

Mid-Week Message

Oct. 16, 2020

Church News

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

Oct 18 th .	World Food Sunday
Oct 25 th .	Inner Peace Sunday
Nov 1 st .	All Saints Day
Nov 8 th .	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 15 th .	22 nd Sunday After Pentecost

Merging Waters
Pastoral Charge



welcome grace service love
community

Worship at Merging Waters: www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online



Greetings Merging Waters,

Oct 16th 2020

This week's theme is World Food Sunday. Each year on this Sunday in past we have been asked to bring offerings of non-perishables to go to local Food Banks. There are many reasons for sharing with those who have less than we do and are entwined with expressions our journey of faith. As we listen to the teachings of Jesus and the wisdom found within our scriptures, as the Spirit moves within our hearts and lives, seeing the generosity and compassion of those around us, we are inspired to share.

As we work to feed others, inspired by others and the love within ourselves to kindness and empathy we can ask ourselves some questions:

- In giving do we also receive?
- Through sharing and compassion, working for justice and inclusion, are we given a sense of fulfillment?
- Do we find that we are fed on another level through the spiritual practice of generosity?

There are links available in the Midweek Message and the Order of Worship for this week and the past several weeks to give to local food banks. If you are in a position to give please do. Another great way to support food security is to give internationally through programs like Suitcases for Africa, Caring for Kenya, and the Ebi Kimanani Scholarship. I know that you all give in many ways; I lift up my thanks every day for the ways that Merging Waters is a great blessing to the world near and far. Let's keep it up!

As we continue to explore the challenges and blessings of our faith journey, I look forward to seeking with you once again this week in our live online worship.

Blessings of peace and hope to all,

Rev. Ryan Fea

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willing Voices Wanted: We are looking for a few volunteers to announce the Community News and read scripture during our live Zoom services. Please let Christine know if you are interested, at cbmw@bell.net



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 25th**. 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/85700439648> or by phone +1 438 809 7799 meeting ID: 857 0043 9648 (This new link is good up to and including Oct 30th)

Stay after (3pm Friday) if you want a Zoom practice session?

Zoom Practice Sessions: Worship is live weekly on Zoom! Do you want to get to know this useful tool better? Would you like to get more out of Zoom? Are you interested in volunteering as a Zoom Usher during services? Come to the Zoom practice session after the Church Café each week at 3 p, same link as the Church Café, and get to know this worship resource with Rev. Ryan.



On Sunday (Oct 18th) the Zoom will be open as of 10am so we can join together for a time of gathering and stay after to talk about the theme of the worship for a bit. I hope you have been enjoying the live worship, a more authentic community experience, more live feel.

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

LOVE is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self seeking
it is not easily angered
it keeps no record of wrongs
never fails

Ivy Lewis Union Pastoral Care Chair: lewisir@hotmail.com &

Diane Nener Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator: 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.



Spiritual Practices - on our website check out Spiritual Life for links to Worship at Home – Yoga at Home – Spiritual Centering. www.mergingwaters.ca





YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS WEEKLY ZOOM YOUTH GROUP (target age high school age, roughly 14-19 yrs) If you, or a young person you know of would like a place to chat, hang-out, check-in and see friends from across the regional council, send them the info for our ZOOM Youth Group, Thursdays at 5:00 pm EST. Contact Shanna for details about how to connect: sbernier@united-church.ca

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.

Interment Lots for Sale

Union Church has two double interment lots for sale. All four lots are located side-by-side in the Garden of the Last Supper in Rideau Memorial Gardens, boulevard des Sources, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec. Each lot can accommodate either one casket and two cremated remains or no caskets and three cremated remains. Rideau Memorial Gardens sell similar lots for \$4500.00 plus taxes. Your cost to purchase from Union Church would be \$4000.00 for one lot or \$7500 for a double lot. Enquiries: David Lewis (Chair, Board of Trustees) 514-457-9139, david.lewis@mcgill.ca

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	Beaurepaire United
24 Maple	25 Avenue Fieldfare
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue	Beaconsfield,
Qc, H9X 2E6	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 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/>



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 18th issue. <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es200818?e=9455c8855f>



Affirm/S'affirmer
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Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble – is an online publication that comes to us quarterly. Current news letter:

<https://mailchi.mp/97a122e2d535/your-affirm-united-eneewsletter-4242338?e=80e28d0cfb>



CONSEIL RÉGIONAL
NAKONHA:KA
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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.

