

# Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

## September 9, 2021

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

Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Creation Time 1
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Union Board meeting
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Creation Time 2
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Federal Election
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Creation Time 3
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Merging Waters Board meeting
Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	Beaurepaire Board meeting

Merging Waters  
Pastoral Charge



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,

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

As many have said, we blinked and the summer was lived and gone before we knew it. If Labour Day weekend marks the end of the summer, with the return to school, end of summer holidays, and the cooling of weather many of us are wondering if we can hold a vote to extend it a few more weeks. But alas time moves ever onward, seasons change, pandemic and life evolve, and we are drawn forward in time ever onward.

In this time of endings and beginnings we find the emergence of new life once more. For the past 18 months Merging Waters has been living our lives of faith online and in the world. The Boards of Union and Merging Waters have decided that this Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 we will add in-person worship to this life. While our online worship and programs continue, we will be adding the option to worship in person as well. This is not going back to what was in the Before time, this is a moving forward into the new ways – embracing safety protocols as part of nurturing and caring for body and soul in our lives together.

As we look to the readings for this week we hear of the New Heaven and New Earth of Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5. In this reading we hear of the renewal of the world – making pure the waters, soil, and air – and the reconciliation of the Divine Spirit with all humanity. God's great work of bringing into unity all life with the Divine and one another is brought into fruition.

- What hope do we find for the future in these readings?
- What part will we play in bringing about this new connected world?
- Where is the promise in our participation? The comfort? The challenge?
- How does The Sacre Presence In All help us to bring this about in the world?

I look forward to our shared journey as we seek out new ways and new perspectives together.

Peace and hope,  
Rev. Ryan Fea

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## **Important announcement!**

*Merging Waters is holding our first service to integrate in-person worship since the COVID-19 pandemic started!*

### **Want to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 12 at Union Church?**

We have established protocols and prepared the space for worshiper safety. Please review the following important information, follow all instructions and if you have questions, ask an usher.

#### **Before the service**

- We strongly recommend that you be fully vaccinated to attend in person.
- If you have symptoms (cough, fever), or have had symptoms in the past two weeks, stay home.
- Wear a mask.
- Sanitize your hands at the entrance.

#### **In the sanctuary**

- Enter through the main sanctuary door and take your seat as quickly as possible while maintaining appropriate social distancing.
- 2-metre spacing between individuals or family groups/ “bubbles” is preferred, minimum is 1 metre.
- Avoid grouping together; if a line forms, step back to ensure social distance.
- Seating has been arranged to easily maintain spacing. Sit only where it is permitted.
- Family groups and bubbles can sit together, distanced from other bubbles.
- Ushers will be present to assist with observing the protocols.

#### **During the service**

- Please keep your mask on as much as possible. It may be removed if necessary while seated, but must be replaced before moving around.
- We are not permitted to sing or speak out; humming and quiet speaking into a mask are permitted.
- If you bring an offering, place it in the plate at the entrance. There will be no collection by ushers.

#### **Departure**

- Exit the building through your designated door as announced at the end of the service, as quickly as possible.
- There is no gathering permitted inside the building after worship.
- Chatting after service can take place outside on the lawn, appropriately distanced and preferably masked.

#### **What if I do not attend in person? Can I still worship? YES!**

Our technical team is working hard to live-stream the worship service for you to follow via Zoom in real time. We commit at minimum to provide a recording as soon as possible after the service. Thanks for your patience and stay tuned for more news next week!

We are looking forward to seeing your (masked) faces on September 12!

*From Merging Waters Board and the Spiritual Formation Committee, with thanks to the many volunteers who worked very hard to make this possible!*

## Community News

**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



**Thanks:** Sept 4<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a great day for a **house plant sale!** Many thanks to Anne, Bonnie, Eric, Jim, June, Kathie, Nancy, Shirley and Susan S. for setting up, pricing, selling and providing change. Also, thanks to the more than a dozen folks who donated a wonderful variety of plants. And thank you to all who stopped by to shop and say "Hello". The total tally for the sale is \$1113.25.



**SUITCASES for AFRICA**  
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## FIVE FUNDRAISERS IN ONE!

This is our first official fundraiser since Covid 19 changed our lives forever. Please come to help us raise funds for needy children in Kenya who have been hit hard due to the pandemic.

**SEPTEMBER 18th., 2021 9:00 – 1:00**  
**61 Beaconsfield Court**  
**Beaconsfield**

  
Bake Table

  
Soup Sale

  
Kenyan Market

  
House Plants

  
Rent a Table

All safety measures will be respected ie: masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing.

