

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH



January 14th, 2018

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We welcome all who have come to worship today.

Visitors are invited to sign our guest book on the table to the left of the doorway at the back of the sanctuary.

Hymns and most other service materials for worship are printed in the leaflet and are also projected on the screen.

We welcome you to stay for refreshments and conversation downstairs following the service.

As we seek to continue “Growing – Together – In Spirit,”

we begin our time together in the sanctuary.

Following the Theme Conversation everyone is welcome to attend the Spark Activity of their choice upstairs or downstairs.

We provide a staffed nursery downstairs for children up to age 3.

Colouring pages and story books are on the display rack and tables at the back of the sanctuary.

SPARKS TODAY

Sanctuary – Sermon, “Where God Isn’t.”

Preschool SPARK room – “What Is in a Name?” MacKenzie will explore the story of Samuel being called by name.

SPARK Activity room – Ruth and Eileen will explore practices such as meditation, prayer, and walking a labyrinth. Spiritual practices are things people do to quiet their mind to hear God speaking. During the season of Epiphany we will discover and practice a variety of spiritual experiences on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am.

We thank Jeff Milan and Glendon Moore for greeting this morning.

We thank Lynn Seabrook for providing refreshments for our fellowship time this morning. Please speak to Betty Young or sign up downstairs if you can prepare beverages and snacks some Sunday morning.

Hearing assistance: Our worship services can be heard on any radio in or near the church at FM 88.1. A receiver is also available at the back of the church. (You may use your own headphones.)

UPCOMING SPARKS

Jan. 21 – Sermon, “Waiting for God.”

Preschool SPARK room - preschool children explore Bible themes.

SPARK Activity room – Exploring spiritual practices.

Jan. 28 – Sermon, “Sacrifices to Idols.”

Preschool SPARK room - preschool children explore Bible themes.

SPARK Activity room – Exploring spiritual practices.

Feb. 4 – Communion. Sermon, “Tender Loving Care.” Brunch served by our youth at 11:00 am.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

The Finance Ministry Team will meet on Mon. Jan. 15 at 7:30 pm.

Pathways Provocative Proposal Design Teams will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room with Tim Fleming, our Appreciative Inquiry Consultant.

Pathways Visioning Process – We have now completed our 3 Pathways Faith Forum discussions and several proposals are being designed to build on our gifts and strengths to enhance our ministry now and into the future. These proposals will be presented to the congregation for consideration in the New Year. There are specific proposals being designed in the areas of Tender Loving Care (Pastoral Care), Growth Opportunities, Belonging and Outreach.

The Board will meet on Wednesday January 17 at 7:30 pm (following the presentation on Remit 6 at 7:00 pm).

THE UNITED CHURCH IS CHANGING: Several “remit” have been voted on by congregations and Presbyteries. The final remit proposes replacing the present designations of Ordained, Commissioned and Designated Lay Ministers with one designation of “Ordained Minister.” You are invited to a presentation on this Remit Wed. Jan. 17 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room. Our Board will then vote on Remit 6.

We express our sympathies to Elaine Argue with the recent death of her mother, Olive Rivington. Visitation will be held today from 1:30 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 pm and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 am at Tubman’s funeral home in Carp. The funeral service will be held Monday at 11:00 am at St. James the Apostle Anglican Church in Carp. We continue to hold Elaine, Frank, their children Brent and Shawn, daughters-in-law Sonya and Kathryn and grandchildren Ella, Bryden, Tyler, Mila and Sydney in our hearts and prayers. Memorial donations can be made to the St. James Cemetery Fund or the Hospice Care Ottawa Building Fund.

The Treasure Table is open: Come browse the treasures after church in the Lower Hall. (Christmas items are half price.) All gently loved treasures are welcome. Thanks to all those who helped set the Treasure Table up this year.

SPAGHETTI SAUCE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE - We have large portions for \$10.00 and small portions for \$5.00. See Bonnie Lamb in the Lower Hall after the service to purchase our delicious sauce. Watch the bulletin for more items available next Sunday.

Wray Lamb is stepping down as our Property Chair. After several years of dedicated service above and beyond the call of duty, Wray Lamb is taking a well-deserved break from many of his responsibilities in overseeing the property and maintenance of our facilities. If you are able to help out in taking care of our building, please call the church office. We will also be having a gathering of those willing to be part of a Property and Maintenance Team on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 pm. We will be offering a more official expression of our appreciation to Wray at our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday February 25, but we hope everyone will take the time to offer Wray your personal appreciation. “Thanks Wray!”

MUSIC AND CHOIR

The choir practices Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome.

FROM THE OFFICE

If you would like to receive offering Envelopes or PAR forms, please speak to our church Treasurer, Don Carson, in the church office any Sunday morning following the worship service. Those already on PAR are invited during the offering time in worship to use the donation cards on the table to the right of the doorway at the back of the sanctuary.

Church Office Hours: Our regular office hours are Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 am to noon.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday February 25 immediately following the morning worship service. If you have something to contribute to the Annual Report, please submit it to the office by Friday January 26.

Our worship services are available on DVD. If you would like a copy of a Sunday service, please call the church office

Name Tags: If you would like to order a name tag, a sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church, or you can call the office. Please pay for them by adding \$7 (pin) or \$10 (magnetic) to your offering. Don't forget to wear them every Sunday!

