



Merging Waters Weekly Message

12 May 2022

Upcoming Services

May 15	5th Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne and online
May 22	6th Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 25 Fieldfare, Beaconsfield and online
May 29	7th Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne and online. Merging Waters hosts a combined worship with United Churches of the West Island of Montreal and Riverside United Church. This service will include the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Please consult the website for online worship links: www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online
Download the Zoom App at <https://zoom.us/download>

Reverend Ryan's Wave



Greetings Merging Waters,

May 12th, 2022

As the summer weather returns, I hope that you will be able to enjoy the beauty of nature while remembering to stay cool and hydrated – especially on these days above 30°C. May the blessings of nature's renewal find you happy, healthy, and inspired to celebrate God's presence in all creation.

In our readings and worship last week we were reminded that no one can snatch us out of God's hand as we are one in the Divine. This week we will hear from the Gospel according to John, in [John 13:31-34](#), that our connection and commitment to relationship with That Which Is Within And Beyond is made evident in the love that we share. Something we have expressed and experienced in our relationships with one another, the love that we share connects us as well as being a sign, a declaration, an assertion to all the world of what we have embraced and what we have chosen to believe in.

In our expression of commitment to live the love we hold for one another it is made manifest, concretised, shown, in relationships. This week we will be reminded of more of these relationships as we welcome Pat Mayberry – composer, singer, performer, person of faith and member of the UCC – who will share with this beloved community some of her new pieces of music. This is a relationship that is grounded in love of community, one another, and of course of the gift of music. We will also welcome the Executive Director of the West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre – a partner in mission and ministry that expresses our love for one another that is so great it inspires love for stranger and friend alike; making family of all humanity.

As we reflect on our commitments and the love that inspires we can reflect on the following and more:

- When was a time that my sense of being beloved inspired me to share love with others?
- What form did this sharing take in words, choices, and actions toward others?



- What difference does it make to others for us to let them know by our actions that they are loved?

I look forward to our time of sharing love with one another and the world this week.

Easter peace and hope,

Rev. Ryan Fea

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The Wave is published on the Merging Waters website at:

<http://www.mergingwaters.ca/ministers-message/>

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge -- 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
- For Beaufort United, the co-coordinating team of Diane Nener: dianenener@icloud.com; & Wendy Hamel: wendyandrewadam@yahoo.ca



We also have a Prayer Circle of members from both Union and Beaufort. If you have prayer requests, please contact Ivy at lewisir@hotmail.com

Because we want to stay in touch

Please remember to update your info with the office in the event that you move or change your email or phone number.

A great big



THANK
You!

To **Wendy Hamel and Andrew Purser**

For all that you do, sharing your aesthetic eye and creativity, your support and care for others within the community, taking care of the garden, work on social fellowship, and helping to care for the building, being Beaufort's new Treasurer! And so much more!!

You are a blessed blessing every day!



CHURCH CAFÉ – Fridays at 3 p.m.

Join in great conversation, theme discussions and community.

ZOOM online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87964312436>

Meeting ID: 879 6431 2436

One tap mobile: +1-438-809-7799

More at: www.mergingwaters.ca



Service of Celebration for Rev. Ryan Fea – June 18

A service of celebration of Rev. Ryan Fea's time with Merging Waters Pastoral Charge has been scheduled for Saturday, June 18, at 1 p.m. at Union Church, 24 Maple, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. All are welcome.



Thank you for supporting Ukrainian friends

Richard and I would like to thank everyone who attended church last Sunday for your enthusiastic support. We had purchased cupcakes from "Oksana's Sweet Delights" and brought them as our contribution for our first coffee time in a couple of years. There was a free will offering basket and we are thrilled to announce that we raised \$140. The money will be sent directly to Ukraine through friends who have family members struggling to survive in Kyiv, and who are also supporting their community members. They have relatives who are in the army and in the resistance. Our prayers join theirs in hoping for a peaceful end to this humanitarian disaster.

Boutique 24 at Union Church - Thursdays - 11:30am to 3:30pm

Required: Masks, distancing & hand sanitizer at the door.



Plant Sale at Union Church on May 21, 9 am-1 pm

Union's Annual Spring Plant Sale will be back on-site on May 21st! After two years of running our plant sale from home, we will be offering perennials and annuals for sale on the front lawn of Union Church. We will happily accept all donations of plants. If you need help with digging them up, please contact me: Helen Fyles (hfyles@bell.net). Also, if you are around that weekend and would like to help, that would be wonderful! Please let me know. I will soon create a poster to advertise the sale so if you can post it online or in a public place, I will be happy to send you a copy.

Boutique 24 will be open during the Plant Sale. Please pass the word!"



