

We will continue to livestream Sunday service using Zoom as well as returning to in-person services. If you would like to attend, you are required to provide proof of your Covid-19 2nd vaccine at the Yonge St., entrance (either QR code or a paper copy), as well as signing in and the wearing of masks.

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. Following the online service, a recording of the full service will be posted on our Facebook page. Follow this link: [facebook.com/RichmondHillUnitedChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/RichmondHillUnitedChurch/). In addition, the weekly message will be posted on the [RHUC Blog](#).

If you ever find you're encountering issues using Zoom on Sunday, you can always visit <https://status.zoom.us/> to check the site status. 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

Minister's Message: November 7 is our Remembrance Sunday, the Sunday when we give thanks for those men and women in the military from the past and pray for the men and women in the military today.

When I was studying for the ministry, I was required to have an 8-month internship, my internship was in Nepean, a suburb of Ottawa at Barrhaven United Church. Barrhaven was the home of many congregation members that worked at the Department of National Defence, and I remember planning for the Remembrance Day service, and feeling uncomfortable about it, because like many I believed that Remembrance Day glorified war, but what I learned that year is that Remembrance Day is important, because those who have served and are serving do so, because they strongly believe in peace. I learned that for them there is no glory in war, only struggle, struggle that is worth if we can achieve peace.

With this in mind I want to lift up two names from your own Roll of those who served. Two brothers who had very different experiences of World War One and yet each struggled during that war.

The two names that I want to highlight to you this morning are two brothers C.E Hill and L.A. Hill. C.E. Hill is Carl Englis Hill, a Lieutenant in the 24th Battalion who was wounded at Vimy Ridge, and was sent home to continue his medical studies and became a doctor in Richmond Hill. L.A Hill is Lloyd Allen Hill, a gunner in 34th Battalion of the 9th Brigade, who cracked his elbow created a weakened arm. Lloyd was a banker who lived his life in Richmond Hill, he was widowed and remarried.

These are two of the many names on your roll, more will be shared on Sunday as we remember the sacrifice of many for a cause greater than all of us, much like the widow who gave what she could for a larger cause.

Blessings,
Rev. Ruth Noble

Sunday, November 7, 2021: 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](#)



Sunday offering: RHUC, like other churches, depends on donations and rentals to pay our bills. We appreciate those who use Pre-Authorized

Remittance (PAR). For those not PAR, please consider making sure you get your weekly envelope money in (mailed in or mail slot on Centre. St. door) and we hope as well that you will consider some extra to compensate for the loss in income. You can use e-transfer to office@rhuc.org, Canada Helps, <http://www.rhuc.org/donate.html>, or post-dated cheques to the Church, 10201 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, L4C 3B2.

programs for all

Shalom Seekers: Please join us on Zoom on **Monday, November 8th from 10 to 11 a.m.** to discuss the memoir *The Other Side of the River: From Church Pew to Sweat Lodge* by Rev. Alf Dumont, a Canadian minister in the United Church of Canada for over 40 years. "Alf walks between the two worlds of Indigenous and settler, traditional spirituality and Christianity. He challenges the country to re-examine its responsibilities and relationships with Indigenous people. Through stories, humour, poetry, and insight, Dumont encourages all people 'to sit down together again' and share in a new way."

For this week, we'll be reading and discussing Chapter 3: *Growing Through Life's Experiences*. For more information about the group, please speak to a member of Shalom Seekers or contact Sandra Loughton, Facilitator. New members warmly welcomed.

H.A.I.R.: Our Monday evening study group, 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.**

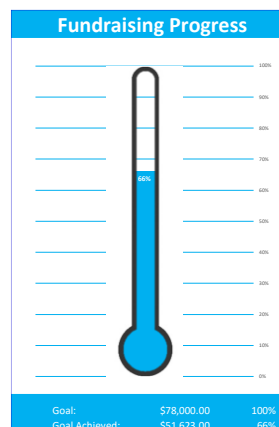
HAIR intends to be a place of inquiry and questioning, where doubts are expressed, uncertainties about our faith and its relevance to our daily lives are clarified, and the application of the teachings and principles of our Christian faith to major issues of our time are explored, and where we have interesting and stimulating discussions. In the past year we used videos of TED talks to launch discussion, and dealt with such topics as environmentalism, racism, social justice, ethics, science and religion, and healthy ageing.