Want to start your day with prayer? Check out Rev Darryl Macdonald's Celtic Meditations on the Roxboro United Church Facebook weekday mornings at 9 am.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/roxborounited>



Lynn Thompson does have a good supply of her lovely origami cards. We cannot guarantee what the exact pictures would be but they are all of the same high standard. They are mostly blank but she has some special occasion cards like birthdays, welcome baby, etc. If you would like some, we can arrange drop-off or pickup. They sell at \$2 each, proceeds to Union Church. E-transfer is best to Susan: sahawker@hotmail.com

Books ~ Books ~ Books

We have been whittling down the number of books for sale in the Boutique to make it a cleaner, more spacious place for shopping. As such we have to find new homes for many books. The following are some with a religious theme in case anyone at Merging Waters is interested. No money need change hands.

Helen Fyles will do her best to deliver! Please contact her at hfyles@bell.net

“Grounded” by Diana Butler Bass (2015) Finding God in the world. A spiritual revolution: Where is God? Is one of the most consequential questions of our time. People believe but they believe differently than they once did. The theological ground is moving. A spiritual revolution is afoot.

“The Historical Jesus” by John Dominic Crossan (1992) The life of a Mediterranean Jewish peasant. The first comprehensive determination of who Jesus was, what he did and what he said.

“Holy Bible” Large Print Edition

“Christianity after Religion” by Diana Butler Bass (2012) The end of church the birth of a new spiritual awakening. Offers a fresh interpretation of the spiritual but not religious trend in today’s churches.

“To Have a Center” by Frithjof Schuon (2015). Surveys the ambiguous phenomenon of modern genius Western culture. Deals with the relation between intelligence and character

“The Faith Club” by R. Idliby et al. (2006). A Muslim, a Christian and a Jew Three women search for understanding.

“If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to get out of the Boat” by John Ortberg (2001). Invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone.

“Praying in the Messiness of Life. 7 ways to renew your relationship with God” by Linda Douty (2011)

“Everyday Psalms” by James Taylor.

“Prayers for a Privileged People” by Walter Brueggemann (2008). Step out of the word of merit, achievement, production and consumption and into the realm of a God who startles and pushes us out of ordinariness.

“The Heart of Christianity” by Marcus Borg (1989) Rediscovering a life of faith. How we can be passionate believers today.

“Learning to Walk in the Dark” by Barbara B. Taylor (2014). Reflects on how our lives do not work only when everything is fully lit. We need spirituality that works in the nighttime.

“Sometimes God has a kid’s Face” by Sister Mary Rose McGeedy of Covenant House. (2010)

“The Wisdom of the Parables” by Robin L. Sommer (1998)

“Born of a Woman” by John Shelby Spong (1992) A bishop rethinks the birth of Jesus

“The She-Apostle” by Glyn Redworth. (2008). The extraordinary life and death of Luisa de Carvajal

“The Church’s Bible. Isaiah” Interpreted by early Christian and medieval commentators by Robert Louis Wilken (2007)

“God is Not Great” by Christopher Hitchens (2007). How Religion Poisons Everything. Hitchens makes the ultimate case against religion through a close and learned study of the major religious texts.

“How We Behave at the Feast” by Dwight Currie (2000) Reflections on living in an age of plenty.

GREAT GIFTS FOR GARDENERS - is an **Exciting New Fundraiser** for **Union Church**
Just in time for easy Christmas Gifting and your Mailouts!

Union Church of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue is teaming up with a local, organic farm –

Ferme Coopérative Tourne-Sol in Les Cèdres –

to offer you the IDEAL, Christmas gift for the gardeners on your list!

We have put together 6 themed variety packs of **ORGANIC SEEDS** that are sure to please every type of gardener, from the most serious grower to the budding enthusiast.

Each variety pack contains 5 different organic seed packs, bundled together in a recyclable envelope, sealed and ready for gifting & mailing out in time for Christmas.

The packs are \$25.00 each (tax included).

- A **Junior Gardener** Selection (5 packs)

Your first garden should be easy to grow + fun!

