

Pathway		7:30 p.m.	Sr. Choir
Practice			
Friday Pathway	13	9:30 a.m.	Healing
Meeting		10:00 a.m.	M&V

Keep in your prayers.....

In addition to those you hold in your own heart, please keep in your prayers those from our congregation



*Sandra Fry & family
Linda Mitchell
Bonnie Karalekas
Margery Munro*

*The Carnahan family, upon the loss of Martin's mother Kit.
Rev. Carla and her husband Bert Weiss upon the passing of Bert's brother Felix Jr.*

Please call the office, the minister or pastoral care team when family and friends need comfort and prayer. The care ministry wants to extend the congregation's support. Call the office to let us know of celebrations- births, adoptions, engagements, weddings and anniversaries.



➤ **October 8th Lectionary:**

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46.

➤ **Stewardship Seconds:**

Everyone is welcome at God's banquet table. Good stewards use their resources to help ensure no one feels left out of God's abundance.

Covenanting Service: Sunday, November 5th, 2017

➤ Please help us celebrate the arrival of our new minister among us with a covenanting ceremony between Rev. Carla Van Delen, Ottawa Presbytery and Barrhaven United Church on **Sunday, November 5th at 4pm**. This celebration is open to the whole Ottawa Presbytery family so please come and be a part of this wonderful event. Refreshments will be served in the Hall.

➤ **Men! Do you enjoy singing in the shower?**

Why not experience that same reverberant sound by singing in your Sanctuary? A choir gown will be provided to ensure appropriate modesty. More voices, both male and female, would be welcome to join your BUC choir. If you can read music it would be a plus, but what is more essential is your ability to hold a tune and your commitment to weekly choir practices (Thursday evenings at 7:30pm), Sunday services and the occasional other music event.

Contact your Senior Choir Director Barb Ackison after the service, or you can contact the Church Office (613-825-1707 during office hours.



CARING AND FELLOWSHIP

➤ **The Memorial Fund**

This fund receives donations to Barrhaven United Church that are generally not planned. Occasions when donations may be received include, but are not limited to:

- Funerals, in lieu of flowers, for example
- In memory of deceased loved ones on an anniversary
- To celebrate special events in the lives of individuals for whom it may be difficult to select a suitable gift.

As you may already be aware there was a celebration of George Kennedy's life on Saturday Sept 16th at BUC. George was a popular member of our congregation. If it moves you, you may be interested in donating to the Memorial Fund to honour George. Memorial Fund donation cards are always available in the Narthex to facilitate donations. The family of the deceased is always informed of the names of those that donate, but not the amount and income tax receipts are issued to the donor at year's end.

For more information contact the Special Gifts Committee - Ann MacGillivray or Derek Uttley.

➤ **Prayer Group**

Prayer Group Welcomes YOU! You are most welcome to drop-in informally or to participate regularly in Prayer Group lead by Rev. Carla on Thursday mornings at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Join us for this spiritually uplifting time of support, caring and prayer. You can also ask to be remembered in prayer or to have a loved one remembered by leaving a message at the BUC Office (613-825-1707).

Do YOU have a calling to be a BUC Pastoral Care Visitor?

Our Pastoral Care team is strong and committed but VERY much in need of new members.....if you have ever felt the call to be a compassionate, listening presence for those in need, we would truly like to hear from you. The Ottawa Pastoral Care Basic Training Program will be held this Fall and it involves 25 hours of training, involving a 2.5 hour commitment one day a week (Mondays) for 10 weeks beginning on September 18th and running until November 27th. (P.S. Those who have already completed the OPCT Program and are, once again, at a point in their lives where they feel ready to undertake pastoral visiting are most welcome to re-join the team!) We encourage you to give thought to YOUR gifts and to how you can use them for the greatest good.....Please call Melanie (613-692-4569) or email BUC pastoral.chair@gmail.com for more info about pastoral visiting at BUC or check the website for the basic training info and registration forms: www.ottawapastoralcare.com

➤ **Healing Pathway**

There will be Healing Pathway sessions on Thursday, October 12th, Thursday, October 19th and Thursday, October 26th, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. There will also be sessions held on Friday, October 13th, and Friday, October 27th, from 9:30am to noon.


