

## This week at a glance

### Sunday, June 3

10:30 a.m. Youth Choir practice – Parlour  
10:30 a.m. Mini-service - Sanctuary  
**12:00 p.m.** Service – Sanctuary

### Monday, June 4

11:30 a.m. Shalom Seekers – Sunrise – Richmond Hill  
7:00 p.m. H.A.I.R. – Chapel

### Wednesday, June 6

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee – 21 Lippincott Crt.

### Thursday, June 7

6:15 p.m. Bible Study – Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Worship Leader Training 2 - Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Parlour

### Saturday, June 9

3:30 p.m. Djembe drumming –Garden Room

## WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

### Worship

**Sunday, June 3:** We gather at 12 noon with New Life Korean Methodist Church for both worship and a potluck lunch. We reflect on Mark 2:23-3:6 and 2 Corinthians 4:5-12. In "The Lens of Love" James will explore how the love expressed in Jesus' life reshapes the way we see each other and the relationships we share.

### Sunday, June 10:

It's our 5th Affirmaversary: June 10 is shaping up to be a great celebration. We are kicking off Pride Week in York Region with our special worship service. Be sure to come early as the Singing Out! Ensemble offers a few pieces as prelude. They will also be joining our chancel choir in the anthem. We reflect together on Mark 3:21-35 as Jesus extends the sense of family to include all who live in love. Rainbow refreshments to follow.

Be sure to come back downtown at 5 pm to the Heritage Centre for PFLAG's Family Pride and BBQ!

**Sunday, June 17: Youth Musical Sunday:** Richmond Hill United Church proudly presents its annual youth musical, "Who Me?" on Sunday, June 17 at 10:30. Perfect for families, this musical explores the relevance of Bible stories like the Good Samaritan, Noah's Ark and Jonah and the whale to the need for every person to do their part in making the world a better place.

Honouring Graduates: As part of this worship service, we will take time to pray for our graduates as they begin a new phase of their lives. If you know someone graduating from university, college, apprenticeship, high school, whatever it may be, please let James know so we can acknowledge them during the service.

### Minister's Message

This Sunday we come together for worship at noon. The different time than usual reminds us that we are doing something special. And it is special. We are coming together as two congregations who share our historic church. We intentionally chose a time separate from when either congregation meets for worship. If New Life gathered with RHUC at 10:30 am we would be hosting them. It would be a similar dynamic if RHUC gathered at 2:00 pm with New Life. It recognizes that New Life Church is more than a group renting from us. They are a sister church. We said we wanted to reach out to neighbours and to form partnerships. We effectively already have one with New Life Church. What a gift they are. We are learning how to be in partnership through our relationship with them. So let us mark this special Sunday with joy.

### Are you a 2017 graduate?

On Sunday June 17, we will take time to pray for our graduates as they begin a new phase of their lives. If you know someone graduating from university, college, apprenticeship, high school, whatever it may be, please let James know so we can acknowledge them during the service.

## Youth Choir Musical

Don't go to the cottage on June 17! One of the highlights of the RHUC church year is the annual youth musical. The Youth Choir has worked for months preparing their musical, "Who Me?". Treat yourself to this special event on Sunday, June 17 at 10:30 in the worship service. Hold off going on a picnic, talk up our wonderful Youth Choir to your friends and neighbours, and enjoy the presentation by these remarkable young people on June 17. Let's fill the sanctuary!

## Worship Leader Training Part 2

Are you interested in learning how to lead worship, to write a sermon and compose prayer? This month James will be offering workshops on Thursday June 7, Thursday June 14 and Wednesday June 20 at 7:00 pm.

## Chime Players Wanted

This is a follow-up notice about the need for a few more people to join the existing Chime Players team. If you can play a melody line on the piano (i.e. one hand only!) you would be able to play the chimes on our wonderful church organ. Please speak to Barry Peters, Kathleen Crosbie, or Sandra Loughton if you'd be interested in this exciting volunteer opportunity. The commitment would be 10 minutes just before the start of the service once every five or six weeks from September to May. *Sandra Loughton Chair ~ Worship Committee*

## HOSPITALITY & WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### Sunday June 10 - Hands and Hearts for Africa Meeting All are welcome!

