



This week at a glance

Don't forget: At 2:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour on Sunday, November 5, 2017, to 1:00:00 am local standard time.

The **March of Remembrance** will form at 10 a.m. at the northwest corner of Wright and Yonge Streets and will proceed south on Yonge Street at 10:30 a.m. The service will take place at the Richmond Hill Cenotaph in front of the McConaghy Centre located at 10100 Yonge Street at 11 a.m., McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge Street.

Sat. Nov. 4 – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Fall Art Show

Sunday, November 5 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Remembrance Sunday) 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Finance meeting - Chapel

11:45 p.m. Healing Service - Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Training for Lay Leadership – Chapel

12:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice – Common room

4:00 p.m. Forest Church – Wilcox Lake

Monday, November 6

9:30 a.m. Shalom Seekers – Chapel

7:00 p.m. H.A.I.R. – Chapel

7:00 p.m. Cubs - gym

Tuesday, November 7

7:00 p.m. Beavers – gym

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi – Garden room

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 p.m. Scouts/Venturers – gym

7:30 p.m. Council – Parlour

Thursday, November 9

6:15 p.m. Bible Study – Chapel

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Common Room

Friday, November 10

9:15 a.m. Yoga Energetics – Upper gym

Saturday, November 11

8:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast – lower gym

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Drop off time for pancake breakfast supplies/set up for breakfast

4:00 p.m. Djembe drumming – Garden room

Sunday, November 12

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast – lower gym

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Worship

November 5: Remembrance Sunday. Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-16, 22-27

11:45 a.m. Healing Service

4:00 pm - November Forest Church: we will host another Forest Church gathering, this time at **Wilcox Lake**.

Honouring the seasonal transition of this time of year, we will come together for prayerful good byes to the birds, leaves, warmer days, and ready ourselves to welcome the long night of winter. We will meet in the parking lot and then proceed to the lake. Be sure to invite others who enjoy outdoor experiences as a way of connecting with God. Three Rivers Forest Church events are regularly held on the first Sunday of the month.

November 12: Remembering Loved Ones. As part of our worship service on November 12, we will take time to remember loved ones who have died, especially in the last year. If you wish, bring a framed photo of your loved one to place on the communion table prior to the service. We will also take time to light candles in memory of those who are with us in spirit.

Upcoming Lunch and Learn on November 26: Did you know we presently have three streams of ministry in the United Church - ordained ministers, diaconal ministers and designated lay ministers? That could possibly change if Remit 6, a proposal for one order of ministry is approved by presbyteries and congregational boards/councils. On November 26, James will be presenting information regarding this proposal.



Training for Lay Worship Leadership

Training for Lay Worship Leadership: **Sunday, November 5, 12 and 19, 12:00 - 2:30 pm:**

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do in a worship service? Or wanted to learn how to write a Prayer of Approach? Or secretly wanted to preach a sermon? If so then you are invited to a series of workshops this coming November following worship. The workshops will prepare people to assist in preparing and leading worship, including preaching sermons. Those who are simply interested in both the meaning and mechanics of worship are also welcome to attend. For more information, contact James. Workshops will start in the spare office.

Minister's Message

It all broke with a news report about director Harvey Weinstein. Over the last weeks there have been increasing reports from women, and some men, of the sexual harassment and inappropriate behaviours they have experienced. I'm guessing that like me with each new story you feel increasing anger or sorrow or both. So what are we to do in the face of this? First is to listen with openness to the pain. For too long people have denied the extent of this issue and yet recent reports suggest more than 30% of women have experienced some degree of harassment. Statistically women have a 1 in 5 chance of being sexually assaulted. Statistics don't lie so why do so many people not believe the victim or shift the blame onto her. What victims of harassment and assault need is compassion and support. Secondly, we need to challenge the gendered power dynamics in our society that have made this such a chronic reality. Men especially need to stand up and say "enough is enough" when they get wind that harassment and other behaviours are taking place, when jokes are told, when rumours are whispered, and not just when women are in the room. This is not to say that women too shouldn't say something. But close to three quarters of women do not report harassment out of fear of retaliation, embarrassment or not being believed. Finally we need to take time for the women in our lives so they can share about their experiences. We all long for a day when there is true equality in our world. We will only get there when we break the silence, listen to one another and advocate for true and lasting change.



Liona Boyd –

'A Winter Fantasy' – in Concert with RHUC Chancel Choir at RHUC

On **December 2 at 7:30 p.m.** the Chancel Choir is privileged and honoured to be presenting a concert, "A Winter Fantasy", with **Liona Boyd**, one of Canada's musical icons! Get your tickets early!

Ticket price: \$35
Available from:

- church office
- Chancel Choir member
- after service in Centennial Hall
- richmondhill.snapd.com

HOSPITALITY & WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Living in Peace and Reconciliation

The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
"Self-determination"

Article 3: Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

Article 4: Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions.

Living in Peace and Reconciliation



Protect the Lake Simcoe Watershed

Join in solidarity with the Chippewas of Georgina Island. Our friends from Georgina Island are asking for our support to protect Lake Simcoe. A petition is available on the bulletin board in the hallway to Centennial Hall.

