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July Worship Services

Castleton UC is closed until August 10.

Services will be held at St. Andrew's UC at 10:00 a.m.

They will be outdoor services, weather permitting, so please bring a lawn chair.

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| July 6 | Indigenous Service
Worship Leaders: Worship Committee |
| July 13 | 11:00 a.m. Vernonville Anniversary Sunday - no service at St. Andrew's
Pot Luck Luncheon following the service |
| July 20 | Worship Leader: Rev. Janet Warren |
| July 27 | Worship Leader: Rev. Janet Warren
SUNDAE SUNDAY - |



Vernonville Pot Luck Luncheon

**Sunday, July 13th
after the service**

Please bring ...

- ☒ A favourite dish to share
- ☒ Your own cutlery and plates
- ☒ Your lawn chair.

Drinks will be provided.

BBQ /Sundae Sunday

**Sunday, July 27th
After the service
11:30 a.m.**

Join us for....

- BBQ Pulled Pork
- Salads
- Make-your-own-Sundae



**St. Andrew's UC
Grafton**



A Successful Fundraiser!



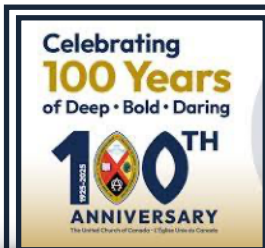
In late May, Khristine Rayner & Marion McComb presented a donation to Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre from the sales of baked goods and refreshments at the Castleton Town Hall at the Presentation of the Book, "The Castleton Massacre".



June
Pride
Month

Once again, St. Andrew's raised the Pride flag for the month of June to recognize Pride Month and the anniversary of our becoming an affirming Pastoral Charge.

For our Affirming Anniversary Service on June 8th, we welcomed **Meghan Fox**, owner of **Tin Roof Creamery** in Brighton. She shared the story of the **Home Rainbow Youth Centre**, a **safe, inclusive and welcoming space for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and their allies**. This centre is housed in the back of her business and welcomes both physical and financial support from the community and PARN.



**Ringing the Church Bell 100 times
in Celebration of
the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada
June 10th at 10:00 a.m.**



The bellringers at the ready!



Group photo, with thanks to Amanda Holder

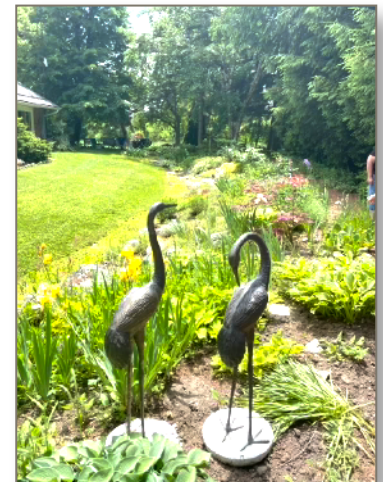
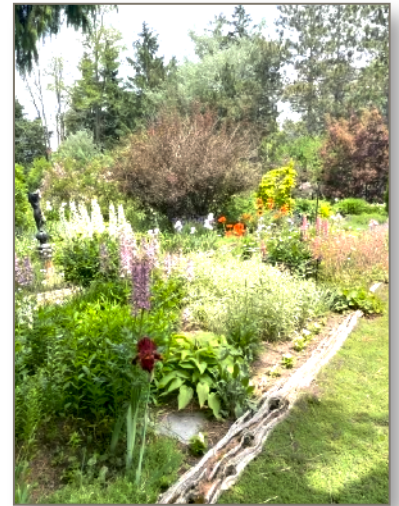
Garden Tour



On June 16th, the **Get Together Gals** enjoyed the fruit punch provided by Irene Clarke and their bag lunches in the shade of the trees at the home of Irene Osborne.

After lunch, Irene led a tour of her gardens. Sounds of admiration could be heard as the group walked about, enjoying the beauty of the colours and the scents of the flowers and trees. Irene spends a couple of hours on most days working in her gardens. Her love and her passion are evident in every direction.

