



We livestream our Sunday service via Zoom. **There will be no in-person attendance** at this time.

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](mailto:office@rhuc.org). 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

**Minister's Message:** This Sunday we are blessed to have Julia Ye sharing the sermon as part of her course at Emmanuel College!

February is Black History Month, the image you see with this reflection is of a Victorian Mourning Dress. I took this picture in the of the Africa exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum a number of years ago. The dress was created by artist Karin Jones. She said this of this piece of art: "I wear my African-Canadian identity much as a Victorian woman would have worn this type of dress: proudly, but uncomfortably, shaped and also constrained by it."

Black History Month can sometimes feel uncomfortable, but it is an exploration of history that we need to undertake. As Canadians we often forget that we too were a slave nation, that we too have segregated people, we need to remember this heritage as much as we remember the Underground Railroad.

Black Lives Matter is not merely a phrase, it is a movement, Black Lives need to matter in society as much as white lives, and until that is true, we need to speak these three words: Black Lives Matter.

I would encourage you throughout this month to read, watch and reflect on Black History in Canada, and how we can make our world a place where the colour of your skin does not impact you in negative ways. Blessings, Rev. Ruth Noble

**February 6 @ 10:30 a.m. via Zoom:** The order of service and hymns are also found on our website under Home, Events & News and Our Ministry – Spirit pages. February 6, 2022:

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



**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](mailto:office@rhuc.org), Canada Helps, <http://www.rhuc.org/donate.html>, or cheques to the Church, 10201 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, L4C 3B2.

**Bereavement notice:** Rev. Allen Hallett, husband of Margaret Hallett, died on Feb. 3, 2022. He was an Associate Minister at RHUC from 1969 – 1972. A private service will take place at a later date.

## programs for all

**Shalom Seekers:** Please join us on **Monday, February 7 at 10 a.m. on Zoom** for a morning of discussion and fellowship. This week we will be discussing a CBC Radio Tapestry interview. The link to the interview will be sent out to participants and anyone else interested on Friday, February 4 to allow time to listen to the interview on the weekend for discussion on Monday. For more information, please contact Sandra Loughton at [bookgirl8@hotmail.com](mailto:bookgirl8@hotmail.com). New members are always welcome to join us.

**RHUC Book Club:** Please join the group on **Wednesday, February 23 at 4 p.m. on Zoom** to discuss **The Kitchen Front** by Jennifer Ryan. This is an uplifting story set in England during WWII. However, this is not a typical war-time tale. This novel focuses on the community, food rationing, and a contest for a BBC Radio cooking show called The Kitchen Front. The show was real, but this is a fictional account by the author of The Chilbury Ladies' Choir.



Looking ahead to March, we'll be meeting on Wednesday the 30th at 4 p.m. on Zoom to discuss a novel set in contemporary England called **The Reading List** by Sara Nisha Adams.

"An unforgettable and heartwarming debut about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb."

New members are always welcome to join in the fun! Please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator, for more details about the book club.

**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](mailto:dlbrown@yorku.ca)

## church news

**Welcoming Rev. Karen Dale!** If you are interested in helping to welcome Rev. Karen Dale to RHUC starting on February 14, here is an idea for you to think about. How about sending a blank greeting card or a "welcome" card to Karen saying you're looking forward to getting to know her/meeting her, etc.? Cards could be dropped off in the mail slot in the door on Centre Street or mailed to:

Rev. Karen Dale  
10201 Yonge Street  
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3B2

Submitted by: RHUC Search Committee and M & P Committee

**Congregational Update:** Friends - it is the time of year when we moving towards our **Annual Meeting** which is going to be held after worship on **Sunday April 3rd** rather than March 6th. In preparation we will be putting our Annual Report together and also undertaking our nominations process for leadership positions.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Rev. Karen Dale on Feb 14th with a two week overlap with Rev, Ruth Noble as we transition to a new pastoral relationship.

Over the past few weeks during our Sunday worship, Ruth has focused on abundance and stewardship. We have been invited to think about our gifts and responding with deep gratitude - financially, but also with our time and talents.

There are many ways to be involved in the life and mission of this congregation. Involvement creates opportunity for building community, learning, service to the life of our community, our neighbourhood and the wider world and ways to deepen our faith.

Over the next few weeks, we will be doing a deeper dive into some of those opportunities to give you a chance to reflect on what is happening and how you might engage in new ways!

Thank you everyone for all the ways that you make RHUC awesome!

*Jane Wedlock, Board Chair*

## net zero

**Upcoming events:** We have scheduled a third **Climate Lunch and Learn for February 6th, 2022.** Registration is at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-lunch-and-learn-3-tickets-218772433237>

The zoom link will be sent out in an email to you - so don't worry if you are not sure how to access it. Contact Esther Collier, Chair, Net Zero Committee at [targetclimatechange@gmail.com](mailto:targetclimatechange@gmail.com) if you want to chat or want me to send you the zoom link directly.

