



The Progress Pride Flag

Sunday June 12, PRIDE Sunday: Celebrating the rainbow colours of humankind and affirming the worth and goodness of all.

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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.

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: When you walk into the sanctuary this Sunday or click on the Zoom link, you will see a beautiful rainbow flag on the communion table. It is the combination of design, colours and words – “Created in God’s image” - that make such a powerful impact for me. This flag was created by Shining Waters Regional Council and was blessed at the Affirming Celebration. It is a visible sign that we are whole and we are holy; it is a sign of welcome to people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

Daniel Quasar’s design places greater emphasis on “inclusion and progression”. The Progress Pride Flag adds five arrow-shaped lines to the six-coloured Rainbow Flag, which is widely recognised as the symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. The black and brown stripes represent marginalised LGBTQ2S+ communities of colour, along with the colours pink, light blue and white, which are used on the Transgender Pride Flag.

Come and join us on Sunday and wear your bright rainbow colours

programs for all

Women’s Spirituality will gather this Saturday June 11th at 10:00 at the Heritage Centre on Centre Street. We plan to have a short program and then walk to Covernotes for coffee. If it rains, we will be at the church but let’s hope we can be outdoors! Donna Smith, 905-884-6407.

SHALOM SEEKERS: Please join us on **Monday, June 13th at 10 a.m. on Zoom** to discuss Chapter 3 of Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine. Please read pages 117 to 137 of 'The Kingdom of Heaven is Like Yeast.'

For more information about Shalom Seekers, please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator, or any member of the group. New members are always welcome to join in the discussions. It's a great way to start your week!

H.A.I.R.: The Monday evening study group devoted to exploration of questions, doubts and the relevance of our faith to our lives and actions, has suspended its meetings until the Fall. Please watch for announcement of the resumption of HAIR.



Join us at the **York Region Pride Parade on Saturday June 18th at 3:00 on Main Street Newmarket**. RHUC has been the only faith community to participate in this yearly event, showing our welcome of LGBTQ people, their inclusion in all areas of our work and worship, and support and advocacy to bring justice, peace and love to all of God's people. This is a fun and joyous street celebration so come on out and "show your Pride". Call Donna Smith, 905-884-6307 for information.

BOOK CLUB: Please join us on **Wednesday, June 22nd (Please note: the 4th of 5 Wednesdays) at 4 pm on Zoom** to discuss **The Lost Apothecary** by Sarah Penner. The Zoom invitation will be sent out the evening before the meeting.

The book club will be taking a break for the summer and resume on Wednesday, September 28th. Book to be determined. For more information about the book club, feel free to contact Sandra Loughton, Facilitator.

Happy reading and have a safe, enjoyable summer.

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!!

Veggie Quiche (no pastry)

- 3 tbsp oil
- 1 garlic clove crushed
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 red peppers seeded and chopped
- 1 leek washed carefully and sliced thinly - no dark green
- 1 zucchini sliced
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- handful chopped parsley
- little grated nutmeg
- 1 tsp sea salt
- black pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 2 tomatoes sliced

Heat oil and saute garlic and onion for 2 min. Add peppers, leek, mushrooms and zucchini and saute 5 minutes. Transfer to lightly greased baking dish.

Whisk eggs, milk, parsley, nutmeg and s and p in a bowl. Pour over sauteed veggies and sprinkle cheese over. Arrange tomato slices on top. Sprinkle a little more cheese over tomatoes (more cheddar or parmesan). Bake uncovered for 35 min at 350.

This goes really well with a green salad and garlic bread.

church news



Fundraiser: New Spring Auction -- Open now to June 15

Hands and Hearts for Africa are excited to launch our newest fundraiser! Our " Spring Auction for Stephen Lewis Foundation" is now open online and will remain open until Weds June 15 at 8:30 pm. Pickup of successfully bid items will be at RHUC on Sat. June 18. We ask you to share the news with friends and family.

Our concern is for African families and communities impacted by AIDS. We all know that the AIDS pandemic has fallen off the global radar and sadly this results in a critical reduction in global funding for programming and medication. Our commitment is to continue to support African families living with AIDS . With your help ,we can support vulnerable African families and communities and help them thrive, with better health and greater resilience.

Check out our new Auction Flyer...

[SPRING AUCTION For SLF JUNE 2022](#)

Congratulations to Robert Centa, the son of Janet and Tony Centa! May 19, 2022 - Robert Centa, Managing Partner at Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP in Toronto, **is appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario in Toronto.**

The Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, [today](#) announced ..[four].. appointments under the judicial application process established in 2016. This process emphasizes transparency, merit, and the diversity of the Canadian population, and will continue to ensure the appointment of jurists who meet the highest standards of excellence and integrity...





outreach

June is Indigenous History Month

RHUC is once again making Orange T-Shirts available!

This year's tee is another in the **7 Grandfather**

Teachings series used to teach us about truth (debwewin).