United Church Observer: If you do not presently receive the United Church magazine "The Observer" but would like to, or if you do receive it and would like to be part of our Observer Family Plan, please call the church office. The Family Plan price is \$25.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Dance as an expression of the Sacred. Last Sunday of each month at Bells Corners United Church, 7:00-8:30 pm. This year will explore world cultures that dance in the sacred. Jan. 28 there will be a session with Suzan Lavertu offering Afro-Caribbean rhythms. Open to all, no registration required. Donations gratefully received. See poster for more details or contact Wendy at 613-726-1375.

Stittsville Diners Club will be held here at Stittsville United Church on **Tuesday January 16** from 12:00-2:00 pm. Provided by the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre. Tickets \$8.00. Call 613-591-3686 extension 3.



Donations to the Stittsville Food Bank can be made by placing non-perishable food on the Community Table at the front of the sanctuary. There is a special need for Chunky soups, pasta sauce, Habitant soups, chilli, stew, canned fruit, fruit cups, tuna, canned pasta, almond milk, shampoo, toilet paper, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and condiments. (Please ensure “best before” dates have not expired on food items.) We have collected 189 items in December for a total of 3,343 items in 2017! Thank you for your generous support!



Stittsville Food Bank

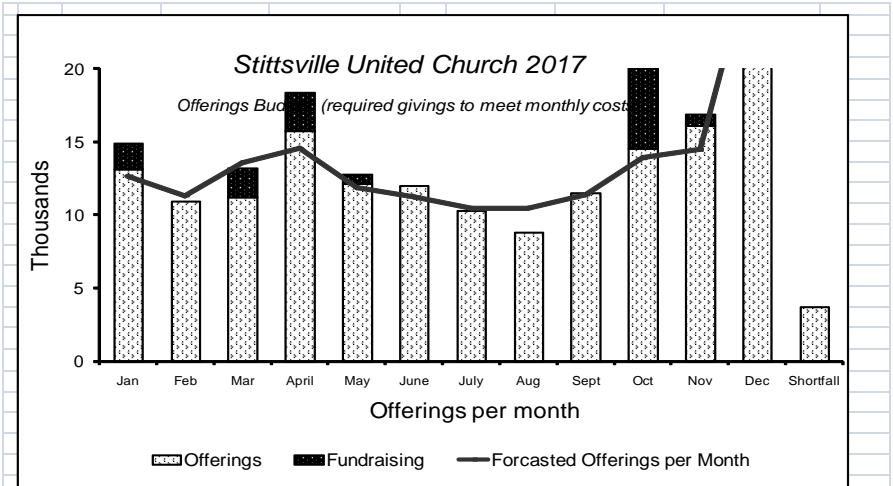
A Time to Reflect on Our Exits & Entrances Through Movement & the Labyrinth: Sunday, January 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Bells Corners United Church. Participants can choose to “move” and “witness” or can come and witness the movement of others. Movement time will be from 7:00-8:00 pm. No registration necessary. The event is free, donations will be gratefully received. See poster for more information or contact Wendy Morell at 613-726-1375 or Barbara Eade at 613-878-7060.

On January 15, at 7 pm, The Oasis in Kanata, a place for caregivers of people with mental illness presents “Is the ODSP for You?” Representatives from the Ontario Disability Support Program will explain employment supports available for people with disabilities who can and wish to work; the various benefits available for individuals and their families, like prescription drugs and vision care; and the eligibility requirements and application processes. Free. All are welcome. Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata. Visit www.TheOasisKanata.ca or find The Oasis in Kanata Facebook page for full details.

Prayer Service for churches in Stittsville and Kanata, Tuesday January 16, 7:00 pm at the Community Bible Church, 1600 Stittsville Main St. This “City On Our Knees” prayer service will follow the format of the Lord’s Prayer in praying that “Your Kingdom Come” in our lives, our churches and our community. All are welcome.

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

Though our estimated revenue from offerings was on target as of the end of November 2017, in December we received almost \$4,000 less than our estimated offering income for the month, which is based on average givings for the past few years. When combined with some unexpected expenditures for the year, we ended the year with a **deficit of over \$6,000 for 2017**. Ways to address this deficit will be considered by the Finance Ministry Team, Board and Trustees and will be reported at our Annual Congregational Meeting. We are grateful to those who made additional donations at the end of 2017 and thank all of you for your faithful support of the important ministry here at Stittsville United Church.



Offerings (PAR and Sunday morning plate givings only)

	Forecasted Budget	Actual Offerings	Accumulated Balance		Forecasted Budget	Actual Offerings	Accumulated Balance
Jan	\$12,632.00	\$13,126.94	\$494.94	July	\$10,438.00	\$10,317.84	\$11.38
Feb	\$11,307.00	\$10,960.84	\$148.78	Aug	\$10,456.00	\$8,824.34	-\$1,620.28
Mar	\$13,595.00	\$11,248.64	-\$2,197.58	Sept	\$11,403.00	\$11,514.84	-\$1,508.44
Apr	\$14,524.00	\$15,762.04	-\$959.54	Oct	\$13,899.00	\$14,547.34	-\$860.10
May	\$11,857.00	\$12,141.44	-\$675.10	Nov	\$14,487.00	\$16,090.99	\$743.89
June	\$11,217.00	\$12,023.64	\$131.54	Dec	\$29,185.00	\$24,732.13	-\$3,708.98

M & S givings to date	\$9,748.00
Local Outreach	\$1,095.00
Families on PAR	54