## outreach

### Ageism - Japan's Respect for Aged Day

"This national holiday traces its origins to 1947, when Nomadani-mura proclaimed September 15 Old Folks' Day (Toshiyori no Hi). Its popularity spread nationwide, and in 1966 it took its present name and status. Annually, [Japanese media](#) take the opportunity to feature the elderly, reporting on the population and highlighting the oldest people in the country. On this holiday, people return home to visit and pay respect to the elders. Some people volunteer in neighborhoods by making and distributing free lunch boxes to older citizens. Entertainments are sometimes provided by teenagers and children with various keirokai performances. Special television programs are also featured by Japanese media on this holiday."

In 2000, Japan introduced long-term care insurance to make sure older people can afford proper health care. Citizens start paying into it when they are 40 and can access it when they are 65. Seniors contribute a 10 percent co-pay, and the government picks up the rest. As multigenerational households are declining significantly in Japan with older people living more and more on their own, Hashimoto says it's important that older people are no longer seen as 'the other.' If we can buy into a sense that ultimately the way in which we integrate all the people in our society and they integrate us, we'll benefit — all of us. I think that would be a good direction for us to move forward to."



[Sources - <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/fear-ageism-not-aging-how-an-ageist-society-is-failing-its-elders-1.5978190>, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Respect\\_for\\_the\\_Aged\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Respect_for_the_Aged_Day) ]

### Feeding our Community

Calling all Gardening Enthusiasts!

- Does feeding people in our community appeal to you?
- Do you like spending time outdoors with your hands in rich soil?
- Would you like to experience the joy and wonder of watching a seed grow and then share the plant feed and support our community?

Some of the 'ground' work has already been done;

- An application to the City of Richmond Hill to acquire a garden plot this Spring has already been made
- **\*\*UPDATE\*\* We have been advised we have a plot at Phyllis Rawlinson Community Garden**

The City is very supportive of collective gardens and provide some or all of the following:

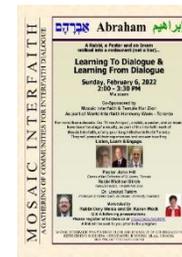
- initial construction and site preparation (ie. clearing site, building garden beds, fencing)
- garbage and compost receptacles
- signage
- water hook-up and ongoing cost for water
- administration of garden agreement
- garbage and organic pick-up
- tiling and soil amendments (including provision of mulch)
- promotion
- provide support for groups who choose to apply for additional funding from grants

If you'd like to be a part of a group to grow food in Richmond Hill's Community Garden this is for you! Feel free to contact me (Tracy - [tewixon3@gmail.com](mailto:tewixon3@gmail.com)) and I can help all those interested connect with each other.

### Fundraising - Book Sale

If you're at home and find yourself wanting to de-clutter your books...**STOP!** We're planning on having a Book Sale this year and will happily take your novels (no textbooks or workbooks please). You can contact the church office at [office@rhuc.org](mailto:office@rhuc.org) and/or [tewixon3@gmail.com](mailto:tewixon3@gmail.com) if you need to arrange pick up or to arrange dropping off your books. Thank you!

**Dear Mosaic Friends:** A Rabbi, a Pastor, and an Imam walked into a restaurant (not a bar) . . . It might sound cliché, but for more than a decade, our from Abraham 3 Faiths panel, affectionately known as the 'Three Amigos', have been 'on stage' annually, as part of the programming offered by Mosaic Interfaith. Many of you have participated in one or more of their presentations.



We are excited that Rabbi Michael Stroh, Pastor John Hill, and Dr. Liyakat Takim will be presenting a program at the **World Interfaith Harmony Week on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 2 pm on zoom.**

The program is entitled: **LEARNING TO DIALOGUE & LEARNING FROM DIALOGUE** and is co-sponsored by Mosaic and Temple Har Zion. You will be able to hear their thoughts and ask your questions.

Registration is required click here <https://bit.ly/33VXXYC>

We hope you will join us for this stimulating program.

Fran Isaacs & Shabnees Siwjee, Mosaic Co-Chairs  
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## community news



### What: Love is Love

When: Wednesday February 9th, 2022 at 6pm

Where: Online

Who: All ages 2SLGBTQ+ and allies

**Register:** By filling out the "Rainbow Space Event Registration" Google Form found here: <https://linktr.ee/cayrcommunity> and we will send you the link before the gathering.

**Description:** Love is Love is an event to get together (online) with other 2SLGBTQ+ folks and allies.

All ages are welcome. Join us for an evening of getting to know each other and celebrating. Meet some of the Peer Advisory Committee folks. Keep your eye out for a special guest you may remember, who will be sharing their story.

We will also have open space to share coming out stories and/or stories of love if folks are interested.

Contact: Jen at: [jsilk@cayrcc.org](mailto:jsilk@cayrcc.org) or text/call 416-938-4458

**Looking for things to do?** <https://www.cbc.ca/life/culture/free-and-fantastic-services-still-available-from-your-local-public-library-1.5556159>

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