



This week at a glance

Sunday, October 29 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost (500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation)
10:30 a.m.

Monday, October 30 – Cash card orders due
9:30 a.m. Shalom Seekers – Chapel
7:00 p.m. H.A.I.R. – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Cubs - gym

Tuesday, October 31
7:00 p.m. Beavers – gym
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi – Garden room

Wednesday, November 1

9:30 a.m. UCW Unit – Chapel
12 noon – Seniors Luncheon - Centennial Hall
7:00 p.m. Scouts/Venturers – gym

Thursday, November 2

6:15 p.m. Bible Study – Chapel
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Common Room

Friday, November 3

9:15 a.m. Yoga Energetics – Upper gym

Saturday, November 4

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Fall Art Show – main floor
4:00 p.m. Forest Church – Wilcox Lake

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Worship

Sunday, October 29 – We look forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation as our esteemed Wilhelm Bleek offers us a snapshot of Martin Luther's role in the Reformation and reflects on the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God". Scripture reading: Psalm 46.

Healing Services: Beginning on **November 5**, we will once again have healing services following worship on the first Sunday of each month. These services are not very long, about twenty minutes, but they are a powerful way for us to pray for each other and the world as we seek healing in our lives and the lives of those who are dear to us. On the occasional very busy first Sunday of the month, there may not be a service. We will keep everyone posted on those occasions in RHUC Online.

November 5: November Forest Church: At 4:00 pm 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.

Sunday, November 26
Lunch & Learn - topic is Remit #6

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

This coming Sunday we are marking the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. This is something we commemorate rather than celebrate. The history we are called to remember is a complex mixture of reformation and counter-reformation, picking sides and persecutions, renewed fellowship and often hurtful fragmentation. At the same time Luther's 95 theses was part of a larger movement of reform which long predated October 31, 1517 and continued well after. If we believe that the Holy Spirit animates the whole church, the Body of Christ, then we are part of a global community that needs to be constantly reforming, open to self-reflection, able to respond to a changing world, willing to go where the Spirit leads us. As we honour this important anniversary, may we do more than recall our history. May we pray for the courage to keep reflecting, changing, growing and reforming.



Liona Boyd –

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.

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

ENGAGING, CHALLENGING & GROWING OUR FAITH

Shalom Seekers

Please join us on **Monday, October 30th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.** We will be looking at the second part of the DVD series "This Changed Everything" about the 500th year after the Protestant Reformation. New members are always warmly welcomed. Please speak to one of the facilitators (Dawn Moon, Peg Hiscoke, or Sandra Loughton) for more information or call the church office at 905.884.1301.

RHUC Book Club

Please join the RHUC Book Club on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Chapel to discuss Ann Patchett's novel, **Commonwealth**. Here is an excerpt from an article which explains the history of her latest novel, a family saga spanning five decades:

In an interview entitled "Ann Patchett Calls 'Commonwealth' Her 'Autobiographical First Novel'," Patchett said, "My parents got divorced when I was young, and my mother married someone who had four children. And we moved to the other side of the country, albeit not to Virginia. And I think that that being thrown together, being pulled out of a family and put into a family has always been very interesting to me. ... It's so complicated. It's so complicated to figure out who you're going to spend Christmas with." Noting that many authors' first novels are based on their own experience, Patchett explained that she had started her career wanting "to prove that I had this great imagination. But the wonderful thing about publishing this book at 52 is that I know that I am capable of working from a place of deep imagination. Now I just feel like I own every part of myself and my life and my imagination and the rocky terrain of my own brain, and that feels really good."

New members are always welcome! Please speak to Sandra Loughton or call the church office at 905.884.1301 for more information.

N.B. The meeting is on the 4th Wednesday of the month, not the 5th.



Women's Spirituality

Women's Spirituality will gather this **Saturday, Oct. 28** in the garden room at 9:45 for coffee. Joanne Scofield will lead the program about mandalas at 10:15 a.m.

United Church Women

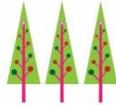
The UCW will meet **Wednesday November 1st at 9.30 a.m.** 2nd floor chapel, as this is the day of the Seniors Luncheon, at end of meeting members to proceed to Centennial Hall for the lunch at 12 noon.

