

**09 July 2026**



**12 July 2026**

**Lakeside Series in the  
Edith Rankin Gardens**



# This Week's Schedule for ERMUC Events

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 12 July

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| 10:00 a.m. | Lakeside Series in the ERMUC Gardens | Sanctuary <u>Zoom</u> |
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## Mon 13 July

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| 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.  | Safe Access Comm Mtg. | Library   |
| 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Limestone Ringers     | Sanctuary |

## Tues 14 July

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| 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Tuesdays at Two   | Back Gardens |
| 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Limestone Ringers | Sanctuary    |

## Wed 15 July

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| 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Pastoral Care Gathering | <u>Zoom</u> |
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## Hey Edith Rankin Family ... GREAT NEWS!

Our Pastoral Care Visitor, Alanna Code has been working for us on a contract for the past 18 months. It was time to renew that contract, and Edith Rankin has offered Alanna employment with NO END DATE! She will work the same number of hours per month, but she will be a regular employee without the fear of a time limited contract coming to an end. Please take time to congratulate Alanna for all her hard work, and let her know that her Edith Rankin family appreciates her!



Please help me to say **THANK YOU** to Sandra Sinclair for covering on the piano this past Sunday when Kim was away on holidays. Sandra you always do a beautiful job, and we are grateful for you sharing your talents. Bless You!

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Come and worship at Edith Rankin this summer.  
Here is the outline of worship locations!

July 12 OUTSIDE at ER  
July 19 OUTSIDE at ER  
July 26 OUTSIDE at ER

**All July Worship Services are outside at Edith Rankin and are followed with a BBQ! Come one, Come all!**

Aug 2 ERMUC open with Guest Preacher **Michelle off**

Aug 9 ERMUC open with Guest Preacher **Michelle off**

**TECH TEAM IS OFF ON VACATION FOR THE NEXT FOUR CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS!  
WITH OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU DO WITH AND FOR ERMUC!**

Aug 16 Collaboration Joint Service with United, Anglican, Lutheran at Lake Ontario Park. Michelle will be leading with other clergy also.  
**ERMUC IS CLOSED THIS DAY**

Aug 23 Collaboration Service at Cookes-Portsmouth **ERMUC IS CLOSED THIS DAY**

Aug 30 Collaboration Service at Cookes-Portsmouth **ERMUC IS CLOSED THIS DAY; Michelle off**

Sept 6 ZOOM SERVICE ONLY – REPEAT OF SPECIAL SERVICE **ERMUC IS CLOSED THIS DAY; Michelle off**

Sept 13 Welcome Back Sunday – **ALL RETURN TO WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY!**



## Old Time Hymn Sing!

Come to worship on July 19th for an Old Time Hymn Sing! Bring your neighbours and friends, and sing some of the classics that we don't hear that often anymore! Regular worship time of 10:00 outside for the Lakeside Service.

Invite your friends to stay for the BBQ also!

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Stephanie is away on holidays from July 20-24. If you have any emergencies or time-sensitive items during that time, please contact Michelle at 613-777-1518.

## **JTRAG – summer reading list for our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and to prepare for our Collaboration Worship and Workshop on September 20th at Sydenham Street United Church!**

This list centres on Anishinaabe teaching, treaty responsibility, Land Back, and practical reconciliation. It opens with John Borrows's *The Seven Cycles of Life* and John Olthuis's *On Dismantling Settler Colonialism*. Together, these books connect life, land, law, healing, Indigenous jurisdiction, and public responsibility. The list also supports JTRAG's preparation for the John Olthuis Kingston Visit in September 2026.

*The Seven Cycles of Life: Seeking Healing, Connection and Justice in Anishinaabe Teachings* (2026) Author: John Borrows, Anishinaabe legal scholar and writer, member of the Chippewas of the Nawash First Nation, and Loveland Chair in Indigenous Law at the University of Toronto.

Synopsis: Borrows began writing letters to his daughter when she was leaving home. Those letters grew into this memoir and meditation. The book moves through the seven Anishinaabe cycles of life, from the Good Life of childhood to the Elder Life. The cycles swirl together rather than follow a straight line. Borrows draws on the natural world, treaty law, and the teachings of his Elders. The result is a warm guide to living with intention, humility, connection, and justice.

