

# Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

## July 15, 2021

### UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:00 a.m.

**Aug 24<sup>th</sup>** Union Board meeting (7pm)  
**Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Board meeting (7pm)  
**Aug 31<sup>st</sup>** Beaurepaire United Board meeting (10am)

Merging Waters  
Pastoral Charge



**Shared Summer Service Series** begins (July 4<sup>th</sup> to Sept 5<sup>th</sup> inclusive)  
Schedule and links will be located on the Merging Waters Website  
Services will begin at **10 am Sunday mornings**.

**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,

July 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

Belonging - the sense that one is accepted, included, part of a group, safe, and supported. These are wonderful parts of community, and a beautiful part of the experience of church, family, and cultural identity that can promote growth, nurture, and peace. Feeling part of a beloved community can inspire us to want others to know its blessings, to know the joy and love of belonging. A flip side of the sense of community is the cohort mentality. The sense that identity cannot change or include others because belonging risks not being expanded or enhanced but lost. Exclusion, competition, defensiveness, and ego dominate cohort mentality.

The difference between cohort and community lives in our hearts, belief and thoughts, and can be seen in behaviour. The United Church, seeking to find ways to grow and celebrate being a Beloved Community, has continued to work on how well we live out that identity while struggling to resist cohort mentality. In our social action and self-awareness we challenge not only the world but ourselves and one another. We have asked ourselves many questions about who we are and how we live. This week in our worship we will lift up the continuing journey and commitment that the church has made to confront racism within our church and our society.

As we prepare to lift up this journey and the struggle and celebration that it will involve, we can ask ourselves some questions:

Why must arbitrary markers like the colour of skin influence how we treat one another?

If we are called/inspired/challenged by our faith to recognize God in all people, the presence of the Divine in all living beings, how can race, culture, sexuality, gender, religion, ethnicity, or ancestry limit how that presence is found?

If we find ourselves slipping into cohort mentality, how can we remind ourselves of the love that has been shared with us so that we can be motivated to share it with all others?

How can we continue to nurture the commitment within ourselves and one another to resist cohort mentality? Have we seen cohort mentality, clinging to rigid identity that causes exclusion and draws boundaries between who can belong and who cannot, in our journey?

When we find ourselves and other members of the congregation, our neighbours and fellow members in the church drawing lines about who can belong to what congregation, what resources can be shared between us, where we draw the line on who belongs and who's inclusion is valid, how can the message of Jesus, the experience of the Spirit, and the presence of the Divine help us to act as a beloved community?

Seekers, I look forward to our continued journey of supporting and challenging one another into a world where the truth is known - that all are needed, all are loved.

Peace and hope,  
Rev. Ryan Fea, MDiv  
[ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com)

### Community News

Performing at the Ste-Anne's market this Saturday **July 17<sup>th</sup>** by **Keith & Vickie Whittall** at 10 am. This musical duo is well known to the Merging Waters crowd. Please come out and support them.

**Church Iced Café – Friday July 16 and August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm** - ZOOM details for attending. Rev. Ryan will be online for you to come and visit. Get to know one another, share your story and your thoughts, chat with others in the Merging Waters family, or take time to pray together. Every time is different because you set the tone. Come and visit!

2pm Friday July 16 & August 20  
ZOOM in online:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87332781900>  
Or by phone:  
1 438 809 7799  
Meeting ID: 873 3278 1900



**Looking in the distance – August 29<sup>th</sup>** Merging Waters is hosting the West Island joint service of the United churches. The theme is Green Church. Here are some interesting websites:

<https://greenfaith.org/>

[https://www.faithcommongood.org/how\\_the\\_arts\\_thrive\\_in\\_montreal\\_faith\\_buildings](https://www.faithcommongood.org/how_the_arts_thrive_in_montreal_faith_buildings)

<https://centdegres.ca/magazine/amenagement/6-etapes-pour-amenager-une-ruelle-verte/?fbclid=IwAR3oFhET6DedaTa5-hzgMijCxSwpTJtnQtAaEVa-aYSFtr90jEDkXXqwyrw>



**Lynn Thompson** – is selling glorious handmade cards featuring origami decorations using assorted papers. The cards are \$2.00 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.





## Worship Schedule for Summer 2021

To reach the link for each worship, click on the date, and it will take you to the host site. Note some are links to Zoom (Beaconsfield, Riverside), others are links to Facebook or YouTube.

