

Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

January 19 2022

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Jan 19 th	Union Board meeting - Online
Jan 23 rd	3 rd Sunday After Epiphany – We, the Anointed Ones Online
Jan 26 th	Merging Waters Board meeting - Online
Jan 30 th	Combined Worship with West Island United Churches - Online

Worship is live on ZOOM - Online only through Jan 9th.

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,

January 19th, 2022

As we move through Epiphany this year we have been exploring the gifts that we receive and the gifts that we share in our faith journeys. On Epiphany Sunday we spoke about how sharing a gift can transform both the giver and the receiver. We spoke of water, literally, and the water of life that are shared as freely as God's love. Last week we spoke of Gifts received of the Spirit – gifts such as speaking with wisdom, or with knowledge, having deep faith, the ability to recognize the Spirit's presence, a prophetic voice, or abilities of healing. This week we will explore the our relationship with the gifts of creation and how we are called, inspired or drawn, to be those who speak God's justice to the world, the ones whom the Spirit taps to do the work of living God's love in the world.

As we continue to explore the gifts we experience by the Spirit, reflecting this week upon [Luke 4:14-21](#) and the message of the one who came to put us into greater relationship with That Which Is Within And Beyond, let us ask ourselves some questions:

- What are the gifts that the Spirit has shared with you?
- What are the gifts of the Spirit that you have seen shared within Merging Waters and the world?
- How can the Spirit support us in sharing our gifts freely?
- What more can we do with our gifts to care for Creation and the oppressed?

I look forward to our explorations and reflections this week as we continue our journey together into Epiphany.

Peace and hope, Rev. Ryan Fea MDiv ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com

From Rev. Ryan's Epiphany box on Sunday Jan 16th – from the Epistles (letters) by Paul to the Churches: Wisdom Knowledge Faith Prophetic Voice
Recognize the Spirit's Presence Healing Touch.

CHURCH CAFÉ RETURNS

January 14, 2022

3 pm Fridays

Join in great
conversation, theme discussions
and community

LIVE ON ZOOM

ZOOM details - online
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86321355007>
Or by phone
1-438-809-7799
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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

UNION'S WINTER FOODIE SALE – SUNDAY, FEB. 19 & 20, 2022

Now that we are in mid winter, we thought it would be a good time to make up some wonderful, warm, comforting soups to get us through to Spring. We are looking for **both soup makers and soup buyers**. Baked beans or chili would be welcome as well. There will be a limit of 2 of each item. The Sale will be held Chez Norris in Baie d'Urfe. Orders will be taken via email and collected from a bin in front of our house on a first come basis. Payment will be by cheque (payable to Bonnie Norris) or by cash in a similar bin. Watch for the Order form and more information to come in the Mid-Week Message. Price per container is Med. (3 cups) \$6 and Large (4 cups) \$7. Contact Bonnie at bonnie.norris@sympatico.ca if you can make soups. Containers will be provided.

Jan 18, 2022

We are looking for a few readers and announcers for worship services! Whatever format you are comfortable with (in person, Zoom or both), we would love to have you on our roster. Please contact Christine at cbmw@bell.net if you want to sign up or have questions.

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Message from Ron Coughlin

Greetings friends

I am writing to let you know that I have moved to Lennoxville, QC. My partner Scott has retired from his ministry position at Summerlea United Church and we have made the decision to move closer to his family in Lennoxville. We have bought 3 ½ acres next door to his family home and have built a new house on the property. It is all on one level - no stairs, no basement, but heated floors. It is not completely finished yet, but it is comfortable.

We are sad to leave Beaconsfield and all our friends there, but look forward to more family time, once this pandemic is over. I want to express my gratitude to Beaurepaire United Church for welcoming me as their minister from 2011-2014. I will cherish the time we ministered together. I also want to thank Merging Waters Pastoral Charge for being my home church after my retirement.

My new contact info is 1555 Ch Mitchell, Sherbrooke, QC J1M 0C4; 514-589-1893; ronaldkc@aol.com.

