



**Edith Rankin Memorial United Church**

**28 November 2024**



# This Week's Schedule

All events and room bookings are not on this page; please check ERMUC's online calendar at [www.ermuc.ca/event/event-calendar](http://www.ermuc.ca/event/event-calendar) for more info.

## Sun 01 Dec

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Advent - Peace with World Aids Day	Sanctuary
7:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Flutissimo	Sanctuary

## Mon 02 Dec

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Bell Tree Solo Practice	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Introduction to Handbells	Sanctuary
1:15 - 4:00 p.m.	ERMUC Bridge	Upper Room

## Tues 03 Dec

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Admin Team Meeting	Library
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Limestone Ringers	Sanctuary

## Wed 04 Dec

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Koffee Klatch	Denny's on Gardiners
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Bring Your Own Craft	Welcome Centre
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care	<u><a href="#">Zoom</a></u>
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.	U2 Forever	Welcome Centre
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	German Stamp Study Group	Back of Sanctuary
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Tech Team Workshop	Sanctuary

## Thurs 05 Dec

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Unit 6 Friends Christmas Party	Upper Room, Welcome Ctr
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Music Room, Sanctuary

## Fri 06 Dec

8:00 a.m.	Annual Dinner Preparation	Kitchen
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Wellness Walking	Sanctuary, Welcome Ctr.
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.	TGIF	Lower Hall, Kitchen

## Sat 07 Dec

Annual Dinner Prep	Lower Hall
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## Stewardship Seconds

Reign of Christ - Stewardship - giving gratefully because in Jesus God showed us what sacrificial giving really looks like.

Hello Friends and Family of Edith Rankin.

Alma Barney our Lay Pastoral Care Visitor has done a wonderful job visiting our Classics, and caring for our church family. Alma has elected to return to her retirement and we wish her blessings upon blessings as she returns to spend more time with her husband Kim and their family.

As a result of Alma's retirement, the Lay Pastoral Care Visitor portfolio at Edith Rankin would have been vacant, but I have great news to share with you. We have filled the position with an internal hire of another Edith Rankin family member.

Friends I want to introduce you to our new Lay Pastoral Care Visitor, ALANNA CODE. Alanna will start in this new role on January 1, and she and Alma will overlap for a month, so that they can work together and learn from one another.

This is how Alanna described herself to the hiring team at Edith Rankin:

I was born and raised in Ottawa (Nepean), Ontario and have been part of the United Church of Canada all of my life. I took many active roles in the church as a child and teenager—everything from music and drama to working in the nursery and leadership roles in the Youth Group. While attending Queen's University, I helped to launch a Young Adults Group at Chalmers United Church which we named "Revelations." That's actually where I met my husband, Ian Frei. Fortunately for me, he was posted to Ottawa and we married the year I graduated with a BAH degree in Film Studies and Religious Studies. I was very fortunate to attend at a time when many of my Religion classes could be taken at Queen's Theological College. Ian and I spent most of his military career in Ottawa with one amazing posting to Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, FL. After we returned to Ottawa, I served as Office Administrator of Stittsville United Church for ten years. We moved to Kingston in April 2023 and began attending ERMUC in November of that year. It wasn't long until we joined the Chancel Choir and have been building connections and making friends ever since.

Please help me in Welcoming Alanna into her new leadership role within the Staff Team. There will be an official welcome and covenanting in January, but we wanted to share the good news with all as soon as we could.

Welcome to the Team Alanna!

Rev. Michelle



Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that I have decided to step down as your Lay Pastoral Care Visitor. My last day in this role will be January 31, 2025.

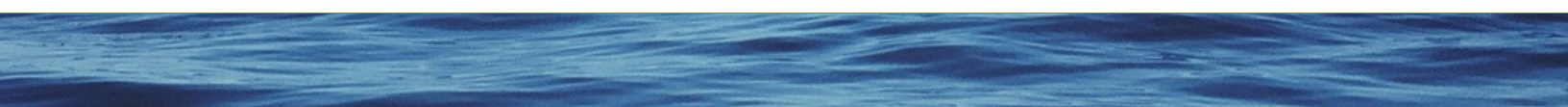
This past year has been a joy and a privilege for me. Spending time with each of you, hearing your stories, and getting to know you better has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Each of you holds a special place in my heart, and I will carry the memories of our time together with me always.

