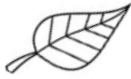


## Congratulations Virginia!

Ottawa Riverkeeper honoured Virginia MacLatchy as Riverwatcher of the Year for her dedication in helping the organization protect the Ottawa River.

## Climate Justice

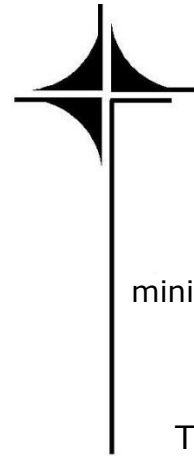


### Reducing our carbon footprint- one purchase at a time!

What can we do to reduce the carbon footprint of things we buy?

- Choose products with the least plastic packaging
- Give up coffee lids, straws, and single portion products
- Choose eggs in a paper carton, anything in a box instead of a bag.
- *Instead of plastic wrap*, opt for glass containers, fabric bowl covers, a bowl with a plate on top.
- Some stores offer products in refillable containers. At a new zero-waste grocery store, you bring our own containers.
- Consider supporting a petition of the Canadian Wildlife Federation that urges the federal government to recommit to and advance the national Sustainable Packaging initiative set out in 2012 to further move Canada away from single-use plastics: [www.canadianwildlifefederation.ca/plasticpetition](http://www.canadianwildlifefederation.ca/plasticpetition).

(Source: [wrwcanada.com/en/2017-theme-days/plastics-Thursday](http://wrwcanada.com/en/2017-theme-days/plastics-Thursday))



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THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY  
December 17, 2017

CLERGY	Rev. Erin Burns
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CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER	Jessica Knoyle
DIRECTOR OF JOYFUL NOISE	Sara-Lynn Hutchison
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Jen Cass
COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS	Karen Afghan & Ian MacKay

We thank you who volunteer to make our worship service happen:  
***The Choir, Ushers, Audio-Visual Tech, Fellowship Hosts, Pastoral Care Drivers, Parking Lot Greeter, & Counters.***

### Attention All Parents and Caregivers!

Little ones are welcome to join our caregiver in the Carson Room (Nursery) during the service while parents participate in our Sunday celebrations. Please speak with Erin or Jessica about how our Nursery can best support your family.

**Welcome Newcomers:** Please sign our book in the lobby so the minister can connect with you personally. Also, pick up a 'Spirit Matters' Trinity Welcome Package to help get you oriented. Please stay for coffee and conversation.

## Today

Joyful Noise! practices for 30 minutes after the service, downstairs in the 3rd Sunday school classroom. There will be no rehearsal on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> or 31st.

## Upcoming Celebrations in the Sanctuary

Dec 21	7pm	Longest Night Service
Dec 24	10am	Christmas Eve Family Service A lively celebration with stories and songs. For all ages.
Dec 24	8:30pm	Candlelight Service Quiet reflection and carols, candlelight and Communion
Dec 31	10am	Worship Committee leads

## Christmas Eve Volunteers Needed!



Please consider taking on one of the tasks that enables us to enjoy our Christmas celebrations. Roles include fire watchers, ushers, parking lot helpers and others. Sign up in the Lobby. Thanks!

## Instant Christmas Choir

Everyone is welcome to join the choir for Christmas Eve 8:30 pm service. Meet in the Friendship Room at 8pm for rehearsal.

### ATTN Committee Chairs

Please submit your report to the office by January 4, 2018 for inclusion in the Trinity annual report.

## Holiday Schedules

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's, reopening Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phone messages will be checked during that period; in case of Pastoral Emergency only, please call Erin at home.

## Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on December 24th or 31st. However, there will be some quiet activities at the front of the church for the children to do if they are restless. January 7th, there will be an open session downstairs with activities for the children. Sunday School will resume January 14th.

Sunday School is always looking for extra helpers to assist the teachers. Please contact Jessica if you would like to offer some time.

## 2018 Offering Envelopes

Envelopes are available for pick up in the Gallery. To request envelopes or to sign up for PAR (monthly automated withdrawals), call Helen Shaw or the office.

## 2017 Contributions

*All 2017 contributions must be received no later than Dec. 31.*  
Any received after this date will be credited to your 2018 givings. Mark Cuddy, Finance Committee