

Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

November 18, 2021

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Nov 18 th	Union Church Board meeting 7pm
Nov 21 st	Reign of Christ – Service at Beaufort United Church, 25 Fieldfare
Nov 21 st	Beaufort United Congregational meeting (11:45am in the church)
Nov 24 th	Merging Waters Board meeting 7pm
Nov 28 th	Advent 1 – Hope
Dec 5 th	Advent 2 – Peace/Human Rights Sunday (online and in-person)
Dec 12 th	Advent 3 – Joy Sunday
Dec 19 th	Advent 4 – Love Sunday
Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve (Family Service 7 pm and Candlelight Service 9 pm)

Worship is now simultaneously on ZOOM and in-person.

In-person worship held at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, except where indicated
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,

November 18th, 2021

This week we will celebrate the final week of the season of Pentecost, when we lift that the Spirit is with us in our work and our lives. This is a fitting time to lift what we believe and to act upon these beliefs as a community. This is traditionally referred to as Reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday because the message of hope, love, justice, and faithfulness that we find in the narrative of the Christ reigns in our hearts and actions. We celebrate that we are not ruled, not swayed, not motivated by despair, hate, privilege and indifference but rather the Spirit-filled message of the God of Love. So, we say that it is Christ who Reigns in our lives.

But this is pretty old language, isn't it? Sure, Canada has a queen, but really what does this idea of a sovereign mean to us in our modern day? Is the Queen of England more influential in our lives, hearts, and deeds than the Queens on RuPaul's Drag Race? Is she maybe even less influential in our popular culture and everyday life? For some of us these same questions can arise about Jesus – historical figure or literary tool personifying a message - the narrative presents the person of Jesus as one who is the embodiment of values, commitments, and beliefs that challenged the assumptions of life both 2000 years ago and those of today.

Individualism over collective life, self-interest over justice, the majority rule to the detriment of minorities, conformity over celebrating each person's uniqueness, the exploitation of people and planet for monetary profits: these are modern precepts that oppose the message we find in our faith tradition, scriptures, and in a very specific way within this denomination. What we choose to prioritise will shape our choices. What message we allow to reign in our hearts and our actions both demonstrates our beliefs but also shape our world.

So, wrestle with the difficulty of the word King or sovereign all you need, it's good to keep our minds sharp. But also remind yourself that this is a question of your own agency - in your mind, soul, spirit, and thoughts you have a choice. And pray on, reflect on, and allow yourselves to ask: What message do I choose to embrace in my actions? How will that help you to shape the world? How will it allow us all to help shape the world so that we say as a human family that all are loved, all are welcome, all are needed?

I look forward to our continued journey this week as we ask what messages we allow to have sway over our lives together

Peace and hope,

Rev. Ryan Fea, MDiv

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November 21st – Before and after service on Sunday at

Women's Advent Event



The church are excited to invite the women of Merging Waters to this year's Women's Advent service on **Sunday, November 28th, 2021**. (12 – 2:30 p.m.)

This will be a social gathering in Adair Hall consisting of a simple meal interwoven with spiritual fellowship, sharing, music and prayer.

Due to the COVID-19 government restrictions we are limited to 25 participants. Proof of vaccination using the vaccine passport is required. Special planning is being done, following all COVID protocols, to have a safe and enjoyable afternoon.

This year's Theme is: Our Deepest Gifts: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

There will be a good will basket for monetary donations for the local food bank.

If you would like to attend you must pre-register. Please contact **Ivy Lewis 514-701-0370**
lewisir@hotmail.com

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Nancy Gelsthorpe, Helen Fyles, Bonnie Norris or Ivy Lewis.

Beaurepaire United, 25 Fieldfare, Susan Cruickshank will be offering **Kenya Gift cards** and **books** for sale in support of Outreach.

Ebi Kinmanani Fund



Beaconsfield United Church will be hosting a celebration of ordination for **Raphaël Pêrusse** on Sunday, **November 21, 2021** at **3:30 pm**.

The best ways for people to register for the ordination service are by filling out the following online form: <https://forms.gle/3AmcRhNsn37vH1uu6>

or by emailing community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com

The service is available on Zoom too, just ask for the link.



CHURCH CAFÉ
continues weekly as a time
of sharing and community
online.