Fall Art Show – this Saturday! – Nov. 4

Fall Art Show & Sale! NOV. 4, 1-5PM DONT MISS IT!

Interested in art? Then please join us on **Saturday Nov 4 from 1-5 pm**. This is your opportunity to see what is happening on the art scene and to meet local artists. Or maybe you are looking for a perfect gift for someone special for Christmas?

Come join us on the main floor of RHUC. New this year is a fashion show modelled by grannies and friends of Hands and Hearts for Africa. Our artists this year include several new faces including a potter and stained glass crafts person. Along with the lively music of the RHUC djembes and the Moore family guitar and keyboard, we will be featuring a talented young harpist called Sebastian.

Why not treat yourself and your friends to a fun afternoon of art, food fashion and music? \$5 entry tickets support the programmes of the Stephen Lewis Foundation for African AIDS families and can be purchased at the door. We welcome your support!

Minute for Mission *Called to be the Church*

Our gifts for Mission & Service have supported training for ministers and building churches. Let us hear the story of one man who made a huge difference in many lives! The Rev. Dr. Waldo Edward Lovel Smith was a United Church minister, author, navy chaplain, professor, and church planter who is remembered fondly by former students, veterans, ministers, and parishioners. The ripples of his commitment can be felt today. During World War 2, Waldo was granted a leave from his pastoral charge in Grafton, Ontario, to serve as chaplain in the 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade in Canada, England, and Italy. He was awarded the Military Cross for rescuing John Matheson in 1943 while serving in Italy. Waldo carried John from where he lay on the ground to a field hospital. John Matheson is the man who helped Canada choose the flag design we love today. After the war, while teaching at Queen's Theological College, Waldo used support grants to create many churches in the developing communities around Kingston, Ontario. One that is still a thriving congregation today is St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church. Waldo formed the congregation in a nearby school in 1951. With support from the Missionary and Maintenance Fund (now Mission & Service), the church was created in its current location with student minister leadership until 1957, when it called its first full-time ordained minister. We sing thanksgiving for the giving hearts of those who have answered the call to chaplaincy. If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

Out of the Cold

The Out of the Cold program is opening soon and we are looking for Registered Nurses (RN's), Nurse Practitioners (NP's) and Medical Doctors to volunteer at our shelters! The Out of the Cold program is a dynamic place to volunteer! If you want to help those in need, get to know amazing people, have fun and use your medical skills, this is the opportunity! We are currently looking for medical professionals to volunteer at various locations on:

- Monday evenings (Richmond Hill) – January to March
- Tuesday evenings (Vaughan) – November to January
- Wednesday evenings (Markham) – January to March
- Thursday evenings (Thornhill) – November to January
- Thursday evenings (Vaughan) – February to March

The shift is from 5-8pm. You can volunteer for 1 night a week or for more than 1 night a week. We require our nurses to be registered with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) or other regulatory body in Ontario.

Our medical professionals provide basic care including general check-ups, wound care, dispensing over the counter medication, foot care and referrals. Please call us at 416 948 6682, send us an email at rsumar@rogers.com or message us if you would like to volunteer or need more information! Visit www.miotc.ca



ENGAGING, CHALLENGING & GROWING OUR FAITH

Shalom Seekers

Please join us on **Monday, November 6th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel** where we'll continue the DVD series called ***THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING - 500 Years of the Reformation***.

"2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, an obscure German monk named Martin Luther published 95 theses for debate in Wittenberg, Germany. Little did he know that this act would ignite a revolution that would reshape the Christian church and change Western civilization forever."

The DVD presentation will be followed by a lively and informative discussion to get your brain kick-started for the week! New members are always welcome to drop in and check out the group. For more details, please call the church office at 905.884.1301 or speak to one of the group's co-facilitators: Dawn Moon, Peg Hiscoke or Sandra Loughton.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, November 11 2017**. Coffee and tea will be served at 8:15am, with breakfast in the gym 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 UCW. Please RSVP to Harry Ramsaran (hramsaran@rogers.com or 905 508 4758) by Thursday, November 9th. Thank you!

After Breakfast Peter Devita will talk about some of the interesting things found out about our facilities going back to 1880. We have the CD building Architectural drawings current and some older. We also have deeds and property surveys. Where the architecture drawings are still current, we will look at photos of today's actual buildings. To broaden the talk a little we will also look at the architect of our older building and similar buildings he designed, one other of which is still standing.

The photo shows our building under construction in the early spring of 1880. The Tower is half built. The Bell went into second floor above what has been completed. The beams are likely 8"x8"

RHUC Book Club

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel** to discuss the novel ***COMMONWEALTH*** by American writer Ann Patchett.

The acclaimed, bestselling author—winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award and the Orange Prize—tells the enthralling story of how an unexpected romantic encounter irrevocably changes two families' lives.

Spanning five decades, Commonwealth explores how a chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children involved. Spending summers together in Virginia, the Keating and Cousins children forge a lasting bond that is based on a shared disillusionment with their parents and the strange and genuine affection that grows up between them.