If you are in the area, we would love to have you drop by for a visit and see our new home. Here are a few pictures.

God bless you all



Afghan refugee support:

There is no guarantee that the application for our Afghan refugees (3 siblings) will be accepted in this year's Quebec refugee lottery, and even if so, it may take a couple of years in order for the refugees to arrive here. We are looking to support them now and as they wait, as they are not allowed to work. Donations may be made, but unfortunately no tax receipt would be issued for support overseas.

If interested, please contact Sheila Laursen sheila.laursen@bell.net 514-697-4195

Thanks, Susan Hawker

Jan 19, 2022

Susan Hawker is still collecting clean and label-free pill bottles, her email address has changed:

sahawker13@gmail.com

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NOVA West Island – January is Alzheimer's Awareness month Link [HERE](#) *Jan 12, 2022*

Happy & Healthy New Year Everyone! What a great way to start the year!

After only 78 days of generous donations, NOVA ambassadors have raised **85%** of our Annual Campaign objective. This is beyond our expectations and we are privileged to have your support. It's not too late to donate, as we still have **73 days to go and a remaining \$22,000** to reach our goal.

If you have not done so already, [click here](#) to donate and help us continue to offer quality healthcare to in-home patients in palliative care, people living with cancer, ALS, Alzheimer's, as well as support caregivers, seniors and bereaved children and adults in the West Island community.

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Visit our [website](#) to learn more about us. Keep on giving and we'll keep on caring!

West Island Cancer Wellness Centre WICWC - Giving Tuesday Was a HUGE SUCCESS

With **YOUR** donation and support we were able to raise **\$69,499** A record breaking year! We would like to **thank you** for your generosity.

Jan 12, 2022

Ste-Anne's Market Winter Edition – Re-Opens on Saturday **January 15th**, 10am-1pm.

Please spread the word that the market is ongoing **St-George's Church**. Indoor/Outdoor. Bring your own bags. Check out their [Facebook](#) page to confirm which sellers will be there.

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.

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.

Affirm United Canada (campaign-archive.com)

<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=cc608c73f94333ec58cfbdf2&id=e54a30cf41>

Broadview Magazine –

Spirituality, Justice and Ethical Living | Celebrating 192 years. North America's oldest continuously published magazine. Broadview (campaign-archive.com)

<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=e7bb561f7f940952a3aaf474c&id=392a696a06>

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

Foundation of the United Church of Canada –

The United Church of Canada Foundation (campaign-archive.com)

<https://us8.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=71eee6dc979019855be36ce97&id=534bed26b3>

God's Mission Our Gifts – Mission and Service, this new issue telling us about the good work our M&S donations support. The United Church of Canada (campaign-archive.com)

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=53a49c9e28>

Embracing the Spirit – United Church of Canada learning network and innovation fund.

<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/being-community/embracing-spirit>

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

The United Church of Canada (campaign-archive.com)

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=53a49c9e28>

Living into Right Relations – Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice News from The United Church of Canada. The United Church of Canada (campaign-archive.com)

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=53a49c9e28>

Nakonha:ka News – Regional Council News.

Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council (United Church of Canada) (campaign-archive.com)

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=09a8a31ab8>

Demystifying Palliative Care

Tuesday, January 25, 2022
1:30 - 2:30 PM
on Zoom

This info session is for compassionate, caring folk.

Gain a better understanding of:

How to support a friend whose loved one is in end-of-life care.
How to manage your feelings before a friend's death.
Saying goodbye during a pandemic.
What's helpful (and what's not).

Increase your understanding of palliative care.
Ask questions in a safe, supportive space, or simply listen.

Presented by Rev. Ian Smith

Former Spiritual Caregiver of the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence

on behalf of The Family Life Centre
FREE OF CHARGE

Thanks to funding by the United Church of Canada Erskine & American Mountainside Trust

Register at familylifecentre@gmail.com for the Zoom link



The Family Life Centre is a community resource supported by 8 West Island churches offering referral services, information sessions and workshops.