"The **mshiikeh** (turtle) understands that life is about the journey as well as the destination, and has faith and trust in their teachings. The mshiikeh (turtle) understands their place in this life and applies their understanding to the way they walk. Being true to yourself will help you to be true to all other things."

[Source: <https://www.nishteets.ca/>]

We're happy to once again purchase our tees from NishTees in Peterborough. Owner James Hodgson is an Anishinaabe 60's Scoop Survivor adopted out from the Children's Aid Society

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/peterborough-anishinaabemowin-tshirts-james-hodgson-1.4645502>

Please contact Deb Fratin (RHUC Office Administrator) for your tee!

Gord Downie Chanie Wenjack Events Calendar for June 2022

Be sure to check out <https://downiewenjack.ca/indigenous-history-month-2022/> for events all month

featuring... "Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers, artists, and allies from Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick, and conclude with a special Canada-wide episode.

All peoples in Canada, from coast to coast to coast, are invited to tune in for each of the events."

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day & the Summer Solstice

There are a variety of events that may interest you, here's a couple of suggestions of events

<https://summersolsticefestivals.ca/>

<https://todoontario.com/indigenous-peoples-day-month-in-ontario/>

For more information on Indigenous news

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/>

York Region Indigenous Event - Elgin Barrow Arena - June 25 1- 4 pm

This free event is being organized by the *Indigenous Action Committee*.

<https://www.experienceyorkregion.com/event/indigenous-peoples-celebration-day-richmond-hill/>

Big Drum * Vendors * Traditional Food * Crafts * Live Music * Smudge Ceremony

Ukraine War

"We can't lose interest in Ukraine war"

Toronto Star Columnist Vinay Menon wrote in this past Sunday's Toronto Star, "there's too much at stake in Russia's illegal and brutal invasion of it's neighbour"

Apathy has increased at an alarming rate. Those who track Social Media numbers advise engagement has dropped from 109 million to 4.8 million hits today.

According to an opinion published last Friday by Washington Post, "Putin thinks West will blink first in war of attrition..." One Russian Billionaire shared Putin "believes the West will become exhausted."

Please keep them in our thoughts and not look away.

For the full story go to...

<https://www.thestar.com/entertainment/opinion/2022/06/03/vladimir-putin-is-betting-western-media-will-lose-interest-in-ukraine-and-he-may-be-right.html>

Or Twitter

@vinaymenon

Book Sale @ RHUC - September 10

Plans are well on their way for this wonderful event.

Author readings, children's storytime, music (RHUC's own drumming group), crafts and more!

Proceeds of the sale will be going to RHUC in order for us to continue our important work in supporting our wider community's needs.

We're collecting used books now so we can organize them.

Please contact Tracy Wixon tewixon3@gmail.com for pick up or drop-off of your books. Thank you!



RHUC's Community Garden - this week



Thank you to Tracy for all her hard work!!!

What is planted you ask? Cherry tomatoes, peppers, brussel sprouts, kale, bush beans, zucchini...the cucumbers didn't make it through the 'hardening off' stage.

If we can get at least five (5) volunteers, we can share in the success and care of the garden!

If you have a half-hour one day a week to water & weed,,whatever 'speaks' to you and time allows - all help is appreciated! All produce harvested will be given to **Richmond Hill Community Food Bank**.

Please let me know if you're interested in getting your hands in dirt, experiencing the wonder of growing food and providing for those in our community.

Tracy @ tewixon3@gmail.com Let's grow!

- Share on your social media (if Facebook or Instagram, please tag the Richmond Hill BIA @richmondhillbia)
- Feel free to post on your website too – if feasible.

Our community food bank is running low and we would like to do what we can to replenish it this month.



Food Bank Drive June 2022

LET'S HELP FEED THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST!

Items Needed:

Toilet paper, small bags of rice, pudding cups or fruit cups, baking, cake and muffin mixes, Jello, instant pudding, ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce, salad dressings, soup noodles (Mr. Noodle), crackers, granola bars, tetra juice boxes (orange, apple, fruit punch), flour, sugar

Visit www.richmondhillbia.com Facebook and Instagram @richmondhillbia Discover community organizations collecting donations in June and where else you can donate.	Drop off - All of June 2022 Richmond Hill BIA Office Unit 1 10097 Yonge St. Richmond Hill, ON Hours: Monday - Friday 10 am - 3 pm	Women's Fitness Clubs of Canada Unit 3 10341 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, ON Hours: Monday - Friday 6 am - 10 pm Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 5 pm
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community news

The Village of Richmond Hill BIA is doing a Food bank drive all of June 2022.

There are 2 locations for drop off:

1. our BIA office (across from McConaghy Centre, the 1st office/store in the condo buildings on the east side of Yonge street)
2. Women's Fitness Clubs (Crosby/Yonge)

In order to spread the word, it would be appreciated if you could do the following:

- Print the poster and put it up in your facilities
- Share this Food Drive with your congregations/ members via any email newsletters or bulletins

To unsubscribe, please write to: office@rhuc.org , and put "unsubscribe" in the subject line. Published by Deb Fratin. Please submit notices by noon on Wednesday.