



Happy New Year!!



We livestream our Sunday service via Zoom. **There will be no in-person attendance** at this time due to the increased numbers of Covid-19.

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. 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 will observe Epiphany, even though technically it is the Eighth Day of Christmas! In the Canadian version of the Twelve Days of Christmas it is "eight Mounties munching (donuts)" or in the traditional version it is "eight maids a milking".

This Sunday we will begin a month-long reflection of giving to Richmond Hill United Church. Richmond Hill United is a wonderful place that offers a lot to those who worship there as well as your mission heart and your vision for the future! Throughout January, I invite to think about your gifts for Richmond Hill United Church, whether in your time, or your gifts both of yourself and your money.

I wish each of you a blessed New Year's celebration! See you (virtually)!

Blessings,
Rev. Ruth

January 2 @ 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.

[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, 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: We will resume our Zoom meetings on Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 10 am. At that meeting we will continue the book study of **The Other Side of the River: From Church Pew to Sweat Lodge** by Reverend Alf Dumont. Please read Chapters 11 and 12 for that discussion.

New members are warmly welcome. Please contact Sandra Loughton, Facilitator, for more details about the group.

H.A.I.R.: Our Monday evening study group, 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

RHUC Book Club: Please join us in the New Year on **Wednesday, January 26th at 4 p.m. on Zoom** to discuss a book of historical fiction entitled **Fast Girls: A Novel of the 1936 Women's Olympic Team** by Elsie Hooper. This is the fascinating story of the first women from the U.S. to compete in Track & Field at the Olympics.

New members are always welcome to join us! Please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator, for more information about the club.



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church news

Finance Committee: Please note that donations received by December 31, 2021 (either delivered to the church or postmarked Dec. 31, 2021) will be applied to 2021. All other donations will be applied to 2022. Thank you.

Start Date for New Minister: Rev. Karen Dale will begin her ministry with RHUC on **Monday, February 14, 2022**. Rev. Ruth Noble will continue with us till the end of February, as planned, so their terms will overlap for two weeks. This time of transition was proposed by Karen and agreed to with enthusiasm by Ruth. We look forward to welcoming Karen in the new year. The Search Team will continue to be a resource for Karen, Ruth and the congregation as a few formalities are completed, and we will wind down in February. Thank you all for your participation in the Congregational Meeting last Sunday. The Search Team

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> <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-lunch-and-learn-3-tickets-218772433237>>

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



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