

October 2017

Paul's Ponderings

Where did September go? I know that for 10 days of it, I was in NS living with the grief of my father's death on Sept 8th. That was a special time - a kairos sense of time rather than the sense of chronology (Most of that time, I had little idea of what the day of the week it was.) Dad lived a number of years with heart disease and through the summer his energy became less and less and so there was a sense of relief to his death. In the days that followed, we had very significant time together as a family - and at the visitation and celebration of life service we surrounded by the love and support of family and many circles of friends. I take this opportunity to thank the Riverside congregation for your care and support.

As October begins, I am finding that my focus and energy for work is returning as I continue to live the path of grief. This human journey we live is quite something with the variety of experiences, emotions and connections. While there is much that is disturbing and perplexing, there is more that prompts us to give thanks for this gift of life.

Jamaicans in "Canada 150" History - October 29th, our 14th annual Jamaica Night, a fundraiser for two of the outreach programs of Providence Church. The Home Visitation and Nursing Programme of Providence Church and the Wesley Basic School in Dallas, Jamaica, both receive funds from Riverside.

Enjoy an evening of Jamaican songs, stories and refreshments featuring the Caribbean Voices and the Nepean Panharmonic Steel Band
Guest Speaker: Margaret Tucker

Tickets: Adults advance - \$18.00 At the door - \$20
Youth \$10.00 Children (under 12) \$ 6.00

Volunteers needed contact
Marie Hackett 613 726-1406

Mission Forward:

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This Mission Forward process will set a path for us to ensure the ongoing relevance of Riverside United Church (RUC) so that we may continue doing God's work in the future.

There will be at least 4 steps to this process:

1) Workshop on Oct 21st - 8:30 to 1:00 - facilitated conversation. In preparation for this gathering, participants are invited to think about:

- What do you think are the top 3 greatest treasures of RUC? (i.e. God given gifts and talents)
- What is your greatest passion for RUC? (i.e. What makes you cry or pound the table?)

2) Conversations with groups/agencies/partners in the community.

- November and into early December

3) Workshop in January - Developing strategies to live our mission as we clarify how the priorities and values of the congregation merge with the needs and hopes of the community

4) Mission Plan to be discussed at Congregational meeting in February.

Riverside United celebrates its 55th anniversary this year and as we look forward we seek to imagine directions and goals that will help us to continue to participate in God's mission.

Grief: Myths and Facts - Faith Conversation -

Sunday, October 22, 2017 - 11:30am

Come to share stories of your grief due to the death of a loved one and learn something of the facts and myths that you encounter when bereavement occurs. All are welcome whether your grief is recent or years in the past.

Facilitators: Hilda Sabadash and Gail Christy - devoted volunteers with Bereaved Families of Ontario - Ottawa Region.

Singers welcome!

Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in Room 4

Come and sing along with **The Merry Songsters**, a "just-for-fun" seniors singing group led by musician and radio host Chris White. This friendly, informal group has a delightful repertoire of folk, pop and country songs that are easy and enjoyable to sing. There is no audition and no fee to participate. You are welcome to drop by and give the group a try with no obligation. For more information, contact Chris by phone at 613-327-9621 or by email at chris@folkzone.ca -- or just drop by Room 4 any Tuesday at 12:30 pm!



Riverside United Church Berry Fundraiser. **Deadline for orders October 15th**. Order forms in Narthex. Blueberries (\$21), raspberries (\$29) and cranberries (\$17) will arrive November 4th. Continue the tradition. Contact friends and family to let them share in the fundraiser for our Church. (See order form below)

Marilyn Lindsay

Save the Date! Bazaar,

Saturday Nov 18, 10-2.

This is our biggest Fundraiser and a proven fun way to contribute and get to know others a bit better.

Please consider offering to help - setting up, working at a table or helping with lunch, or cleanup, and have a look at the craft ideas board in the Narthex.

Items needed are: jams, relishes, etc; regifting items; attic treasures; crafts; baking; books.

Wendy Graham

Council News

Riverside Council did not meet in September

Financial summary for 2017: (end of September)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Income	123,395	128,496
Expenses	<u>-141,641</u>	<u>- 141,688</u>
	-18,246.	- 13,192

FISH FRY



Fun for the entire family!

Riverside Churches Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser
Fish supplied by Mike Mundell's.

Advance Tickets Only – we always sell out

Take-out & Gluten-free available.

We have a fully accessible building.

When: Friday, November 10, 2017

Hours: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: 3191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa

Price: Adults: \$20; Children 10 and under: \$8

Contact: Riverside United Church: 613- 733-7735 or call Church of the Resurrection 613-733-8185

The Fish Fry has become a tradition for RUC and friends.

Marilyn Lindsay



I am so thankful for our RUC choir - in whatever configuration. I do, however, note that our numbers are susceptible to life circumstances. This may mean

fluctuations in numbers, and these numbers figure importantly in deciding what music can realistically be presented Sunday by Sunday. Two things: Please be understanding as circumstances may prevent choir members from singing at a service; also consider joining our ranks on Thursday evenings to make beautiful music together.

Wayne Irschick, Director of Music

2 corrections and one addition to yesterday's RUConnected

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NEW DATE: Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 - After service

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