



Wrestling with uncertainty is part of the role of the church if it is to be relevant in people's lives. Chuck Meyer says in his book "Dying Church: Living God" -

Many well-meaning people have spent lifetimes attempting to reconcile disparate statements in the bible on the assumption that it was created as one consistent document. - In fact, the bible is a strange collection of conflicting accounts from different traditions at different times, from different cities and different cultures - - - the document that we have is exactly what God had in mind, inconsistent.

So come reflect with me, wrestle with how God's voice is being heard today. We do so, aware that there will be many interpretations – and that's what I love about the process!

### Children & family's activity

"I will make miracles" is written by Susie Morgenstern and illustrated by Jiang Hong Chen. Listen to the story and experience the artwork through this video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWvD2C48QJ0>

Questions to talk about –  
If you could make miracles, what would you do?  
How would you illustrate your miracle?

### Lent Worship Theme: "Wrestling with Angels"

As the institutional church dies, are we ready for resurrection?  
March 27, April 3  
Resource: "Dying Church, Living God: a call to begin again"  
Chuck Meyer

**March 27 @ 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](#)

### HOLY WEEK

#### Palm Passion

**Sunday April 10th 10.30 am:**  
Experience the transition from joy-filled shouts of praise to the looming threat of death.



#### Holy Thursday Video

**Thursday April 14th:** Created for families to use when eating supper to promote conversation but it could be used by individuals to reflect upon as they eat.



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](mailto: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:

Have you had an experience that you named a miracle? For me it was looking at my first grandchild, thinking it was absolutely miraculous that here she was, after all those months: yet knowing that there were millions of similar miracles being experienced by families all around the world. Perhaps another miracle happened this week, when this seven-month scrap of humanity slept through the night for the first time 😊

We will be wrestling with a miracle story of Jesus this Sunday, considering how it speaks to us in the uncertainty of today.



## Good Friday

**Friday April 15th 10.30 am:** Imagine the day where betrayal and denial clashed together, bringing accusations, judgement and death.

## Sunrise Service

**Sunday April 17th 6.30 am:** in Amos Wright Park, Church Street, north of Centre St E.

## Easter Sunday

**Sunday April 17th 10.30 am: Communion Service**



**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](mailto: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:** Please join us on Monday, **March 28th at 10 a.m. on Zoom** for our regular Monday morning discussion. This week we will be discussing several videos. Links to the videos will be sent out via e-mail on Friday and the Zoom invitation on Sunday evening or Monday a.m. For more details about Shalom Seekers, please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator.

**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](mailto:dlbrown@yorku.ca)

**RHUC Book Club:** Please join us on **Wednesday, March 30th at 4 p.m. on Zoom** to discuss the novel **The Reading List** by Sara Nisha Adams. For more details about the book club, please contact Sandra Loughton, Facilitator. New members are always welcome to try out a meeting.



## church news

**Congregational Update:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on **Sunday, April 3 at 2.00 pm via Zoom**. Come and celebrate the ministry of RHUC and hear about possible directions for the future. *Jane Wedlock, Board Chair*



**Easter flowers:** If you would like to donate towards the purchase of flowers for Easter Sunday and include a memorial/celebratory message in the order of service, please email Deb at

[office@rhuc.org](mailto:office@rhuc.org) your message and donation or drop off at the church. Due by April 6.

The Sanctuary Committee needs help with decorating our beautiful, historic sanctuary. Your help is greatly appreciated! Email Linda Clark at [lclark222@sympatico.ca](mailto:lclark222@sympatico.ca).



to Oda Barlow celebrating 99 years!!

## outreach

### Lenten Givings

This year's donations are being directed to **The UN Refugee Agency of Canada**.

"UNHCR is on the ground delivering aid to families who have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict in the Ukraine. Over 2 million refugees have fled the Ukraine since March 8th to neighbouring countries and the number is continuing to grow exponentially."

What happens to your money when you donate to UNHCR Canada?

We pride ourselves on ensuring resources are used responsibly and efficiently to benefit displaced people around the world. That's why we can send **84% of every donation directly to uprooted families living in dire conditions, giving them hope for a brighter future. In addition, 10% goes to support the implementation of our programs around the world—with only 6% going towards management and administrative costs.** <https://www.unhcr.ca/our-work/where-your-money-goes/>





### Book Sale @ RHUC - September 10

If you're at home and find yourself wanting to purge books...STOP!

We're having a Book Event this year and will happily take your novels (no textbooks or workbooks please).

Contact Tracy Wixon at [tewixon3@gmail.com](mailto:tewixon3@gmail.com) if you need to arrange pick up or to arrange dropping off your books. Thank you!



