

Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

October 20, 2021

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Oct 24th The Sunday of Grace – Lisa Byer-de Wever, Guest Pastor
Oct 27th Union Church Board meeting
Oct 31st All Saints Day

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,

Oct 20th 2021

Rev. Ryan is taking some study leave Oct 11th to 25th inclusive. Contact Pastoral Care or the office if you have an emergency.

Sunday October 24th service will be led by **Rev. Lisa Byer-de-Wever**, the theme: Sunday of Grace.



The **All Saints Day** service will be **October 31st**. A service to Lift-up in Remembrance anyone who was a member or dear to a member who passed in the last year. Please send in a name, year born and photo by noon on **Wednesday Oct 27th**. Sent this info to mergingwaters@bellnet.ca



CHURCH CAFÉ is on hiatus
Oct 15 & 22 and returns
with a blast of autumn air
the 29th of October

Join Engaging Discussions
& Visits with neighbours

Hosted with Rev. Ryan
Fridays
on ZOOM @ 2 pm

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN IN](#)

Pay It Forward

Canadians are receiving COVID vaccines, people in many other parts of the world have no way to get them.

Your gift of 25\$ will provide a complete COVID-19 vaccination to one person in a country where vaccines are in short supply. 25\$ to save a life. How many can you save?

<https://giftswithvision.ca/collections/featured/products/pay-it-forward>



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

Community News

Boutique 24 - Donations of fall and winter clothing, linens, books, and small household items are appreciated. You can drop off items at the church on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m.; Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or call June Hudon 514-713-5054

Thanks to all of the volunteers that make Boutique 24 possible!

We are looking for a few volunteers that are willing to volunteer for a few hours once a month to help with sales on Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



Photo contest: How I spent my COVID summer 2021

Help Merging Waters celebrate our summer experiences!

Living with COVID has meant some quieter times and more local pursuits, but also opportunities to pause and take a closer look at our surroundings.

Share your photo memories with the community, and we will feature them in our slide shows, on our website and in our social media!

How to participate:

1. Submit up to 4 photos = maximum one photo for each of the following categories. Feel free to send along a description / memories with the picture.
 - A. Flora - trees, plants, flowers, etc.
 - B. Fauna - Animals of all kinds (air, water, land, furry, any number of legs, feathered, scaly, etc.)
 - C. Inspiration (churches, sacred spaces, awe-inspiring landscapes, etc.)
 - D. Community during COVID (our different ways to connect with family and friends)
2. By participating, you confirm permission to share these images for use by Merging Waters, with photo credits acknowledged in the same way as all MW attributions.
3. Recall that any identifiable human being(s) depicted in the photo should have given their permission for publication as well.
4. Contest is open to members/adherents of Merging Waters and their immediate family.
5. Submit photo files to mergingwatersphoto@gmail.com
 - a. All orientations accepted (landscape or portrait)
 - b. Highest practical resolution preferred, for future use considerations.
6. **Deadline for submission: October 22, 2021**

An impartial jury will select the top photo from each category to be featured in a special Merging Waters worship segment! Thank you for bringing joy to our community!

For more information, please contact Christine Bryce or Lynn Thompson, or email: mergingwatersphoto@gmail.com



You can drop off 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

Lynn Thompson – Has a new series of hand-made 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.



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

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 on Friday afternoons has been cancelled.

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



West Island Citizen Advocacy (WICA) – <https://volunteerwica.com/>

Check out their Newsletter at: <https://volunteerwica.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/newsletter-Fall-2021-final.pdf>

They have an interesting series of courses they all are online.

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 1:00-3:00.

Visit <http://www.volunteerwica.com> to register.

October 8: Vaxicode: Download and Installation

October 15: Exploring the Basics of Dementia

October 22: Info-Session with a Covid Nurse

October 29: Know your Tablet: A Beginner's Guide

November 5: Post-Covid: Getting Back to Normal Life

November 12: Benefits and Tax Credits for Seniors

November 19: Introduction to RVA (Rendez-Vous Arts)

West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (WICWC) – Has two job opportunities available:



West Island Cancer Wellness Centre

- SOCIAL WORKER/COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR (3-4 days/week) [deadline Oct 29th](#)
- MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR (3-4 days/week) [deadline Nov 10th](#)

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.