Told with equal measures of humor and heartbreak, Commonwealth is a meditation on inspiration, interpretation, and the ownership of stories. It is a brilliant and tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love and responsibility that bind us together.

Please note that the meeting will take place on the 4th Wednesday of the month and there are five Wednesdays in November. New members are always welcome! For more details, please call the Church Office at 905.884.1301 or speak to Sandra Loughton.



Bible Study

In the United Church of Canada the bible is a source of wisdom for us. That being said, we take the bible seriously but not literally. During Bible Study we gather Thursday evenings at 6:16 p.m. in the Chapel to discuss the readings for the coming Sunday – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-16, 22-27.

You don't need to come every week, although there can be carry over between weeks when one week's readings continue on from the week before. It's not a set program so you can start coming next month, go away for a month or two, and stop by anytime you wish. You don't need to be a bible scholar. So come by and join the discussion.

Christmas Tea – Saturday, Dec. 2



Save the date!! The United Church Women (UCW) will be hosting a **Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Tea: \$10 (sandwiches, scones, squares, cookies, tea & coffee)
Bake table, jams, preserves, knitting and jewellery!

H.A.I.R.

We (Heretics, Agnostics, Infidels, and Riffraff) are eager to start questioning, discussing, and exploring life issues. Please feel free to come and join us, we love to hear a diversity of ideas. Here is our schedule for the fall: We will begin with a two-week series of discussions sparked by short videos collected from the Internet.

In Part Two, Brian explores the "kind of Christian" he is. We will choose several of these to explore over the remaining weeks until the Christmas break. Listed here are some tentative choices (the group will finalize these with input from all), just to give a sense of the topics we will be exploring. We will update RHUC Online once we have selected our final topics.

November 6 - Why I Am charismatic/contemplative AND Why I am fundamentalist/calvinist

November 13 - Why I Am anabaptist/anglican AND Why I am methodist

November 20 - Why I Am catholic AND Why I am green

November 27 - Why I Am incarnational AND Why I am depressed-yet-hopeful

December 4 - Why I am emergent AND Why I am an unfinished Christian

Special Occasions

Writing to the church in Rome, the apostle Paul urged them: "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep". 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. This column is an effort to rectify that situation. Don't hesitate to add any special occasions you know about.

BUILDING FOR MINISTRY

RHUC Liaison Committee

Donations to our church come through an individual's generosity, fundraising, a person's wish in their will for division of their estate, in memory gifts....many paths from people who support our work. We have received a donation from a different path: from the New Life Korean Methodist Church who share our building for their worship and work. They knew of our having to replace the CD roof and wanted to help. Our thanks for their generosity and commitment to wanting to support us. They are most appreciative to be able to share our church. *RHUC Liaison Committee*



Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, Nov. 12!

The Generous Spirit Kickoff Breakfast is being held on **Sunday November 12th**. If you could volunteer to bring items and/or help to serve, it would be appreciated.

We are looking for donations of pancake batter (recipe will be provided), butter, maple syrup, and fruit. (Bacon is being lovingly prepared by Three Coins.) Serving time for breakfast will be from **9:15 to 10:00 am**.

If you have a griddle you could loan for the morning, it would make our cooking time easier.

Drop-off is 3 to 4 pm Saturday November 11th at which time we are also looking for volunteers to help with set-up (although items can be labelled and left in the kitchen during office hours on Friday) .

Sign-up sheets will be available in Centennial Hall following the service this coming Sunday. If you won't be at the service this week, just let us know by email. Thanks for your consideration.

CREATING AND NURTURING COMMUNITY

Mosaic Interfaith

This Sunday, November 5th from 2 - 4:30 pm at Temple Har Zion, we will present our seventh annual From Abraham 3 Faiths presentation and discussion. This year's title: "In the current struggle for the soul of humanity, is religion an asset or an obstacle?" Our panelists, The Rev. Canon, John Hill, Rabbi Michael Stroh and Dr. Liyakat Takim will be discussing the worldwide turn to right wing extremism in religion, nationalism & politics. There will be presentations from our panelist and round table discussions. Please feel free to contact us to RSVP for the programs or for more information. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Fran Isaacs and Shabnees Siwjee, co-chairs MOSAIC INTERFAITH
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Celebration of Remembrance Day

War Time Radio Show to play at Hope United Church: In celebration of Remembrance Day, "Hope Players" will present "The War Time Radio Show". Show times are, **Friday, Nov 10th at 7:30 pm, Remembrance Day, Saturday Nov. 11th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 12th at 2:00pm**. You are invited to join the cast as they step back in time to 1944, when **Radio was King** of the airwaves. Imagine sitting in the studio audience of the local radio station in 1944, as they broadcast to the men and women overseas. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors/students, or \$40 for a family. Please call 416-691-9682 to reserve tickets or purchase online at HopeUnited.ca. Tickets will also be available at the door. Our venue is **Hope United Church Auditorium**, 2550 Danforth Ave., Toronto The auditorium is fully accessible.

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