

Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

September 16, 2021

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:00 a.m.

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| Sept 19 th | Creation Time 2 |
| Sept 20 th | Federal Election |
| Sept 26 th | Creation Time 3 |
| Sept 29 th | Merging Waters Board meeting |
| Sept 30 th | Beaurepaire Board meeting |

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 16th 2021

After a great experience of moving forward to include the Church's building into our lives of worship and work this last week we are looking forward to the future with increased optimism. We have learned a few things and will worship online this week as we lift up the Season of Creation together.

We will be asked as we reflect upon [Mark 9:30-37](#) to consider how we behave toward those who have less influence or status in our world. Children in first century Roman society had no status, no rights, and no voice. Jesus tells us that to welcome them, so those without status or power in the world, is to welcome him. Children still do not vote to decide or have a deciding voice in decisions made for the world they will have to live in. If Jesus is an example of the Divinity within all people and all creation, then we can ask ourselves some questions based on this passage:

- How do we show our faithfulness, our commitment to God's demand for justice and love, in how we treat those without power?
- How does our society stand up to this question in how we treat immigrants? Racialized peoples? The LGBTQ2A+ community? The poor and the homeless? Children? Women's rights?
- Is there an implication of how we greet the Divine in future generations in how we treat the planet?
- How does our choice of leaders in society, how we vote and hold people to account, show our commitment to uphold and be a blessing to all people, present and future, all creation?

I look forward to the journey this week as we continue to seek out the Sacred Presence in each one of us and all those whom we meet in people and in nature. Showing our welcome to all in all we do.

Peace and hope,

Rev. Ryan Fea

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Community News

Great News!

Boutique 24 (our 'nearly new' thrift shop) **will re-open on Thursday, 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.

CHURCH CAFÉ returns with a blast of autumn air

Join Engaging Discussions and

Visits with neighbours

Hosted by with Rev. Ryan

Every Friday

On ZOOM @ 2 pm

Join us Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87934136021?pwd=UmdFemdHaEN4d3Z5UVh3L0ZWUFlhCZz09>

Or on phone: +1 438 809 7799 Canada

Meeting ID: 879 3413 6021

Passcode: 206153 (if needed)



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SUITCASES for AFRICA

603-321 Lanthier, Pointe Claire, QC. H9S 5K6



info@suitcasesforafrica.com

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 or call Wendy at 514-992-5500

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!

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.



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



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>

A colorful poster for a fundraising event. The background is white with orange and green geometric shapes. The text is arranged in a central orange box. At the top left, "ABO VAS" is written in large, bold, black letters. To its right, "Levée de fonds dîner spaghetti" is written in a smaller font. Below this, the date and time "dimanche le 24 octobre de 12:00 à 18:30" are listed. The address "17003 Trans-Canada, Kirkland, H9H 5J1" is provided. The date and time are repeated in English: "Sunday October 24th from 12pm to 6:30pm". At the bottom, "Spaghetti dinner fundraiser" is written. Two green price tags with white text say "BILLETS 40.00\$" and "TICKETS 40.00\$". At the bottom right, the "Munda trattoria" logo is displayed in red and white.

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

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

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

Online reading

Mission & Service – August 26th - 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 – **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!

August 17th – 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 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 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>

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 – **August 25th** – 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>

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=0c09bc7670>

Reminder



Ste-Anne's Market – Open on Saturday September 18th, 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.

And to repeat:



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