



We will continue to livestream Sunday service using 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). Following the online service, a recording of the full service will be posted on our Facebook page. Follow this link: [facebook.com/RichmondHillUnitedChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/RichmondHillUnitedChurch/). In addition, the weekly message will be posted on the **RHUC Blog**.

If you ever find you're encountering issues using Zoom on Sunday, you can always visit <https://status.zoom.us/> to check the site status. 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

[Order of Service](#)

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Worship for July 18 to August 29: We welcome Rev. Linda Butler as she teams with Ian Wilgus to lead worship.



Sunday offering: RHUC, like other churches, depends on donations and rentals to pay our bills. We appreciate those who use Pre-Authorized

Remittance (PAR). For those not PAR, please consider making sure you get your weekly envelope money in (mailed in or mail slot on Centre. St. door) and we hope as well that you will consider some extra to compensate for the loss in income. You can use e-transfer to office@rhuc.org, Canada Helps, <http://www.rhuc.org/donate.html>, or post-dated cheques to the Church, 10201 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, L4C 3B2.

programs for all

Shalom Seekers: Shalom Seekers is taking a break from regular meetings over the summer. There will be another opportunity in August to gather on Zoom to catch up with one another. Regular programming will resume in September either on Zoom or in person depending on the gathering recommendations at that time. For more information about the group, please contact Sandra Loughton.

RHUC Book Club: The RHUC Book Club is taking a break for July and August. We will resume our meetings **on Wednesday, September 29th**. We will decide before that time if we'll be meeting on Zoom at 4 p.m. or in person at the church and whether we'll return to the 7 p.m. meeting time.

For our first meeting back in the fall, we'll be discussing **THE BOOK OF LONGINGS** by Sue Monk Kidd. This book of historical fiction starts with the premise: What if Jesus had been married? His bride is the narrator of this fascinating novel. You will be transported back in time!

We will meet again on Wednesday, October 27 to discuss **THE VANISHING HALF** by Brit Bennett. Time: To be determined.

For more details about the book club, please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator. New members warmly welcome in the fall!

church news

Short-Term Minister: **Rev. Ruth Noble** will be our short-term minister for six months starting on September 1, while the search for our new full time minister proceeds. She has been a minister at both Thornhill United Church and Aurora United Church, so she knows us, and our area, well. Most recently she has been working in the General Council office, as the Mission and Service Content Manager, where among other things she wrote all the "Minutes for Mission" that we and other churches across Canada have used in our services and newsletters.



Her passion for social justice, for linking faith and action, and for connecting with people, will be evident in her preaching and her pastoral care with us.

We are delighted that Ruth Noble will be with us during this transitional time. Welcome Ruth!

Pulpit Supply and Pastoral Care: Linda Butler will be providing pulpit supply for July and August and emergency pastoral care in August. Rev. David Kim-Cragg from St. Matthews will provide emergency pastoral care until July 31.

Update from the Transition Team: Transition Team had suggested that we aim for August 8 for in-person worship (socially distanced and wearing masks.) **but that date will be extended to a later start date.** People are reminded that we will not be singing together in the sanctuary but still participating via videos for the time being. Everyone is reminded that people will still be able to join in worship online. There will be a cap of 50 people at the beginning.

Update from your RHUC Search Committee:

Since being formed in late May 2021, the RHUC Search Committee has met a total of ten times, with an additional meeting involving the two chairs and James Ravenscroft and Jane Wedlock.

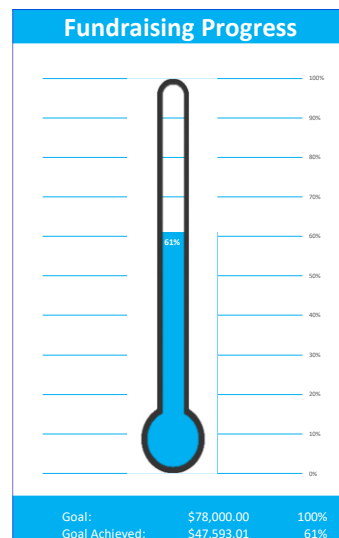
As mentioned in previous updates, the United Church of Canada has a new system with respect to posting job openings on ChurchHub, the United Church's on-line pastoral relations tool. We have been working on our Community of Faith Profile which includes six different documents. One of the major pieces of writing has been our Living Faith Story and this and all the other documents need to be completed before posting the updated Position Description on ChurchHub. This new system has resulted in considerably more preparation than previous Search Committees have had to complete.

We are pleased to report that the paperwork is almost ready to be sent for approval to the RHUC Board and then to Shining Waters Regional Council. Once the material is approved, we will be ready to post the entire package of information on ChurchHub and we can start to look at possible candidates for the full-time ministerial position.

Even if you don't hear from us for a while, please know that we are continuing to work on your behalf.