	<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>Host Communities</b>
<a href="#">July 4</a>	<i>Global Social Justice (Mining Justice)</i>	<i>Beaconsfield</i>
<a href="#">July 11</a>	<i>UCC Women in Ministry</i>	<i>Riverside</i>
<a href="#">July 18</a>	<b><i>Becoming an Anti-Racist Church</i></b>	<b><i>Roxboro/Cedar Park</i></b>
<a href="#">July 25</a>	<i>Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples</i>	<i>Riverside</i>
<a href="#">August 1</a>	<i>Being Progressive Christians</i>	<i>Cedar Park</i>
<a href="#">August 8</a>	<i>Local Social Justice</i>	<i>Dorval Strathmore/St. John's</i>
<a href="#">August 15</a>	<i>Affirming Ministries Celebrations</i>	<i>Beaconsfield</i>
<a href="#">August 22</a>	<i>God and our Neighbour. Interfaith Relationships</i>	<i>Roxboro</i>
<a href="#">August 29</a>	<i>A Call to Creation Care</i>	<i>Merging Waters</i>
<a href="#">September 5</a>	<i>Worshipping Together: Sabbath</i>	<i>Merging Waters</i>

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## **Technoparc Oiseaux– Sign-On Letter of Organisational Support: Save Monarch Fields in Montreal**

*Find below, information concerning an effort to save the natural areas in the Technoparc Oiseaux, which is in the catchment area of the West Island Cluster.*

*Please, kindly, circulate this information through your various communications means with your communities of faith.*

*Even just a handful of people from each community of faith expressing their concern could be just enough to make the difference.*

**David-Roger Gagnon, Nakonha:ka Regional Council**

Monarch Fields is threatened by industrial development that could begin as early as August 15, 2021. Technoparc Oiseaux is soliciting organisational signatures for the attached letter of support, which we will submit to the ongoing consultation conducted by ADM (Aéroports de Montréal) on July 23, 2021: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81724?culture=fr-CA>.

Please note that this letter of support is not open to individuals, unless they are community leaders or members of the scientific community. However, as a citizen, you can encourage your organization, your birding club, your department, or your citizen-mobilization group to sign.

**To view our letter of support, please see our website or click here:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EPL-0E3C12MhMFfNK5oViBzatRE5xQV0/view?usp=sharing>

**To participate in the letter of support** as a leader of an organisation, department, committee, or citizen project, as a community leader, or as a member of the scientific community, please send your logo in jpg and/or affiliation to [tparcbirds@gmail.com](mailto:tparcbirds@gmail.com). Signatures will be uploaded within 24 hours of receipt.

**The deadline for submitting signatures is July 20, 2021.**

**Little Brothers/Petits frères** – is an organization that started here in 1963 (1940's in France) and is now present all over Quebec. It does outreach to isolated seniors. I checked with Villa Beaurepaire and Volunteer West Island, they both speak highly of them. <https://www.petitsfreres.ca/en/about-us/>

**Camp Cosmos** – We are thrilled to announce that we will be holding an onsite camp this summer - beginning on July 5th and running out of St. James United in downtown Montreal.

Our campers are more than excited to reconnect with Camp Cosmos and spend 6 weeks exploring Montreal - beaches, museums, parks, etc.

And we were wondering if you could give us a **helping hand**. We have a small \$5,000 deficit that we need to cover before the end of the summer.

A small gift from you of \$25 will help us ensure a successful summer season with lots of outings and fun for the kids. If you feel you can help us out - just click on the button below to make a donation via Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/845034156RR0001-camp-cosmos/>

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## Resources online

**YAYA** – Youth and Young Adult with Shanna Bernier tells us: The Youth programming, Children's Church at home as well as our weekly chats are on hold for the summer. For the first 3 weeks of July, we are holding online Day camp.

If families are interesting in joining online camp, it is free and open to any kids aged 8-14.

The sign-up sheet for online camp is here: <https://forms.gle/ASRswdecS8HCiRvC6>

**Children's Church at Home** – is on hiatus for the summer. Check their Facebook page in the fall:

<https://www.facebook.com/Childenschurchathome/>

**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 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).

We also have a Prayer Circle made up of members from both Union and Beaufort. If you have **prayer requests**, please contact [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com).

**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/>

Good response to the first day of Marché BEAU on last week, drop by on Friday's 3-6pm.

**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

**Mission & Service – June 24<sup>th</sup>** – God's Mission Our Gifts, this new issue telling us about the good work our M&S donations support. I read:

We are heartbroken by the news coming out of Kamloops, as we know many people are—and now by the news from the Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan. Please continue to hold space for all our Indigenous relations as the true extent of the findings becomes clearer.

Moderator Richard Bott and Executive Minister, Indigenous Ministries and Justice Murray Pruden have written a [message](#) to the people of The United Church in Canada in response to the Kamloops Residential School graves discovery. You may find these [prayers](#) helpful as well.

Supporting Education on the Path to Reconciliation; Turning Hard Work into Hope Every Day: Margaret's Story; Creating a World without Hate; If you read just one book this month: Thanks Giving

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=843b090f35>

June 28<sup>th</sup> - Called to be the Church: The Journey - If you've been thinking about learning best stewardship practices for your community of faith, take a few minutes to look over the information in this message. New modules start in August, and we'll be happy to answer any questions you have!

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=c6f2b81f19>

**E-ssentials e-newsletter** – July 13<sup>th</sup> – from The United Church of Canada (a weekly publication),

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=03afd216a4>

open the link and click on the Past Issues tab at the top left.

COVID-19: Global Response; Consultations and Proposed Mission: July Strategic Planning Update; Fresh Off the Boat: (Philippine migrant workers); Your Generosity Matters: Jazz and Technology Meet Up to Spark Innovation; United Church Bookstore: Summer sale.

