

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK



KINGSTON ROAD UNITED CHURCH

March 24	10:30 AM	Intergenerational Palm/Passion Service
March 28	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service "You'll never wash my feet!"
March 24	10:30 AM	Good Friday Service The Way of Sorrows
March 31	10:30 AM	Easter Sunday Service The Empty Tomb
April 7	10:30 AM	First Sunday after Easter - Communion If you Love me, feed My Sheep! Honouring our Friday lunch volunteers Finger Food Potluck Lunch

This Sunday several children and youth from the congregation will lead the worship with Alana, and walk us through the Palm to Passion story. Be ready to waive palm branches, and to leave entering Holy Week with intention.

During the Maundy Thursday worship, Alana and the youth who are staying over for the vigil, will lead an interactive worship service with communion, hand washing, and art. Good Friday and Easter Services will be led by Rev. Debra. Each service will be, of course, beautifully supported by Eric MacKeracher and the choir!

As always, we invite you to look around the sanctuary and see who is missing from our fellowship. There are folks who went missing during the Covid Pandemic who have never returned! Take a look around. Who is missing? Write down their names. Perhaps give them a call this afternoon! Let them know they are missed! Invite our MIA members, as well as friends and family to join us for next week's Holy Week Services.

For those of you who are joining us on line, please let us know you are doing so. Also, let us know if you would appreciate a phone call or visit from Rev. Debra or from a member of the congregation. Let's strengthen our congregational connections with one another.

TSYO This Sunday! Please join us this Sunday at approximately 11:30 am (following the church service) for the next installment of our **Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra Concert Series** and **Long and McQuade Instrumental Petting Zoo**. This week

features the clarinet! Jerry Han and his pianist have a delightful programme planned so gather up your family, your neighbours, friends and colleagues for this free (or pay-as-you-can) recital. Afterwards your kids can hold a clarinet and try making a sound, getting up close and personal with the instrument and meeting an excellent young musician. Or if you are an adult who has always wanted to try an instrument, this is your chance. Our sponsor Long and McQuade will supply a clarinet and reeds for the Instrumental Petting Zoo. Can't wait to see you there!

Good News Under Our Roof! Save the Date! Sunday, April 7th On the Sunday following Easter, we will share in a special communion service and we will honour the work of our KRU volunteers who provide and serve Friday lunches for guests from our community who are in need of friendship, hospitality and nourishment.

Following worship, we will share in an informal 'communion' in the shape of a finger food potluck lunch! Bring along plenty of your favourite tapas foods to share-- appetizers, mains or desserts-- and enjoy some quality time with the folks you worship with from week to week! We might have an opportunity to get acquainted with some of our Friday guests as well. Blessings and Peace, Rev. Debra

LAST CALL for Easter Flowers At this time of year we invite you to donate Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones. The flowering plants are \$10 each and will be delivered on Easter Sunday to members of our congregation that we would like to connect or reconnect with. Please place your donation in an envelope and write your name and the person whose memory you wish to honour on the envelope. Please place your envelopes in the offering plates at the entrances, or drop off at the office **OR** e-transfer to donations@kruc.ca, password Kingston (what road is the church on?) **OR** pay by credit card on our website <https://www.kruc.ca/payments> and include the info on the message line. The names of donors and loved ones will be listed on the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday, March 31, the day the plants will be delivered.

Drivers Needed following the Easter service next week, to deliver the flowers. If you could drop just one plant off on your way home, that would be **AWESOME!** Let Elaine in the office (kruc.info@gmail.com) know of your availability. Thank you in advance!

Benevolent Fund Donations will be collected this Sunday and on Easter Sunday March 31st. Envelopes will be available at the in person service. Donations may also be made by e-transfer at any time (email donations@kruc.ca password Kingston) **.OR** by credit card on our website <https://www.kruc.ca/payments> **These** funds are used to help individuals in need in our community.

Mindful Meditation with Kim Dunlop Kim is leading Mindfulness Meditation practices each Monday, from 7 to 8 pm beginning Monday March 4 and running until April 29th in the sanctuary.

Our Space Sharing Coordinator, Lois Maxwell reported to the congregation at the AGM last Sunday that the Beaches Coop Playschool will no longer be in Bessie's Gym after June 2024. As a result we are looking for a new tenant(s) for this space as it will be a significant hit to our rental income. Here is the ad we are sharing in the community: **Space Available:** Kingston Road United Church (975 Kingston Road in the Beach) has 2800 sq. ft of accessible space available. This can include a kitchen and private bathroom. Rates to negotiated. Please contact: kruspace@gmail.com

Rivkah Unland: As many of you know, Rivkah Unland, our former KRU minister, was diagnosed with cancer in early 2023 and is now undergoing further treatment. She would enjoy hearing from KRU friends through cards or email: rivkahunland@hotmail.com or 455704 45th Line RR5, Embro ON N0J 1J0

Ushers / Counters Needed! It was decided at Council on Wednesday evening that we should resume passing the offering plates. This was a practice that was discontinued due to COVID. We are in need of more volunteers to assist with this task, which includes greeting guests at the doors, passing the offering plates and counting the receipts. You would be on a team that is required 1 Sunday every 4th week. Many people are on PAR and/or make contributions via the KRUC Website so the count doesn't take long. You would be assisted by others on the team. Please speak to Ray Cockburn or Marg. Holst for more information.

Please Keep Us In "Mind! KRUC has ongoing collection programs all year long. Every Sunday we welcome **non-perishable food donations** for our local food bank, Grace Pasco at Calvary Baptist Church on Main St. You will find a labelled container for each of the following items in the hall by the church office; **used stamps for the Leprosy Mission;** **used printer cartridges are recycled to Staples;** **used eye glasses** are greatly appreciated by our Friday lunch guests; and **used batteries** are recycled to Staples, **aluminum can tabs** are recycled to the March of Dimes, and **toiletries** are collected (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) and shared with our Friday lunch guests.