"Paris, je t'aime" Cabaret - Jun 3 & 4 - Adair Hall

Yes, it is happening! Pierre Gallant & Friends are busy preparing the musical magic of Union's next Cabaret entitled "Paris, je t'aime!", to be held in Adair Hall, 24 Maple, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Friday June 3 and Saturday June 4th at 7:30 p.m. Emerging from the darkness of a long pandemic, this Cabaret will bring light, laughter and love to our hearts and souls! Savour the sultry sounds of an array of Parisien classics including the beloved Edith Piaf's expressive 'chansons'. This will be a two act show with savouries and sweets included. Bring your own wine. Covid protocols are in place for your comfort and safety. Tickets \$40 each with part of proceeds going to Ukrainian relief. Tickets limited, so book your spot now through Jan Langelier 514-453-7103 langelier.jan@videotron.ca or Barbara Randle 514-453-9549 barbrandle01@gmail.com.

Interment Lots for Sale

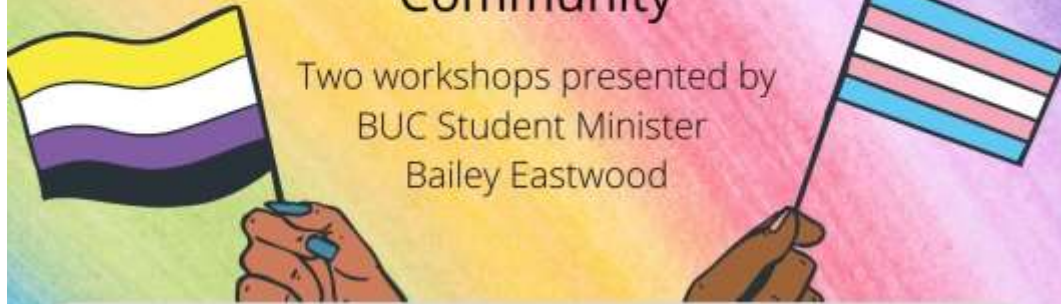
Union Church has two double interment lots for sale. All four lots are located side-by-side in the Garden of the Last Supper in Rideau Memorial Gardens, boulevard des Sources, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec. Each lot can accommodate either one casket and two cremated remains or no caskets and three cremated remains. Rideau Memorial Gardens sell similar lots for \$4500 plus taxes. Your cost to purchase from Union Church would be \$4,000 for one lot or \$7,500 for a double lot. Enquiries: Jack Brown, bshouse@bellnet.ca, (450)455-2764.





All God's Children:

Understanding and Welcoming the Trans Community



Two workshops presented by
BUC Student Minister
Bailey Eastwood

Trans 101 - May 12

This workshop is aimed at those who do not have very much knowledge of the trans and non-binary community and terminology. We will go over different trans identities and basic terminology, and have lots of time for questions.

Trans-Inclusive Spaces and Communities - May 26

In this workshop, we'll explore practical ways of making our congregations truly welcoming spaces for trans community members. Many communities want to be places of welcome for trans people, but don't necessarily have the tools to enact that welcome. This session is designed to provide you with those tools!

Note: this session will assume participants already have some basic understanding of trans identities and terminology - if you do not have this prior knowledge, please plan to also attend the Trans 101 workshop.

Both sessions 7 PM on Zoom. Please email community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com for link



Youth Forum

Congratulations to organizers and participants for a successful Youth Forum at Cedar Park United Church on Saturday, **April 30, 2022.**

REMINDERS

United Spirit Camp will be hosting a week of in-person sleep away camp this summer. After a two-year hiatus, we are back this summer with an amazing fun-packed week of joy and excitement. Camp will be from **June 26 to July 2, 2022.** Registration is now open, and spaces are limited. Our theme this summer is *Caring for Creation.*

United Spirit Camp: Camp 2022 – Caring for Creation

We are looking for counselors and any youth over 16 - apply for the job here:

<https://forms.gle/rSNqfXpn4CaacsMb9>

Registration for campers is also open: [United Spirit Camp Esprit Uni \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Please share this with families and other interested parties in your communities and keep being awesome!

Conflict in Ukraine – Donate through the United Church of Canada

United Church Mission & Service partners, ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, are responding to the rapidly unfolding crisis in Ukraine. You can help. People urgently need shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. Please show your support by making a gift today.



Online secure donation page: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/conflict-ukraine>

Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque or money order with "Emergency Response—Ukraine" on the face of your cheque, to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

As part of the United Church’s Emergency Response Fund, 100% of your donation goes directly to emergency relief, with 85% to this designated emergency and 15% to future emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage.
(Mar 6, 2022)



Would you like more fresh vegetables on your plate?

Are you looking for veggies that taste real, juicy and crunchy, just like the ones harvested from a home garden?

Are you interested to know who grows your food and to eat more local food?

If you answered yes to the above, a vegetable basket might be an interesting option for you!

Tourne-Sol Cooperative Farm has been offering fresh organic vegetable baskets to over 700 families in the region for more than 15 years. You can pick up on a weekly or bi-weekly schedule from delivery points in Beaconsfield, Pointe-Claire or directly at the farm in Les Cèdres.