In the past we have also watched and discussed DVD series, and read and discussed thought-provoking books and articles, and we keep looking for stimulating new material.

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: Interested in reading and talking about books? Please join us on **Wednesday, November 24th at 4 p.m. on Zoom** to discuss the memoir "Lion" by Saroo Brierley. It was initially published as "A Long Way Home". This is the incredible true story of a young boy in India who gets lost on a train one day and how he eventually finds his way home from the other side of the world. For more information about the book club, please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator. New members are warmly welcome!

church news



Boosting Our Signal Campaign: RHUC has embarked on a project to upgrade our AV capabilities. This project, to be implemented in Phases, not only improves the livestream services, but helps us to achieve some of our long-term ministry goals. You can donate via e-transfer to



office@rhuc.org, cheque or CanadaHelps.org.

We have reached **66%** of our goal (**\$51,623.00**)!! Thank you!

outreach

Downie & Wenjack Fundraiser Performance "Legacy" Featuring Tom Wilson, Kevin Hearn (Barenaked Ladies) & Josh Finlayson (Skydiggers) of Gord Downie's Secret Path Band, Logan Staats, Emm Gryner, Philip Davis & the Land Back Unity Jam Band, and more! Performance and storytelling come together with LEGACY; a part of our collective reconciliation journey to promote awareness, education, and thoughtful action. In his final days, Canadian icon Gord Downie spent his time shining a light on reconciliation with Canada's First Peoples.

The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund is part of Gord Downie's legacy and embodies his commitment to improving the lives of First Peoples. The goal of the fund is to continue the conversation that began with Chanie Wenjack's residential school story, and to aid our collective reconciliation journey.

For more information go to <https://burlingtonpac.ca/events/legacy/>





STEP #3 - HOW TO BE AN ALLY: ACT ACCORDINGLY

Educating one's self is only half of the work when being an ally. It is a lifelong process that is rooted in action and requires humility and ongoing critical self-reflection. Being an ally is not a badge of honour, it is a sign of privilege. To do this, it is crucial to establish a direct line of communication – this could be through a friend directly involved or impacted by the struggles or through a volunteer position at a community organization.

WORKPLACES & ORGANIZATIONS CAN PRACTICE GOOD ALLYSHIP BY:

- Hiring Indigenous people to be involved in the creation and ownership of initiatives that are made about them and/or for them.
- Properly remunerating and crediting Indigenous people for their knowledge & time.
- 'Passing the mic' to Indigenous people at events, in the arts, in music, in film, in theatre, and in making decisions that affect them.
- Recognizing that Indigenous Peoples have ownership, control, access, and possession of their information, knowledge, experiences, and stories.

ACKNOWLEDGING the fact that you are a guest on this land
RECOGNIZING that multiple nations exist within Turtle Island
RESPECTING any cultural protocols and traditions

The Do's –

Listen to the experts
Ask what you can do
Build relationships based on mutual consent & trust
Research to learn more about the history
Continue to support & act in meaning

This could entail calling others out and holding them accountable when they are displaying oppressive behaviours because when it comes down to it, being a good ally is about risking your voice to elevate others. This concludes the How to be an Ally Series

[Source: Montreal Aboriginal Community Strategy Network]

First Nations Child Welfare Ruling

In a joint statement Friday [Oct 29, 2021] the appeal was filed, Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hajdu, Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Marc Miller and Justice Minister David Lametti said the parties "have agreed to pause litigation" on the tribunal's decision.

"We have agreed to sit down immediately and work towards reaching a global resolution by December on outstanding issues that have been the subject of litigation," the statement said.

"This means that while Canada filed what is known as a protective appeal of the Federal Court decision ... the appeal will be on hold and the focus will be squarely on reaching an agreement outside of court and at the table."

The parties to the case are the federal government, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and the Assembly of First Nations.

Cindy Blackstock, executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, said in an interview she was disappointed by the federal government's appeal.

