

Mid-Week Message

Sept. 24, 2020

Church News

ONLINE - UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Sept 27 th .	17 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 3 Union Annual General Meeting on Zoom
Oct 4 th .	18 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 4 Merging Waters Annual General Meeting on Zoom
Oct 11 th .	19 th Sunday After Pentecost – THANKSGIVING
Oct 18 th .	World Food Sunday
Oct 25 th .	Inner Peace Sunday
Nov 1 st .	All Saints Day

Merging Waters
Pastoral Charge



Worship at Merging Waters: www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online



Greetings Merging Waters,

Sept 24th, 2020

It's come again this year, even in the time of COVID-19, even in new ways, the work of the church continues with our Annual General Meetings that have begun. This process has been made slightly different due to the realities of the pandemic; we are meeting on Zoom. It's easy to use and helps to keep us all safe, if a little different.

What is not different is the importance of members to share in continuing the work and relationships of this community of faith by participating. Being heard and committing to the decisions of the church is an aspect of the dynamic and inclusive spirit of the United Church – we are diverse, we don't always agree, but we work, live, and discern our path together in unity with the Spirit as our constant companion.

I am reminded of Matthew 5:37 "Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'." Listen. Share. Vote. Whatever your stance is on the decisions of the church, commit to it, with an open heart. We contribute to the work and life of the church in participating.

- How will you participate in the life of the church this week?
- What direction is the Divine calling us to follow in these times?
- What impact will the decisions that are made have on the future of this community?

I'm grateful for the courage of the members who are meeting in new ways, the generosity of time and talent shared by those volunteering to support the work of these meetings, and the vision of the board and chairs for continuing to seek ways to live out the life, relationships, and mission of the church! Together we will continue this journey.

Peace and hope,

Rev. Ryan Fea, MDiv

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement of Annual General Meetings: (please read carefully)

Members of **Union Church**, 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Qc, are called to gather on Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on September 27th, 2020. Members and Adherents to Union Church must register with the Office Administrator at Unionofficeadmin@bellnet.ca not later than 12Noon on Friday September 25th. With this registration you will receive: The Agenda, the Zoom link and the Annual Report for 2019, by email.

Members of **Merging Waters Pastoral Charge** (Members of Beaurepaire United Church or Union Church) are called to gather on Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on October 4th, 2020. Members and Adherents to Merging Waters Pastoral Charge must register with the Office Administrator at mergingwaters@bellnet.ca not later than 12Noon on Friday October 2nd. With this registration you will receive: The Agenda, the Zoom link and the Annual Report for 2019, by email.

There will be **practice sessions**, so you can all get used to using Zoom. Voting, getting comfortable with essential Zoom functions like muting and unmuting yourself, starting and stopping video. These sessions will be Friday at 3:00pm, right after church café, until 3:30pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83892066170>

or by phone +1 438 809 7799 meeting ID: 838 9206 6170

There will be an additional **practice session**, Tuesday Sept 29 at 7:30pm. *30 mins well spent* (Same Zoom details as above)

All members planning to participate at the AGMs should make sure that they have the Zoom App, you do not require a Zoom membership, but do make sure your Zoom App available at <https://zoom.us/download> is the most recent version and updated before the time of the meeting.

A documentary tribute for **Pierre Gallant's** 70th birthday (on Sept 10 2020) has been completed that chronicles the wonderful spiritual and musical journey for our community, over the past 10 years at Union. It includes clips from many of the road shows, and heartfelt comments by choir members and invited guest musicians. It can be watched on an internet platform Vimeo free for the next week. After that DVD or BlueRay copies can be ordered through Patti Murphy for \$20 if you wish your own souvenir copy.

<https://vimeo.com/458408209>

And the password: ThePolkaDotMuseRocksCRM114*

We hope you enjoy it. Patti Murphy teatimetango@gmail.com





The **Friday Church Café** - Is BACK !!! Grab a coffee or cola and join Rev. Ryan for chat and community Friday afternoon from **2 pm until 3:00 pm** on Zoom starting **Friday Sept 25th**. Catch up on how the week has gone, talk about life, the Bible, and the church. We can pray or swap recipes. Zoom link and password for this week are: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85700439648> or by phone +1 438 809 7799 meeting ID: 857 0043 9648 (This new link is good up to and including Oct 30th)

The **Merging Waters Post-Worship Coffee Zooms**. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81156652504> Meeting ID: 811 5665 2504
Dial by your location 438 809 7799 Canada Meeting ID: 811 5665 2504



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 &
Diane Nener Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator: dianenener@icloud.com

A reminder: we do have the prayer circle made up of members from both Union and Beaufort and that if they do have any **prayer requests** to let me know lewisir@hotmail.com.



