

Sunday, November 10

9:00 a.m. Finance Committee – Lower Centennial Hall
 10:30 a.m. Service
 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice – Parlour
 12:00 p.m. Sermon Talk back – Common Room

Monday, November 11 – Remembrance Day

7:00 p.m. H.A.I.R. – Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Beavers

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 p.m. Cubs – gym

Wednesday, November 13

6:30 p.m. Meditation Group – Chapel
 7:30 p.m. Board meeting - Parlour

Thursday, November 14

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Parlour
 7:00 p.m. Scouts – gym

Saturday, November 16

3:30 p.m. Djembe drumming – Parlour

worship and music

Minister’s message: A couple of weeks ago during worship, I offered DJ’s MAP Minute on his behalf while he spoke in Teen Seekers. Printed in this edition of RHUC Online, in the Minute he highlighted the challenges that we are facing financially and in terms of our property. One vexing issue is the return of leaks in the roof of the CD Building, despite the repair two summers ago. It is a real learning moment. We opted for a spray foam solution, in large part because of the increased R value it was going to offer as well as the reflective capacity of the outer application, helping to further keep the top floor cooler in the summer. It also came in as a cheaper solution and now we know why. With the roof under warranty, we have gone back and forth with the roofer to no avail. We will be proceeding with a temporary fix to hold us over the winter and into spring as we continue to make decisions about the longer term use of all three of our buildings. This situation has had an impact on everyone, especially because Bravo! Centre for Dance is currently in the Garden Room, creating a domino effect on a number of user groups. As I’m sure you can imagine, this has been stressful on many. We need then to be compassionate and understanding with one another. This is a space which we share. May we treat each other and our partners with love and support as we seek long term solutions.

Sunday, November 10: As we mark Remembrance Sunday, we reflect together in a service of readings, hymns and anthems. We pause to give thanks for those who lives were lost in times of war, and consider as well our ongoing need to cultivate a world where peace and justice grow. Children will participate in Discovery Time in Centennial Hall while youth stay in sanctuary for the service.

Sermon Talkback: Fifteen minutes after the end of worship, come to the Common Room for our monthly talkback. Because we meet for the talkback just once a month, any sermon over the past weeks is fair game for further conversation. Sermons are posted on the website (www.rhuc.org) if you need to refresh your memory.

Sunday, November 17: We welcome as our guest speaker Bijan Rafii from the Canadian Centre for Men and Families - York Region. Bijan is starting a men’s peer support program to offer assistance to men facing anxiety, parental alienation, domestic abuse and other concerns. Following worship, we will gather for a Lunch and Learn so we may engage in further conversation with Bijan.



programs for all

Shalom Seekers: Shalom Seekers will not meet on Mon., Nov. 11. Next session will take place on Nov 18.

Please speak to either Peg Hiscoke or Sandra Loughton for more information about the group. New members are always warmly welcome to attend.

Women's Spirituality: This **Saturday, Nov. 9th** Women's Spirituality will gather in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. Verna will lead the program: "The Gift of Snowflakes and the Divinity of Giving". All women are welcome!

Men's Breakfast: Richmond Hill United Church next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, November 9, 2019**. Coffee and tea will be served at 8:15am, followed by breakfast at 8:30 prepared by our UCW friends. New participants are always welcome. The Men's Breakfasts are a time of fellowship and camaraderie. Feel free to contact us if you're interested in more information about it. Cost is \$10 / person, with net proceeds to the UCW. Please RSVP to Harry Ramsaran (harrypersad.ramsaran@gmail.com or 905 508 4758) by Thursday, November 7th. Thank you!

After breakfast you are invited to a presentation on **Understanding our own changing climate by Marjorie Shepherd, Director Climate Research / Senior Climate Change Science Advisor**. Her work has focused on developing science information and advice for air quality and climate adaptation, mitigation, research planning and assessment work. Her science assessment leadership includes North American multi-stakeholder assessments on fine particulate matter, Arctic Council report on Methane, and most recently the Canada's Changing Climate Report. She has worked with Environment and Climate Change Canada since 1990, and received an M.Sc. in Atmospheric Chemistry (York University), and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (University of Saskatchewan). She has represented Canada internationally as delegation member for Commissions of the World Meteorological Organization, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the Arctic Council Monitoring and Assessment Program.

H.A.I.R.: (Heretics, Agnostics, Infidels and Other Riffraff) is the Monday evening study group where we gather to explore questions, express doubts, and realize that we are not the only ones who have wondered these things. We meet Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 in the chapel and all are welcome. Please join us any Monday to explore your faith and its applicability to our lives, to ask the questions you may not have felt comfortable raising, and to learn with and from a stimulating group of fellow questioners.

RHUC Book Club: Wednesday, November 27th at 7 p.m. in the RHUC Chapel. The book for this month is *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See - set on the Korean island of Jeju, The Island of Sea Women follows Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls from very different backgrounds, as they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective. Over many decades—through the Japanese colonialism of the 1930s, 1940s, World War II, the Korean War, and the era of cellphones and wet suits for the women divers—Mi-ja and Young-sook develop the closest of bonds. For more details on group, contact Deb Fratin in the Church Office at 905.884.1301, Ext. 5. New members welcome to attend.

eco justice

Targeting Climate Change: The Election is over. New Style of Government to be decided. Climate Change is clearly still a major feature for the new Parliament and supported by oct Canadians.

