



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: Lent is traditionally a time for greater discipline in our lifestyles, so that we can focus on God's priorities for us in the world. This can mean giving up certain things which distract us from connecting with God. It can also be an opportunity to take-up a practice or action which brings us closer to the sacred.

As we travel through Lent, I invite you to consider making some changes in your lifestyle; particularly those which damage creation. This Sunday I will be sharing a Water Ritual and so this week let's focus on water. Although water abundant in Canada, the watersheds are vulnerable to human activity which pollutes and damages.

Did you know that according to the UN one pair of jeans takes 7,500 litres of water to make – a number that includes the water used to grow the cotton, make the denim and get the product shop-ready.

So, my next pair of jeans are coming from my daughter, thanks to her recent closet re-org!

One way to live with respect in creation. You might choose different ways – fix that dripping tap or having two-minute showers or only washing clothes when necessary.

Lent Worship Theme: "Wrestling with Angels"

As the institutional church dies, are we ready for resurrection?

March 13, 20, 27, April 3

Resource: "Dying Church, Living God: a call to begin again"
Chuck Meyer



March 13 @ 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](#)



<https://united-church.ca/stories/support-canadian-families> **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

Women's Spirituality will gather in the **Chapel** at the church on **Saturday, March 12th at 10:00**. The program includes some RHUC history which relates to a Biblical verse that appears on one of the stained-glass windows. All women invited to join in the program and time together.

Shalom Seekers: Please join us on **Monday, March 14 at 10 a.m.** This week we'll be listening to an interview with Brian McLaren about his book "Faith After Doubt" and discussing it at Monday's meeting. The link will be sent out this Friday and the Zoom invitation will be sent on Sunday evening.

Please speak to Sandra Loughton for more information about the group. New members are always given a warm welcome.



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

RHUC Book Club: We will be meeting again on **Wednesday, March 30th at 4 p.m. on Zoom** to discuss the novel THE READING LIST by Sara Nisha Adams.

The Reading List is "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.

The author lives in London and was born in Hertfordshire to Indian and English parents. Her debut novel is partly inspired by her grandfather, who lived in Wembley, and immediately found a connection with his granddaughter through books." The setting of the book is contemporary as opposed to historical. Please contact Sandra Loughton, Facilitator, for more information about the group. No previous book club experience is necessary. New members are always welcome to join us.

church news

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.

Jane Wedlock, Board Chair

Cash Cards: The next order for cash cards will be **April 20**. This is an ongoing fundraiser for RHUC that gives 1 – 10% back to the church on your gas, grocery, restaurant, coffee or gift purchase!

outreach

Right Relations

"As part of [#SecretPathWeek](#) 2021, the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund (DWF), in collaboration with Justin Stephenson (director and animator of the Secret Path) are featuring four incredible emerging Indigenous visual artists and artistic collaborators.

They share powerful stories about reconciliation, reclaiming language and teachings, and finding balance in telling stories about Canada's problematic past while also celebrating the richness that comes from Indigenous teachings, culture, and contributions. "

Video - **Beading Together** by Corrina McKay
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZOmGsMKrYY&t=12s>
Corrina McKay is an Anishnaabe multimedia visual artist currently living in Thunder Bay and studying at Lakehead University. 'Beading Together' reflects on the relations between land, growth and change. With each bead, represented as a dot, we are reminded of each step along the way towards an ever-changing future. "My dream is to bridge the gap between decolonization and technology for Indigenous storytelling. I create and share art that speaks my truth and I hope in doing so that it enables others to do the same." – Corrina McKay

Ukraine - Ways to Support

Unicef Canada <https://www.unicef.ca/en>
Global Medic <https://globalmedic.ca/ukraine-conflict-response-2022/>

International Medical Corps <https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/>
UN Refugee Agency <https://www.unhcr.ca/>
Canada-Ukraine Foundation <https://www.cufoundation.ca/>
Canadian Red Cross <https://www.redcross.ca/>

(Make sure to check organizations to ensure they are credible first)

From the United Church of Canada

"We invite our communities of faith to continue to hold the people of the region in prayer. We also invite you to explore whether there is a Ukrainian Catholic church, Ukrainian Orthodox church, or Ukrainian community centre close to you to whom you might write a letter of concern and solidarity. We will continue to update this website and our social media channels with any developments."

We offer this prayer ... <https://united-church.ca/prayers/prayer-ukraine-church-scotland>

Period Pop-Ups Richmond Hill

"McMaster University students Rita Audi and Meghna Varambally received a grant from TakingItGlobal's RisingYouth program to design and launch what they call Period Pop-Ups: a community-run pop-up pantry of feminine hygiene products made available free of charge to Hamilton residents who menstruate and may face financial hardship."