Spiritual Practices - on our website check out Spiritual Life for links to Worship at Home – Yoga at Home – Spiritual Centering. www.mergingwaters.ca

Online Children’s Churches – Ongoing

Merging Waters has all of our members at heart, at this time as all times. As part of a wider community we are sharing our worships, programs, time, and love with the world. Other congregations and parts of the church are too. To help support the spiritual life of the children of the Pastoral charge we sent out resources to help families engage their children in their faith life during lent.



To help faith communities and families continue to support the spiritual lives of our children during the COVID-19 pandemic, Shanna Bernier, the Nakonha:ka Regional Council Program Support Minister for Youth and Young Adults, is offering a weekly online children’s church service on Facebook Live at 9:00 am on Sundays. Videos of all past services are available on the Nakonha:ka Regional Council website:

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/programs/youth-young-adult/>

To join in the Facebook Live Children’s Church, go to Shanna’s Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/shanna.bernier> 9am Sundays. Then you can all join us for the Online Worship at Merging Waters.

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: David Lewis (Chair, Board of Trustees) 514-457-9139, david.lewis@mcgill.ca



E-ssentials e-newsletter offers all the "essential" news from The United Church of Canada, including updates on events, campaigns, actions, new resources, and more from the General Council Office and beyond! Published twice each month, with occasional special issues. Aug 18th issue. <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es200818?e=9455c8855f>



Nakonha:ka News – This is an online publication that comes to us twice a month from the Regional Council (there is no more Presbytery or Conference). Usually printed and posted at both pastoral charges. Here is the link: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/newsletter/> available in English and French versions.



Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble – is an online publication that comes to us quarterly. Current news letter: <https://mailchi.mp/97a122e2d535/your-affirm-united-e-newsletter-4242338?e=80e28d0cfb>

Your church needs you - Merging Waters supports the community and makes a difference in the lives of others. We need your support to keep our mission going:

If you would like to get on Pre-Authorised Remittance [download the PAR Form](#), print and send it in with a void cheque to either church address – you can also send a cheque or post-dated cheques:

Union Church	Beaurepaire United
24 Maple	25 Avenue Fieldfare
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue	Beaconsfield,
Qc, H9X 2E6	QC H9W 4W4

Mail is picked-up regularly

If you are already on PAR and would like to increase your monthly offering to support the ongoing mission and work of the church please email par@united-church.ca providing them your name and congregation and how much you would like to increase your monthly amount.

Another way to support our churches is through CanadaHelps, it is online, it is secure, you get a tax receipt from them and you are anonymous.

For Union Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/union-church-ste-anne-de-bellevue/>

For Beaurepaire United Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/beaurepaire-united-church/>

Community News

Sept 26th - West Island Palliative Care Residence – The 3rd Annual Butterfly Release

<https://residencesoinspalliatifs.com/en/community-fundraisers/>

Sept 26th - West Island Palliative Care Residence – has postponed its fundraiser ‘Course pour la compassion’ it will now be held virtually on that Saturday. Here is a link:

<https://residencesoinspalliatifs.com/en/cpc19/>

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>

Family Life Centre - *Gratitude: A Practice for All Seasons* online - A four week exploration, online via Zoom, facilitated by Martha Randy, 4 Thursday afternoons Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 from 1:30 to 2:15 PM, \$40 per person

In the fall of 2017, Martha Randy began a daily gratitude practice on her Facebook page: For 365 days, she named something she was grateful for. This tiny action—repeated day in, day out—had a surprisingly positive impact on her own life and the lives of many around her. She continues this gratitude practice today and would love to share with you what she’s learned. Gratitude, it turns out, isn’t just for when life is smooth and easy—it’s a practice for all seasons.

As part of this series, you’ll have the opportunity to:

- **Explore** what gratitude is (and is not) and **reflect** on it through real-time writing prompts and discussion.
- **Discover** some of the grateful voices Martha has learned from along the way.
- **Take a grateful step** into a private online “*Gratitude Incubator*” to practice expressing daily gratitude in community over the course of the month—because practice makes grateful!
- **Access** Martha’s “*Gratitude Guide*”—a compilation of links to additional gratitude resources so you can **dig deeper** into this practice on our own time

**Register at familylifecentre@gmail.com. Space is limited.
\$40 by cheque, cash or e-transfer.**

We’ll provide details on how to pay when we receive your registration.
New to Zoom? No problem. We will coach you in advance - just ask!

www.familylifecentre.ca



We hope to see you in good health in Sainte-Anne’s this Saturday. It seems like it will be sunny and warm.

If the weather cooperates, we are planning to have our last summer market on October 31st. At the moment, we are unable to say confirm that the winter market will be happening this year.

Susan’s Bag of Tricks

I was watching Global TV this morning, I saw an interview for Heritage Montreal. They have articles on heritage properties (mostly downtown) at www.memento.heritagemontreal.org (mostly in French).



I don’t know if you can make out the photo here, these are Giant Puff Balls from the Arboretum. The black head and shoulders on the right is my friend’s dog Shadow.