





## 2025 October Kin-Tales

Dear friends,

Being human is never easy. Raising kids is complicated. We are not meant to be on our own and we are at our best when we are surrounded by community. Studies over the past twenty years have pointed out that North Americans are spending more time alone (and on screens) and less time with others. We participate in fewer sports teams and service groups, rarely invite friends over for a meal, and mostly stay home on Sunday mornings. There are lots of reasons for these shifts, but it is worth taking a look at our lives, and considering where we might be missing out on community and connection.

It might seem obvious that as a minister I would suggest trying out church as a way to find community and connection. But I have had times in my life when a worship service was not my favourite place to be. But lately, I can not speak highly enough about the simple act of attending Sunday morning worship. It is a place where we are reminded that we are loved, we are not alone, and we are part of the messy business of being people together. Contrary to popular opinion, you do not need to have it together to go to church, no one else at church is perfect. We take time to re-orient ourselves towards God, ask for forgiveness for what we have done wrong, hear stories from scripture that carry truth, bring God our sorrows and burdens, and do all of this together. Sometimes the singing is great, sometimes it is not, but it is something we do together.

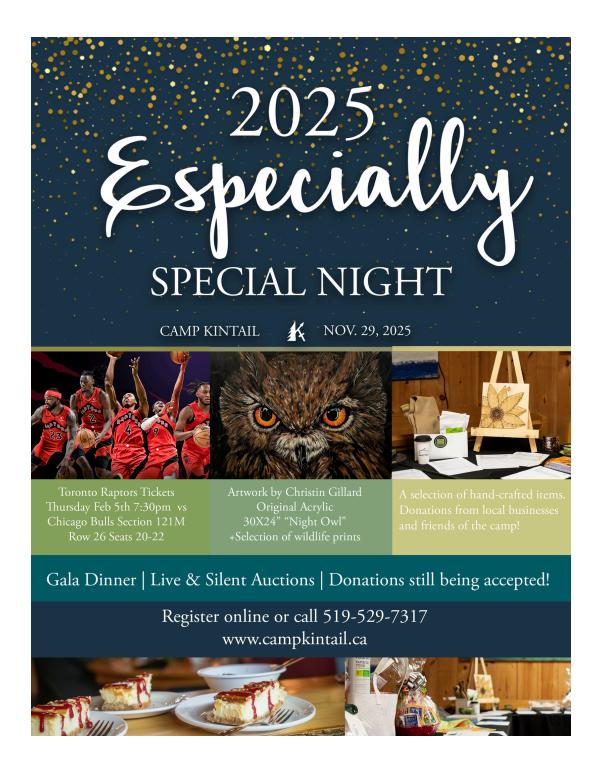
Eugene Peterston, a theologian, when asked about how to find a church, would often say to find the closest and the smallest. (You might also want to see if a church is affirming of 2SLGBTQIA+ people or allows women to be leaders or is accessible). Most churches are thrilled to welcome families, and even if there aren't many children, the members will become grandparents and aunts and uncles to your children. Most churches are connected to the needs of their communities, and there will be a way to contribute and make a difference. Maybe not every Sunday, but certainly over time, God's presence and love will be experienced.

Peace, Theresa

The 2026 Summer Camp schedule will be shared November 15th.

Registration will open February 3rd at 10AM.





## Come for Kintail's Only Fundraising Event of the Year!

Absolutely delicious 3 course meal and a fantastic way to support the camp. Bring home an item or two just in time for Christmas! Learn more and register online or contact the camp for more information!

Learn More & Register Here!



## Space to Grow

#### Phase 1: Space to Work Update

A new maintenance shed is being constructed in the South Field! The exterior is complete, next steps for the shed include:

- Finishing interior insulation, plumbing, electric
- Putting up walls and fixtures
- Installing storage units and organizing tools/ materials

#### **Phase 2: Space to Improve Update**

A new water treatment facility is being installed! The tanks have been set-up and testing has begun. Next steps for the new septic system include:

- Installing control panels in the new shed
- Connecting all areas of camp to the new system
- Removing elements of the old septic system

#### Phase 3: Space to Create

The former maintenance shed will be converted into a year-round arts and crafts center!

#### Phase 4: Space to Gather

The former arts and crafts cubby at Harmony House will be updated to house an accessible washroom at lower camp, and create a reconfigured meeting space for guests and campers to enjoy!

We look forward to sharing more progress for each phase of this exciting project!



### Kirk in the Cedars

#### November 16th

\*In cold weather Kirk in the Cedars is hosted fireside at MacDonald Lodge

All are invited and welcome to Kintails monthly worship service at called "Kirk in the Cedars." Come for the all-ages service at 4:00pm then stay for a delicious dinner by donation to follow. You're welcome to catch the sunset and walk the hiking trails afterwards! No need to RSVP. See you soon!



\$60.00 \$AM-5PM

Extended Day \$75.00 7:30AM-5PM 2025 Dates November 21 2026 Dates January 30 April 24

Campers will enjoy age and weather appropriate activities as well as a delicious catered lunch. Extended campers also receive a hot catered breakfast before activities begin!

Visit our website to learn more: www.campkintail.ca



Register campers ages 5-12 today!

Learn More & Register Here!

## December 5 - Craft Retreat

Come to Kintail and enjoy delicious meals from dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday! Read, rest, or craft to your hearts content. All are welcome, this is truly a time to just enjoy Kintail and make the most of some time away from home. Put up your feet, we'll take care of the rest! We're happy to answer any questions you may have.

Register Today!

# Sunday Supper December 7th\*Sold out December 14th \*Spaces open

If you couldn't get a table for December 7th- you can come the next Sunday! Contact Lindsey (office@campkintail.ca) and she will get you booked in. Have a party of 25 or more? Ask about a mid-week dinner option, we'd love to host your holiday party!



## 2025 Upcoming Events & Retreats

See the dates for all Kintail retreats, dinners, and worship services. More information for each of these events can be found on our website

- November 2 Knox, Mitchell Worship Service 10AM
- November 16 Kirk in the Cedars
- November 21 Craft Retreat
- November 28 -PA Day Ages 5-12
- November 29 An Especially Special Night
- <u>December 5 Craft Retreat</u>

See full events calendar



## What's been happening at Kintail!

**Beautiful change of seasons!** 



#### Construction for the exterior of the shed is complete!

#### Work on the new septic system has begun!









Kirk in the Cedars was held on the patio this month!







#### **Camp Kintail**

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