

## Sunday, October 13

10:30 a.m. Service -Thanksgiving/Worldwide Communion  
 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice – Parlour  
 12:00 p.m. Sermon talkback – Chapel

## Monday, October 14 – Thanksgiving Monday

Building closed

## Tuesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. Beavers – gym

## Wednesday, October 16

12:00 p.m. Bible Study - Chapel  
 6:30 p.m. Meditation Group – Chapel

## Thursday, October 17

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

## Saturday, October 19

8:15 a.m. Men's breakfast - gym

**Sunday, October 13:** We celebrate Thanksgiving in a special way this year as we also share in communion. We reflect together on Luke 17:11-19, when Jesus heals 10 lepers. Only one returned to give thanks, and he was a Samaritan. This reading reminds us of the importance of showing gratitude in active ways.

**Sunday, October 20:** We welcome Heather Skoll, wellness practitioner and founder of ResetZone, a community-based wellness app that helps us reset our emotions when we are feeling overwhelmed.

**Three Rivers Forest Church:** On **October 27 at 3 PM**, we take time to once again say farewell to the birds and prepare to welcome the coming winter. The group will meet on the Promenade at Lake Wilcox Park.

**Hospital services:** Our church provides a monthly service at our local hospital. We are looking for someone to play the hymns at these services. These are on the third Sunday of every month from 9:30-10:30 AM at Mackenzie Health. If you are able to play the piano for any or all of the monthly services, please call the office at 905-884-1301 x5.

## programs for all

**Women's Spirituality:** WSP will gather this **Saturday Oct., 12 at 9:30 a.m.** at the church parking lot to go for a walk at Lake Wilcox and lunch at 11:30. For more information please speak to Donna Smith.

**Men's Breakfast:** On **Saturday, October 19th, 2019** coffee and tea will be served at 8:15 am, 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, October 17. Thank you!

We will feature a panel of political scientists speaking about the Canadian federal election just two days later. Our own retired political scientists, Wilhelm Bleek and David Leyton-Brown, will be joined by Heather McCrae of York University (who spoke to us last year about Brexit) and Bob Drummond, a retired political scientist from York University who unlike the others is actually a Canadian politics specialist. The panel will deal with the issues, personalities and developments of the campaign, and the likely and possible outcomes of the election. Come to this panel to watch the election returns with a more informed understanding.

Looking ahead: Future dates: Nov. 9th and December 14th, 2019.



### Minister's message:

Wow! We did it! What a great celebration we had on Sunday. Based on a count by our ushers and greeters, we had 20 people join us for the first time on the 6th. They felt welcomed and cared for. We were engaged in conversation. And more than that, a good number of RHUC folks rolled up their sleeves and

helped with planning, inviting neighbours, promoting the day, preparing and service food, acting as ambassadors. Thank you so much for everyone who pitched in and made it such a great event. After the service, Centennial Hall was abuzz with conversation as people shared information about different programs and activities, or some interesting facts about themselves. The message of welcome was lived out from eldest to youngest. In Discovery Time, while the children created art pieces, they also talked about ways we show welcome. One of the ideas that was written on the whiteboard in Centennial Hall was "sharing food". Well that idea stuck, because one of the kids prepared a sugar cookie with dollops of icing and gave it to my dad. My dad may not be a newcomer, but he was to that young man. Plus, we left an impression in the neighbourhood. Later that Sunday I was chatting with someone who received our postcard in the mailbox. She loved it and felt welcome, knowing that even though she couldn't make it on Sunday, our doors were open should she want to attend in the future. Let me just say again, Wow! And say once more, thank you to everyone who made Community Welcome Sunday such a great celebration. I can hardly wait until we do it again!

**Shalom Seekers:** There will be no meeting on Monday, October 14 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be meeting again on October 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

**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:** Please join the RHUC Book Club **on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7 p.m.** in the Chapel to discuss Mark Sakamoto's powerful memoir "Forgiveness". This book won Canada Reads last year. NOTE: This meeting will take place on the 4th of five Wednesdays. New members are always welcome to try the group out. Please speak to Sandra Loughton, facilitator, or Deb Fratin, Office Administrator at 905.884.1301, Ext. 5 for more information.

## eco justice

**Targeting Climate Change:** English Language Debate with 6 leaders and 5 Moderators took place on Monday...good showing on Climate Change with full spectrum of positions. French Language Debate on Thursday evening. York University takes a lead position on Climate Change. See RHUC Web-site for more detail on these and other Climate Change information.

