



**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 James (james@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

### Hymns

**Worship for July 18 to August 29:** We welcome Rev. Linda Butler as she teams with Ian Wilgus to lead worship until the arrival of a supply minister in September.



**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](mailto: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

**Women's Spiritually** will gather on **Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>** to meet at the church in the **Chapel at 10:00**, seated apart and with masks, for our gathering this month. Instead of a picnic lunch, bring your own beverage and snack. For the program, we'll have a "spiritual pot luck" so we each bring something to talk about like a reading, news event, experience, whatever... Guests are always welcome.

**Shalom Seekers: On Monday, July 19th at 10 a.m.** there will be an opportunity to get together on Zoom to check in with each other and catch up. The Zoom invitation will be sent out on Sunday evening. Regular programming will return in September. 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

### Update - Interim plans after James leaves on July 11th - Pulpit Supply and Pastoral Care

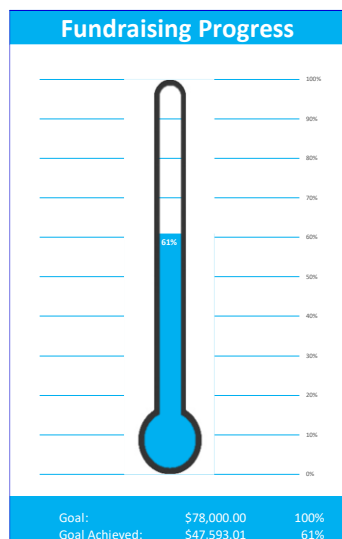
After James's last Sunday on July 11th, Rev. Linda Butler will be providing pulpit supply for July and August and emergency pastoral care in August. Rev. David Kim-Cragg from St. Matthews will provide emergency pastoral care for the remainder of July. We have posted a short-term appointment opportunity for RHUC on the United Church of Canada Church Hub website - the central place for posting positions. The RHUC Board has established a small team to oversee the application/interview process. The position would start in September - likely for 6 months but can be terminated earlier or extended if needed. Hopefully we will be in a position to call a new minister in the fall, but it is likely the individual would not start until 2022.



**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.

### 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.



**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](mailto:office@rhuc.org), cheque



or [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org).

We have reached 61% of our goal (**\$47,593.01**)!! Thank you!

### 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.

## outreach

### "Every Child Matters" - Orange Shirts

"September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day **annually**, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters."

[Source - <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html> ]

Please let us know if you'd like to join in supporting this day of reflection and grief by purchasing an orange t-shirt. There are a few Indigenous vendors who are selling these shirts and a bulk order may be more cost effective.

Please send an email, subject 'Orange T-Shirt' [office@rhuc.org](mailto:office@rhuc.org) or leave a message at the church office expressing your interest, quantity and size as soon as possible in order to have them in time.



*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](mailto: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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