

# Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

## April 21, 2021

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

- Apr 25<sup>th</sup>.** Forth Sunday of Easter – Earth Day - guest presider Aaron Miechkota  
M.Div with the Outreach Committee
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Fifth Sunday of Easter – Communion Sunday
- May 9<sup>th</sup>.** Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday

Merging Waters  
Pastoral Charge



Welcome GRACE Service Love  
Community

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday** [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online)  
Links for the Zoom Service will be available at on that page  
Download the Zoom App at [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download)

Greetings Merging Waters,

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

This Sunday in Rev. Ryan's absence, we will have service with Aaron Miechkota, M.Div. This Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>, is our Earth Day service with the Outreach Committee. It is at 10:30am with gathering time opening at 10am. Zoom details on our website, click on the link.

Be sure to attend service online on Sunday, we don't expect to have a quality video to put to the website afterwards.

Sadly, there will be no Church Café this Friday or next.

See you Sunday,

Susan Smith, Office Admin.

**Rev. Ryan** – will be on Study Leave and a week's vacation from April 12-27<sup>th</sup> inclusive. If you have any pastoral needs, please let the office know, or Pastoral Care: Ivy Lewis & Diane Nener.

**Church Café** – **Fridays 2-3pm**, is on hiatus while Rev. Ryan is on study leave and vacation.

### Community News

**Christian Action Chrétienne Food Bank** – The CAC Food Pantry continues to support their Pointe Claire clients even while our church building (St-John's United) is closed. If you would like to donate non-perishable items they can be dropped off at the church Wednesday mornings from 11 am to noon. Please call Doris (514-694-3612) to let her know you are coming. Popular items are peanut butter, jam, cereal, tuna, pork and beans, coffee or personal items. Doris was pleased to be contacted by the Pointe Claire Library. They would like to place a Food Box in the library to collect non-perishables for the pantry.

Wendy and Richard Buchanan are offering to pick-up items if people can't get out to the church to drop off.

**Beaconsfield has a Household Hazardous Waste** – this coming weekend, April 24 and 25. WendyH would be willing to pick up your "dead" lightbulbs, batteries, or electronic goods on Friday, April 23rd. Please let her know at [wendyandrewadam@yahoo.ca](mailto:wendyandrewadam@yahoo.ca) It is so difficult to find disposal opportunities for dead light bulbs.

**Annual Plant Sale** - Union Church's online sales, will officially begin on May 1 following the same process as last year. Plants for sale will be listed weekly and the list sent out by email to those who are interested. I will also post the list on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Union-Plant-Sale-109311067422181>) Please contact Helen at [hfyles@bell.net](mailto:hfyles@bell.net) if you want to receive plant sale notifications (If you bought plants last year - you are already on my list!) Plants can be picked up at my house in Baie D'Urfe and payment can be cash, cheque or e-transfer.

**Pre-sale preview:** Pink primroses! Bright, cheery pink flowers growing low to the ground. Good for borders in partial sun or shady areas. 6" pot for \$5. They should bloom for you this year.



**Lakeshore Association of Artists (LAA) and NOVA West Island – May1-31** – are holding an online exhibition. Over 50 artists are taking part, showing framed and unframed paintings in a variety of media and styles, as well as drawings, pastels, textile art and sculptures. All artwork is accessible through the LAA website homepage (I guess it will be live as of May 1<sup>st</sup>) [www.artlakeshore.com](http://www.artlakeshore.com)

**Ferme Tourne-sol** – Has launched a 10-day crowd funding campaign to convert a used cube delivery truck into being fully electric-powered! Tourne-sol wants to inspire others to take the steps possible in combating climate change, NOW. The campaign runs from April 12 until **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Earth Day) Our [newsletter](#) (Eng/Fr) from Mon. April 12<sup>th</sup> provides details. [HERE](#) is our 3-minute more detailed description of the project. Feel free to spread the word or donate any amount if you see fit. No pressure to donate, but even posting on your social media helps. There are even some little perks and rewards as thank you tokens of appreciation. Patti Murphy For a Banjo-Picking 20-second teaser, click [HERE](#)

## **Save Fairview Forest**

On April 22nd, we celebrate the 51st Earth Day. Given the Climate Change and Biodiversity Crises and resulting loss of species, it has become crucial that we preserve our remaining natural spaces..