**On Dismantling Settler Colonialism: An Insider's Perspective on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples** (2025) Author: John A. Olthuis, founding partner and Senior Counsel at OKT | Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP, Member of the Order of Canada, and long-time Indigenous rights lawyer.

Synopsis: The three-part newsletter series *Triple Portrait* of John A. Olthuis depicts this book and its author: 1. *The Settler Lawyer Who Was Told to Dismantle*; 2. *Fifty Years of Change on the Land*; 3. *The Bigger Fight and the Road Ahead*.

# HOLD THE DATE!

**JTRAG hosts John Olthuis from September 24-29 to help us prepare for the 2026 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

You may be aware of John Olthuis' extraordinary work on treaty rights and land claims over many years and of his new book *On Dismantling Settler Colonialism*.

It advocates for a true reconciliation: one that fosters the creation of political, economic, social, and cultural spaces where Indigenous nations can self-govern, restore their traditional lands, and live in harmony with the earth according to their own values and beliefs.

Through deeply personal reflections on over five decades of activism in the communities of the Dene Nation, Grassy Narrows First Nation, Temagami First Nation and the Innu Nation of Labrador, John shares his powerful journey of working to dismantle settler colonialism.

He brings to light the many neglected blueprints for true reconciliation, including discussions of over 700 recommendations for systemic change put forth by the Penner Report, The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

John's book offers a powerful exploration of how the challenging work of dismantling settler colonialism can be a transformative and deeply healing process for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples alike.

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JTRAG has invited John to spend the week leading up to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with us in the Kingston area and to help us reflect on the theme “Beyond Land Acknowledgements: How Can I Act?” Here’s an early glimpse of John’s program:

- **Thurs Sept 24:** noon hour lecture at the School of Policy Studies at Queen’s
- **Fri Sept 25:** a full day with students and staff at the Limestone District School Board
- **Fri Sept 25 at 4:30:** a talking circle at Kanhiote Library on the Tyendinaga Reserve
- **Sat Sept 26:** a gathering at All Our Relations Land Trust
- **Sun Sept 27 AM: a joint service with JTRAG congregations at Sydenham Street United Church**
- **Sun Sept 27 PM: a public lecture/discussion at The Spire.**

**EDITH RANKIN WILL BE PART OF THE COLLABORATION SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND THE AFTERNOON WORKSHOP.**

# **Collaboration Worship**

## **United Church of Canada turns 101**



**Thank you for the  
pictures, Ruth J!**



St. Alban's Centre's  
*Community*  
**FISH FRY**



**Sunday**  
**July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
Service begins at 5:00pm

Adult Tickets  
**\$25**

Tickets for  
Children 12 & Under  
**\$15**



**MENU**

Battered Haddock Fish • Fries  
Coleslaw and Buns • Dessert  
Lemonade • Water



**Gluten Free**  
Options are available.

*Food provided by* The Catering Company, Greater Napanee.

Tickets are available at  
**stalbanscentre.ca**



# CARING CONNECTIONS

## Pastoral Care Updates from Alanna

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about water. There is something about being near it that draws me in. Whether it is a lake, a river, a creek, a pool, or my backyard swim spa, I find its presence calming and restorative. I feel supported and held when I am floating in the water.

I know, though, that not everyone experiences water this way. For some, water evokes fear rather than peace. It might carry memories of loss, danger, or trauma. Water sustains life, but it can also remind us of its fragility.

Scripture never pretends that the waters of life are always calm. Sometimes they are still enough to reflect the sky; sometimes they rage with wind and waves. What remains constant is not the condition of the water, but the presence of God who meets us beside still waters and accompanies us through life's storms.

As I reflect on water, I am reminded that the same reality can be experienced in profoundly different ways. For one person, a lake is a place of peace; for another, it is a place of fear. Neither experience is wrong. Both are real and both deserve to be received with grace.

Creation itself delights in diversity. No two lakes are identical, no two trees are exactly alike, and no two people share the same story. Our uniqueness is not something to overcome, but a gift to receive with gratitude. As followers of Christ, we are invited to meet one another with compassion, recognizing that we never fully know the experiences another person carries.