Includes : *Dragon Egg Cucumber, Rattlesnake Pole Bean, Sunflower Mix, Red Cored Chantenay Carrots, French Breakfast Radishes*

- An **Heirloom Garden** Selection (5 packs)

For the seasoned gardener to expand their varieties with gorgeous and unique heirloom vegetables

Includes : *Red-Cored Chantenay Carrots, Kahnawake Mohawk Snap Beans, Reine des glaces Lettuce, Jaune Flamme Tomatoes, Detroit Dark Red Beets*

- Our **Pots of Plenty** Selection (5 packs)

For balconies and patios for folks with limited space using containers :

Includes : *Black Cherry Tomatoes, Mouse Melon Cucumbers, Genovese Basil, Chives, Deluxe Mesclun Mix*

- **Bounty in your Salad Bowl** Selection (5 packs)

A perfect mixture of all the fresh stuff we want in our salad bowls, all in one place

includes : *Raxe Radish, Lettuce Mix, Deluxe Brassica Blend Mesclun, Calendula, Dragon Egg Cucumber*

- An **Herb Lover's Garden** Selection (5 packs)

For folks who love using fresh herbs in their cooking this mixture will give you a bit of everything which

includes : *Dill, Santo Cilantro, Chives, Genovese Basil, Oregano*

- **Busy Bees** Selection (5 packs)

Bees and other pollinators will be hard at work in your garden to help with your abundance. Flowers for the soul! **Includes :** *Dill, Phacelia, Sylvestra Wild Arugula, Erfurter Calendula, Anise Hyssop*

ORDERING, PAYMENT & PICKUP : Order forms will be available in October 2020 and orders will be taken in early November, ready for pick-up at the end of the month. If you want a form, send an email to **HELEN FYLES:** hfyles@bell.net who will email you an order form and provide easy **payment options** and **pickup details.**

The proceeds from the sales will help Union Church continue to offer its invaluable services to the community. **Thank you for your support.**

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## Community News



We have two weeks left to go before the end of the summer markets, but I do have so good news. The winter market is officially good to go! Starting on October 31st, we will host the market in the St-Georges church basement. I will post the full list of winter vendors on the website before the end of October. □

When it comes to this week's market, I do not have much to share. Our regular vendors will be there to serve you as always. Farms such as les jardins Carya or Ferme de l'île continue to have organic produce, where as Ivoire & Cabosse Cacao and l'Érablière des Roy are there to provide specialty products.

**Electric Cars** For those of you who are curious or who are contemplating the purchase of an electric car, Equiterre is putting on a webinar about electric cars: 'Roulons électrique' Oct. 19th, 7:00 p.m. You have to register.. <https://www.roulonselectrique.ca/fr/testdrive2/zoomevent/21>



It will be in French, but there is some information in English on their website:

<https://www.equiterre.org/en/news/increase-in-electric-vehicles-produced-in-ontario-promising-news-that-must-be-supported-by-ambi>

*Susan Hawker*



### **TIME TO CELEBRATE – AND SUPPORT – CHILD HAVEN!**

Some of you may remember the Child Haven events we used to hold - with the spectacular saris and auction items straight from Nepal, Tibet and India - all for the wonderful purpose of supporting 9 orphanages in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh. This year, due to COVID, it is not possible to hold it in person, so we are holding it online! It is also the 25th anniversary of Montreal's Child Haven fundraising events, and the 35th anniversary of Child Haven!

It will be different, and it will be special. So in spite of Covid 19 – you are invited to help us celebrate Child Haven on Saturday October 17 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. on Zoom! - so together, we can raise funds for their important work for children and youth in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh.

To add to the excitement, we have added a special online Silent Auction of treasures from India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh brought back from Bonnie Cappuccino's visits.

### **The Silent Auction opens on October 1st – so be sure to check it out**

at <https://www.32auctions.com/MontrealChildHavenAuction>. It will close at 8:30 p.m. on October 17, 2020, the evening of our Montreal event. Please note that Silent Auction items purchased will be delivered to Montreal at the end of October for pick up. Don't forget to get your ticket(s) for the event on October 17 at [http://childhaven.ca/fundraiser\\_montreal\\_2020.html](http://childhaven.ca/fundraiser_montreal_2020.html) You will get a tax receipt for 100% of your ticket and any direct donations. Items from the Silent Auction are not eligible for a tax receipt as they are an actual item that is being purchased.

