

We are back to in-person worship!! If you would like to attend, please bring **your proof of double vaccination, and wear a mask**. Up to 75 people can be seated with **social distancing**. As well, we will continue to livestream our Sunday service via Zoom. Details regarding how to connect to this platform will be emailed each week to those on our contact list. If you are not on our contact list and would like these details, contact the office at office@rhuc.org. To access the home-based worship resource so you can use to follow along or take time for personal reflection, use the links found on our website and below.

worship and music

Message from Karen:

There is a time for asking questions,
but there is also a day for decision.
There is a time to discuss who Jesus is,
but there is also a time to take up your cross and follow.
There is a time to weigh the issues carefully,
but there are issues which will not wait for tomorrow.
If we wait until we understand everything,
we will wait forever.
If we do not follow the light which we do see,
we will receive no more light.
If we, today, miss this opportunity,
then God help us.

A meditation by Ian Cowie from "Eggs and Ashes".

Good Friday Service @ 10:30 a.m.:

[Order of service](#) [Hymns](#)

April 17 @ 10:30 a.m.: The order of service and hymns are also found on our website under Home and Our Ministry – Spirit pages.

[Order of service](#) [Hymns](#)

HOLY WEEK

Thursday April 14th Holy Thursday Video.

Created for families to use when eating supper to promote conversation but it could be used by individuals to reflect upon as they eat. Plan a simple meal such as soup & bread [or gluten-free alternative].

CLICK LINK:

<https://vimeo.com/686842625/0a8126343e>



Friday April 15th 10.30 am Good Friday. The name may be derived from 'God's Friday,' in the same way that good-bye is derived from 'God be with ye'. In early modern English, the meaning of "good" had the sense of "Holy."

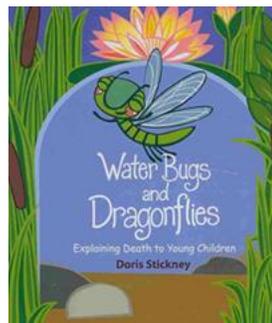
Sunday April 17th 6.30 am Sunrise Service in Amos Wright Park, Church Street, north of Centre St E. Come together for about 30 minutes, as light enters the world once again.

Sunday April 17th 10.30 am Easter Sunday Communion Service.

If you are joining us via Zoom, please have bread and juice available [or an alternative] so that we can all celebrate Communion together. For those worshipping in person, there will be individual juice and cracker sets available to be taken whilst seated.

Activity for Children & Families:

Watch this video which tells the story "Water Bugs and Dragonflies" by Doris Strickney. A story which explains death to young children: an Easter story of new life.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPlvd_KIBYY



Sunday offering: We appreciate those who use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). For those not on

PAR, please consider making sure you get your weekly envelope money in (mailed in or mail slot on Centre. St. door), e-transfer to office@rhuc.org, Canada Helps, <http://www.rhuc.org/donate.html>, or cheques to the Church, 10201 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, L4C 3B2.

programs for all

Shalom Seekers: Please join us on **Monday, April 25th at 10 a.m. on Zoom.** We will be discussing the second part of Chapter 1 of Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine. Please read pages 45 to 58 for Monday's session. New members are always welcome to try out the group. Please speak to Sandra Loughton, facilitator, for more information. PLEASE NOTE: We will be taking a break on Monday, April 18th due to the Easter holiday.

H.A.I.R.: HAIR (Heretics, Agnostics, Infidels and Other Riffraff), meets every Monday from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. We will continue to meet online, via Zoom, until further notice. These discussions are open to anyone interested, and new members are always welcome. For further information, or to get the zoom link for our next meeting, please contact David Leyton-Brown at dlbrown@yorku.ca

CC 'Cook's Corner'! Trying to eat less meat? Why not try 'Meatless Monday'! Watch this corner for new recipes. Send your favourite recipes to either Deb Fratin at office@rhuc.org or Lyn May at lynniemay@gmail.com. Thanks!!

Mexican Brown Rice with Tomatoes and Corn (adapted from Anne Lindsay New Light Cooking)

1. Sauté 4 cloves of garlic chopped and 1 large onion chopped in 1 tablespoon of oil (3 minutes)
2. Stir in 1 tbsp chili powder, 1 1/2 tsp each ground cumin and dried oregano (1 minute)
3. Stir in 1 cup long grain brown rice until coated.
4. Stir in 1 cup water and 1 tin (19 oz) tomatoes (stewed or diced). Bring to boil and break up tomatoes.
5. Cover and simmer over low heat for 30 minutes. (Add a few drops of hot pepper sauce if you like spice)
6. Stir in 1 cup each corn and peas. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until rice and vegetables are tender.

