

Sunday, October 27

10:30 a.m. Service
 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice – Parlour
 12:00 p.m. Lunch+ - Common Room
 12:00 p.m. UCW Executive – James' office

Monday, October 28

9:30 a.m. Shalom Seekers – Chapel
 7:00 p.m. H.A.I.R. – Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Beavers

Tuesday, October 29

7:00 p.m. Cubs – gym

Wednesday, October 30

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

Thursday, October 31

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

Saturday, November 2

3:30 p.m. Djembe drumming – Lower Centennial Hall

At 3 pm, join in the "Farewell to the Birds" Meditation Walk at Lake Wilcox. Participants are invited to meet at the benches nearest the turtle sculpture on the Promenade. Hosted by **Three Rivers Forest Church**.

November 3: In this All Ages Service, we explore the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19;1-10). Children stay in the sanctuary throughout the service on this day.

Following worship there will be a healing service in the chapel.

November 10: Our worship for Remembrance Sunday will be a reflective service of poetic readings, anthems and hymns, as we ponder the connection between remembrance, peace and justice.

Pub Theology: On **Friday, October 25 at 7:30 PM**, we are launching a new RHUC "study group". Likened by one prospective participant as "Topsy HAIR", Pub Theology is an opportunity for people to come together to talk about life's big questions through the perspective of faith and spirituality and have a beer or two. In preparation for this event, James is asking prospective participants to contact him with possible questions and themes of conversation. Email: james@rhuc.org. Pub Theology will be at **King Henry's Arms** (Yonge and 16th).

Pianist needed: 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.

worship and music

Minister's message: In a couple of weeks we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. This service will be an All Ages Service (children will stay in the sanctuary throughout). We will begin though, in a very adult way. We want to take time to remember our loved ones who have died, especially those who passed away this year. As we have done in year's past, we will take time to light tealights. You are also encouraged to bring photos to place on the communion table. Why do we do this? As Christians we believe that death is not the end. The resurrection of Christ reminds us that death is not the final word. This means that those who have gone before us continue to be in relationship with us, a great cloud of witnesses who are present in spirit every time we come together. We also remember those who have modelled for us what it means to follow Jesus. These heroes show us how they lived in his love in their context and remind us how to do the same in ours. We remember them and we celebrate what it means to live in Christ together.

Sunday, October 27: We explore the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14). Conscious that both groups are caricatured in the gospels, the portrayal of the two men challenges our thinking about what it means to be "right with God". Self-awareness regarding where we need to grow seems a bigger factor than all the "churchy" things we do to prove it.

Following worship there will be a Lunch+ in the Common Room. The plus part of this lunch is an opportunity for newcomers to learn more about RHUC.

programs for all

Shalom Seekers: Please join us on Monday, October 28th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the RHUC Chapel for some lively discussion. We will be looking at another DVD segment in the **FIRST LIGHT: Jesus & the Kingdom of God** series with Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan, two well-known and respected Jesus scholars. This week's topic will be **The Crowd & the Crucifixion**. Please speak to either Peg Hiscoke or Sandra Loughton for more information about the group. New members are always warmly welcome to attend.

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 in the discussion on 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. Here is a short summary of the novel: 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 and 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 about the group, please contact Deb Fratin in the Church Office at 905.884.1301, Ext. 5 or Sandra Loughton, Facilitator. New members are always welcome to attend.

Women's Spirituality: Our next planned gathering is **Saturday October 26th in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m.** for refreshments and a time of meditation.



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!!

Net Zero: The Targeting Climate Change event on October 5th ran smoothly and was attended by over 30 community members. We have also received a letter (partially quoted below) from Liz Couture who ran three Climate info sessions at RHUC:

From Liz: First of all, I would like to send a big thank you to Glenn, Lorne, and Martin, who attended all three sessions and helped with

questions and presentation! Carrie, thanks for coming to the third one, and Esther, thank you so much for coming by two of the evenings in order to open up everything. The donations that came in were \$147 and I gave it to the Richmond Hill United Church, through Rev. James Ravenscroft, who attended the third session.

