



# FUN-RAISING NEWS!



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**KANATA UNITED CHURCH**

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## Мир

The Ukrainian word for peace says it all! Here we are on the week after Canada Day, and PEACE is hard to find. What a world we live in.

Janet Currie Kelk and Kathi Campbell got together with the youth of the church to make Ukrainian prayer flags in May. Kathi taught the young people some Ukrainian words, one of which is the word for peace.



## HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER

Our own Andrea was instrumental in the Hanging Basket Fundraiser (in partnership with Richmond nursery). \$783.50 was raised for KUC, and many patios look better for it!!





## CALDWELL CENTRE

Around the same time as the flower basket fundraiser, The Caldwell Family Centre put out a call for donations. The Centre supports low income families, seniors, and those with mobility issues. They serve breakfasts and lunches every day to four community Housing apartment buildings. As per usual, KUC members donated generously.

## 30TH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The book sale.....what a success!! A big thank you goes out to the entire Book Fair volunteer team, and their leads, Andy Carran and Shannon Dubois, as this feat is beyond fantastic!! What a whirlwind and as many book purchasers said, "IT IS THE BEST PLACE AND MOST ORGANIZED EVENT IN THE CITY".

( as a cashier at the week-long event, I have to add my admiration for the organizers who made it look easy when it wasn't).

Just as an aside, there was a cute little fellow about 3 years of age who was carrying books bigger than he was. I so wanted to take his picture, but due to confidentiality.....couldn't.

With the amazing volunteer team behind them, our community support, and an abundance of amazing books, we were able to close out the 30th Annual Book Fair with an income of over \$34,000!

The BOOK FAIR SURPLUS PICK-UP ON JUNE 11th was a resounding success. Surplus books from the Book Fair were donated to Rockcliffe Park Public School. The RPPS Book Fair will be in November this year. Their fundraising helps their own school and is also shared with schools in less wealthy parts of the region. Much help from the KUC members helped make the mountains of books easier to move. We still have 200 boxes of books and 450 empty boxes!



# ANNUAL PICNIC - FOOD DRIVE - BAKE SALE

Sunday, June 12th was the Annual KUC Picnic. Put on hold for the last 2 years due to COVID, the turnout was great despite the rain. Bob Richards organized the barbeque, and Sue Davidson, chair of Children, Youth, and Families, was the leader of a bake sale, with the funds being used to support youth outreach initiatives.

Penny Gelinas, chair of Outreach, organized the Kanata Food Cupboard Drive and filled her car with donations on June 14th...plus added \$190 in cash from the KUC members.

As an aside, the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry are growing food to donate to the Food Cupboard. Families can sign up to take care of the garden, and provide valuable outreach to the community.



While we celebrated gathering in Worship as well as in fellowship with the picnic, we also celebrated Pride month, and our commitment to being an Affirming Church; we unveiled our pride flag at the front of the church.



## SEED & SOIL

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This past week, KUC offered space to the Kanata Food Cupboard for their "Seed and Soil Program". The organic garden soil, containing mushroom compost supported a number of families, and since a lot of soil was left over, KUC families were allowed to access the mound left over.....free of charge.



Whew....so much was accomplished over the past few months. Kudos to all!! Please try to send any fundraising ideas, plans, or dates to Andrea ([office@kuc.ca](mailto:office@kuc.ca)) and Heather ([heatherpettipas@rogers.com](mailto:heatherpettipas@rogers.com)) for the next blurb. I'm sure I missed a few important dates or events, but I try!!!

The Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, September 17th, so this summer is the time to rid yourself of clutter. Personally, I plan a purge !!!

Enjoy the rest of the summer.....

*Heather*