Keep an eye out for
upcoming theme
discussions

Hosted with Rev. Ryan
Fridays
on ZOOM @ 2 pm

For details visit:
www.mergingwaters.ca

Zoom details for **Church Café**
2pm Friday November 19th are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87988296312>

Dial by your location

+1 438 809 7799 Canada
Meeting ID: 879 8829 6312



Church Café Advent of Discussion, activities, song, and FUN:

Church Café continues weekly on ZOOM Fridays 2 pm **November 26th – December 17th**. Grab a cocoa and share!

“Being Stone Catchers” – Nov. 26th, 2021 2 pm on ZOOM. Join Rev. Ryan and Eric Norris for a conversation about Krista Tippett's

conversation with Bryan Stevenson.

Bryan Stevenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative (<https://eji.org/>), and authors of the book *Just Mercy*. He is a Black lawyer based in Montgomery Ala. His organization is working to change the unequal treatment of black people by both the police and the criminal justice system. We in Canada certainly face some similar concerns, particularly as to policing, treatment of racialized communities, and right relations with Indigenous Peoples.

Mr. Stevenson refers to Jesus' admonition - only those without sin should be allowed to cast the first stone. He suggests that we may need to become "stone catchers" to try to mend our increasingly fractured society. We invite you to listen to the podcast and join in the conversation Nov 26th. It can be found at: <https://onbeing.org/programs/bryan-stevenson-finding-the-courage-for-whats-redemptive/>.



Dec 3rd - What was in the beginning? Do you know how many of the Gospels include a birth narrative for Jesus? Come and celebrate preparing for the birth of the Christ Child with fun and informative trivia. Test your Christmas Gospel knowledge. No letter grades for this gathering just fun!!

Dec 10th - Does O Come All Ye Faithful get your spirit up? Love to sing Joy to The World? Get ready to tap your toes and sing along. We're going to share our favourite Christmas Carols. Not only will we talk about them but, with the help of modern technology, we will enjoy your favourite Christmas Carols together. Warmup your vocal cords, or not, we're going to have lots of fun.





Dec 17th - Dawn we now our Bake apparel?! It's cold outside! Let's bake something yummy inside! From gingerbread to Pfeffernüsse, bacon-wrapped turkey to Green Bean Salad with Cherry Tomato Feta? Everyone has a favourite. This week we're going to share our favourite Christmas recipes. Type up your delicious Christmas Delicacies and trade recipes with others in the community. No baking during the gathering but if you make something in advance you can show off your goodies and share the story of how this recipe became your fav Christmas delicacy.

JOIN US ON ZOOM – LIVE online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87988296312>
Or by phone: 438-809-7799
Meeting ID: 879 8829 6312

Dec 5: Gifts for St. Columba - Our mitten tree is becoming a chocolate tree!

After contacting the director at St. Columba House, we learned that the most helpful ways to support their community are to:

- Purchase gift cards from IGA or Maxi, the grocery stores nearest to St. Columba. There is also a Canadian Tire nearby if you prefer. Denominations of \$25 are ideal but any size is most welcome.
- Provide chocolates/candy and toiletries for the Christmas gift baskets. No large boxes of chocolates please. Smaller things that can be shared amongst the baskets and particularly some Christmas chocolates/candies would be very nice.

We will be collecting these items on **Dec 5th** during the service.

Any questions? Ask Helen Fyles hfyles@bell.net



Chorale Philomela Singers, directed by Margo Keenan, presents its first post-pandemic in-person concert on **Sunday December 5 at 3pm**. Don't miss "Merveilles d'Hiver --- Winter Wonderland" at L'Église de la Présentation, 665 De L'Église Ave., Dorval, for some Holiday favorites and other music to put you in a festive mood. Accompaniment and special instrumental performance by Judy Hung. Tickets: \$20. Students and seniors (60+): \$18. TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/merveilles-dhiver-chorale-philomela-singers-tickets-203161229707> (Fees apply). NO SALES AT THE DOOR. Proof of double vaccination required; hence, regrettably no admission for children 11 and under. INFO 514-605-0015, chorale.philomela@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/pg/choralephilomela>

Our very own Sandy Davis is a member of this choir

Child Haven International – Susan Hawker brings this to our attention. Fundraiser **Sat Nov. 20th** 7-8:30pm.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A VERY SPECIAL EVENT !
MONTREAL'S 26th CHILD HAVEN FUNDRAISER
DATE - Saturday Nov. 20, 2021, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
This year, incorporating all of Quebec and the Maritimes !