To book a Healing Pathway session, please contact Cathy Murphy at **613-867-8267**. Your Healing Pathway Practitioners are: Doug Collins, Linda Hearty, Melanie Macdonald and Cathy Murphy.

➤ **Christian Meditation in a Group**

You are invited to join us in a time of prayer and quiet meditation Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the *Healing Pathway* room (Barrhaven United Church – basement). No prior experience with meditation is necessary. Anyone who wants to explore Christian meditation is welcome to join us and try it out

OUTREACH

➤ **Bill 262 - Support Needed**

Bill 262 is a private member's bill -  - a bill to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**". The bill was introduced in the House of Commons in April 2016 and may come up for second reading as early as mid-October.

An open letter from our moderator, Rt. Rev. Jordan Campbell (September 8, 2016) publicly stated the United Church of Canada's commitment to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She asked that faith communities and church members "think, pray and act in support of" this declaration. Our Moderator also wrote to the Prime Minister in August 2017 asking the Government to support the bill.

The United Church of Canada's Living into Right Relations and United Action for Justice Networks has asked that United Churches take action on this important issue. This could include:

- Praying that the Government will listen to all voices who seek reconciliation;
- Writing a post card to our MP asking for support of the Bill; or
- Writing a letter to our MP, cc'd to the Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.

BUC's Outreach team will be sending a letter to our local MP, Mr. Chandra Arya, asking him to support this bill. Would you write, as well, to ask for our MP's support? Letters can be emailed or mailed (no postage needed). For anyone who might need 'writing assistance', a **SAMPLE** letter is on the table in the narthex. Liz Nieman has the email: liz.nieman@sympatico.ca and tips for messages – liz.nieman@sympatico.ca. Thank you!

➤ **Thanksgiving BUC Outreach Offering - Canadian Foodgrains Bank**

The yellow "BUC Outreach" envelopes are for us to generously share our blessings in support of Barrhaven United's local and international Outreach initiatives. This is separate from our support of the national church's Mission and Service and is in addition to regular weekly offerings. The yellow envelopes are available to participants in our Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas services. Our Thanksgiving "BUC Outreach Offering" will support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger.

If you plan to be away Thanksgiving Sunday, and wish to make a donation to this important work of our church, yellow envelopes marked "BUC Outreach Offering" are available in the pews today and for the next two Sundays, or you may use the yellow one marked "Thanksgiving Offering" in your box of weekly envelopes. If writing a cheque, please write it to Barrhaven United Church. Receipts will be issued for donations identified by name and address or envelope number. Thank you for your support!

➤ **Volunteers Wanted**

The Outreach Ministry wishes to expand and would like your help. Would you consider joining our group? We work hard but we also have fun! We currently meet on the second Friday of each month, in the morning, but are open to accommodating the schedules of new members. All ideas and suggestions are welcome. For further information, please contact Liz Nieman at liz.nieman@sympatico.ca.

➤ **Barrhaven Food Cupboard Annual Harvest Gala**

The BFC Fall Harvest Gala is their main fundraising event of the year. It will be held on October 21st this year at the Msgr. Paul Baxter Centre at 15 Steeple Hill Crescent. Tickets are \$75.00 and include a charitable receipt for \$25.00. Please consider attending this important even in support of one of our main outreach initiatives. More information and tickets are available through the BFC website at : <http://barrhavenfoodcupboard.ca>

George Macdonald, BFC Board Liason

➤ **Education for Africa Family Variety Show**

The 7th annual Education for Africa Family Variety Show is planned for 1:30 on October 15 at