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

BILLETS 40.00\$

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

17003 Trans-Canada, Kirkland, H9H 5J1

TICKETS 40.00\$ Sunday October 24th from 12pm to 6:30pm

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser

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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

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

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)

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/>

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>

Essentials e-newsletter – October 19th – ENGAGE with Love & Justice Gathering (Nov 30); United

Church Bookstore: *Reflections on Emancipation and Anti-Black Racism for Canada* by Paul Douglas Walfall; *Called to Be the Church* (Stewardship); Then Let Us Sing! Development Committee; Your Generosity Matters: Growing Stronger Together - Maina's Story

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=556c1cf4d5>

October 12th – Advent Unwrapped 2021; Guaranteed Liveable Income Worship Sunday (Oct 17); Latin American Heritage Month; Seeds of Hope Grant; Your Generosity Matters: Emmanuel's Story; Is Preaching the Big Questions Still Relevant?;

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=5dc7c7c877>

Broadview Magazine from the website – October 20th – From the December issue: Stockings and Steamed Dumplings; 'I have lost everything'; The Work of Christmas; Can We Stop Shopping?

October 15th – What is our capacity for forgiveness?; How COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy can be overcome; Why does faith matter in family life?; As a Black immigrant, I'm constantly reminded I don't belong; Want more stories about sustainability? Check out this great offer!

[What is our capacity for forgiveness? \(campaign-archive.com\)](https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=62fa6a94af)

October 8th - One writer explores the mental health disorders in his family; My grandmother had a lobotomy and was forever altered; Why does faith matter in family life?; 5 strategies that have helped me live with depression; When kids are in crisis, how can we help them?; Why it's so hard to find affordable mental health care; National online reading club [video](#) from Oct.4, 2021

<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=62fa6a94af>

*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 – September 24th – Faithful and Queer Accessible Moving Tour (Oct 1st in Toronto); 2S-LGBTQ+ affected by conversion therapy-Survey; Queer Vespers (Sept 26th 7pm); AUSE 2021-AGM Minutes; Call for AU/SE Treasurer and 2 members at large; Some Queer Religious news from our neighbours to the south; Communications update for AU/SE; Affirming celebrations for East Central Ontario Regional Council and Dawning Waters Regional Council; Affirm United Shop.

<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=cc608c73f94333ec58cfbdf2&id=3bb87667c5>

Nakonha:ka News – October 20th -

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=e3fa765af4>

October 6 – In this issue: Regional Council meeting (Nov 12 & 13); Ventilation in church buildings (COVID); Guaranteed Livable Income Sunday (GLI Oct 17th); Climate action in Montreal (Oct 18th); Video: Church in Drag? [CLICK](#)

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=5cd7b66dad>

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>

October 13th – Applications due Friday (Oct 15) Innovation and Growth Grants; Love & Justice Gathering; What is the Language Hiding? What is it revealing?

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=71ee142505>

September 29th – Love and Justice Gathering (Nov 3-7); Kamloops United Church in Community; Free Seminar: Our Future World – The Church and Technological Change; Change Maker Virtual Conference Centre in Full Swing this Fall.

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=c0e9f71a0c>

Living into Right Relations – October 20th – Community Education for Reconciliation; New Video Resources; Monument Installation at Riverside Healing Garden, Cardston, Alberta; St. Michael's Residential School: Lament & Legacy

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Reminder

Ste-Anne's Market Autumn Edition – Open on Saturday **October 23th**, 9am-2pm



**MASKS, ARROWS
DISTANCING,
NO LINGERING**

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

The market continues at the waterfront up to and including Oct 23rd. Starting Oct 31st. the market will be in St-Georges Church.



10 DEMANDS OF GREEN FAITH <https://greenfaith.org/take-action/greenfaith-international-network-our-ten-demands/>

Energy	Finance	Employment	Self-Determination	Hospitality
Restoration	Bio-Diversity	Divestment	Reparation	Community

Check out the Montreal City Mission Facebook page, On Monday, October 18th **Faiths 4 Climate Justice** held an important event. There is a face you should recognize: <https://www.facebook.com/montrealcitymission/>

