

Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

September 23, 2021

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:00 a.m.

Sept 26 th	Creation Time 3 – Orange Shirt Day (in person & online)
Sept 29 th	Merging Waters Board meeting
Sept 30 th	Beaurepaire Board meeting
Oct 3 rd	Creation Time 4 – World Communion Sunday (online only)
Oct 10 th	Creation Time 5 – Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct 17 th	The Sunday of Grace
Oct 31 st	All Saints Day

Merging Waters
Pastoral Charge



Welcome GRACE Service Love
Community

Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday 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



Greetings Merging Waters,

Sept 23rd 2021

September 30th marks the very first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day which we will lift up on Sunday. We will reflect on the painful reality of residential schools and the blessing of hope we find in the opportunity to listen to our neighbours and to find healing together.

In the reading from [Mark 9:38–50](#) that we will reflect on in worship this week Jesus acknowledges that the work of love and justice in the world, resisting hate and exploitation, is not the exclusive work of one group of people who call themselves his disciples. The narrative further calls upon us to let go of the things that hold us back from living lives of love and justice for all.

Some questions related to this passage:

- What is it that keeps us from respecting and working in partnership with other congregations, denominations, faiths and cultures?
- What keeps us from seeing ourselves as one with all people?
- How do we rid ourselves of all that keeps us from considering others before ourselves?
- In the times we become mislead, thinking our way is the “only” way, what is the result? Were residential schools one such time?
- God is at work in the world, the world is changing, what do we need to let go of in order to embrace the Spirit’s work of love and justice in today’s world?
- What is it that we can hold onto that keeps us faithful to Jesus’ message of peace, love, and service?

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday as we seek to journey in love and peace with all people, reflecting on these and other questions. Sharing the road with all creation moving forward in faith.

Peace and hope,

Rev. Ryan Fea

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Welcome Grace Service Love
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Orange Shirt Day



We invite you to
show solidarity with
children and
wear something
orange
to Church Sunday
(online & in person)
and on Sept 30th

Sunday, September 26th, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP ONLINE OR IN-PERSON (with protocols)
10 am Online Gathering 10:30 am worship for all

CHURCH CAFÉ returns with a blast of autumn air
Join Engaging Discussions and
Visits with neighbours
Hosted by with Rev. Ryan

Every Friday in September starting on the 10th
On ZOOM @ 2 pm

Join us Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84201152347>

Or on phone: +1 438 809 7799 Canada

Meeting ID: 842 0115 2347



Community News



Suit Cases for Africa - Thank you to all who participated in our "Five In One" fundraiser last Saturday. It was such a great community event with people coming from far & wide and reconnecting with friends – and it didn't rain!! As this was our first official fundraiser since the COVID-19 shutdown we appreciate all the support we received.

There are still five small containers (\$5) of Zucchini-Apple soup left - if anyone is interested contact Wendy @514-992-5500.

FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE – Sept 24th will be a day for global action on climate justice with Fridays For Future. There will be a global strike to call on governments, companies, and people to act to protect the planet and all who live on Earth. Get a group together from Merging Waters or participate as an individual or family. Find a planned strike to join or start a local climate action on your area: <https://fridaysforfuture.org/september24/>





You can drop off their clean and label-free clear or coloured prescription bottles (20787 Lakeshore, Baie D'Urfe). We have them delivered to Earthub in Ottawa for use with doctors overseas. <https://www.earthub.ca/make-a-difference> Susan (514-457-1793) sahawker@hotmail.com

Christ Church Beaurepaire – After being on hiatus for several years, the Paws & Pray Eucharistic service is making a comeback! We'd like to extend a special welcome to all of you who attended Paws & Pray in the past to attend our relaunch on October 3 (in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)! Of course, you are all welcome, with or without a dog.

Where: Christ Church Beaurepaire, 455 Church St. (AT FIELDFARE), Beaconsfield, QC.

When: Sunday, October 3 at 4:30 pm.

The dog-welcoming Paws & Pray Eucharistic service will be preceded by a blessing of (all) pets at 4:00 pm, on October 3, only.

To ensure a safe environment for all attending the worship service at 4:30 pm, we adhere to strict COVID protocols: masks must be worn by humans throughout the service and physically distanced seating is practiced inside the church.