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 – Psalm 46.

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.

October 30 - Why I Am mystical/poetic AND Why I am biblical

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.



HOSPITALITY & WORKING FOR JUSTICE

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

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 after the service on Oct 22 or 29 or at the door. We welcome your support!

Minute for Mission *Called to be the Church*

Our gifts for Mission & Service support peace and justice work. Let us hear a story from Lebanon. What will it take to bring peace to the Middle East? Mission & Service partner the Middle East Council of Churches believes it includes creating opportunities for youth to relate to one another across differences and to reject judgment and stereotypes. The realities of the region mean that Christians and Muslims live in a state of heightened tension and potential conflict. In Lebanon these tensions have been exacerbated by the influx of a large number of displaced persons, many from Syria, who have stretched to the breaking point communities' capacity to cope. The Middle East Council of Churches plans to bring together groups of youth aged 15–22 in Lebanon. The youth will meet with one another to discuss, work, and play together to lay the foundations for new and positive ways of understanding and seeing one another beyond traditional boundaries and barriers. The experience will give participants real and practical models for Muslim–Christian dialogue in their own communities. We sing thanksgiving for the ways that Mission & Service is in the Middle East helping to change hearts and minds for the sake of peace and justice. 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, woundcare, 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



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

Pancake Breakfast - Save the Date! The annual Generous Spirit stewardship campaign kick - off pancake breakfast (with yummy bacon) is **Sunday November 12th**. More info to follow.

Thank you!

Well that went fast! Our yearly fundraiser of making apple pies and crisps went very well this year. The ladies made all the dough and prepared the apples in our church kitchen and then into the freezer went 65 pies and 40 crisps. They were all sold on two Sundays - in record time - quality, reputation and helping hands make sales easy. Our thanks to: Verna Fast, Enid Mann, Dawn Moon, Colleen Steeves, Paulette Paul and Donna Smith. Also our thanks to Deb, our Office Administrator, for organizing all this and working in the kitchen, volunteering her time, as this is not part of her job description!

Cash Cards earn RHUC support

We need your help...For Free!! This fundraising program has been in progress since 2013 and so far over \$4000 has been raised!

Do you remember those terrible wooden chairs that needed Tennis Balls on their feet to protect their feet and where slivers ripped at your clothes. And then suddenly there were these lovely soft, light, easily stackable chairs and we all went "Aah!" Well they cost RHUC nothing because they were funded from 3%, 4% 5% or more that we earned by people buying Cash Cards. Oh, yes there is a little bit of work...the need to organize which cards you use and put in your order. I have been using this method of "budget control" over the years and love the fact that I know how much I spend on Groceries, Gas, Tim's etc. Yes, really. At no cost to you...just buy Cash Cards through Deb Fratin in the office...next order is **October 29th**. You can start this ordering right away! Here is the link for the more info and an order form... <http://www.rhuc.org/donate.html> Just in time for Christmas! Janet Centa will give you the cards on the next Sunday. *Happy Budgeting, Terry Davies*

CREATING AND NURTURING COMMUNITY

Seniors' Luncheon



The annual Seniors' Luncheon will be held on **Wed. Nov. 1st in Centennial Hall at 12 noon**. The Fellowship Committee is again preparing pots of delicious soup and a variety of sandwiches. Homemade pies will also be served. After lunch our entertainments is rather unique but certainly will be enjoyable. Come to enjoy the meal with friends and some delightful entertainment. The invitation is extended to "All" seniors in our congregation.

We know that most of your drive but if you would like to come and you need a ride just call the church office at 905 884-1301. *Donna McErlain, Donna Byres*

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Hi, Folks. Last week we shared our intention to address Indigenous Peoples support and protection by reviewing a number of Policy Documents, starting with The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We showed the content and will be bringing you a new Article each week.

Article 2

Indigenous peoples and individuals are free and equal to all other peoples and individuals and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination, in the exercise of their rights, in particular that based on their indigenous origin or identity.

Living in Peace and Reconciliation

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