While I have truly loved this role, I have decided to embrace retirement once again. This was not an easy decision to make, as the connections we've built have been so meaningful to me.

That said, I am still a member of Edith Rankin, and you will see me around! I will continue singing in the choir, so you'll find me in the choir loft. I also plan to keep Koffee Klatch as part of my monthly routine—it's one of my favorite times to connect with you all.

Please know that even though I will no longer serve in this capacity, my thoughts and prayers will remain with you. You are all remarkable individuals, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been part of your lives.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,  
Alma Barney





Edith Rankin friends and family. The Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us. We have lots of beautiful services planned for you to come and find new Hope and Peace, Joy and Love.



Please come out and share in the blessings of this Holy Season.

**December 1** – Advent 2 PEACE with World AIDS Day

**December 8** – Advent 3 JOY with Family Christmas Supper and TGIF on the Friday before December 6.

**December 15** – Chancel Choir CANTATA The Winter Rose

**December 22** – Advent 4 LOVE with SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT

**December 24** – 7 pm Christmas Eve – Candlelight and Communion

**December 29** – Lessons and Carols

**January 5** – Michelle is taking a Christmas Blessing Break!

*love & peace joy*

## Dec 1 World AIDS Day



World AIDS Day is a global movement to unite people in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

Since 1988, communities have stood together on World AIDS Day to show strength and solidarity against HIV stigma and to remember lives lost.

The red ribbon is the universal symbol of awareness and support for people living with HIV.



Geneviève Bergeron Héleine Colgan Nathalie Croteau Barbara Daigneault Anne-Marie Edward  
Maud Haviernick Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz Maryse Laganière Maryse Leclair  
Anne-Marie Lemay Sonia Pelletier Michèle Richard Anne St-Arneault Annie Turcotte

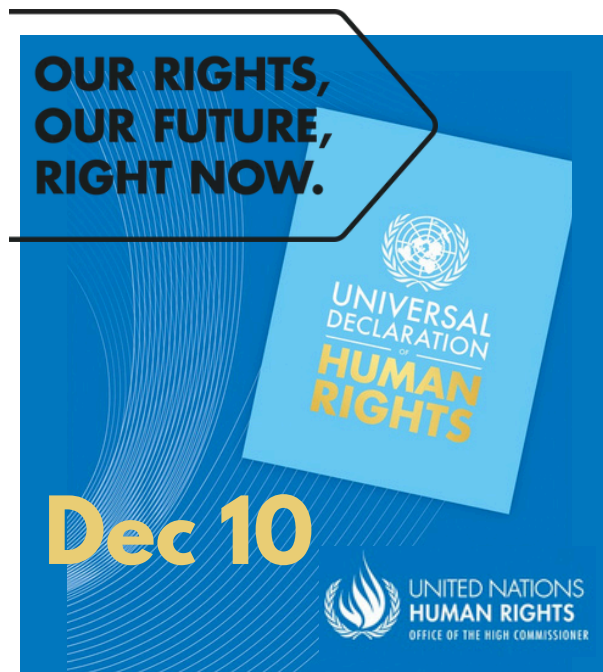
**DECEMBER 6**  
THE NATIONAL DAY OF  
REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION  
ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



## Human Rights Day

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly. It states that each person is entitled to fundamental rights, including the right to equality, and the right to life, liberty and security of the person. It also recognizes the right to freedom of religion and speech and the right to participate in the cultural life of the community.

**i** Did you know that Canada played a central role in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?



# Mission & Outreach

We are supporting and collecting for Mental Health, Trellis Aids and the Food Bank.

Personal hygiene products  
Small shampoos, hand creams  
Adult incontinence products  
Individually wrapped snacks (granola bars)  
Women's, men's gloves

There is green barrel in the Narthex, beside the books and under the table, where you can leave these items.