**Broadview Magazine from the website**

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** – When churches are reminders of oppression; Linda Byler, the Amish romance novelist who didn't know she's a bestseller; How new Black art initiatives are changing the game for overlooked artists; The fix for more sustainable and livable cities starts with your garden; VIDEO of the National Online Reading Club (recorded July 5<sup>th</sup>)

<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=59efbaaf06>

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Former United Church Moderator on why church's apologies to indigenous people fell short

<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=3288b0ab02>

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** – He was the ultimate troubadour'-Willie Dunn; Debra McGrath supporting her trans child; Questions for Christians on reconciliation; Son's perspective of Padre of the Pubs

<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=0657c5ff94>

To have access to the online articles, you must have a subscription to the magazine. Contact Ivy Lewis or Susan Smith.

**Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble** – June 24<sup>th</sup> – comes to us bi-monthly or so <https://us9.campaign->

[archive.com/?u=cc608c73f94333ec58cfbdf2&id=a6f05bc20b](https://us9.campaign-)

AUSE summer conference July 24/25; Duncan United Celebrates!; An Affirming Celebration for Harmony United (NB), St-Andrews United (ON), Westminster (AB), Central Saanich (BC). Lament and Hope for Asian LGBTQ+ Christians. Delta United Church in Hamilton celebrates Affirming Ministry. Call for AU/SE Treasurer.

**Nakonhaka News** – July 14 – COVID-19 update, Property & Finance, Executive, Ministry and Personnel, Networks and Leadership Teams, and more.

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=33af48f060>

**June 30** – A time of reflection and reading for Canada Day - We would ask people to engage in the three following documents:

1. Truth and Reconciliation Commission - calls to action
2. MMIW- report on murdered and missing indigenous women and girls
3. The calls to the church

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=4b597982ea>

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** – version <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=32c778867d>

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** – June – this issue includes: Proud Priest; Letter of Confession; Climate Hope; Listen to the Uyghurs; Hope in Palliative Care; Choosing to Love; Anthems of Awakening; Fragile Connections; A Boy and His Father; Aging Icons. With your subscription, you receive a printed copy and an online version.

Also, Broadview met it's fundraising goal, to deliver high-caliber journalism until the end of the year.

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**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/>

**Reminder**



**Ste-Anne's Market** – Open on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm outdoor on the waterfront. Please spread the word that the market is ongoing, support this gem of a market. They will be there all summer. Bring your own bags.

**These sellers will be there.**

- [AMANGO CACAO](#)
- [Anse au Sable](#)
- Aux Grains de saveurs
- [Boulangerie Des Rosiers](#)
- [Café Elba](#)
- [Cidrierie d'un hectare](#)
- [Culture Adamo](#) (Micro-pousse)
- [Driftwood Naturals](#)
- [Du champ aux pots](#)
- [Equipe Zero](#)
- Érablière Des Roy
- [Ferme de l'Ile](#)
- Ferme de la Rive
- [Ferme Lauzon](#)
- Ferme Léger
- [Ferme Quinn](#)
- Hunky Dory
- Icy Vibes
- [Jardins Carya](#)
- Le Poisson Fumant
- Les caïeux de Sainte-Georges
- [Les Champignons Shelton](#)
- [Les Fruits du Poirier](#)
- [Let nature do the trick](#)
- Masala Dhabba
- [MSEG](#) McGill Student EcoGarden
- [Multi- Ferme](#)
- Naan Cheeze
- [Noola Pasta](#)
- [Scruncheese](#)
- [SUUT](#)
- [Tannahill Tannahill-soap@hotmail.com](mailto:Tannahill Tannahill-soap@hotmail.com)
- [The Cultured Foodie](#)
- [Thé Ochado Tea](#)
- TWIGS cafe
- [Vivianne Gelato](#)
- Worke's kitchen
- Zoltan's
- ZuZu

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**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: Jack Brown, [bshouse@bellnet.ca](mailto:bshouse@bellnet.ca), (450)455-2764.

### **Susan's Bag of Tricks**

*Polyphonic or Overtone singing.* Now I am going to let that sink in. What is that you say? Tibetan Monks do it, the Tuvan people do it, The HU do it, even Anna-Marie Helefe does it.

She is described as the human Theremin: <https://youtu.be/vC9Qh709gas>  
Ms. Helefe does a Hildegard Von Bingen tune that will make your hair stand on end:  
<https://youtu.be/letfkSJ92Js>

Now for you Rockers, The HU performing 'Yove Yove Yu': <https://youtu.be/v4xZUr0BEfE>  
Mongolia never sounded so good. (Put on the Subtitles/closed captions for English translation)  
They are in the USA in September.

Want to learn how? You have spare time this summer: [https://youtu.be/w42DQoZ-z\\_c](https://youtu.be/w42DQoZ-z_c)

This is going to have to tide you over until the middle of August. This is the last issue of the mid-week message until après vacation. If you start to suffer, have a look at the Townsends videos on 18<sup>th</sup> century living history. I've been binging on them, watching 15 or so a night in chronological order. I am up to videos recorded 5 years ago, I started at videos from 12 years ago.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxr2d4As312LulcajAkKJYw>

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