Locally, **Sauvons la Forêt Fairview/Save Fairview Forest** is trying to protect the forest to the west of the Fairview Shopping Centre. If you haven't yet done so, we invite you to join the over 25,000 that have already signed the [online petition](#)

Petition: <https://www.change.org/p/mayor-and-council-of-pointe-claire-save-fairview-forest-sauvons-la-forêt-fairview-de918a4d-d44e-4021-9c62-b5defdce81fb>

In addition, there is a paper petition, **specific for Pointe Claire residents**, that must be signed, **even if you already signed the online one.**

If you live in Pointe-Claire, please print it (or a printed one can be supplied), complete it and drop off to: 97 Parkdale, Pointe-Claire (or pick-up can be arranged by contacting [foretfairviewforest@gmail.com](mailto:foretfairviewforest@gmail.com)) <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k6dYtwk2QjRXySH2-P68voO0cFyGCp6o/view?usp=sharing>

Save Fairview Forest has also planned a whole week of family-friendly activities for **Earth Day.**

Head to their [Facebook page](#) @Sauvons la Forêt Fairview – Save Fairview Forest for a detailed list of all the events! Hope you can join in!

**The Forest thanks you!**

Nice link for pollinators : <https://davidsuzuki.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/butterflyway-starter-guide.pdf>



## Festival de la Voix ONLINE

**From April 10 to April 24 online:**

**Rendez-vous** with **QUARTOM** male vocal quartet

This outstanding quartet will sing love songs from **The Renaissance** to **Queen** and **The Beatles!** This is truly wonderful singing that you won't want

to miss

Information can be found on our website [www.festivaldelavoix.com](http://www.festivaldelavoix.com)

You can contribute to the festival with your deeply appreciated donations through the website and by clicking the "Donate" button.

Thank you for your continued interest and support!

**Broadview Magazine** – SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING | CELEBRATING 192 YEARS. From the United Church of Canada, containing very thoughtful and moving articles and worth having come into your life. <https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=e620937d27> The annual group subscription rate is \$25/year for 8 issues. Expect to hear from us about the annual group subscription in May. Ivy Lewis (Union), Susan Smith (BeaurepaireUC)

**Lynn Thompson** is once again selling handmade cards featuring origami decorations using assorted papers. The cards are \$1.00 each and all proceeds go to Union Church. Anyone interested in ordering cards can reach Lynn by phone (450-218-6131) or email ([lynnathompson3@icloud.com](mailto:lynnathompson3@icloud.com)) and arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery.



**KAIROS** – KBE-Teaching & Sharing Circles are workshops to build on Kairos Blanket Exercise learnings. Each 2-hour event costs \$25 <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/event/>

**Apr 24<sup>th</sup>** – The Importance of Growing Gardens

**ORA Loss & Living Program** – Here is a link to a list of government resources about bereavement during the pandemic: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/bereavement-during-the-pandemic-covid-19/> Please go to their Facebook page for more details about what they do: <https://www.facebook.com/oralossandliving/> Donations are welcome.

### **Resources online**

**YAYA** – Youth and Young Adult with Shanna Bernier - Youth group is 6:30 on Thursdays.

Contact [Shanna Bernier](#) for details about how to connect.

**Children's Church at Home** – will now be at 9:30 am on Sundays. Check Facebook there is [a new page for it!](#)

Please go, like, follow, and share!

**ONLINE-Yoga** – With trained instructor Bryson Davis, available at <http://mergingwaters.ca/yoga-at-home/>

**ONLINE-Chair Yoga** – For deep relaxation, try Chair Yoga <http://mergingwaters.ca/yoga-at-home/>

## Support available

**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge in 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)

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)

**West Island Cancer Wellness Centre** – If there is need, they are there: [www.wicwc.com](http://www.wicwc.com) with a Newsletter. If you want to receive it: [info@wicwc.org](mailto:info@wicwc.org) most recent newsletter: March 2021.

**BEAUConnexion** – is an initiative by Les Amis du Village Beaufort for people in the area to connect households in the Village to help each other. <https://www.facebook.com/LesAmisduVillageBeaufort/>

**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>

Christian Action Chrétienne Food Bank: Drop-off (St-John's United, Pte-Claire) Weds mornings from 11 am to noon. Please call Doris (514-694-3612)

## Online reading

**Broadview Magazine from the website** – April 16<sup>th</sup> – There are really valuable and insightful articles on the website: What do we do about our empty churches; Call for release of 83-yr old human rights defender; What my interracial and interfaith relationship taught me about love; Upcoming justice conference May 17-20; 9,000 faith properties could close soon-Jordana Wright has an idea to save them; PLUS recent National Online Reading Club-Video. <https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=f22d7f45df>  
To have access to the online articles, you must have a subscription to the magazine. Details to you in May.

