

Merging Waters Mid-Week MWMWM

January 12 2022

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Jan 16 th	2 nd Sunday After Epiphany – Let it Run
Jan 19 th	Union Board meeting - Online
Jan 23 rd	3 rd Sunday After Epiphany – We, the Anointed Ones
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



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

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

Hi Susan, I have found an Epiphany prayer by the Right Rev Dr. Richard Bott that I thought we could share with the community:

Make me a magi, God.
Make me someone who looks up and wonders;
someone ready to leave my comfort
and journey, not knowing exactly
the destination.
Make me a seeker of possibility,
a searcher for truth,
one who asks questions when I lose
my way.
Make me someone who listens to dreams,
who accepts not only my own mind,
but is open to the messengers of yours.
Make me someone who kneels
in sacred places, (even when my legs are tired),
who celebrates when they meet the Holy Child,
who gives gifts without counting the cost.
Make me someone who travels a new way,
willing to accept new hardship,
to protect others from the powers-of-the-day.
Oh, make me a magi, God,
that I might glimpse your, "Aha!"
and, with that Epiphany, alive in my heart,
travel on.
Amen.

- The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott

Peace and hope, Rev. Ryan Fea MDiv

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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.

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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.

Hi everyone,

If you have seen the news about Afghanistan, you know how horrible things are. There has been a request put out to several congregations to see if we could contribute in any way towards sponsoring Afghan individuals and a family. There will be an information meeting, date to be determined in January. A number of us have expressed interest.

COULD WE HELP AFGHAN REFUGEES??

Rev. Heather Fraser Fawcett recently received this request from Ariel Nasr, a documentary filmmaker and producer—for the NFB's English documentary program.

“ I'm an Afghan-Canadian-American (my father is from Afghanistan and my mother is from California) living here in Montreal since 2013. I met Shahla Sikandari—one of Afghanistan's first female boxers—in 2009 while making an award-winning NFB documentary called, “The Boxing Girls of Kabul”. Shahla and her incredible family welcomed me into their home to tell their story and opened their lives up to my camera with courage and hope.

Due to her courage and her impressive boxing career, Shahla was able to come to Montreal in 2015, and obtain refugee and then permanent resident status. Today she lives in Pierrefonds with her partner and three young children, but her family has remained in Afghanistan—until now.

With an unfolding disaster taking place in their homeland, the entire family is now in danger. We are asking our communities to extend their compassion and care by becoming a sponsor or helping to donate towards our sponsorship goals, to bring three of Shahla's family members to Montreal.”

Ariel is asking for help to find sponsors for Shahia's two sisters and their brother, all University students. The women are activists and law students. They are presently in Pakistan. They are expected to get their UNHCR numbers in January. As they are adults, they each need to be considered a separate case with separate sponsorships.

He also wants to help a family group of 6. They are Shia and thus are part of a minority group. The six people in this group include Ariel's friend who is a journalist and filmmaker, and his son and wife. It also includes his brother that is Ariel's friend's brother, and the brother's wife, and the mother of Ariel's friend and his brother. Ariel didn't know whether the brother and his wife have any children but he will find out. This family has just reached safety at a refugee camp in Qatar.

Ariel has asked for help , and has suggested having an information meeting.

If you are interested, or know people who are, please let me know. Sheila Laursen 514 697-4195 email sheila.laursen@bell.net

Best wishes, Sheila

Submitted by Susan Hawker: sahawker@hotmail.com

Jan 1, 2022

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.