On Sunday June 10 after the service there will be a meeting of Hands and Hearts for Africa in the Chapel. We are the Richmond Hill chapter of the Grandmothers (and friends) Campaign who raise awareness and funds for grassroots programmes of the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support African AIDS families.

We will be planning ahead for our fall activities and will be tasting one or two African food items made from the new Stephen Lewis Foundation cookbook called "African Food for Thought".

Keep your eyes on RHUC online for news about our Virtual Walk around Africa which we hope to launch on Grandparents' Weekend in September. We will be looking for walkers for our walking team as well as sponsors. Newcomers are very welcome at our meetings! For more information, speak to Donna Harrison or Peg Hiscoke.

## Truth and Reconciliation Committee

**Truth and Reconciliation Committee:** The Truth and Reconciliation Committees report included Calls to Action for churches. One of these requested churches to begin to educate their constituencies about the United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (affectionately known as DRIPS), with the goal to ensure we are complying with the declaration. Over the course of this year, the Living in Right Relations committee will be sharing the articles in DRIPS. Once a month, the first article from a section will be read during the Worship Service. The remaining articles from the section will be included weekly in RHUC online.

**Article 42:** The United Nations, its bodies, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and specialized agencies, including at the country level, and States shall promote respect for and full application of the provisions of this Declaration and follow up the effectiveness of this Declaration.

## Minute for Mission Called to be the Church

The year 2017 marked a very important milestone in the history of St. Columba House. Who could have imagined in 1917 that, a century later, the ministry would be celebrating 100 years of offering healing and hope to the most vulnerable members of the Pointe-Saint-Charles community? From its beginnings as a place that only provided hot meals, to its current status as a leader in changing public policy in Montreal, St. Columba House has transformed many lives. It is now an organization on the cutting edge of emerging needs and innovative responses through its environmental programming. This includes a community gardening program, where participants develop their own balcony gardens, and beekeeping programs that allow participants to learn how to interact with bees at the ministry's own rooftop beehive. St. Columba House, in partnership with United Church Ministries, Montreal City Mission, and Québec Presbytery Justice and Global Ecumenical Relations Committee, has also created the Green Church project to engage ministries in its ecological practices. Together through our Mission & Service support we can celebrate with St. Columba House all the lives that have been transformed and look ahead to innovation for the future. We give thanks for its 100-year history and look forward with it to the next 100 years!

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## Vision Keepers – York Region Pride Parade

Are you proud of being part of an Affirming congregation? Show it by participating in the York Region Pride Parade on **Saturday June 16th**, being held in Newmarket. The parade starts at 3:00, marching down Main Street, and ending at the Community Fair, where booths will be set up to share information, news, supports and selling wares specifically for the LGBTQ2 community. This year, RHUC will be having a booth to represent faith communities who are a welcoming and safe place to be for worship, work and friendships. If you want to be part of carpooling, meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 - we leave promptly. More information at [yorkpridefest.com](http://yorkpridefest.com). *Donna Smith, Vision Keepers Committee, 905-884-6307*

## BUILDING FOR MINISTRY

### Church memorial garden

The spring bulbs, blooms and leaves have been so welcomed this year and the church gardens are being prepared for planting and care during the summer. We have a special section (at the steps on the north side of the Yonge Street CD wing of the church) for a Memory Garden. Each year, those who would like me to plant an annual flower in memory of a loved one can give me \$3 and I will purchase and plant one, in the colour of your choice. This person being remembered does not have to be a member of our church. When completed, a marker will be posted with the names of those being remembered. *Donna Smith 905-884-6307*

## ENGAGING, CHALLENGING & GROWING OUR FAITH

### UCW – Camp Big Canoe Wish List

Camp Big Canoe Wish List: Empty pill bottles with label removed, elastic bands, embroidery thread, coloured paper, craft paint, clean used margarine and yogurt containers, plastic 500ml peanut butter jars with screw top lids. A full list can be seen on the UCW bulletin board next to the Parlour.