**Mission & Service** – March 24<sup>th</sup> - God's Mission Our Gifts, this new issue telling us about the good work our M&S donations support. <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=bfca7a4f4a>  
Work Brings New Life: Jesse's Story Part 2 – Rainbow Camp Wins Governor General's Award – The Incredible Difference Your Gifts Make: Bill's Story – When Being Born With Light Skin is Dangerous.  
Our [Easter video](#) is now available, featuring thoughts from our ministers about the world of today and how we can help to change it for the better. <https://youtu.be/kBOHYqYqVPY>

**Essentials e-newsletter** – April 20<sup>th</sup> – from The United Church of Canada (a weekly publication), <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=704a5e5a20> open the link and click on the Past Issues tab at the top left.

The most recent issue includes articles about: Mental Health Week (May 3-9); For the Love of Creation; Asian Canadian Women-Support, Strength, Solidarity; Stories of Our Mission: When Being Born with Light Skin Is Dangerous; [United Church Bookstore](#)-Spring Cleaning.

**Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble** – March 11<sup>th</sup> – comes to us bi-monthly or so. <https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=cc608c73f94333ec58cfbdf2&id=6e6f9b0dcf> This month there are a variety of articles including a heads up for National Affirming Day or P.I.E. Day (Public-Intentional-Explicit) for Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> <https://youtu.be/AIUDKkifYkE> . Also, Affirming Connections invites to the video premier this Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> 'What in the H#ll' trailer: <https://youtu.be/mW4hRmSPX-Q>

**Affirm United Kitchen Sink Series** – May 18<sup>th</sup> – Affirm United online (7-8:30pm) get together will advertised on their website: <https://affirmunited.ause.ca/new-affirm-united-presents-kitchen-sink-series/>



**Nakonh:ka News** – April 7<sup>th</sup> – from the Regional Council, arrives monthly. The most recent version <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=6f19e7eb4a>

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To keep up-to-date so see what is going on at the Regional, National and Local Community level. From the following link: Click on Archives, then click on Past Issues: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/newsletter/>

**Broadview Magazine** – April/May – this issue includes: **Black Jesus Matters:** Images of Christ are both personal and political. Three writers reflect on the meaning of a Saviour whose skin matches their own.

**Bedside Laughter:** Therapeutic clowns bring playful joy to hospital rooms and eldercare facilities.

**Easter Disciples:** United Church moderator Rt. Rev. Richard Bott writes about keeping the faith in the midst of endings. **Dismantling Tradition:** Oberammergau director Christian Stückl steers a 400-year-old Passion play into the 21st century.

### Reminder

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>



**Ste-Anne's Market** – Open on Saturday April 21<sup>ST</sup> 10am-1pm indoor/outdoor at St-George's Church. Please spread the word that the market is ongoing.

MASKS-ARROWS-DISTANCING-NO LINGERING

### **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/>

**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 514-457-9139, [david.lewis@mcgill.ca](mailto:david.lewis@mcgill.ca)

## *Susan's Bag of Tricks -*

After service on Sunday, the conversation included John Doak encouraging people to view the Doakumentary (no that is not a type-o) of his family business on Vache Morte. Doakumentary <http://vachemorte.com/>

Al Davis bemoaned the fact that we can't make Poutine at home, with the Ontario border closed there is no access to St-Albert Cheese (St-Albert, ON, 417hwy exit 66) to get fresh cheese curds. Hey Al, you can get them at Giant Tiger on Don Quichotte in Ile Perrot.

Speaking of cheese, have you ever gone to Fritz Kaiser in Noyan? <https://www.fkaiser.com/> I go there a couple of times a year. Le Douanier, Noyan, Mouton Noir, L'Empereur (will put hair on your chest), Roubine de Noyan. Many awards won.

New Word: Skeuomorphism is a term most often used in graphical user interface design to describe interface objects that mimic their real-world counterparts in how they appear and/or how the user can interact with them. A well-known example is the recycle bin icon used for discarding files. Skeuomorphism makes interface objects familiar to users by using concepts they recognize.

First result on Google leads us to Dictionary.com which defines skeuomorphism as:

An ornament or design on an object copied from a form of the object when made from another material or by other techniques, as an imitation metal rivet mark found on handles of prehistoric pottery.

## *John Doak's Bag of Tricks -*

He submits: I think we can ALL Agree, that, the new awareness of dire REAL Science showing climbing global temperatures polar ice melt, warming oceans, pollution, wasting of resources, inefficiency, by us humans all over the planet, (my personal worry for decades) has/is generating lots of initiatives and developments- to at least- **reduce** such problems.

Traditional air travel pollution per passenger mile is a BIGGY, with up to four gigantic engines burning liters of fuel... per MINUTE !

This new plane- may be THE answer. What a great concept. How can I invest ? ;-)

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/se-aeronautics-to-manufacture-greenest-widebody-aircraft-301249577.html>