

Tidings

29 Oct 2026

Sun 01 Nov 2026

10:00 a.m.

Edith Rankin Memorial United Church

‘All Saints Day’

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 01 Nov

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	'All Saints Day'	Sanctuary

Mon 02 Nov

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Limestone Ringers	Sanctuary
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	ERMUC/SABTL Bridge	Upper Room

Tues 03 Nov

12:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Still #1	Loyal Oarsman
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Limestone Ringers	Sanctuary

Wed 04 Nov

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Admin Team Mtg	Meeting Room
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Bring Your Own Craft	Welcome Centre
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Gathering	Zoom
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	M & P Meeting	Youth Room
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	U2 Forever	Wel Centre, Upper Rm
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Affirming Team	Meeting Room
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	The Ramblers	Upper Room
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Tech Team Workshop	Sanctuary

Thurs 05 Nov

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Choir	Music Rm/Sanctuary

Fri 30 Oct

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Wellness Walking	Wel Centre/Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Library Team	Library


Happy
Halloween!



Mission and Outreach

SOCKTOBER

Socktober is a campaign to collect new (and gently used) socks for those in need in our community. Socks are one of the most requested (and least donated) items for those experiencing hardship.

We are accepting donations of new socks (or gently used) for **ALL ages.** Help us warm hearts and toes this fall. Please drop off by Stephanie's office int he blue bucket!



Remembrance Day Service will be honoured here at Edith Rankin on Sunday November 8th. If you are an active member or retired from our Canadian Forces, or a family member and would like to participate in this service in any way then please let Michelle know. You can phone, email or text.



Ruth Judd, as the newest recipient of The Edith Award, could not be more deserving of this recognition. This award is given to acknowledge her significant contribution to the life and work at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church and in appreciation of the dedicated spiritual leadership she provides to our youth.

Ruth has been a lifetime member of the United Church and her steady contributions to the life and work here at Edith Rankin, are significant. However, what we are recognizing Ruth for today is the amazing work she does Sunday after Sunday as our Sunday school coordinator.

While many of you here today may recall when Sunday school classrooms were full to overflowing; when the Sunday school here at Edith Rankin had to make use of space at Collin's Bay Public School, we also all recognize that today's culture is significantly different from those bygone days. Instead, we have a smaller, wonderful group of young people who may share their precious time on Sunday mornings between multiple households and numerous commitments. As a result, Ruth has no idea how many children attend will be able to join her on any given Sunday; or the age range she will be working with. This may vary from 2 to 17 children ranging in age from 4 to 15.

While one room school houses are a thing of the past, this is exactly the situation Ruth stepped into when Jean Stairs asked her to take on this role in the Fall of 2017 just two months after she retired from teaching at Amherstview Public School. While every one of us can appreciate how challenging this volunteer position is, it is Ruth's passion for teaching and working with children combined with her love of sharing music with them, that has kept her coming back, Sunday after Sunday for the past nine years. The youth at Edith Rankin are incredibly fortunate to have such a capable and caring teacher fostering their spiritual growth.

Over and above Sunday morning, Ruth has established well attended TGIF nights. While it takes a team of willing volunteers to create program and facilitate an evening with a large group of youth, parents and grandparents, it takes a special person to visualize and orchestrate these very successful events.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the annual Christmas Nativity pageant that Ruth organizes and directs. She manages to corral together many of her students from about 22 families, and have them find a role - sometimes rehearsed (and sometimes not). It is a cherished tradition at Edith Rankin that allows families to observe and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. We don't know how you manage it Ruth, especially those camels!

Ruth, for the energy, passion and dedication you bring to Edith Rankin by creating a welcoming and nurturing space and place for the youngest members of our congregation - we are truly appreciative and blessed.

Fair Trade

FAIR TRADE is coming to Edith Rankin Sunday, November 1st , with all your favorite coffee, chocolate bars, herbal and regular tea, plus. Palestinian olive oil, Za'atar spice.