### 360 Kids

Due to unforeseen circumstances, 360°kids food pantry is facing fairly bare shelves and are reaching out to the community for your support. Some of the most in demand items from our youth include pasta, pasta sauces, boxed meals (mashed potatoes, scallop potatoes, etc.), canned items, water, juice, and cereals. If you are interested in making a donation, please schedule your drop off contact (416)948-2186 to connect with the Richmond Hill Home Base team. For more information regarding donation requests go to: <https://www.360kids.ca/program-wish-lists/>



### Urgently needed

**food:** Boxed cereal, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, canned beans, dried beans in a bag, tinned stew, canned meat and fish,

canned vegetables, peanut butter, jam, instant coffee, tea, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper.

When making a donation to the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank, please ensure items are within the best before period, have not expired and have not been opened.

### Period Pop-Ups Richmond Hill

"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](https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1T84TKHDLCHFD?ref=wl_share)

## community news

You can help give Richmond Hill a spring cleaning during Clean Up, Green Up Weeks! From **Friday, April 22 to Friday, May 6**, residents, businesses, community groups and schools are encouraged to come together to help pick up litter that has accumulated over the winter months in parks, trails, on boulevards and in open spaces. The city will provide registered groups with gloves, garbage and recycling bags, and arrange for collection of the filled bags. All businesses are eligible to register. Please register by April 10 at [Richmondhill.ca/CleanUpWeeks](http://Richmondhill.ca/CleanUpWeeks)



## mission & service

Support those affected by the crisis in Ukraine. Shock, disbelief, anxiety, helplessness. And this is how we are feeling, miles away from this terrible event, but affecting people and land who are part of God's love and creation. The United Church of Canada, through the Mission & Service Fund, is always ready to ACT when a crisis in our world happens, be it a natural disaster like a hurricane in Haiti; a justice issue like Global Vaccine Access for all; or a human-made crisis like this invasion of a country. The invasion of Ukraine is costing precious lives and creating a humanitarian crisis as people flee to safety. The United Nations reports that a growing number, now about three million people are displaced from their homes, they are seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. They have lost friends, loved ones and property with the continuous bombing of their towns and cities, infrastructure, and land; they struggle to meet their basic needs, like food, clean water, medical attention and shelter, and they face a very uncertain future.



The ACT Alliance of which the United Church is a member, has partners around the world where our donations go; for the Ukrainian crisis, we work through the member Hungarian Interchurch who are providing tangible support for the people of Ukraine.

The only positive part of all this is knowing that 100% of your donation to the United Church goes to emergency response relief; 85% to Ukraine and 15% to responding to future emergencies. No part of your donation is deducted for administration, advertising, or consultants; all money goes towards emergency relief.

#### How to donate:

1. online – go to the United Church of Canada website [united-church.ca](http://united-church.ca)
  2. telephoning the United Church of Canada 416-231-5931 ext. 2738
  3. mailing a cheque to: The United Church of Canada Philanthropy Unit, Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario M8X 2Y4
- YOU can be a major part of helping God's people and creation through your donations to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada.

## 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.

To learn more about fraud prevention please visit the below websites:

- (1) Sophisticated crypto scams targeting victims through social media and dating websites  
<https://bc-cb.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ViewPage.action?languageId=1&siteNodeId=2087&contentId=71950>
- (2) Crypto Investments - Fraudsters are using social media and fraudulent websites. Prior to investing, ask for information on the investment. Research the team behind the offering and analyze the feasibility of the project. Verify if the company is registered by using the National Registration Tool ([www.aretheyregistered.ca](http://www.aretheyregistered.ca)).
- (3) Fraud related to COVID-19  
<https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/features-vedette/2020/covid-19-eng.htm>
- (4) RCMP – Identity Fraud  
<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/scams-fraudes/id-theft-vol-eng.htm>
- (5) Canadian Bankers Association – Compromised card  
<http://www.cba.ca/?cat=Fraud-Prevention>
- (6) Competition Bureau  
<http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/eic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/03662.html>
- (7) Consumer Protection Ontario  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/consumer-protection-ontario>
- (8) Social Engineering Fraud (Interpol)  
<https://www.interpol.int/Crimes/Financial-crime/Social-engineering-scams>
- (9) Employment Scams  
<https://www.foxnews.com/tech/jobs-scams-technology-fbi-warns>
- (10) Tips for using Public Wifi  
<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0014-tips-using-public-wi-fi-networks>
- (11) Emergency Scams  
<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0204-family-emergency-scams>
- (12) Romance Scams  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaM2Moglp5c>
- (13) Running a business? Learn more about the business email compromise scam  
<https://cba.ca/protecting-your-business-from-business-email-compromise-fraud>

National Institute on Ageing - [National Institute on Ageing \(nia-ryerson.ca\)](http://NationalInstituteonAgeing(nia-ryerson.ca))

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