

30 July 2026



02 August 2026

Eric Lawson

Lower Hall at Edith Rankin



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 for more info.

Sun 02 Aug

10:00 a.m.	Eric Lawson at Edith Rankin	Lower Hall
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Mon 03 Aug

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Limestone Ringers	Sanctuary
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Tues 04 Aug

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

Wed 05 Aug

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Gathering	<u>Zoom</u>
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Before pics; see after in person!



Thank you to our friends at Lakeview Watersports for once again fixing the concrete stairs/handles leading to the Edith Rankin gardens. They discreetly spent their own time and finances, but I know they are the culprits...lol. Thank you for caring about Edith Rankin and the community.





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!**

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I will require your full name, mailing address and payment of \$30 for six printed issues. Etransfers to churchoffice@ermuc.ca (please note payment is for Broadview) and cheques made out to: ERMUC.

Deadline is 07 August 2026. If you have any questions, please email. Thank you.



CARING CONNECTIONS

Pastoral Care Updates from Alanna

Have you ever taken a vacation in the summer and then felt like you missed the best part of the season here? I think there is something wonderful about staying home in the summer. This year, that's exactly what Ian and I have chosen to do. Each week, I find myself noticing the gifts that I might otherwise have missed.

Today, we enjoyed our first garden-fresh tomato of the season. If you have ever grown tomatoes, you know that first bite is worth the wait! The garden is in full bloom now; it has been a joy watching the beauty unfold over the past several weeks. There has been a delightful succession of blooms in the flower beds as well as a continuous ripening of fruits and vegetables. I have really enjoyed the abundance of raspberries each morning, although sadly they are beginning to slow down.

This past week was filled with lunches out, visits from family, and a delightful day spent at a backyard pool with friends. Today, on a whim, I'm meeting another friend for ice cream and a stroll downtown. And yes, the dog still needs to be walked, chores still need to be done, but it all adds up to a rich, joy-filled summer.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have also been deeply touched by the many phone calls and conversations I have had following my new contract with Edith Rankin. Thank you for reaching out, for sharing your gratitude, and for being so kind to me. I have experienced love and the true spirit of community of people who truly care for one another.

Summer is a great time to notice each of these blessings. It invites us to slow down and pay attention. It asks us to notice the beauty of God's creation and to give thanks for the relationships that sustain us.

So whether you're travelling to exciting places, spending time at your cottage, or staying at home, I invite you to take the time to slow down, look around you, and be open to experience the moments of joy you might otherwise have missed in the busyness of life. And if you have a chance to spend time by the water with some ice cream, I recommend that, too!

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.

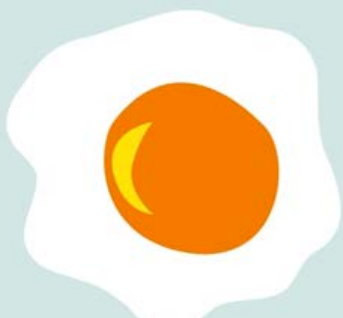
Breakfast Bunch: The August breakfast will be back to the first Wednesday of the month. We will meet on **Wednesday, August 5 at 9:00 AM at Rhodes Restaurant** for breakfast and conversation.

Care & Share Lunch: There will be no Care & Share Lunches through July and August, but we will resume in September.

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

HOW TO CONTACT ALANNA: PASTORALCARE@ERMUC.CA · 613-389-2530 X 102

BREAKFAST BUNCH



Join us at
Rhodes Restaurant
2360 Princess Street
at **9:00 am**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
for fellowship & fun



Happy Birthday to our Classics !

Frank Marshall	01 Aug
Lois Butler	02 Aug
Rupert Howse	08 Aug
Brenda Gray	09 Aug
Diane Hickling	09 Aug
Carole Bleecker	11 Aug
Mary Catherine Robb	14 Aug
Mel Hazell	19 Aug
Anne Byron	23 Aug
Jean Martin	24 Aug
Joan Martin	25 Aug
Don Mallory	28 Aug
Edie Raymond	31 Aug

Volunteer Request

The Parkinson Group are looking for a volunteer to come in on the second Thursday of each month from September to June, at 2:00 p.m., to set up tables and chairs for their meetings.

If you can take on this responsibility, they would be grateful. Please contact Ruth Morrison: [ruthmorrison 'at' sympatico.ca](mailto:ruthmorrison@sympatico.ca).

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.

Best Mediterranean Pasta Salad



Directions

Step 1

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta, stirring occasionally, until al dente according to package directions. Drain with a colander (do not rinse); while in colander, season with 1/2 tsp. salt, tossing to distribute. Let cool slightly.

Step 2

In a large bowl, toss bell pepper, cucumber, scallions, chickpeas, feta, olives, tomatoes, mint, oregano, and za'atar until combined. Fold in pasta.

Step 3

In a small bowl, whisk garlic, mayonnaise, lemon juice, and harissa. Pour over pasta salad and toss until coated; season with salt, if needed.

Ingredients

Kosher salt

8 oz. dried, short pasta, such as gemelli, penne, or bowtie

1 large red bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed, chopped

1 Persian cucumber, quartered lengthwise, chopped

2 scallions, finely chopped

1 (15-oz.) can chickpeas, rinsed, drained

3/4 cup crumbled feta

1/2 cup chopped mixed pitted olives

1/2 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes

1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh mint

1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh oregano

1 tsp. za'atar seasoning

2 garlic cloves, grated

1/2 cup mayonnaise

3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

1 Tbsp. harissa paste



East Central Ontario Region UCW



Fall Leadership Workshop

Thursday, October 8th, 2026

Frankford United Church

61 Mill St., Frankford

Morning Speaker

Fiza Kalhoro

Member of the World Sindhi Congress, Canadian Chapter

**Fiza will share her advocacy for
Sindhi Women's Rights in Pakistan.**

Afternoon Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Jackie Harper

Retired United Church Minister

Jackie will provide insight into why we use pronouns.

Registration: 8:30 a.m. (Refreshments available)

Workshop begins at 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$20.00 per person (payable upon arrival)

Lunch provided by Frankford UCW

**Contact: Peggy Fillier – bwfillier@gmail.com – 705-750-1504
to register by Sept. 30th**

Dietary Concerns required in advance.

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.

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!

Rental Fees

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

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

Deadline for application, September 4, 2026