Great gifts for your Christmas givings.



Mission & Service Challenge

Northern Indigenous communities are still experiencing hardships through relocation and environmental issues.

Gather your toonies and FILL A BOTTLE to alleviate the costs and help them rebuild.

E-transfers, cash, cheques or pill bottles clearly marked ‘Food for the North’ are to be dropped off at your church office. Please include your name and address for tax purposes.

Thank you for thinking of our Friends in the North.

Please contact Marilyn Rodger for more information at marilynrodger@aol.com



Referenced from United Church Gifts for Vision catalogue.

Caring Connections

Pastoral Care Reflections & Updates from Alanna

Liebe Grüße aus Deutschland! / Warm greetings from Germany!

Technically, I am not in Germany just yet, but I will be by the time you read this message (provided everything has gone to plan!). As I write this, I am looking forward to a vacation with Ian that will take us to Frankfurt, Berlin, and Munich.

I hesitate to describe it as a relaxing vacation. Having travelled with Ian in Europe before, I know there is generally a lot more walking than sitting involved! Still, I am looking forward to exploring beautiful architecture, visiting art galleries and museums, and discovering what makes each city unique.

I must confess that I am a little less enthusiastic about the cuisine, although I do love a good pretzel and schnitzel with spaetzel! Unfortunately, we will miss Oktoberfest and arrive too early for the Christmas markets. I suspect, however, that we will find plenty to keep us busy. And if all else fails, I imagine there will be a café where we can sit down and rest our feet!

While I am away, our pastoral care activities will continue. Breakfast Bunch will gather at Rhodes Restaurant on Wednesday, November 4, at 9:00 AM, and Wellness Walking will continue on Friday mornings.

A big "thank you!" to Bonnie and Mel who have been 'volunteered' to keep things running while both Betty Jeanne and I are away. Clearly, our vacation schedules could have used a little more coordination! We are grateful to have people willing to step in and help make sure these opportunities for connection continue.

One of the things I appreciate most about our community of faith is that caring for

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one another is not the responsibility of just one person or one small group. It happens in so many ways: through organized activities, friendly conversations, checking in on a neighbour, sharing a laugh, or simply making room for someone at the table.

Whether I am exploring a new city in Germany or you are enjoying the familiar comforts of home, those small moments of connection matter. They remind us that community is something we create together, through the little things we do for one another.

So, while I will be away for a couple of weeks, I hope you will continue to find opportunities to connect, share a smile, and enjoy the company of others.

I look forward to sharing a few stories from our adventures when I return, hopefully with some lovely photos, a few interesting discoveries, and perhaps a new appreciation for just how far a person can walk in a day!

And if you happen to think of me, I will happily accept good wishes for comfortable walking shoes, cooperative weather, and perhaps the occasional opportunity to sit down with a good pretzel!

Bis Bald! See you soon!

Some Upcoming Pastoral Care Activities:

Wellness Walking every Friday at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited to join in the fun for a bit of exercise walking around the sanctuary with friends new and old, unhindered by the elements. Afterwards, stay to enjoy some social time together.

Breakfast Bunch: Join this lively group at Rhodes Restaurant at **9:00 am** on the first Wednesday of every month for breakfast and conversation. **Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, November 4th 2026.**

“FOOD BARREL DONATIONS

A huge thank you to everyone who generously donate non-perishable foods the Partners in Mission Foodbank. Your gifts are most appreciated. Please DO NOT put fresh vegetables or fruit in the bin as we have no way of ensuring it gets to the Foodbank in a timely fashion.”



United MarketPlace Tour



Saturday, November 21st – 10am to 2pm

A collaboration between four United Churches in the Kingston area.

Visit the two host churches for a variety of home baking and hand crafted items.

A light lunch will be served at each location.