Thank you,  
Mission and Outreach

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## December Classics

Yvonne Notley  
Henry Green  
Carolyn Green  
Alwyn Huigens  
Marlene Metzler  
Dave Metzler  
Wanda Burke



Dec 4  
Dec 12  
Dec 14  
Dec 17  
Dec 21  
Dec 29  
Dec 31

# How to Safely Remove "Widow Maker" Dead Trees

In the forestry industry, dead trees are called "widow makers" as they are unpredictable during removal.

Eco Tree Care provided a written quote to remove 4 dead shoreline trees plus 4 dead trees on ERMUC

property along the east property line. Two of these dead trees overhung the neighbour's garage roof.

The shorelines trees were removed with no disturbance to the flower beds and minimal evidence of the stumps. The other firm would not give a written quote and only work on an hourly basis after the planter and two memorial benches were moved out of the way so the trees could be felled on the lawn.

Eco Tree Care has provided a quote for the removal of the remaining dead large elm and hickory. The quote has been included in the Property 2025 Fiscal Plan for removal in the spring. The removal will generate a large volume of wood chips for flower bed mulching.

.....Gord Bell, Chair, Property Team







KINGSTON

Christmas Kettles Campaign

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us for the 2024 Christmas  
Kettle Campaign

November 15th - December 24th

- Make a real difference.
- Flexible shifts that fit your schedule.
- Free app to manage and schedule shifts.
- Experience the joy of giving back to your community.



THE SALVATION ARMY KINGSTON  
Christmas Kettles Campaign

Kettle Office  
613 548 1600 Ext. 171

kingstoncitadel.kettles@salvationarmy.ca

Register to volunteer with us



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# Mission and Outreach News

The Tree of Warmth is up! Please bring mittens, scarves, hats and help someone keep warm.

Please keep food coming for the Food Bank. Always a need.



## Fundscrip Gift Cards

Payment is cash or debit. Buy cards for groceries, gas, gifts and eating out. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.

The Fundraising Team

## Wellness Walking

Wellness Walking is back in full swing this week. See you then!

## Drivers Needed

Mary Lavery needs some assistance from drivers who are available to take her for groceries from time to time. Barb Taft has been doing this for a few years and is no longer able to continue. The day, time and period are flexible.

Please call Mary if you are able to assist her. 613-547-6335 [Mary does not have email]

## Koffee Klatch

Meet Alma at Denny's for some laughs, good conversation and some breaky too!



# Volunteers Needed

## What You'd Be Doing

- Help prepare, cook, and serve school meals
- Support local lunch and breakfast programs
- Engage with students and staff to create a welcoming environment

## Why Volunteer?

- Make a meaningful impact in students' lives
- Stay active and engaged with flexible schedules
- Connect with other community-minded people

Email [volunteer@foodsharingproject.org](mailto:volunteer@foodsharingproject.org) to sign-up!

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More information :  613-530-3514  [volunteer@foodsharingproject.org](mailto:volunteer@foodsharingproject.org)

# ***Progressive Euchre Tournament***



Friday, November 29

7:00 p.m.

Downstairs Hall

Edith Rankin Memorial United Church

\$10 pp

Prizes

and

Refreshments

Tea, Coffee

Fruit, Squares

included in admission price

# TGIF (Thank God Its Family Night)



**Friday, December 6th**

**5:00 -7:30 p.m.**

Come out for an evening of crafts, cookie decorating, Story Time, Sing song, Dinner and a Special Visitor.

Please contact Ruth at: [herecomethejudds@hotmail.com](mailto:herecomethejudds@hotmail.com)

or Lorna Thorne: [tthorne@cogeco.ca](mailto:tthorne@cogeco.ca)

by Monday December 2nd.

A cash donation will be collected to offset expenses .

# *Family Christmas Turkey Dinner*



**Sunday Dec. 8 at 5 pm**

**with an old fashioned Christmas concert following.**

**Adults price \$22 , Children 5-12 are \$11 and under 5 free.**

**To reserve tickets:** Please call or visit our Welcome Centre starting 25th November from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. **OR** see Rhonda after church on 24 November or 01 December **OR** call Rhonda at 613 634 1990. **Deadline for tickets is 04 December.**



**Helpers Needed; please sign up on sheet on Welcome Centre island.**