Thanks to Irene for sharing a piece of heaven.



*Submitted by Marion McComb
Photos: Christine Hammond*

"The garden reconciles human art and wild nature, hard work and deep pleasure, spiritual practice and the material world. It is a magical place because it is not divided." - Thomas Moore

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7:00 PM

TICKETS \$25.00

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ECORC Region News and Events

During the presentation at our June 22nd services, in which you heard about some of the important moments from our ECORC Spring Conference, I suggested that those who were interested in what was happening in our Region could sign up for the weekly newsletter. Here is the link for you to do so:

<https://e1.envoke.com/ext/pages/b902f590387537cc7296400df81db767>

For those who are reluctant to add another newsletter to their “INBOX”, I hear you. If there are no objections, I will mention one or two activities that catch my attention and will provide a link to the website if you wish more information.



Walk the Ancient Sands Pilgrimage

An outward journey of the body and an inward journey of the soul

at Sandbanks Provincial Park in Prince Edward County, Ontario offered in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada

July 21, Aug 4 and Sept 15 (Other dates upon request)

<https://cressyglenorauc.wixsite.com/website/pilgrimage>

FREE TO ALL



Bear Witness

The Witness Blanket is a powerful art installation created by master carver Carey Newman to recognize the atrocities of the residential school era, honour the children and symbolize ongoing reconciliation.

Inspired by a woven blanket, this cedar-framed artwork is made of hundreds of items from residential schools, Survivors, churches, governments and other cultural sites across Canada. Each item tells a story of loss, strength, resilience and pride.

DISCOVER THE WITNESS BLANKET

Plus The Kawartha Truth and Reconciliation Quilt

The Witness Blanket Replica on display from Sep 7th to Oct 18th 2025
OPENING CEREMONY, September 7th
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony, September 30th
Location: Trinity St. Andrew's • 50 Laidlaw St. North, Cannington

For more info. or to book your group contact:
witnessblanket2025@gmail.com
TrinityCannington.ca/witness
@trinitycannington



The Cozy Comfort group will be visiting this exhibit in the fall. If you are interested in attending, please let **Rev. Jean** know so that you can receive information on dates, timing and carpooling plans.



“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” – John Lubbock



East Central Ontario Region UCW Weekend
Camp Quin-Mo-Lac
Sept. 5-7, 2025



A Purposeful Journey

Guest Speaker - Brian Jones



Exodus 15:20 *"Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand. All the women followed her playing tambourines and dancing."*

**Worship, music, workshops, night canoe or walk, skits, polar dips,
great food, great friends, book flash, vespers and more!**
(Please see workshop descriptions on page 2)

Full Weekend \$175 Saturday Day-timer \$85
Registrar - Ruth Wessell - 705-340-1250

Register [Here](#)

Deadline for registration - August 15, 2025
(Cancellation refunds will only be made prior to this date)

Workshop Options

Once again we will be offering 2 workshop slots on Saturday afternoon.
They are 1 hour workshops with a 15 min. break in between.

Chair Yoga - Karin DesChamp

Karin will provide instruction on safe yoga techniques, using a chair for support, suitable for all ages.

Prayer Geocache - Nora Darling

You will explore the camp using a map to find caches with prayer tokens and instructions. You will each take home example items to create your own prayer geocache activity. Suitable hiking attire suggested.

Drumming - Michelle Adams

You will join in a drumming circle, learning rhythms and feeling the heartbeat of the drums. Michelle provides the drums, so space is limited.

Prayer Circle - Darlene Nichol

Darlene will provide a meaningful prayer experience which you can use to help others in need of prayer support.

Power of Healing Touch - Robin Holding

Robin will lead you in a unique approach to well-being through the positive effect of touch.

Free Time

You may choose free time instead of one or both workshops.

Please indicate your first, second and alternate choices on the registration form.