WHERE? ON ZOOM!

- **We will** have a live dance performance by our Kaliyampoondi Child Haven children
- **We will** have a virtual tour of the Child Haven Homes with Tour Guide Robin
- **We will** have an online auction of treasures from India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh

www.32auctions.com/ChildHavenHolidayAuction

opens at 10 a.m. Nov 11th and closes at 10 p.m. on Nov 20th

Great way to support our Child Haven children and find gifts for yourself - and others!

HOW TO ATTEND?

Buy an event “ticket” (\$45 per person, or as much as you wish to donate) at the Child Haven website <https://childhaven.ca/>. Click on the link for the Montreal event and then on the Donate button.

You will receive a tax receipt for 100% of your donation and you will get an email or telephone call with the Zoom invitation link a few days before the event.

For more information on the Montreal Child Haven event contact
Sheila Laursen at ☎ 514 697-4195 or sheila.laursen@bell.net

MARCHÉ DES FÊTES HOLIDAY MARKET

Près de 30 marchands locaux
Nearly 30 local merchants

NOVEMBRE 27 NOVEMBER

12 pm - 16 pm

boul. Beaconsfield & av. Fieldfare

LES AMIS DU VILLAGE BEAUREPAIRE

Join us for the 2nd Annual Holiday Market organized by "Les Amis du Village Beaurepaire"! You will find close to 30 vendors selling everything from food to holiday decorations to many hand crafted gifts!

A raffle to raise funds for

NOVA West Island will be held and tickets will be sold on location:

1 for 5\$ 3 for 10\$ 30 for 20\$

(Arm's length pre-measured to respect social distancing)

Volunteers in yellow NOVA jerseys will be on site to sell tickets for great prizes from vendors and merchants, including a pair of Montreal Canadiens tickets from

Abbey & Olivier.

At dusk, thanks to the generosity of the **City of Beaconsfield**, NOVA will light their **Tree of Life** in front of their office adjacent to the Thrift Shop for NOVA, in memory and in honor of all our loved ones.

Community News



West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (WICWC) – Clinical trials help researchers find new cancer treatments and determine where they are safe, effective and work better than current treatments. They also help to find new ways to prevent and detect cancer. In this webinar, members of the dynamic RIOT team will help you to understand the types and stages of clinical trials, how to talk to your doctor about them and more. Join us for this fascinating presentation which will be followed by a question and answer period. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** Nov 18th 3-4pm

Registration link [HERE](#)

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.

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)



WICA • PCBO – Giving Tuesday Wish: Pizza Party

A group of seniors have been very isolated during the pandemic are longing for a sense of normalcy and share a wish for a pizza party! Many of them don't have family or friends to visit so they rely on each other and other residents for company.

With the pandemic, most of the activities at the residence were put on pause. Many of them are nostalgic and feel that sharing a good laugh at a pizza party takes them back to their youth! To grant them this wish, click [HERE!](#)

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.

Lynn Thompson – **Hand-made Christmas cards** & other themes, 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.





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
Boutique 24 is also a drop-off point on Thursdays.

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 continuing to December 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. (Video's still available online)

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

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.

Reminder



**MASKS, ARROWS
DISTANCING,
NO LINGERING**

Ste-Anne's Market Winter Edition – Open on Saturday **November 20th**, 10am-1pm.

Please spread the word that the market is ongoing starting this week it will return to **St-George's church**. Indoor/Outdoor. 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 soins du corps / Soaps and body Care
- Produits artisanaux / Artisanal products

Starting back this week at St-George's Church between Maple and Perreault Avenues.

LAST YEAR YOU TURNED TO US FOR:

- 25 BEREAVED ADULTS RECEIVED INDIVIDUALIZED PHONE COUNSELLING
- THE ADULT DAY CENTER PROGRAM VIRTUALLY WELCOMED 118 MEMBERS & 118 CAREGIVERS
- 45 VISITS TO HELP BEREAVED CHILDREN & ADULTS THROUGH THE CAROUSEL PROGRAM
- 99 CLIENTS & FAMILIES ACCOMPANIED IN PEACEFUL & DIGNIFIED HOME DEATHS
- 2,092 HOME NURSING VISITS & 2,127 PHONE VISITS
- MORE THAN 2,951 HOURS DONATED BY VOLUNTEERS IN ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDING 1,183 DRIVES FOR OUR CANCER PATIENTS
- 5,979 HOURS OF CARE AND RESPITE TO MANY WEST ISLAND FAMILIES

THANK YOU!
OVER 110 YEARS OF COMMUNITY CARE.
HELPED OVER 645 PEOPLE LAST YEAR!