We hope to see you there on the screen! Those registered will receive the zoom link a couple of days before the event. Info: Sheila Laursen 514-697-4195

### **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>

This just in: God's Mission our Gifts – Loving our Neighbours 2020

[https://mailchi.mp/united-church/phil\\_201001?e=9455c8855f](https://mailchi.mp/united-church/phil_201001?e=9455c8855f)

Last week for accepting registrations

# COOKING STUDY



Have you ever wondered what our ancestors in faith ate? What grows in the land of milk and honey? This fall, join us for an online cooking study by Zoom where we will explore recipes from the Middle East, learn about Jewish celebrations like Passover and Purim, and explore the Scriptures while cooking. 6 sessions, 6 different meals, and 6 different stories. If you're looking to build community, have a passion for cooking, or want to deepen your theology then this cooking study is for you. No need to buy any books, just the ingredients. In order to make this experience enjoyable, participants must have an iPad, tablet, or laptop because this is happening in your own kitchen. Places are limited. So hurry, grab your Chef hat, your apron, sharpen your knives, and don't forget to register.

Bon Appétit!



Thursday evening from 7 pm to 9 pm.  
October 8, 2020 to November 12, 2020.

To register or ask your questions send an email to Raphaël Pérusse, Intern Minister at Beaconsfield United Church.

email: [perusseraphael21@hotmail.com](mailto:perusseraphael21@hotmail.com)



# BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

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## RENDEZ-VOUS ARTS EXHIBITION & SALE

We are sad to report that the annual Rendez-Vous Arts Exhibition & Sale has been cancelled due to Covid.

The exhibition is a showcase of original creations made by RVA participants.

RVA is a project within WICA whose purpose is to provide the opportunity for individuals who face special challenges to create works of art with the support of a volunteer instructor. The classes enable participants to integrate socially into their community, develop personal relationships and increase self-esteem.

At this time, classes are offered on-line via zoom. Call us for more information on how to join!

## WICA'S FALL COURSES

We encourage you to take advantage of our Fall courses offered free to the community at large. The courses will be offered on-line on Fridays 1:30-3:30. Visit [www.volunteerwica.com](http://www.volunteerwica.com) to register.

- October 9** Self-Care in Mental Health
- October 16** Doing your taxes - SENIORS - What's in it for you?
- October 23** Tribunal administratif du logement  
New name/rules you need to know
- October 30** A Quickstart Guide for Families dealing with Addiction
- November 6** Doing your taxes—MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY - What's in it for you?

## HALLOWEEN

Our Halloween haunted house walking tour is tentatively planned for this year. As we get closer to the date, check our website for updates.

**Friday, October 30th**: Get spooked! Ivan Dow will be opening his garden to us from 4-9pm. If you haven't visited before, this is one BIG haunted house you don't want to miss.

580 Pine Beach, Dorval  
\* Entrance Fee: Donation to WICA



\*COVID RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL APPLY



## WHAT IT MEANS FOR WICA

As a result of Covid-19, WICA has had to play a bigger role in the community and, more than ever, our matching program is seeking volunteers to help meet demand. Here are some ways we help:

A senior woman who is alone and isolated reached out to us for social support. We matched her to a volunteer who shared a passion for art and they shared afternoons drawing in the park. This changed her life and gave her something to look forward to in a world where she felt abandoned.

A nervous senior woman reached out to us when her general practitioner retired. Since she didn't have a computer, we went online to find her a new doctor. She was grateful for finding priceless peace of mind. Documentation/research of this sort is simple for some, but very intimidating for others.

There are hundreds of stories like these. Please consider helping us to help the vulnerable.

## #GIVINGTUESDAY™

Giving Tuesday is scheduled for December 1st and we will be launching our campaign in the next couple of weeks! Stay tuned to find out about this exciting project!

To reduce mailing costs and to help the environment, we encourage you to subscribe to our Newsletter. Please visit our website at [www.volunteerwica.com](http://www.volunteerwica.com) and select contact us. Thank you!



## Kairos -\_A Virtual Rally for Real Canadian Corporate Accountability

Join the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA), of which KAIROS is a member, on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM EDT for a virtual rally in support of corporate accountability.

Surpassing the initial goal of 4,000 signatures, 6,130 Canadians [signed the e-petition to the House of Commons](#) calling for (1) the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Business Enterprise (CORE) to be granted the tools to investigate allegations of business-related human rights violations and (2) the enactment

of legislation to ensure Canadian companies abide by human rights frameworks. Thank you!

## Susan's Bag of Tricks

Went with my buddy Jake, and picked some Golden Chanterelles on Tuesday on the side of Roché des Boules in New Hazelton BC.



Jake is a bear dog, big as a bear and there to bark at bears. Although we took a can of spray too. Bear spray that is, not barking spray.