Please DO NOT bring these items to the Church before June 17<sup>th</sup> as we have no space to store them. For further information please call June Blanchette at 905-780-0048”

### Special Occasions

While we include in our prayers, the names of people who are ill or mourning, we are not always aware of the special occasions which give rise to rejoicing. Please let us know to add any special occasions that are coming up.

This weekend (June 2 & 3) **Nathaniel Skorotko's** work will be part of the Mill Pond Gallery's annual Student Teacher Show. In this show, the gallery showcases the work of some of their talented students. This is the second year Nathaniel's work has been featured. Congratulations Nathaniel! <https://rhga.ca/>

### United Church Women

UCW Bus Trip is ready for boarding! **Wed. June 13th, 2018 Cost: \$60.00** (including gratuities). Please meet Elgin Barrow Arena Parking Lot **by 8:15 Leaving at 8:30 a.m.** Return: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m

We will visit the **Whetung Ojibwa Centre** at Curve Lake, **Lunch with a UCW group** in Peterborough, a stop at the famous **Peterborough Lift Locks** and visit the **Canadian Canoe Museum and Gift Shop**.

### H.A.I.R.

H.A.I.R continues to meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm in the chapel using video or print resources as the basis for stimulating discussion. Please join us.

### Bible Study

No need to have been before. Come once. Or every week. Or drop in every so often. We will look at the reading for the upcoming Sunday. See you in the chapel!

## Shalom Seekers

Please remember that we are meeting at **Sunrise ~ Richmond Hill this coming Monday, June 4 at 11:30** to celebrate the end of our year and have lunch with our good friend, Enid.

Shalom Seekers will resume again in September. Stay tuned for details in RHUC On-line in early September.  
Facilitators: Peg Hiscoke, Dawn Moon & Sandra Loughton

## CREATING AND NURTURING COMMUNITY

## Secret Friends

June is the month when our young people are finishing up another school year but for Grade 12 students, June is the closing of a chapter of years in high school and sights are being set on beginning college/university in September. For most, this will mean leaving home for study and we at RHUC keep in touch with them through our Secret Friends ministry. These students are matched with a volunteer who sends cards, notices and goodies throughout their first year with our faith community's best wishes and support during this big change in their lives. Please give these students' names to me and they will be part of this program. *Donna Smith, Coordinator 905-884-6307*

## Tai Chi ends for the summer

Victoria Day marks the traditional closing date for tai chi for the summer. Watch for announcements about our resumption in the fall.

## Student/Teacher Exhibition

### Student/Teacher Exhibition at the Mill Pond Gallery

Visit this weekend to see the annual Student Teacher Show. The gallery will showcase the work of some of their talented students.

**Event Date:** Saturday, June 2, 2018 - 11:00am to Sunday, June 3, 2018 - 5:00pm

**Event Location:** [Richmond Hill Group of Artists at The Mill Pond Gallery](#)

## Need a ride to the polls?

If you, a family member, a friend or neighbour, live in the town of Richmond Hill and need a ride to and from your polling station on provincial election day, June 7, please contact Bruce at 905-770-4233, [bruce@brucerhodes.ca](mailto:bruce@brucerhodes.ca). Would anyone requesting a ride please have available the exact address of the polling station to which they will need to be driven.

## Liona Boyd – free concert

Liona Boyd will be back on **Thursday, June 28** to televise an hour concert with the Chancel Choir.

Time: 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Sanctuary

Cost: free of charge

Please bring your friends and a winter coat to wear as the concert is a shorter reproduction of the “Winter Fantasy” concert held here in November.