NOVA Transcending the Boundaries of Care

Each year we launch our fundraising campaign to inform the public of the importance of their generosity to help us maintain our [service offering](#). This time, we are adding some excitement by inviting you to visit our new website starting [HERE](#).

We hope that you will rediscover our organization and we are counting on you to share the link and reach our goal of \$150,000 before March 31 by becoming a NOVA ambassador today. Happy navigating and [click here](#) to give today! <https://www.novawi.org/post/a-new-launch-for-2021-2022>

Resources online

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/>

Online reading

Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble – Works for the full inclusion of people of all gender identities and sexual orientations in the United Church of Canada and society.

September 24th – September 24th, 2021 | AUSE eNewsletter | It's a New School Year, New Affirming Ministry Celebrations © (campaign-archive.com)

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

Broadview Magazine – Spirituality, Justice and Ethical Living | Celebrating 192 years. North America's oldest continuously published magazine.

November 12th – 10 things to consider before reaching out to an Indigenous scholar (campaign-archive.com)
<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=e00688397e>

November 5th – Is the United Church going to disappear? (campaign-archive.com) <https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=3c2b327c1c>

To have access to the Broadview-online articles and book club, you must have a subscription to this award-winning magazine. Contact Ivy Lewis or the Office Administrator.

God's Mission Our Gifts – Mission and Service, this new issue telling us about the good work our M&S donations support.

October 28th – God's Mission Our Gifts: October 2021 (campaign-archive.com)
<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=bc1c4a0c36>

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

November 10th - Embracing the Spirit: Engage Love & Justice Gathering Roundup! ♥ (campaign-archive.com)
<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=69ee9a6a61>

E-ssentials e-newsletter – United Church of Canada tools for worship.

November 16th – E-ssentials: A New Season of Gifts With Vision, Children's Rights in Israel/Palestine, and more. (campaign-archive.com)
<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=4708750320>

Living into Right Relations – Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice News from The United Church of Canada.

November 17th – Living into Right Relations: November 2021 (campaign-archive.com) <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=22e1149820>

Nakonha:ka News – Regional Council News.

November 17th – INVITATION - Ordination - Raphaël Pêrusse - 2021-11-21 (campaign-archive.com)
<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=bb293302c7>

Susan's Bag O'Tricks

Feeling kind of depleted today, nothing in my bag today. or maybe this, check out the YouTuber: My name is Andong. He is a Russian, living in Berlin, who had spent time in China teaching English. I've made his [Turkish Lentil Soup with Lazy Flat Bread](#) many times, easy and do-able. He did a series of soups a year ago. Next I will try the [Dutch Pea Soup](#).

Perhaps you've been following the news from **COP 26**: A massive groundswell of public opinion, and some successes. We need to encourage our politicians to take strong action, but I realize that individual actions can also play a significant part in reducing our carbon emissions.

I invite you to read the attached link. Two of the greatest contributors to global warming, are meat-based diets and food waste. As we personally are trying to transition to meatless, I am trying various recipes. It would be fun if we could share our favorite vegan or vegetarian recipe. So, if you were to send me your favourite meatless recipe, I will try to compile them. Please give credit if it comes from a book or a friend. Best wishes, Susan Hawker

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Gifts with Vision supporting the United Church of Canada's missions. These gifts are treated as donations (you get a tax receipt).



2021-2022 Catalogues have arrived. So, for COVID reasons, please view this year's gifts online at: <https://giftswithvision.ca/>



PRAYER OF REFLECTION ON GIFTS AND GIVING

A prayer for people who want to share God's generous gifts.

All-embracing God,

We often give gifts from a sense of obligation, or because we can't bear to disappoint someone.

Help us rethink that the next time we give a gift.

Help us think about giving, not because it's expected, but because it is needed.

Let us help the people who have little instead of giving a gift to "someone who has everything."

Let us delight children we've never met by bringing them comfort, and in doing so, show our own children the joy of giving.

Let us give from gratitude and love,

Sharing with those we love and hold close, and helping those we love but don't know.

And let our generosity, motivated by our love for you, extend to our whole-world family.

Amen

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>

