



EOCRC News

Wednesday, November 11, 2020



SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE DAY IN CUMBERLAND, ON by Bryan Cook

The Communities of Faith in the small village of Cumberland, Ontario have come together to honour our soldiers who died for a Humanity of Peace. Our local Mosque took the lead this year. St. Andrews' United and St. Faustina RC have provided a video of "In Flanders' Fields" and will be providing messages of Peace and Remembrance as wreaths are laid at our cenotaph.

You are invited to watch the live stream.

EDITOR'S NOTE

On This Remembrance Day: A Prayer for People of Courage

We offer to you, O God, our prayers for those who seek justice and resist evil. We pray for those who need your presence and strength to stand firm; for those who oppose the use of violence in any form in faithful response to the Prince of Peace. We pray for those are prepared to be firm to protect those in danger. We pray for those who walk with others who need strength. We pray for those who protest, those who organize letter campaigns, those who give sacrificially on behalf of others.

We pray for those who speak the unpopular truth; who protect the unpopular victims; who choose the unpopular path of peace. We pray for those who do not let their desire for peace hinder the requirements of justice and for those who do not let their zeal for justice override the call for peace.

—from "On This Day of Remembrance," prayers for Remembrance Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Neil Parker, Military Chaplain at the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford, ON.

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PASTORAL RELATIONS UPDATE by Rev. Whit Strong

URGENTLY NEEDED: PULPIT SUPPLY AND PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS

There are many pastoral charges within our Regional Council who are without called or appointed ministry personnel. Some are currently in search of a new minister while others who, after an extended length of time, have stopped searching. These Communities of Faith need your help.

Retired Ministry Personnel: Would you consider being available for regular Sunday Supply or even a small part-time appointment?

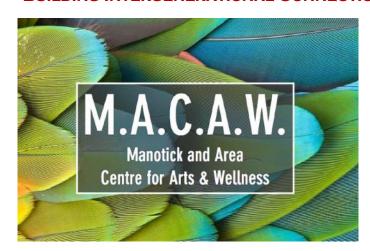
Retired and Active Ministry Personnel: Would you consider being a Pastoral Charge Supervisor? I would be happy to speak to you about these opportunities to serve. Rev. Whit Strong wstrong@united-church.ca 1-800-268-3781 x6148

IS YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH WITHOUT A MINISTER?

Is your local congregation without a minister? Are you having a hard time finding someone to do Sunday services or to offer pastoral care to your congregants? Within our Regional Council we have many smaller Communities of Faith in this situation. Have you ever considered cooperating with other pastoral charges who find themselves in a similar situation? It doesn't have to be this way. Do you want to talk about a new future for your Community of Faith?

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BUILDING INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS FOR SENIORS



Recently, Manotick United Church, which is home to the Manotick and Area Centre for the Arts and Wellness, received a grant for its "Building Intergenerational Connections for Seniors" initiative from the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors program. With this funding, MACAW is able to offer a variety of virtual wellness activities as well as concerts **free of charge** at their <u>website</u>. To date, there are Tai Chi and Yoga classes as well as a number of concerts featuring well known musicians. As restrictions are lifted, a small audience is able to attend these concerts in the church building which has been redesigned to meet Covid protocols. For more information, contact Lisa Richards at the church office 613-692-4576.

SENIORS AND MUSIC IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Hannah Willmann is a PhD student at the University of Ottawa exploring the impact of COVID on seniors in the church, with specific emphasis on the way that COVID impacts their access to church music. This research is for the class, Public Musicology and data collected will be presented in a website at the end of the semester. Hannah Willmann's hope is that this research will not only capture the experiences of seniors but also serve as a resource for church worship leaders and pastors and inspire collaboration as we seek to navigate church life during the pandemic. If you want to participate and if you are a Senior, please fill out survey

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Save the Date!

Monday, November 16, 2020
7-8:15 pm

Toronto United Church Council's
12th Annual

Heart & Vision

A free online event honouring REV. DR. ANTHONY BAILEY and DR. HAZEL BIGBY



Please register online at https://heartandvision2020.eventbrite.c in order to receive the streaming link or contact Ali Hayes at 905-771-5124 ex. 31 or ali@tucc.ca for more information.

Find out more

INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTERS REFRESHER COURSE



The Office of Vocation, in cooperation with First Dawn Eastern Edge region council, is offering an online refresher course for intentional Interim Ministers beginning Wednesday, January 13th and running weekly until Feb 10th. (12:30-4:30 EDT) The course is **open only to Ministry Personnel who have previously completed Interim Ministry Training provided by either the United Church of**

Canada or the Interim Ministry Network (IMN). This program meets the requirements for updated education for designation and appointment as an Intentional Interim Minister.

These highly interactive webinars are an opportunity to revisit some of the material from your earlier training and delve into it again with experienced colleagues. You will finish the series more familiar with the 3 theories and the 3 questions, with Process Tasks and Focus Points (similar to "Developmental Tasks") and better equipped for IIM, including a better understanding of how you manage in conflict. Because this is a denominational event, there will also be an opportunity to review the United Church's IIM handbooks and processes. More information.

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CANDIDACY PATHWAY MEET-AND-GREET by Rev. Natalie Matkovsky



The Quebec and East Ontario Candidacy Board is hosting an online event for those who are on the Candidacy Pathway. In our three regions (ECORC, EOORC and Nakonhaka), there are many people who are discerning or preparing for ministry leadership. We are glad to know these folks and to meet them for interviews along the way. We are also looking for opportunities to get to know them better!

We are inviting inquirers and candidates to an online event on **Wednesday**, **November 18th from 4-5 pm**. This is an optional event. It is an opportunity to get to

know one another a little better. We will have some conversations, reflection, prayer and a chance for you to ask questions.

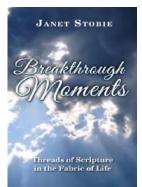
The Zoom space will open at 3:45 pm and the event will be from 4-5 pm. We hope to see you there!

Connecting by Internet Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85953991324?pwd=ZWgvK1V4aVhuTFRTaUJoSWxzK2hLUT09

Passcode: church

Connecting by Telephone: Dial 1-647-374-4685 or 1-438-809-7799. (Other Zoom numbers are available. There may be long distance charges.) Meeting ID: 859 5399 1324 Passcode: 769331

New Short Story Collection By Janet Stobie



Book Launch "**zooming**" to you soon. Janet Stobie presents her latest book

Breakthrough Moments

Special Guest: Linnea Good Singer/Songwriter, Biblical Storyteller November 28, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Find link to register after November 23rd at www.janet stobie.com or Janet's Facebook Page

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Rosemary Lambie, Executive Minister, Regional Councils of East Central Ontario; Eastern Ontario Outaouais; and Nakonhaka; of U.C.C.

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"GRANT US THIS DAY" ONLINE GRANT-WRITING WORKSHOP by Jane Dawson



How to find funding opportunities and write grant proposals to help your community of faith put ideas into practice co-facilitated by Jane Dawson & Rev. Cindy Casey.

Two days to choose from:

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Register

OR

Saturday, November 21, 2020, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Register

News from the General Council Office



Now available, The October 29 , 2020 issue of $\underline{\it Essentials}$ is available. Read about the Historic Declaration to become an anti-racisit church.

Also, the November 11, 2022 Remembrance Day issue of *Essentails* is available.



Visit the United In Learning <u>website</u> for courses being offered over the next three months. These two are of particular interest: <u>Preaching The Big Questions</u> and <u>Personal and</u> <u>Professional Boundaries for Church Leaders</u>

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