



Kanata United Church

Lent/Easter News Brief 2018

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A word from our Minister

During Lent I usually work through a daily study. This year I pulled an older one published by the United Church Publishing House 10 years ago. This is the reading that I am going to live with today (February 27th) and I thought I would share it with you.....*Bev*

Turn, Turn Again *"I am the way"* John 14:6

No wonder the disciples didn't want Jesus to leave without them. Neither would we. We know that "we live and move and have our being" in God (Acts 17:28). We know that there is nowhere we can go to "flee God's presence" (Psalm 139:7). But it's not always evident, is it?

Fields upon fields, block after block, rooms and more rooms have been filled with an often vivid sense of absence of God. Across the distance between what we know is true and what we experience as real, the disciples pleaded, there must be a way. If you are going across the distance, we want to go, too. Don't go without us. Don't leave us without a map. We don't know the way.

According to Jesus, between things as they are and the house of our belonging, there is no road. No map of the holy terrain of the totality of reality. No GPS for travel through the complex patterns of ever-deepening connection and relationship in what Jesus called "the house of God".

The way is made by walking, walking in a particular way. Walking in a particular direction – always and everywhere in the direction of another. Because your truest home lies in your capacity to love and be loved.

Jesus knew that. He knew that between your experience of being disconnected, alienated, and isolated and the house of your belonging, there is another way. There is a way that threads lives together in a complex weave of belonging called "God".

The way is not the route. The way is simply a turn – a turn toward another. A sustained gaze, against all odds, in another's direction. A connection.

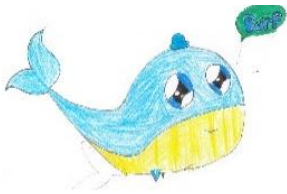
No need for a map, Jesus says, if you get lost, I am the way.

Prayer: Lead me and I will follow the way that is you. The way of turning, turning, and turning again toward the ones I fear, the ones I distrust, the ones I have wronged. Lead me and I will be led deeper and deeper into the house of love, the shelter of my belonging, the patterned promise of you. Amen.

*Taken from "Why would Jesus say that?
Daily Reflections for Lent"*



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Did you know that the blue whale has the largest heart in the world? It's about

the size of VW Beetle!

Did you know that there's also a big whale in our musical, "Oh, Jonah!"?

Come and check it out on Sunday, April 22 during worship.

- Josh Zentner-Barrett, Music Director

Calendar of Services

March 3	Watoto Choir – 6 PM
March 4	Pancake Brunch Lunch & Learn
March 11	Daylight Savings
March 18	Outreach Sunday
March 25	Palm Sunday
March 29	Maundy Thursday at Glen Cairn
March 30	Good Friday at KUC 10 AM
April 01	Easter Sunday
April 08	Habitat Sunday
April 15	Pastoral Care Sunday Muslim Dinner
April 22	Musical – Oh, Jonah!
April 28	Hymn Society
April 29	
May 06	Confirmation / Children's Choir

Watoto will be at KUC on **Saturday, March 3, at 6:00 PM**. Watoto means "children" in Swahili. This choir is made up of orphaned and vulnerable children who tour the world presenting worship music from Uganda and invite us to experience an encounter with God. Please join us in welcoming this message of hope - all are welcome!



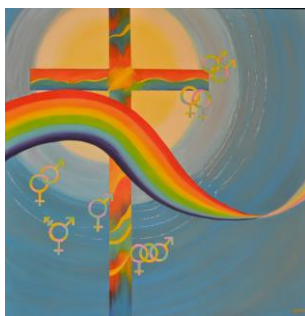


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At the annual AGM the approval was given to allow KUC to enter the affirming ministry education and discernment process. This will allow us to journey and explore our welcoming, diversity and inclusiveness. Next steps are to have a resource assigned from the affirming ministry program, develop an action plan and explore ways to engage and involve as many from the congregation on this important work.

Affirm United has recently released a snapshot of the process which provides an overview
<http://affirmunited.ause.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2013/01/AffirmingProcessInfographic-Poster.pdf>

If you are interested in joining the task force that will be undertaking this work please contact Robert Ashton at
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Altar banner, George St United, Peterborough ON.

- ∞ **Mar. 4** - Join FD&L for a Lunch & Learn on “Reserve 107” a short film about reconciliation led by Mennonite and Lutheran churches and Chippewyan First Nation in Laird, Sask. only 150 kilometres from Battleford, Colten Boushie's hometown.
- ∞ **April 15** - FD&L and the Kanata Muslim Association join together for an evening of dinner and conversation. Keep an eye out for further details.
- ∞ **May 16** – Private tour of the beautiful Wabano Centre for Indigenous Health, keep an eye out for further information in the bulletin and FD&L Board.

Annual Flea Market & Bake Sale

**Saturday, May 5, 2018
8 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Donations needed –
What you don't want, someone else will
treasure**

Donations drop off starting 30 April

Motions Passed at the KUC Annual General Meeting – February 11, 2018

Motion: That the Kanata united Church pastoral charge accepts the Joint Needs Assessment Report and Recommendations as revised Jan. 30, 2018 and requests Ottawa Presbytery to declare a vacancy for a full-time Minister of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care (Ordained or Diaconal, Category A-F) effective July 1, 2018 and a half-time Minister with Children, Youth and Family effective July 1, 2018.

Motion: That the Kanata United Church Pastoral Charge establishes a Joint Search Committee; that the members are: Janet Currie-Kelk, Julia Duffy, Cathie Kissick, Brian Linkletter, Peter Perry and that the Council has the authority to add further members.