

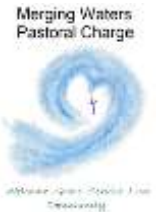
# Mid-Week Message

## Sept. 16, 2020

### Church News

#### ONLINE - UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> .	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 2 <b>Beaurepaire Annual General Meeting on Zoom</b>
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> .	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 3 <b>Union Annual General Meeting on Zoom</b>
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> .	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 4 <b>Merging Waters Annual General Meeting on Zoom</b>
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> .	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – THANKSGIVING



Worship at Merging Waters: [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online)



Greetings Merging Waters,

Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

As we continue our Creation Time theme of asking “What Is Creation Saying To Us?” this week we are asked to listen to the wisdom of creation. [Job 12:7-12](#) and [John 1:1-5](#) ask us to look to nature to find the wisdom of the Holy one shared within living things. The Gospel According to John is quite explicit in its statements that life itself denotes the Divine presence and will. In Job, we are asked to look to the lives of animals and plants to seek a greater understanding of the ordering of the universe.

I am moved to ask myself some questions that I hope we will all consider:

- What wisdom do we glean from the lives of plants and animals?
- Have you had a moment of peace, clarity, understanding from what you have seen of nature?
  - In learning about how plants and animals interact with their environment?
  - In learning the impact that changes to the environments have on plants and animals?
- How do we express our relationship with the Great Spirit in our treatment of the life around us? In our treatment of animals, plants, and humans?
- Where do we find comfort, peace, or hope within our interactions?

As we continue in exploring Creation Time, I look forward to reflecting on these and other questions.

Blessings of peace and hope,

Rev. Ryan Fea

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Announcement of Annual General Meetings: (please read carefully)**

Members of **Beaurepaire United Church**, 25 Fieldfare, Beaconsfield, Qc, are called to gather on Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members and Adherents to Beaurepaire United Church must register with the Office Administrator at [beaurepaire@bellnet.ca](mailto:beaurepaire@bellnet.ca) not later than 12Noon on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>. With this registration you will receive: The Agenda, the Zoom link and the Annual Report for 2019, by email.

Members of **Union Church**, 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Qc, are called to gather on Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members and Adherents to Union Church must register with the Office Administrator at [Unionofficeadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:Unionofficeadmin@bellnet.ca) not later than 12Noon on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. With this registration you will receive: The Agenda, the Zoom link and the Annual Report for 2019, by email.

Members of **Merging Waters Pastoral Charge** (Members of Beaurepaire United Church or Union Church) are called to gather on Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members and Adherents to Merging Waters Pastoral Charge must register with the Office Administrator at [mergingwaters@bellnet.ca](mailto:mergingwaters@bellnet.ca) not later than 12Noon on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. With this registration you will receive: The Agenda, the Zoom link and the Annual Report for 2019, by email.

There will be **practice sessions**, so you can all get used to using Zoom. Voting, getting comfortable with essential Zoom functions like muting and unmuting yourself, starting and stopping video. These sessions will start this Friday at 3:00pm, right after church café, until 3:30pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83892066170>

or by phone +1 438 809 7799    meeting ID: 838 9206 6170

There will be an additional **practice session**, Tuesday 22 at 7:30pm. 30 mins well spent. (Same Zoom details as above)

All members planning to participate at the AGMs should make sure that they have the Zoom App, you do not require a Zoom membership, but do make sure your Zoom App available at <https://zoom.us/download> is the most recent version and updated before the time of the meeting.



The **Friday Church Café** - Is BACK !!! Grab a coffee or cola and join Rev. Ryan for chat and community Friday afternoon from **2 pm until 3:00 pm** on Zoom starting **Friday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**. Catch up on how the week has gone, talk about life, the Bible, and the church. We can pray or swap recipes. Zoom link and password for this week are: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83892066170> or by phone +1 438 809 7799 meeting ID: 838 9206 6170 (this link is good for Aug 28<sup>th</sup> through Sept 18<sup>th</sup>)



The **Merging Waters Post-Worship Coffee Zooms**. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81156652504> Meeting ID: 811 5665 2504  
Dial by your location 438 809 7799 Canada Meeting ID: 811 5665 2504



**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is a community that cares** - Our Pastoral Care team is there to help you with your concerns.

**Ivy Lewis** Union Pastoral Care Chair: [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com) &  
**Diane Nener** Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator: [dianenener@icloud.com](mailto:dianenener@icloud.com)

**A reminder:** we do have the prayer circle made up of members from both Union and Beaufort and that if they do have any **prayer requests** to let me know [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com).



**Spiritual Practices** - on our website check out Spiritual Life for links to Worship at Home – Yoga at Home – Spiritual Centering. [www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca)

**Thomas More Institute** - which used to use the lounge at Beaufort United will be holding courses online using Zoom. Winter Term – a Demi-Term of 6 weeks, the reading materials will be becoming available for retrieval at TMI [www.thomasmore.qc.ca](http://www.thomasmore.qc.ca) (they seem to be starting up the week of Sept 21)



### **Online Children's Churches – Ongoing**

✚ Merging Waters has all of our members at heart, at this time as all times. As part of a wider community we are sharing our worships, programs, time, and love with the world. Other congregations and parts of the church are too. To help support the spiritual life of the children of the Pastoral charge we sent out resources to help families engage their children in their faith life during lent.