The service will also be broadcast live on the Christ Church Beaurepaire Facebook page:

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

Tell your friends and neighbors! We look forward to seeing you there! Blessings, Rev. Joel Amis, Incumbent, Christ Church Beaurepaire

Christ Church Beaurepaire (Beaconsfield, QC)

Sunday, October 3rd, 2021

All welcome! (bring your humans!)

<p>Blessing of the Animals 4:00 pm (Oct. 3rd)</p>	<p>Dog-friendly worship service 4:30 pm (Oct. 3rd)</p>
	

455 Church St. (at Fieldfare), Beaconsfield, QC H9W 3S6

christchurchbeaurepaire.ca/paws

facebook.com/CCBeaconsfield

Blessing of the Animals



Christ Church Beaurepaire (Beaconsfield, QC)
October 3rd, 2021, 4:00 pm

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) and arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery.



Great News!

Boutique 24 (our 'nearly new' thrift shop) **will re-open on TODAY, September 23rd** from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Boutique has been re-designed in accordance with the government guidelines to allow for a safe shopping experience! (Masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing)

We are once again accepting donations. Have you read a good novel lately? Recent paperback books are popular sellers. Maybe you re-organized your clothes cupboard....donations of nearly new fall and winter clothing would be appreciated. Dishes, linens, toys, jewellery and other small household items would also be helpful. Please! NO furniture or electronics. You can drop off donations on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. or Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Or call June Hudon 514-713-5054 to arrange a time.

We are **looking for a few more volunteers** willing to work on Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Could you help once a month for a few hours? If so, please contact June Hudon or Nancy Gelsthorpe 514-453-7564

Boutique 24 has been a tradition at Union for over 30 years. It is an outreach program that helps the community by providing clothing and household items at reasonable prices. The proceeds provide funds for Union church, local groups (Women's Shelter) and UCC Missions.

Hopefully we will have sufficient donations, volunteers and customers to keep it open especially during these difficult COVID times.

Gentle Hatha Yoga classes will be offered once again from 7:00-8:00pm on Tuesdays in Adair Hall. Price is now 10\$/class. Classes start September 21st. The course is intended for beginners or intermediates: come enjoy yoga poses, sun salutations and Savasana (final relaxation).

Chair Yoga will be ongoing every Friday afternoon from 4:30-5:15pm in Adair Hall. Come learn an adapted form of yoga in a relaxing environment. Classes are free. The first class is Friday September 24th.

If you need to contact Bryson Davis about classes, he is reachable at 514-980-0905 or email him at bdpincourt@gmail.com. Namaste!

Maxine Pinto (friend of Patti Murphy) is offering an online Zumba classes for the 'Over 50 " sect, Thursdays (12noon). The music is a fab mix of what you would expect Latin tunes in the Zumba world, mixed with campy golden oldies. One year for the low price of \$25, check it out, contact Sylvie at the Almage Senior's Centre. Here is Sylvie's email: sylvielobianco@hotmail.com



West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (WICWC) – Save the Date – Saturday October 9th – The Hero Run is back! Young and old alike are invited to dress-up as their favourite super hero and walk or run to raise funds for cancer wellness. 100% of the proceeds go to the WICWC. West Island Cancer Wellness Centre, 115 rue Du Barry, Kirkland (QC) H9H 0C4, 514 695-9355, info@wicwc.org



West Island Cancer Wellness Centre



NOVA West Island is announcing a Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner. ABO VAS (Volunteer Accompaniment Service) is having their first fundraiser in the West Island. Let's encourage them by attending their spaghetti dinner! To purchase tickets:

<https://app.simplyk.io/en/ticketing/22f6b7f1-75f0-4060-91f4-c40b32b15349>

ABO VAS Levée de fonds dîner spaghetti

dimanche le 24 octobre de 12:00 à 18:30

17003 Trans-Canada, Kirkland, H9H 5J1

Sunday October 24th from 12pm to 6:30pm

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser

Munda trattoria

BILLETS 40.00\$

TICKETS 40.00\$

EMERGENCY AID FOR HAITI

On the morning of **Saturday, August 14**, Haiti was struck by a severe earthquake. The extent of the damage is still unclear. Haitians and the international community are working hard to rescue people trapped under the rubble. But the number of deaths is rising. Many homes and community buildings have been destroyed. Hospitals have also been damaged, and acutely injured and traumatized people are struggling to find help. And what's more, Tropical Storm Grace hit Haiti on August 16, making an already bad situation worse.

The United Church of Canada is in contact with Mission & Service partners in Haiti to find out how we can support their communities. Today, people in Haiti need emergency shelter, clean water, and food.

