficient funding to maintain and operate their historic buildings. These important community assets are in a period of transition, and the Eastern Ontario area is no exception. Register [here](#).

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**EOORC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 7 - 8, 2019
SMITHS FALLS, ONTARIO
CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY SUNDAY, JUNE 9
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

Registration information coming the week of March 11!

JOB POSTINGS

The General Council Planning Committee is seeking an **Evening Events Coordinator**. This position serves as a voting member of the General Council Planning Committee, assisting it in carrying out its responsibilities and developing guiding principles for the work of the General Council. Please visit [here](#) for more information.



Camp Lau-Ren is a summer camp for children aged 6-16 that provides a Christian experience in an outdoor setting. We are located on the Ottawa River, 10 kilometers west of Deep River, off Highway #17, on Lau-Ren Road. The camp is currently hiring for the position of **Assistant Cook, Caretaker/Janitor and counsellors**. Free room and board apply to all positions. Summer Staff must be prepared to work as part of a "team" and will be expected to support other staff members as needed. Visit the [website](#) for details. Further information is available from Ron or Joanne Hartnett, Executive Directors, hartnett@sympatico.ca



Rideau Hill Camp is hiring for several student positions this summer. Visit the [website](#) for details about the following jobs: **camp cook, cook assistants, administrator, lifeguards, canoe/waterfront director, recreation & nature director, activity leaders, and crafts & arts director**. These are high-energy positions in an outdoor environment in which you'll have an opportunity to expand your personal and professional well-being. Email: jobs@rideauhillcamp.com

DID YOU KNOW... WHAT'S A CLUSTER? WHAT'S A NETWORK?

To give some clarity to the terms, clusters and networks, here are descriptions of each, taken from [The Manual 2019](#).

"Alongside the UCC three-council structure, there are **clusters and networks** that, while not formal governance bodies, are central to living out the faith of the United Church.*

Clusters are local groups of communities of faith that provide community and support for communities of faith and their leaders, and focus on worship, mission, learning, collegiality, and strategic planning.

Networks link people working on specific issues (e.g., supportive housing, intercultural ministry, youth ministry) or for project work (e.g., event planning) that function through the whole church, depending on the issue."

* The three councils are: 1) community of faith 2) regional council, 3) General Council.

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