The next time you find yourself beside, in, or on the water this summer, take a few moments to think about what it stirs within you. Is it a place of comfort? Of caution? Of awe? Or maybe something entirely unexpected. Whatever you discover, let it serve as a reminder that God meets each of us where we are. And may it encourage us to meet one another with curiosity rather than assumptions, compassion instead of judgement, and gratitude for the rich diversity of stories that together form the body of Christ.

### Some Upcoming Pastoral Care Activities:

**Tuesdays at Two:** Join me for cookies and lemonade in the shade for conversation and connection on the beautiful banks of Collins Bay. In case of inclement or extremely hot temperatures, we will meet in the Welcome Centre.

**Breakfast Bunch:** The August breakfast will be back to the first Wednesday of the month. We will meet on **Wednesday, August 5 at 9:00 AM at Rhodes Restaurant** for breakfast and conversation.

**Care & Share Lunch:** There will be no Care & Share Lunches through July and August, but we will resume in September. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our lunches, our wonderful volunteers, and our angel sponsors who stepped forward to cover our expenses each month. I am so grateful to you all for helping to make Care & Share such a meaningful and successful event.

**Wellness Walking:** There will be no Wellness Walking through July and August, the sanctuary is simply too warm. We will resume as soon as temperatures permit in September!

**I will be available for Pastoral Care visits throughout the summer months.  
Please contact me using the information below to make an appointment.**

**HOW TO CONTACT ALANNA: [PASTORALCARE@ERMUC.CA](mailto:PASTORALCARE@ERMUC.CA) • 613-389-2530 X 102**



## Tuesdays at Two



**Lemonade • Cookies • Conversation**

**Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 PM**



**In the shade behind the church  
with a view of Collins Bay.**

**Come to connect and share with  
your church family in a beautiful  
setting.**

**Everyone is invited to the table!**

***In the event of inclement weather, we  
will gather in the Welcome Centre.***



## Happy Birthday to our Classics !

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|-----------------|---------|
| Pat Turner      | 07 July |
| Marilyn Rodger  | 13 July |
| Bob Wells       | 15 July |
| Bob Rubino      | 18 July |
| Roberta Waddell | 21 July |
| Mack Bennett    | 22 July |
| Shirley Donovan | 26 July |
| Marilyn Rosser  | 29 July |
| Wally Parks     | 30 July |
| Mildred Hill    | 31 July |
| Fred Jones      | 31 July |
| Lois O'Hara     | 31 July |

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Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

# Blessing of the



## SAVE THE DATE: July 26

July 26th will be the Blessing of the Animals Service at Edith Rankin.

Get your pets primed and ready to come to church for an extra special blessing!

July 26 at 10:00am Lakeside service ... and yes ... there will be a BBQ!!

# Attention Vendors

**United  
MarketPlace  
Tour 2026**



*Saturday, November 21st  
10am to 2pm*

*Announcing our 4th annual United MarketPlace Tour - a holiday bazaar with a difference. A citywide collaboration between local United Churches. Open to the community.*

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***Saturday, November 21st, 10am to 2pm***

*As one of the host churches, Edith Rankin Memorial United Church will be celebrating the work of local artisans. We encourage you to come and join in the fun as one of our vendors!*

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## **Rental Fees**

*6' x 6' space with one 6' table – \$50 / additional 6' table – \$20*

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*For further information or to reserve a space, please contact:  
Florence Niven [fniven7@gmail.com](mailto:fniven7@gmail.com)*

*Deadline for application, September 4, 2026*



THE MUSIC OF  
**KENNY  
& DOLLY**

*Cliff Edwards former lead singer of the pop group "The Bells" and Abby Stewart an up and coming Country Music Artist celebrate the Music of Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton. Join us as they perform the hits "Lucille", "Coward of the County", "Coat of Many Colours", "Jolene", "Islands in the Stream" and many others.*

Ken Hall , Keyboards, Dan Kasaboski, guitar and vocal and Noah St Amand on bass all add to an evening you will remember.

**Saturday, August 8, 2026**  
**7:30 pm**

**St. Alban's Centre,**

10419 Hwy 33, Adolphustown, ON



**Admission - \$25** for advance tickets / **\$30** at the door.

Tickets are available on-line at [stalbanscentre.ca](http://stalbanscentre.ca)

Box-office opens at 6:30 for ticket check-ins and sales.

Hard and soft refreshments will be available  
before the show and at intermission.