If you can help in any way to make this a most successful day please contact us at [info@suitcasesforafrica.com](mailto:info@suitcasesforafrica.com) or call Wendy at 514-992-5500



## 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 \(united-church.ca\)](#)



**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.

**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](mailto:sylvielobianco@hotmail.com)



### 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](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com) and for Beaufort United, the co- Coordinating team of **Diane Nener**: [dianenener@icloud.com](mailto:dianenener@icloud.com); & **Wendy Hamel**: [wendyandrewadam@yahoo.ca](mailto: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](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com).

**BEAUConnexion** – is an initiative by Les Amis du Village Bearepaire for people in the area to connect households in the Village to help each other. <https://www.facebook.com/LesAmisduVillageBearepaire/>  
**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 Bearepaire and Volunteer West Island, they both speak highly of them. <https://www.petitsfreres.ca/en/about-us/>

### Online reading

**Mission & Service** – August 26<sup>th</sup> - God's Mission Our Gifts, this new issue telling us about the good work our M&S donations support. I read:

Support for the People of Haiti; No longer asking "Where will I eat?"; You are There Every Step of the Way-Jason's Story; Wondering What More You Can Do to Become Anti-Racist?; Moderator Prayer [Videos](#); Congressional Stewardship/Generosity; Children's Story Books That Nurture Generosity; Called to be the Church: The Journey.

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=966140d474>

**Essentials e-newsletter** – August 17<sup>th</sup> – from The United Church of Canada (a weekly publication), <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=193863b421>  
open the link and click on the Past Issues tab at the top left.

Appeal for Haiti; Election Resources (Sept 20); All Saints Day Service (Nov 1); Your Generosity Matters: Women Farmers Like Barari Catalyze Change; United Church Bookstore-Summer Bargains

### **Broadview Magazine from the website**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Here's what it might take to convince the unvaccinated; Taliban-ruled Afganistan 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>

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** – What's on the other side after exiting a fundamentalist church?; 8 common claims of residential school deniers and how to shut them down; Living Hyphen wants to be the publication for Canadians caught between 2 worlds; With an audience that lives offline, Amish newspapers are going gangbusters

<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=96cf156a51>

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 24<sup>th</sup> – 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** – August 25<sup>th</sup> – Federal Election Resources; National Council News; Milestones in Canadian/Acadian History; Regional Council Gatherings (Nov 12/13); Granting & Enabling; Ministry Personnel, COVID-19 Response meeting (Sept 14); Executive (Sept 16); Network & Leadership Teams (Environmental Network – Justice & Community Ministry – Living into Right Relations Circle – Pride & Friends Network – United Church Women – Local Community News and Events – Other News and Events  
<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=1fe44bc80d>

**Living into Right Relations** – September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Orange Shirt Give-Away Sept 13; Indigenous Children Then, Now, and Tomorrow-Online Panel (Sept 29); Mental Health First Aid Training (MHFA) (Oct 12 & 13).  
<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=fdda8bb540>

**United Church of Canada** – Embracing the Spirit is a learning network and innovation fund. Their website is:  
<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/being-community/embracing-spirit>

### **Reminder**



**Ste-Anne's Market** – Open on Saturday September 11th, 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**

**Market News:** Garlic Day will take place in conjunction with Naturally Ste-Anne. [LINK](#) for further information.

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

**West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (WICWC)** – Save the Date – Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:info@wicwc.org)

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

I've subscribed to another news feed from the United Church of Canada 'Living into Right Relations' Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice News from The United Church of Canada. They are having an Orange Shirt give away (first come first serve) <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=fdda8bb540>

Orange Shirt Day is September 30 to remember Indian Residential Schools. I have my Orange Shirt



I got the shirt in Terrace, BC and these links in Smithers, BC.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission [94 Calls to Action](#)

Native Land: [Traditional Territories](#)

Truth and Reconciliation: [Memorial Register](#)

Legacy of Hope: [Survivor's Stories](#)

On Canada Project [LINK](#)

We Were Children: [NFB Film](#)

NFB Indigenous Peoples of Canada: [catalogue](#)

More at this PDF attachment:



Every Child  
Matters.pdf

**Half-Sour Pickles** – This is not a long storage pickle, it is to use from the fridge. It will keep 2-3 weeks if you can resist eating them.

- Put a dill seed head in a cleaned quart jar (optional)
- 1 garlic clove (more if you like that)

Fill quart jar with cleaned cucumbers (pickling, or regular ones cut in quarters, by length)

Combine and bring to a boil:

- ½ cup vinegar
- 1 ½ cups water
- ½ t salt
- ½ t coriander seed
- ¼ t mustard seed, caraway seed, red pepper flakes
- 2 small allspice berries
- 1 bay leaf

Pour hot pickling liquid and spices into the jar, apply cap loosely. Cool then put into fridge. They will become more infused with vinegar over time.