



EOORC News

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Preparing The Way

EOORC 2021
Online Fall Meeting

Saturday, November 27, 2021

9:00 a.m. - Noon

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SAVE THE 2022 DATES!

Winter Informational Meeting – Saturday, February 26, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

EOORC Annual Meeting – May 27 – 28, 2022 (via Zoom)

Celebration of Ministry – Saturday, April 9, 2022 (in person)

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JAZZ REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

by Eleanor Dunn, McKay United Church



Rev. Peter Woods with guitarist/vocalist
Peter Newsome

When a congregation issues a call to a minister who also happens to be a very talented jazz saxophonist, no one should be surprised when the sanctuary becomes a venue for jazz concerts. When MacKay United Church issued its call to Rev. Peter Woods, they found someone who would bring another dimension to MacKay's reputation as the "music church" in Ottawa's New Edinburgh neighbourhood.

MacKay had already enjoyed considerable success with its chamber concerts featuring musicians from the National Arts Centre Orchestra, and its Christmas Eve service, which saw standing-room-only attendance. Like every other church these days, declining attendance meant a corresponding decline in funds. MacKay needed to find other sources of revenue, but that wasn't the only reasoning behind the creation of the Jazz in June concert series in 2016.

Reaching out to the community was part of MacKay's mandate. Revenue

generation was a secondary concern so the decision was taken to avoid the business of selling tickets and ask attendees at the concerts for a freewill donation instead.

COVID-19 lockdowns brought an end — hopefully not permanent — to the Jazz in June concerts. Plans had been laid, and performers had been lined up for the 2020 concert series. In 2019, efforts to connect with the Ottawa International Jazz Festival, which is held in June, paid off. In collaboration with the Ottawa International Jazz Festival, Rev. Peter Woods conducted a master class with Jakob Bro, world class Danish jazz guitarist, who had performed at the festival the previous evening.

The *Jazz in June* concerts led to the creation of *The Kindness of Jazz* and with funding from the United Church of Canada, it was taken further out into the wider Ottawa community. Featuring local jazz performers of note — pianist Tom Reynolds, guitarist Alex Moxon, trumpeter Ed Lister, the Angelique Francis trio, and the very popular Peter Newsom on guitar and vocals — are just a few of the artists who've been in the spotlight at MacKay's Thursday noon-hour concerts during the month of June over the four years before COVID-19 changed everything.

We're hoping to see some version of Jazz at McKay in 2022!

AGING – *With Care!*

**A 4-part series of Learning Cafés about Eldercare –
how it is and how it could be: for our loved ones and ourselves**

Sponsored by First United Church

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WOODWARK STUDENT BURSARY

The Woodwark Student Bursary Fund was established in 1976 by the Reverend Ken Woodwark and his wife, Ida, in memory of their parents George and Emma Woodwark and George and Katie McDowell. Reverend Woodwark was a Minister at Woodroffe United Church in Ottawa.

Deadline to Apply: November 15th

[Application Process](#)



EMMANUEL COLLEGE is hosting a virtual lunchtime information session for prospective students called Emmanuel Encounter on November 24 at 12:00 pm. This is an opportunity to connect with current students and faculty and learn about our program offerings. It will be followed by our monthly interfaith worship service which is open to all. Register here for this online event [HERE](#)

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



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The November 9th issue of [Essentials](#) is now available.



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