- We have been running this series on the RHUC Web-Site and this will conclude the series.
- Do you want to create a new series on Climate Change?
- Let us know!!

outreach activities

MANY THANKS! Hands and Hearts for Africa would like to thank all those who supported our Jazz Evening last Saturday November 2. Sandra Kirby and Benjamin Stein, both talented performers, gave us a wonderful evening of light jazz and swing music to enjoy. We know that this brought fond memories for some of you in the audience. We are pleased to say that, through your generous support, this event raised over \$1100 for African AIDs families and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. As the African proverb says "If you want to go fast, go alone: **If you want to travel far, Go Together.**"

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service support theological education in seven theological schools, including Emmanuel College in Toronto, Ontario. Aside from The United Church of Canada ministry training degrees, Emmanuel College offers interfaith programs in Muslim studies and Buddhist studies. These programs have created a more enriched program of study and diversity in the student population. Thanks to your gifts to Mission & Service, the college has implemented inter-faith programs such as Islamic Studies. Padre Helms has been involved in teaching, community outreach, youth ministry, hospital pastoral care, and inter-faith dialogue. She is grateful for the opportunity to be the first female Muslim chaplain, and finds that military chaplaincy is a place where she can serve her regimental family.

Krasman Centre Visitor “new Item” Holiday Donations

Once again at Advent, we are **collecting new backpacks and reusable bags filled with Wellness and Winter Need items for Krasman Centre drop-in Visitors.** The Richmond Hill Krasman Centre is located @ 10121 Yonge St. just 2 blocks south of the church. All donated items to be new. Loose items are welcome too, just put them in a reusable bag.

On Sunday Dec. 8th and 15th, please place these items in the bushel baskets under the trees in the sanctuary. Krasman Centre needs these items by Dec. 16th. During the weeks before Dec. 15th there will be bushel baskets in the office, if it is more convenient to drop off items there.

Please note that 10% of K.C. visitors are homeless and approx. 2/3 of their visitors are men. There are women too, but not as many.

Many Krasman Centre visitors “drop-in” because: they are interested in the programs offered, able to talk with peers (including staff) about their daily stresses, need an advocate to help with: navigating government assistance paperwork / housing / mental health & addiction issues; or just need a safe, supportive place to meet friends without being labelled or judged. It is a unique place “inspiring peer support one connection at a time”. Let’s help them feel “special” at this holiday time of year.

Here is a list of **special Wellness Items for K.C. Holiday Gift Bags:** notebooks & pens, word & number puzzle books, playing cards & fidget toys, travel-sized board games, art supplies, adult colouring books, pencil crayons / sharpeners, small change purses, gift cards to Tim Hortons or McDonalds in small denominations.

List of **K.C. Visitor frequently requested Winter Needs** (all new items): gloves, scarves, hats, hygiene items, non-perishable snacks (small, sealed, store bought like hot chocolate, tea, small treats, granola bars), backpacks, warm socks & underwear, sweaters & pants, Thermos & water bottles.

church news

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.



Bev Blake, one of RHUC's active members, had been recognized for her volunteering in the community. Bev has been attending Connecting the Community, a group of people in Richmond Hill in business,

politics, social agencies, self-help support groups and others interested in getting to know and support each other in community building. It is in talking with each other that we find very interesting people who are our neighbours. Marj Andre is the founder and leader of C the C which has been meeting every Tuesday morning for about ten years, presently renting our Centennial Hall since February. Bev and Donna Smith serve tea and coffee to the group, a fundraiser but more importantly, we are spreading a welcome to people who wouldn't normally walk into our church. Bev received a certificate, Active at Eighty, and she is a busy lady at 80!

Congratulations Bev from your church family.

A MAP Minute: The MAP Pilot team has been working to implement the strategic we set as a congregation in April 2018. The nine priorities are examined at each Pilot team meeting to ensure we are making progress on each of the intentions. One intention was to examine how finances and property fit together and so we felt we needed to spend money to get advice about the condition of the buildings. This objective analysis will help us make choices about what needs to be done both in the short term and in the long term. DJ, our treasurer, is an economist who has taught benefit-cost analysis. We need to view our next steps with that eye, looking at the nine intentions not just on their own merit but considering our short and long term financial capabilities. As we take time to evaluate what we need to do in order to achieve our intentions, we have stopped all but emergency and safety spending on the property. In the past we have not been able to pay for our property expenses, programs and staff from congregational givings alone. Fortunately, we have been blessed to receive several bequests recently. In addition, income from rentals has meant we haven't had to borrow money. We also have applied for and received several grants and will continue to do so. As we continue to discern together, we need new participants to lend a hand. We particularly need a chair of Finance and Treasurer as of our next Annual Congregation meeting.

upcoming events

Out of the Cold program: Volunteers needed:

Located at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday evenings: November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,

January 5, 12, 19

Times: 5:00 - 8:00 for food preparation

6:00 - 9:00 for serving meals and clean-up

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