**Net Zero:** Please take time to attend an informational event on the climate crisis: The courses that **DRAWDOWN Richmond Hill** are offering to the community are as follows:

Climate 301: An introduction to the basics of climate change related policy, based on the work of Hal Harvey, author of "Designing Climate Solutions - A Policy Guide for Low-Carbon Energy". Participants will consider a summary of what to consider when choosing and supporting various options. Discussion will include the pros and cons of subsidizing low-carbon technologies, of regulation for efficiency standards, and of carbon tax and various other carbon pricing mechanisms. 2 hours total.

We are also looking for leaders to gather useful information for the community about retrofitting your home or buying electric vehicles. If you would be willing for us to give out your name and contact information as a leader in either of these areas, we will share them with the community.

## outreach activities

**Outreach Forum:** It's that time of the year - we need to get together to discuss last spring's Lent collection, this year's Advent givings, a request for some help reimagining a new Treasures, action on climate change, a refugee sponsorship update and anything else you'd like to bring to the table. Meeting will be at 156 Church St., S. on **Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.** Lyn May

**SWING TO THE BEAT at RHUC!!**  
**A COOL JAZZ EVENING SATURDAY NOV 2 AT 7pm**

Hands and Hearts for Africa is excited to announce our Fall Fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation and African AIDS families. COME AND JOIN US on Saturday NOV 2 for a wonderful evening of Jazz with Sandra Kirby.

We will be opening the doors at 6:30pm to allow time for you to check out the Baked Goods and Marketplace in Centennial Hall before our Jazz Show starts at 7pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a Jazz Quiz, random prizes, refreshments and more shopping at Intermission to add to the fun.

The Grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa still need our steadfast support, especially as only half of the infected population has adequate access to healthcare and meds. The latest news from UNAIDS is a stark reminder ----6200 young African women from 15 to 24 are becoming infected with HIV/AIDS every week!

Tickets are available after the service at our Ticket Table in Centennial Hall today, Oct. 20 and Oct 27. Cost per ticket is \$25 for single adult, \$20 for seniors and students. Tickets will also be available at the church office, at the door on Nov 2 and soon available at richmondhill.snapd.com . We are pleased to say that this is an accessible event. For more information, please speak to the hostess at our ticket table.

**Minute for Mission:** From January 28 to February 10, 2018, a group of youth leaders travelled to Nepal to see Mission & Service ecumenical partner Canadian Foodgrains Bank at work. The Rev. Janet Jones was one of the United Church leaders on the trip. Here, she shares her reflection on the impact of support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank: "We gathered with moms and their children and learned about the nutrition and child growth monitoring programs [and] other purposeful things they do together. We heard meaningful stories of children recovering from malnourishment, sometimes in three months, because of the programs offered. What's best is that community members are trained and lead the programs. These projects focus on providing seeds, tools, and training to communities working toward self-sustainability. They're able to feed their families through their own farming and sell the extra produce in creating income and savings."

## church news

**New name for newsletter:** The contest deadline has been extended! You will have noticed a recent formatting change of our weekly newsletter which parallels the categories in the new Communication Hub in Centennial Hall. Along with the new format, we are looking for a **new name** which will be chosen through a **contest**. **Please submit your suggestion to [office@rhuc.org](mailto:office@rhuc.org) by Oct. 31 and the winner will receive a \$25 Indigo gift card.**

**Finance Committee:** It is time to start figuring out the budget for 2020 so the Finance Committee has been gathering information from the various committees. If you know of expenses that should be added, please let DJ McCready ([djmcc@rogers.com](mailto:djmcc@rogers.com) with subject Finance 2020) know by October 31.

**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.

**Congratulations to Joanne Scofield** on her appointment for Supervised Ministry Education (previously called Internship) with Penticton United Church starting January 1, 2020. Joanne and her partner Fred will be moving to Penticton at the end of October.

**Collection for the Food Bank** continues at RHUC. Please put your non-perishable donations in either of the two boxes – one outside the church office and the other in the Narthex. Donna McErlain collects the food from the two bins and brings it to the Food bank. Thank you!

## upcoming events

**Project 99A Book drive: A charity that collects used books.**

If you have any children and adult books that you would like to donate, please bring to Lower Centennial Hall the week of **Sunday, Oct. 27 – Saturday, Nov. 2**. These books will be used locally and internationally. <https://www.project99a.ca/mission-and-vision>

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