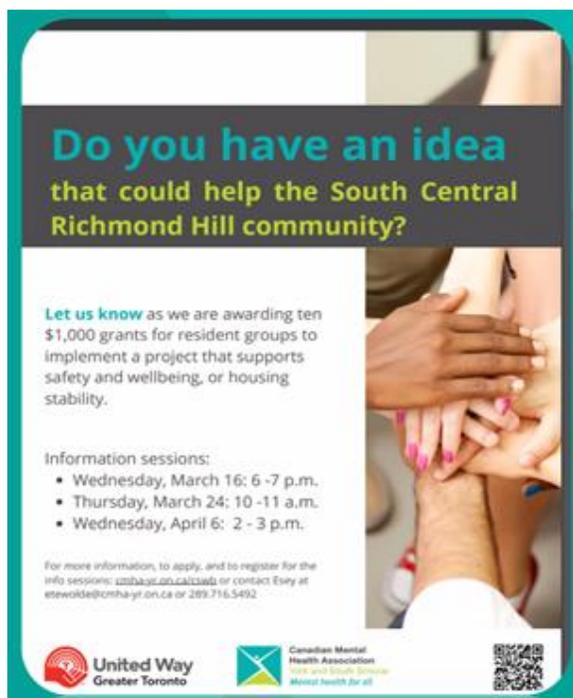
Since the initial launch of Hamilton's Period Pop-Up other communities have reached out to these ladies to start their own, including right here in Richmond Hill @ Richmond Hill United!



"Period Pop Ups Richmond Hill is a method of exchange between donors and community members struggling to afford basic menstrual products. During times like these, menstrual products have become secondary to other essentials, despite being a hygienic necessity. A public period pantry will give menstruators the ability to obtain the products that they need while feeling safe and comfortable. "

Items needed:

- pads
- tampons
- menstrual cups (<https://divacup.com/>)
- postpartum bleeding briefs
- for additional products see Amazon.ca wishlist https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1T84TKHDLCHFD?ref=wl_share



Community

Richmond Hill Speaker Series

There are so many benefits of lifelong learning. In these tumultuous times we believe it is important to stretch our thinking and be exposed to new ideas.

It would have been great to be meeting back in person but we feel that too many of those who have attended the talks in the past would not yet be comfortable in a crowded room. We hope that this fall things will be different. But being virtual does allow those who don't live near to also partake.

So here is our lineup:

April 7th

David Leyton-Brown:
The Embattled Presidency and Beyond

April 14th

Allan Bartley:
Ku Klux Klan in Canada

April 21st

Leah denBok:
But I Can Still Do Something

April 28th

Mark Kozak-Holland:
Lessons from the Project that Built, Launched and Sank the Titanic

May 5th

Daniel Black:
A Strange and Secret Wartime Journey

May 12th

Joanna Chiu:
China Unbound

The talks are at 10 am on consecutive Thursday mornings, starting April 7th. The cost is \$50 (+handling fee and tax) for the series. There are only series, not individual, tickets. The thought is that you'll discover new things. Visit the website [Home | Richmond Hill Speaker Series](#) to find out more about each speaker and what they are speaking about and order your ticket. Maybe you would like to have a friend over to watch the talk and Q&A with you? Maybe you'd just like to talk to them about it afterwards. The more the merrier!

The Village of Richmond Hill BIA and the Richmond Hill Board of Trade are having a **Spring Festival on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.** This is a free event with music and dance performances, a business market of our businesses and some kids' activities. It will be fun. It is on the BIA's Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/richmondhillbia/photos/a.326592494431953/1360630004361525/>



Spring Festival!
Join Us to celebrate
Nowruz (Persian New Year)
and
Holi (Indian Festival of Colours)

BOOK FREE TICKETS NOW!

Saturday March 19, 2022
12:30 - 4:30 pm
Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts (RHCPA)
10268 Yonge St. Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3B7

Music and Dance Performances
Kid's Activities
Business Market

Limited Spaces Available!
Go to RHCPA theatre website: www.rhcentre.ca
Go to Buy Tickets
Find Spring Festival
Book Online

(Masks Required)
Hosted by:

resources for seniors

March is Fraud Prevention Month -
FRAUD...Recognize...Reject...Report

March is Everyone deserves to feel safe as we age, but currently older adults are reporting higher rates of scams than younger populations. This is an injustice that can be prevented through awareness raising, social supports and reporting mechanisms.

These scams not only impact an individual who has experienced theft, but also impacts the broader community. Assets lost from scams and frauds, can compromise a person's standard of living, especially true of older adults who may be living on a fixed income. The impact of emotional or physical stressors, have even higher costs in the healthcare and social services sectors.

To mark Fraud Prevention Month, EAPO is hosting a series of webinars to educate seniors about measures they can take to protect themselves from frauds and scams. The best way for everyone to avoid becoming a victim is to be alert, aware and informed.

shining water regional council

Celebrate P.I.E. Day with us this year on **March 14, 2022 at 6:45 pm**. Bring some dessert and share in a short program. Mark this national day to be public, intentional and explicit about the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. [Register to receive the link to the Zoom gathering.](#)

Celebrate P.I.E. Day with us
March 14, 2022
6:45 pm on Zoom

Bring some dessert
+ share in a short program

Mark national Affirming Day
Be public, intentional and explicit about the inclusion of people
of all sexual orientations + gender identities

Register at
shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/about/affirming

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 13, 2022, 3:00:00 am local daylight time instead.



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