## Summer Concert – July 13 @ 7:00 p.m.



### The Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge UK Canada Tour! Sponsored by RHUC's Chancel Choir

Christ's College is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Cambridge, and has had a chapel choir since its foundation in 1505. Conducted by Professor David Rowland, director of music at Christ's College, the choir sings a selection of music from English and European choral traditions from the 16th to 20th century.

The choir has a broad concert repertoire. This tour they are singing a wide range of music: Parry's Songs of Farewell, Howell's Requiem, Finzi's Lo, The Full, Final Sacrifice, to name a few, maintaining a variety of music from both religious and secular traditions, ranging from Tallis to Britten. CDs will be on sale at the concert.

Find out more at [www.cambridgechoir.co.uk](http://www.cambridgechoir.co.uk)

Date: Friday, July 13, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$25

Tickets available from the Chancel Choir, church office and <https://richmondhill.snapd.com/events/view/1154576> and at the door!

## Skylight Festival

Skylight Festival: **July 27-29** at Five Oaks Retreat and Education Centre in Paris Ontario. Come and listen to a presentation by "Science Mike" McHargue of "The Liturgist Podcast" as he explores the intersection between science and spirituality. Come and explore justice topics like #ChurchToo, racial justice, the intersection of ecology and faith. Come and listen to a variety of musicians, including Matt Epp, Micah Bournes and Diem LaFortune, and spoken word artists like Emily Joy. Come and participate in creative worship experiences like "Courage", worship through the music of The Tragically Hip. Come learn about "Forest Church" (James and Glen will be presenting and co-leading with another Forest Church leader from Kitchener Waterloo). Come and be nurtured in spirit and heart at this amazing retreat centre along the banks of the Grand River. Founded in 2015, Skylight is a celebratory and creative space where diverse communities connect to explore the arts, faith, peace and justice. Register at [skylightfestival.ca](http://skylightfestival.ca)

## The Festival of Faith

When: Saturday and Sunday, July 21–22, 2018  
Where: 43rd General Council at UOIT Durham in Oshawa, ON  
What: A celebration of our work and witness through the arts  
Cost: Free!

The Festival of Faith marks the start of GC43. It's a chance to celebrate the hopeful things that are already happening across the country in many communities of faith. This festival will bring together musicians, authors, dancers, storytellers, and craftspeople. Like an old-time country fair, artists and artisans will roll in early in the morning, scrambling to set up their tents before the crowds arrive. Workshops will inform, inspire and share the vitality of our work and witness. There will also be opportunities to explore your faith, connect with others and offer your own voice and artistry in the coffee house, or on the green. Music, spoken word, ideas, movement, workshops and spiritual exploration—all on offer at this GC43 Festival of Faith. See you there! Follow the Festival of Faith on Facebook for details on performances, events and workshops you'll want to participate in—and let us know if you plan to attend this inspiring event. What's happening at the Festival? Music: Experience inspiring performers playing a variety of genres at multiple stages. Enjoy a DJ by the games and artisan market area where there will be a silent dance party as well as a lip-sync competition. Interactive art: Explore amazing art displays, including stories and images of over 80 projects supported by Embracing the Spirit, a new United Church learning network and innovation fund that you can get involved in. Join a Messy Fiesta led by Messy Church Canada and paint a pew! Workshops: Be inspired by 25 Festival of Faith workshops featuring amazing facilitators from across Canada. Spirituality: Discover different ways to express your faith through various prayer stations on the festival grounds. Coffee house: Come to the café and join the open mic experience. Enjoy spoken word, poems, songs and a variety of other artistic expressions. Everyone is welcome to contribute to the onstage experience. Artisan market: Explore the market sprinkled with local artisans and social enterprises displaying their products and services. Learn more about the emerging social economy. The Alvin Dixon Memorial Run/Walk : Start your second day of festival fun on the right foot at 8 am with this 5km run / 1km walk event.

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