Even though we only had about a dozen people each night (and that includes the Drawdown people), what I find is that it is important to think about what seeds are planted. The seeds that were planted this time were, in my opinion, as follows:

- 1) A woman attended the second session, and is from Mississauga, and wants us to guide her to start up something there. I said yes.
- 2) We had new people put their names down for the DRAWDOWN volunteer sign-up sheet. We need to find tasks for these people, so I think we need a few more projects on the go....
- 3) Councillor David West came to the third session on policy, and he said thank you, he learned quite a bit. I've asked him to start thinking about having a Richmond Hill wide conference on climate change.
- 4) The participants were all pleased, saying they had learned a lot. My big question now, is "how do we get more people out" and keep doing more of the same?

outreach activities

SWING WITH THE BEAT- NOV 2, 2019
A COOL JAZZ EVENING is coming to RHUC very soon!

Hands and Hearts for Africa are excited to be bringing you and your guests a wonderful Jazz Evening featuring Sandra Kirby on SATURDAY NOV 2. We hope that you will support this fall fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation, Grandmother to Grandmother campaign and bring along some friends.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for shopping at our Marketplace and Baked Goods Table; Jazz show starts at 7pm, with a refreshment break and time for more shopping. Tickets are available today after the service in Centennial Hall or from the church office at 905-884-1301 EXT 5. NEW THIS TIME.. Tickets are available at richmondhill.snapd.com and also at the door on Nov 2. Cost is \$25 per adult, \$20 senior/student.

Due to the devastation caused by cyclone Idai, many of the Aids families in Malawi and Mozambique whom we support have lost everything including food crops and housing. So there is an urgent need to get those communities and families back on their feet.

We look forward to seeing you at our Cool Jazz Evening and together we can make a difference in African lives.

Minute for Mission: Thirteen Youth Forum pilgrims were on a journey during the summer of 2018. After work and orientation in their home Conferences, they travelled east to Newfoundland. With their two young adult leaders and a global partner, these dedicated young people visited each Conference of the United Church. They stopped in Oshawa, Ontario, in July to participate as commissioners at the 43rd General Council and then continued their pilgrimage, ending in British Columbia in mid-August. Building on the theme of Rendez-vous 2017, these young people deepened their understanding of what it means to Be the Church/Soyons l'église in this time of change and challenge. The youth were selected by peers from their home Conference at a Youth Forum Winter Retreat held in February 2018. At the retreat, 60 youth gathered to learn what a remit was, gain insight into how business would be carried out at General Council, and immerse themselves in the issues and concerns facing the United Church. They also spent time in worship, small groups, and played games, and other activities. The pilgrimage invited participants to deepen their experience as they visited Indigenous communities, met migrant workers, learned about justice issues related to mining and fair trade, witnessed the work of social justice ministries and camps, and worshipped and celebrated with many communities of faith across the church. They came home changed, challenged, and ready to lead in ministry. How will you walk with a Youth Forum pilgrim from your region?

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 by Oct. 31 and the winner will receive a \$25 Indigo gift card.**

Annual Senior Luncheon: Wed. Nov. 6th in Centennial Hall at 12 noon. Come to enjoy the meal with friends and some delightful entertainment. This invitation is extended to "All" seniors in our congregation. If you need a ride just call the church office at 905-884-1301. Lay Pastoral Visitors Committee

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 with subject Finance 2020) know by October 31.

Annual Reviews of All Staff: The Ministry and Personnel Committee is conducting an annual review of each member of the RHUC ministerial and non-ministerial staff. If any member of the

RHUC community, or group/committee, wishes to provide input about any staff member they may provide it (in writing and signed) by November 10 to any member of the M&P Committee, or by email to the Chair, David Leyton-Brown at dlbrown@yorku.ca Ministry and Personnel Committee – David Leyton-Brown (chair), Sue Baker, Nancy Hart, Doug Loweth, Jane Ridout

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.

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>

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
Contact Angie Fix: angie_isme@hotmail.com

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