Serve topped with grated cheese and fresh coriander or parsley.

* For more protein add 1 can red kidney beans + 1/2 cup extra water.

RHUC Book Club: The next meeting of the RHUC Book Club will take place on **Wednesday, April 27th at 4 p.m. on Zoom.** We will be discussing the novel AMAZING GRACE by Cape Breton, NS writer Lesley Crewe. Here is a summary of the novel:



Can you really move forward without putting the past to rest? Grace Willingdon has everything she needs. For fifteen years she's lived in a trailer overlooking Bras d'Or Lakes in postcard-perfect Baddeck, Cape Breton, with Fletcher Parsons, a giant teddy bear who's not even her husband. But Grace's blissful life is rudely interrupted when her estranged son calls from New York City, worried about his teenaged daughter. Before she knows it, Grace finds herself the temporary guardian of her self-absorbed, city-slicker granddaughter, Melissa. Trapped between a past she's been struggling to resolve and a present that keeps her on her toes, Grace decides to finally tell her story. Either the truth will absolve her or cost her everything.

Crackling with Lesley Crewe's celebrated wit and humour, *Amazing Grace* is a heartfelt tale of enduring love and forgiveness, and the deep roots of family.

As an exciting bonus for our April meeting, **the author, Lesley Crewe, will be joining us for our discussion!** For more details about the club, please contact Sandra Loughton, Facilitator. New members are always welcome.

church news

Thank You for your Kindness! A sincere thank you to Barry and the RHUC Chancel Choir and other members of the congregation for the donation made to Middle River United Church in Cape Breton, NS in memory of my mother, Anna Nicholson. Your support and generosity are certainly appreciated by my family and the local United Church. Thanks as well to all who sent lovely cards of condolence that were waiting for me when I returned to Richmond Hill. I feel fortunate to be part of such a kind and caring community.
Sandra Loughton, Alec Nicholson, & family



outreach

Lenten Givings (Lent ends April 14)

This year's donations are being directed to **The UN Refugee Agency of Canada**: "UNHCR is on the ground delivering aid to families who have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict in the Ukraine. Over 2 million refugees have fled the Ukraine since March 8th to neighbouring countries and the number is continuing to grow exponentially."

What happens to your money when you donate to UNHCR Canada?

We pride ourselves on ensuring resources are used responsibly and efficiently to benefit displaced people around the world. That's why we can send **84% of every donation directly to uprooted families living in dire conditions, giving them hope for a brighter future. In addition, 10% goes to support the implementation of our programs around the world—with only 6% going towards management and administrative costs.**
<https://www.unhcr.ca/our-work/where-your-money-goes/>

Myths about those experiencing Homelessness

Misconception: "It's safer for a person to be sleeping outside vs staying in a bad home situation"



Sure, it is sometimes unsafe for a person to be living in a home that is physically unsafe (for example, a foreclosure or structurally sound building), or emotionally unsafe (for example, abuse, neglect, or conflict with housemates or family members). However, experiencing homelessness can result in many other life-threatening outcomes, like a disease. While a person may be "better off" living outside of their unsafe environment, they are never "better off" experiencing homelessness.

This is why it is so important for support services to be in place for people experiencing unsafe living conditions to have access to. In 2020, Blue Door is introducing 5 new second-stage houses! Abode and Forward will provide second-stage housing for seniors, families, and will offer the first second-stage housing program for LGBTQ2S+ youth in York Region.

Right Relations

If you're interested in the following discussion in the *House of Commons Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs*;

1. Effects of the Housing Shortage on Indigenous peoples across Canada
2. Barriers to Indigenous Economic Development
3. Committee Business

Go to...

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/INAN>

Community

Richmond Hill Speaker Series

There are so many benefits of lifelong learning. In these tumultuous times we believe it is important to stretch our thinking and be exposed to new ideas. Visit the website [Home | Richmond Hill Speaker Series](#) to find out more about each speaker and what they are speaking about and order your ticket.

April 14, 2022

Allan Bartkley - Klu Klux Klan in Canada
<https://www.richmondhillsspeakerseries.ca/showcases/Allan%20Bartley>

April 21, 2022

Leah denBok - "But I can still do Something"
<https://www.richmondhillsspeakerseries.ca/showcases/Leah-denBok>

net zero

On June 5th, come and join our next Climate Lunch and Learn where we will talk about how to reduce emissions if you live in an apartment and share some recipes for vegan cooking. Email me at targetclimatechange@gmail.com to get the zoom link or sign up with this Eventbrite link to get reminder emails and the zoom link. We will make the changes we need, together.

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