RHUC Search Committee: Nancy Hart (Co-Chair), Sandra Loughton (Co-Chair), Anne Leyton-Brown, D.J. McCready, Doug Loweth, Howe Foo, Ruth Perratt, Sara Perez, Sharon McNutt, & Henry Poutiainen, Pastoral Relations Liaison, Shining Waters Regional Council ~

Staff Holidays: The church office will be closed from August 9 – August 27. Phone messages and emails will be monitored 2-3 times per week. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Rev. Linda Butler at 905-884-1301 ext. 2 or revlindamb@gmail.com.



Boosting Our Signal Campaign: RHUC has embarked on a project to upgrade our AV capabilities. This project, to be implemented in Phases, not only improves the livestream services, but helps us to achieve some of our long-term ministry goals. You can donate via e-transfer to office@rhuc.org, cheque



or CanadaHelps.org. We have reached 61% of

our goal (**\$47,593.01**)!! Thank you!

outreach

"Every Child Matters" - Orange Shirts

With the recent discoveries of unmarked graves at residential school sites across the country, there has been an increasing awareness and more questions about what actions are appropriate to show support for Indigenous people at this time. Orange Shirt Day was created as an observance in 2013, and is designed to educate people and promote awareness in Canada about the residential school system and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century—an impact recognized as a cultural genocide, and an impact that continues today. This year, **Orange shirt day is September 30, 2021.**

Richmond Hill United Church is ordering orange shirts from an Indigenous vendor for those of you who are interested. **If you would like to show your support for this day by wearing your own orange shirt, please send \$25 along with the size or shirt you require (child's S, M, L, Adult S, M, L, XL) to the office at Richmond Hill United Church. The payment can be sent by e transfer to office@rhuc.org, or a cheque can be dropped off at the church (there is a mail slot on the Centre Street door if the building is closed).**



This year all vendors have experienced a substantial increase in requests for their shirts. **To ensure we are able to secure a shirt for you in the size you prefer we would appreciate receiving your order by August 3rd.**

YOUTH-TO-YOUTH ENGAGEMENT (Y2Y)

This innovative program aims at empowering the next generation of leaders by uniting Indigenous and Non-Indigenous youth and inspiring them to take action towards creating sustainable environmental change. Each event is uniquely developed based on traditional teachings from the host territory. Events often take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop, generally 1 to 7 days in length.

Participants:

- Build friendships with like-minded Indigenous and Non-Indigenous youth.
- Learn Indigenous heritage, culture and treaty relationships.
- Develop hands-on understanding of nature and what it means to be a good steward of the land.

If you are an Indigenous or Non-Indigenous youth (male, female, two-spirit, & disabled) interested in being an agent for change and currently enrolled in grades 9 to 11, this program is for you.

DATE: OCTOBER 8, 9 & 10, 2021 (PENDING COVID CONDITIONS)

LOCATION: Camp Kawartha, Peterborough, Ontario

ORGANIZERS: Rotary Districts 7070 & 7010, HIP & Tracks Youth Program

INFORMATION: This event will host 50 students (25 Indigenous & 25 Non-Indigenous)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Should COVID prevent us from proceeding in October, we will reschedule for as early as we can in 2022.

These three day programs will provide participants with traditional Indigenous teachings from Elders and Knowledge Keepers within the Williams Treaty Territory. Youth will learn:

- Understanding treaties
- Harvesting local foods & medicines
- Local Indigenous culture & heritage

Applicants should seek the support of their local Indigenous Community or Rotary Club. Events have limited capacity. You are encouraged to submit your application of interest as early as possible.

In general, all youth applying should demonstrate leadership potential within their communities. Most successful candidates demonstrate the following competencies:

- Leadership experience or potential
- A cooperative nature and willingness to participate in a group
- An awareness of current events and international issues
- Good performance in school or work
- Enthusiasm for sharing newfound skills with others

Preference will be given to youth nominated by an Indigenous Community or Rotary Club and residing within the Rotary Districts of 7010 and 7070.

NOTE: : Non-Indigenous youth must complete cultural safety education before attending this event.

HIP is an equal opportunity organization; we do not discriminate based upon race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, status as an individual with a disability, or other applicable legally protected characteristics.

Applications must be received prior to August 15, 2021

Please note that the submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the program. In the case of an oversubscription, all applications will be reviewed and a final selection made by the organizing committee.

IMPORTANT: All youth must commit to participating in cultural safety education on September 26th prior to attending this event.

You will not be able to save this form. Before filling out the application, ensure you have the following information prepared:

- Your nominating organization and sponsor contact information
- If you do not have a sponsor, select “please match me with a sponsor”
- Personal reference contact information ((someone we can contact to find out more about you – a teacher or someone you work with – not a friend or family member).
- **NOTE:** Email reference letters to info@hipally.com
- 300 to 500 word essay identifying the treaty lands you live on and what is your relationship and responsibility to the land and People.



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