Edith Rankin Memorial United Church
with **Cooke's-Portsmouth United Church**
4080 Bath Road, Kingston
local artisans, baked goods, new-to-you

Crossroads United Church
with **Sydenham Street United Church**
690 Sir John A Macdonald Blvd, Kingston
shortbread, crafts, vendors, baked goods

A citywide collaboration between four United Churches in the Kingston area.

Chocolate-Covered Strawberry Mummies



Prep time: 15–20 minutes
Type: No-bake dessert or party snack

Ingredients

Fresh strawberries (skewered in pairs to make bear/mummy shapes)
Mini marshmallows (for ears, arms, and feet)
Melted milk chocolate (for the base dip)
Mini chocolate chips (for eyes and noses)
Melted white candy melts or white chocolate (for the mummy wrap drizzle)

Instructions

Assemble the body: Skewer two strawberries together, then attach mini marshmallows to form the ears, arms, and feet.
Dip in chocolate: Dip the assembled strawberry figures into melted milk chocolate.
Add facial features: Press mini chocolate chips into the chocolate for the eyes and nose.
Wrap like a mummy: Drizzle thin ribbons of melted white candy across the body to create the mummy bandages



Sylvia Neil	Nov 2
Andrew Robb	Nov 7
Alison Ahara	Nov 11
Beverley Ryan	Nov 13
Nancy Stokes	Nov 19
Doreen Boyd	Nov 24
Russell Bullett	Nov 27
Marg Beck	Nov 30



Progressive Euchre Tournament



Friday,October30, 2026
7:00 PM
$10 per person

Downstairs Hall
Edith Rankin Memorial United Church
PRIZES AND REFRESHMENTS
included with admission



Save the Dates for our next
Progressive Euchre Tournaments
Nov. 27, 2026 • Jan. 29. 2027
Feb. 26, 2027 • April 30, 2027


EARLY
CHRISTMAS
MARKET
PRINCESS STREET UNITED CHURCH
& ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH
236 NELSON STREET, KINGSTON
SATURDAY, NOV. 7TH, 2026
10 AM – 2 PM
PRESERVES
HOME BAKING
SHORTBREAD
CANDY
BOOKS
DELICATESSEN
KNITTING
CRAFTS
GENTLY USED GIFT ITEMS
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
JEWELRY
FROZEN HOMEMADE APPLE PIES
FRESH TURKEY POT PIES
SILENT AUCTION!

Halloween Crossword









Down

1. dead person appearing to the living
3. synonym of frightening
4. a human who has turned into an animal
7. a mischievous, ugly spirit
8. a hole in the ground in which a dead person is buried
9. spirit, ghost
10. you put them in jack-o'-lanterns
11. strong dislike, shuddering fear and disgust
12. not living
15. beyond what is natural or physically possible
16. an evil spirit; a devil
19. strange things happen when the moon is _____
22. a burial ground; graveyard
24. inhabited by ghosts
25. a trick, a practical joke
26. walking dead; living ghost
29. a drink of medicine or poison
31. used for hiding or protecting the face

Across

2. a woman who is supposed to have powers of magic
5. a Halloween pastime in which kids go door to door asking for goodies
6. causing fear; weird
13. a grave-robber
14. furry little animals; friends to witches
17. a corpse restored to life that sucks human blood
18. collection of money for the United Nations Children's Fund
20. outfits worn during Halloween
21. a person who casts magic spells; a sorcerer
23. twelve o'clock at night
27. causing disgust, especially of smell or taste
28. the season that comes before winter
30. witches fly on this
32. jack-o'- _____

Care & Share

Good food. Great conversation.
Meaningful connections.

Light for the Journey is our theme for November.

Come and enjoy a warm meal with your church family and share in conversation and reflection about what it means to be a community of people who both give and receive.

Bring an ERMUC friend who would be blessed by joining us!

Tuesday, November 17th at 12:30 PM
All are invited to the table.

A Pastoral Care Initiative of Edith Rankin Memorial UC

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Centre so we can be sure to have enough food for everyone!