To help faith communities and families continue to support the spiritual lives of our children during the COVID-19 pandemic, Shanna Bernier, the Nakonha:ka Regional Council Program Support Minister for Youth and Young Adults, is offering a weekly online children's church service on Facebook Live at 9:00 am on Sundays. Videos of all past services are available on the Nakonha:ka Regional Council website:

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/programs/youth-young-adult/>

To join in the Facebook Live Children's Church, go to Shanna's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/shanna.bernier> 9am Sundays. Then you can all join us for the Online Worship at Merging Waters.



**E-ssentials** e-newsletter offers all the "essential" news from The United Church of Canada, including updates on events, campaigns, actions, new resources, and more from the General Council Office and beyond! Published twice each month, with occasional special issues. Aug 18<sup>th</sup> issue. <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es200818?e=9455c8855f>



**Nakonha:ka News** – This is an online publication that comes to us twice a month from the Regional Council (there is no more Presbytery or Conference). Usually printed and posted at both pastoral charges. Here is the link: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/newsletter/> available in English and French versions.



**Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble** – is an online publication that comes to us quarterly. Current news letter: <https://mailchi.mp/97a122e2d535/your-affirm-united-ensemble-4242338?e=80e28d0cfb>

**Your church needs you - Merging Waters supports the community and makes a difference in the lives of others. We need your support to keep our mission going:**

If you would like to get on Pre-Authorised Remittance [download the PAR Form](#), print and send it in with a void cheque to either church address – you can also send a cheque or post-dated cheques:

Union Church

24 Maple

Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue

Qc, H9X 2E6

Beaurepaire United

25 Avenue Fieldfare

Beaconsfield,

QC H9W 4W4

Mail is picked-up regularly

If you are already on PAR and would like to increase your monthly offering to support the ongoing mission and work of the church please email [par@united-church.ca](mailto:par@united-church.ca) providing them your name and congregation and how much you would like to increase your monthly amount.

Another way to support our churches is through CanadaHelps, it is online, it is secure, you get a tax receipt from them and you are anonymous.

For Union Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/union-church-ste-anne-de-bellevue/>

For Beaurepaire United Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/beaurepaire-united-church/>

## Community News

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - West Island Palliative Care Residence – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Butterfly Release**

<https://residencesoinspalliatifs.com/en/community-fundraisers/>

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - West Island Palliative Care Residence** – has postponed its fundraiser 'Course pour la compassion' it will now be held virtually on that Saturday. Here is a link:

<https://residencesoinspalliatifs.com/en/cpc19/>

**Food Banks** On Rock in Pierrefonds east: <http://onrock.org/donate.html>

Fonds d'aide in Roxboro: (through Canada Helps) <https://www.canadahelps.org/fr/dn/15557>

West Island Mission: (also through Canada Helps) <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/42261/donation>

**Family Life Centre - *Gratitude: A Practice for All Seasons* online - A four week exploration, online via Zoom, facilitated by Martha Randy, 4 Thursday afternoons Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 from 1:30 to 2:15 PM, \$40 per person**

In the fall of 2017, Martha Randy began a daily gratitude practice on her Facebook page: For 365 days, she named something she was grateful for. This tiny action—repeated day in, day out—had a surprisingly positive impact on her own life and the lives of many around her. She continues this gratitude practice today and would love to share with you what she's learned. Gratitude, it turns out, isn't just for when life is smooth and easy—it's a practice for all seasons.

**As part of this series, you'll have the opportunity to:**

- **Explore** what gratitude is (and is not) and **reflect** on it through real-time writing prompts and discussion.
- **Discover** some of the grateful voices Martha has learned from along the way.
- **Take a grateful step** into a private online "*Gratitude Incubator*" to practice expressing daily gratitude in community over the course of the month—because practice makes grateful!
- **Access** Martha's "*Gratitude Guide*"—a compilation of links to additional gratitude resources so you can **dig deeper** into this practice on our own time

**Register at [familylifecentre@gmail.com](mailto:familylifecentre@gmail.com). Space is limited.  
\$40 by cheque, cash or e-transfer.**

We'll provide details on how to pay when we receive your registration.

New to Zoom? No problem. We will coach you in advance - just ask!

[www.familylifecentre.ca](http://www.familylifecentre.ca)



Last week we had many vendors selling apples and apple products, and they will be back for the weeks to come. Here they are:

- Ferme Anse au sable
- Verger de Hudson Bio
- Verger Labonté

If the weather cooperates, we are planning to have our last summer market on October 31<sup>st</sup>. At the moment, we are unable to say confirm that the winter market

will be happening this year.

## Susan's Bag of Tricks

Still trying to find a vacuum to donate to Union Church. No reasonable donation refused.