She said the pause for talks would focus on making child and family services "equitable," to ensure the federal government increases funding for First Nations families.

"We will not negotiate under any circumstances a reduction in the compensation," she said.

[Source - <https://www.thestar.com/politics/2021/10/29/>]

On-Line Mental Health First Aid Training - 2 day (afternoon)
course Thursday, November 18, 2021 - 1:00pm to Friday, November 19, 2021 - 4:30pm

COVID has had a strong impact on the mental health of our entire community. Now, more than ever, there is a strong need for mental health education. [Read More](#)

High Notes Concert for Mental Health - in person at RHCPA
Thursday, November 18, 2021 - 8:00pm

This Concert for Mental Health features exceptional artists and personalities sharing their experience with mental illness.

<https://onrichmondhill.com/?q=high-notes-concert-mental-health-person-rhcpa>

net zero



The Climate Lunch and Learn #1 was successful. While attendees ate their lunches at home, they learned about the current climate situation and about what Richmond Hill is

doing about it. Many were surprised to learn that there is a council-approved plan to reach net zero emissions by 2050 - the Community Energy and Emission Plan.

After looking at Richmond Hill's Climate targets, attendees created their own climate action plans and discussed gaps in information, skills, resources. Wonderfully, we were able to share our own resources, skills, information to fill at least some of these gaps. Each of our voices was very important in the conversations that ensued. If you could not attend, you were missed as the more voices we have, the more likely we are to be successful in creating a future that is livable for the next generation.



There are two upcoming events:

Topic: Virtual **Climate Support Group**

Time: Nov 13, 2021 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83833323713?pwd=NEQxWWJzdWt0rSE5wdXhBREFuR3RMZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3332 3713 Passcode: 432526

Dial by your location: +1 647 374 4685 / +1 647 558 0588

Topic: Virtual **Climate Lunch and Learn # 2**

Time: Dec 12, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89814196496?pwd=M2pCMU9rSVZUbTZkQkQtdYeEd3YXZSZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 1419 6496 Passcode: 605697

Dial by your location: 1 647 374 4685 / +1 647 558 0588

We have scheduled a third **Climate Lunch and Learn for February 6th, 2022.**

Please ensure that you attend at least one of the virtual Climate Lunch and Learns before next summer. We all need to do our part.

Target Climate is also working out of Willowdale and would like to invite you to an event hosted by a high school's Eco Council student leaders in Willowdale:

We are the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Eco Council at Earl Haig Secondary School. Like other students in the school, we have concerns about our future beyond the pandemic - and about the climate crisis in particular.

The Eco Council is planning a virtual Target Climate event on November 25, 2021, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, to increase our community's involvement in climate action. This event is the fourth event held by students and teachers to mobilize the Willowdale community (the three previous events were hosted by Cummer Valley Middle School).

Earl Haig Secondary School Eco Council is hosting a virtual Target Climate event!

If we do not take action, the current evidence says that the next generation, our generation, will face an unjust future filled with economic and climate extremes.

Event: **Target Climate Willowdale - Earl Haig Secondary School**

Choice of two breakout room discussions on:

- Advocating for Change and
- Creating Climate Action Plans

Date: **November 25, 2021**

Time: **6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Register for event (zoom link will be provided after registration): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/target-climate-earl-haig-secondary-school-tickets-189317552897>

Note: This event will be recorded and the recording will be given to all attendees.

Contact: If you have questions, or would like to receive the zoom link by email rather than through Eventbrite, please contact us at targetclimatewillowdale@gmail.com

This event will be about sharing expertise, information, and encouragement to get **climate actions started here in Willowdale**. We want you to meet your neighbours who have bought electric vehicles, installed solar panels and heat pumps, retrofitted their homes, begun eating vegetarian meals, and advocated for climate action.

We want you to attend our event and we want some help with promoting our event. You can help promote this event by sharing our flyer (attached below) on your websites or social media sites, promoting it in the windows of your businesses, or by sharing the information with friends and family who may be interested.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Please feel free to forward this email to other people who may be interested in the event or who can help promote the event.

Thank you very much,
Eco Council Chair, Erica Chu



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