The farm pick-ups come with the added bonus of free access to a u-pick flower garden during the summer, where members can hang out, enjoy the beautiful weather and nature, and pick a few flowers to beautify their homes.

<https://www.fermetournesol.qc.ca/en/>

Patti Murphy, for Frédéric Thériault, Family farmer at Toune-Sol Cooperative Farm since 2005



Petition: "Save Fairview Forest" addressed to Quebec's National Assembly

Dear forest lovers,

We now have a new petition to Save Fairview Forest, one addressed to Quebec's National Assembly!

As the climate crisis continues to threaten our well-being, it is crucial that we maintain and protect our remaining forests, for so many essential reasons: mental health, oxygen production, carbon sink and carbon dioxide absorption, wind and heat regulator, water absorption (helping to prevent flooding), biodiversity, wildlife habitat. Man cannot survive with a world of concrete and asphalt. Our natural spaces are crucial for our survival. Please sign and share widely:

<https://www.assnat.qc.ca/fr/exprimez-votre-opinion/petition/Petition-9543/index.html>

"If we pollute the air, water and soil that keep us alive and well, and destroy the biodiversity that allows natural systems to function, no amount of money will save us." David Suzuki (en français: "Si nous polluons l'air, l'eau et le sol qui nous maintiennent en vie et en bonne santé, et détruisons la biodiversité qui permet aux systèmes naturels de fonctionner, aucune somme d'argent ne nous sauvera.")

Suivez-nous sur/Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Sauvons la Forêt Fairview / Save Fairview Forest



Ste-Anne's Summer Market as of Saturday, May 7!

The moment a lot of us was waiting for! The market is finally relocating outdoors for the summer! Over thirty vendors will be there to welcome you with fresh or transformed local produce that will brighten your plates... and bring a smile to your face. Bring your reusable bags, your smile and your grocery list. Whether you drop by early or enjoy a stroll through the market after brunch, the market will be there to greet you from 9 am until 2 pm. <http://marchesainteanne.ca/>

VALOIS UNITED CHURCH

Spring Rummage Sale and Bake Sale - Saturday, May 14 from 9 am to noon.

(Valois United Church, 70 Belmont Ave., Pointe Claire)

Non-winter clothing, kitchenware, used jewelry, used books, garden tools and toys are among the items you will find in the sale.... and let's not forget a wonderful variety of homemade sweets and goodies.



<https://www.facebook.com/ThriftShopsForNovaBoutiquesdoccasionPourNova/>



GARAGE SALE

BAKING BOOKS* BBQ* HOUSEHOLD TREASURES*

SAT June 4^e, 2022 9AM-1PM

The Church of All Saints by the Lake

865 Lakeshore Drive

Dorval H9S 2C7 ----- T-514-631-3601

VENTE DE GARAGE

VENTE DE DESSERTS ET PETITES PATISSERIES
LIVRES BBQ*

SAMEDI le 4 JUIN 2022

9h00-13h00

865-Bord-du-Lac-Dorval-H9S-2C7

T-514-631-3601



Montreal Compline Choir on May 20 at 9 pm in Montreal

The Montreal Compline Choir (G.P.) will sing its first compline (in French) on Friday, May 20 at 9 p.m. at Saint-Pierre-Apôtre Church in Montreal (1201, rue de la Visitation, Montreal).

The Montreal Compline Choir is a semi-professional vocal ensemble under the direction of Matthieu Latreille and Francine Nguyen-Savaria, directors of music at the Anglican Church of Saint Barnabas in Saint-Lambert. The couple had the opportunity to attend Compline during their years in Los Angeles, and also at Selwyn College in Cambridge (UK). They wish to share this experience with the people of Montreal.

The last office of the Liturgy of the Hours, which has been sung by Christians for centuries, is called "compline." It "completes" the day as its name suggests. The Office owes much of its current form to Saint Benedict. Compline is sung daily in monasteries and also in many churches and cathedrals around the world.

The repertoire will include the magnificent composition "Le premier jour" by Francisco Lequerica, Gregorian chant, plainsong in French and music from the Renaissance. Everything will be sung a cappella, i.e. without instrumental accompaniment.

"It is a beautiful, serene office," says Francine Nguyen-Savaria, who sings as a mezzo-soprano. "One can participate simply by listening and letting the music take us somewhere else. My personal experience of Compline is that of a service that frees us from the concerns and demands of this world."

The offerings collected will be used to support the parish of Saint-Pierre-Apôtre and will help the Choir in covering its expenses.

United Church Publications

The following publications tell of all the wonderful things the United Church is involved in, keeping us up-to-date on issues that we need to be aware of. Easy to subscribe and unsubscribe at

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

Broadview Magazine

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



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

United Church of Canada Newsletters

- *God's Mission Our Gifts*: on mission and service
- *E-ssentials*: worship tools
- *Embracing the Spirit*: learning network and innovation fund
- *Living into Right Relations*: reconciliation and indigenous justice news

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

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