[Earthquake in Haiti | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](http://www.united-church.ca)

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

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 and for Beaufort United, the co- Coordinating team of **Diane Nener**: dianenener@icloud.com; & **Wendy Hamel**: wendyandrewadam@yahoo.ca

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.

West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (WICWC) – Do you want to know which toxins can weaken your body and how you can reduce your exposure to them? Then join us on **September 20th** for a free webinar on "Your Health and Every Day Toxins". Our guest speaker Cindy Wong, registered holistic nutritionist of [Health and Wellness with Cindy](#) will address these questions and other topics to help you make informed choices for your health. Registration is required. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

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/>
Marché BEAU, 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)

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 Beaufort and Volunteer West Island, they both speak highly of them. <https://www.petitsfreres.ca/en/about-us/>

Online reading

Mission & Service – September 22 - God's Mission Our Gifts, this new issue telling us about the good work our M&S donations support. I read:

Your Support Is There When Disaster Strikes; Dignity Is on the Table; Defining Love: Emmanuel's Story; Growing Stronger Together: Maina's Story; Our Generosity Has a Worldwide Impact: Mambud's Story; WORLD FOOD DAY SERVICE—DONE! (Oct 17th); Congregational Stewardship/Generosity; Community Ministries Are Special; Every Small Step You Take Makes a Difference; Discover Your Gifts—Share Your Gifts; Epiphany 2022; Called to Be the Church: The Journey; Stewardship Seconds, offering invitations, and offering prayers. <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=e879ddd78d>

E-ssentials e-newsletter – September 21st – United for the Love of Creation; Job Opening at the General Council Office; United Church Bookstore: *Adventures in Faith and Family*; Your Generosity Matters: Wondering What More You Can Do to Become Anti-Racist?; Diversity and Equity in the Workplace
<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=d54a067d92>

September 14th – ENGAGE! Love and Justice Ministries of The United Church of Canada; 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism; Blog Post: Seeking Grace and an End to Occupation; Your Generosity Matters: You Are There Every Step of the Way: Jason's Story; United Church Bookstore: *Adventures in Faith & Family* Now Available! <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=b98b8cd618>

Broadview Magazine from the website

September 10th – Where were these courses when we were kids?; Can restorative justice end bullying? These schools are giving it a try.; United Church leaving vaccine policies up to individual faith communities.; Nova Scotia group has one year to raise \$10.5M to save historic church.

September 3rd – Here's what it might take to convince the unvaccinated; Taliban-ruled Afghanistan threatens years of activism by non-profit arts group; What would aliens mean for traditional religious belief?
<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=3519f760b3>

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

Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble – June 24th – comes to us bi-monthly or so <https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=cc608c73f94333ec58cfbdf2&id=a6f05bc20b>
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.

Nakonha:ka News – September 22 - Featured news in this issue: vaccination policies for communities of faith; Resources for Climate Action / Season of Creation; Resources for Orange Shirt Day / National Truth and Reconciliation Day; Community events (online and in person); and more!
<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=c9eaf9fc55>

Embracing the Spirit – is United Church of Canada learning network and innovation fund. It offers funding and support for innovation ideas hatched out of faith communities and communities in ministry. Some of the stories and best practices that are happening throughout The UCC are shared in this newsletter. Their website is: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/being-community/embracing-spirit>

September 15th – Change Maker Virtual Conference Centre in Full Swing this Fall; EDGEy Conversation with Charles MacDonald (Huron Shores Regional Council); What Does Following the Spirit Look Like? (Following Energy); Curiosity Cohort Starting Soon—Are You Curious About What is Possible?
<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=74a4dbcc08>

Reminder



Ste-Anne's Market – Open on Saturday September 25th, 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.

- Fermes & producteurs locaux / Farms and local growers
- Mets prêts à cuire / Ready-to-Cook Foods
- Produits de spécialité / Speciality products
- De la rue Ste-Anne au marché / Ste-Anne locals
- Produits de Boulangerie / Bakeries and baked products
- Savons et sois du corps / Soaps and body Care
- Produits artisanaux / Artisanal products

MASKS-ARROWS-DISTANCING-NO LINGERING

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, (450)455-2764.

Paws & Pray: a dog-friendly worship service **Christ Church Beaurepaire (Beaconsfield, QC)**



October 3rd, 2021, 4:30 pm | In-person and online!

