



We will continue to livestream Sunday service using Zoom. 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: Every Child Matters would seem to be a simple concept, but it has not always been so, which is why Orange Shirt Day was created to remind us that every child matters. Orange Shirt Day is a tangible way to remember the children whose language, identities, and in many cases lives were taken from them. The story behind Orange Shirt Day of a little girl who went to school in a brand new orange shirt, only to have it removed and discarded. This Sunday we will explore the United Church history in the Residential Schools and what it means for us as people of faith as we move forward in the way of reconciliation.

If you would like to purchase an orange "every child matters" t-shirt, we have a number of the ones that Tracy Wixon arranged for us still available in the office. You can pick up your shirt for \$25 from the office on Tuesday September 28 from 10am-12 pm and 2 pm-5 pm

On October 3 we will be returning to a form of in person worship. You will be required to register with the office that you are fully vaccinated in order to register for worship. Please send your vaccination certificate to the office in order to be able to register for worship. More details to come over the next number of days.

Blessings,
Rev. Ruth Noble

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: Shalom Seekers will resume on **Monday, September 27th at 10 a.m. on Zoom**. For more information, please speak to Sandra Loughton.

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. Because of the federal election on Monday, September 20, the first meeting of the fall will be **on Monday September 27. 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: We will resume our meetings on **Wednesday, September 29th** to discuss **THE BOOK OF LONGINGS** by Sue Monk Kidd. This book of historical fiction starts with the premise: What if Jesus had been married? His bride is the narrator of this fascinating novel. You will be transported back in time! We will decide before that time if we'll be meeting on Zoom at 4 p.m. or in person at the church and whether we'll return to the 7 p.m. meeting time.

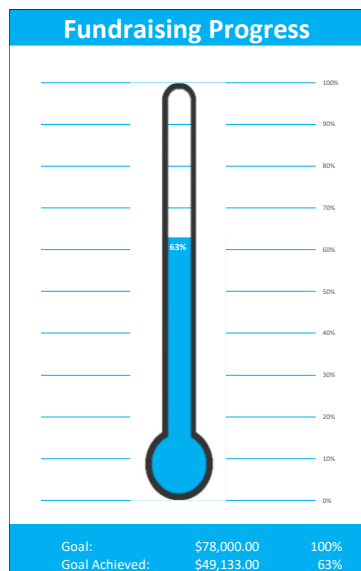
On Wednesday, October 27 to discuss **THE VANISHING HALF** by Brit Bennett. Time: To be determined.

For more details about the book club, please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator. New members warmly welcome in the fall!

church news

Leadership and Congregational Development Forum: Stay tuned for more information coming about this event on **Sunday, Oct. 17 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

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 etransfer to office@rhuc.org, cheque or CanadaHelps.org. We have reached 63%



of our goal **(\$49,133.00)!!** Thank you!

outreach

Author Visit with David A. Robertson (Indigenous Writer) at the Richmond Hill Public Library:

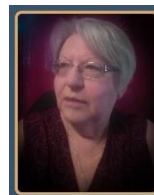
Zoom programs

Mon. Sep 27, 2021 - 6:59pm - Mon. Sep 27, 2021 - 8:00pm

Ages: Family (ideal for ages 9 and up)

Meet award-winning author David A. Robertson, who will be visiting us over Zoom **in honour of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. Learn about David's many publications for young readers and adults, and hear about his journey as an Indigenous writer in Canada. Presentation will be followed by a Q&A. [REGISTER](#)

This program will be done through Zoom, a free video conferencing software for tablets, smartphones and computers. Access instructions will be sent to those who register.



In recognition of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on **September 30, 2021**, the City of Richmond Hill and the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts are honoured to be hosting this virtual event featuring guest speaker and residential school survivor Dawn Hill. Dawn spent her early

childhood living on the Six Nations of the Grand River, the largest First Nations Reserve in Canada. Dawn was one of the 15,000 students who attended the Mohawk Institute, known as "The Mush Hole" due to the bland porridge served daily as breakfast to the students. She attended the institute from 1957 to 1961 and was known as Number 54. She will share her experiences at the institute including her first night in a dorm and her life in an atmosphere of violence. Today, Ms. Hill is a retired teacher of 28 years and serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the [Mohawk Village Memorial Park](#). This on-line event will follow the format of the other speaker series - an approximately one-hour Zoom webinar presentation, followed by a Q&A session. This is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the personal impact of the residential school system and hence, to walk the path of gathering truth and seeking reconciliation. Creating this national holiday was one of the [Calls of Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Report](#)

Tickets: \$10 (taxes and handling fees included). Click [HERE](#) to order. All proceeds will go to the Mohawk Village Memorial Park. We would appreciate you spreading the word! For both this talk and the entire series. Here is the [LINK](#) to the series of 6 other talks, starting Thursday September 23, (10 am to noon.)

If you have any questions please contact Marj at marj@marjandre.com or Mary at kotmmk@gmail.com

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day, the day we remember that Every Child Matters. We wear orange to remember Indigenous Children who were sent to Residential School, some of who never came home again.



Youth to Youth Engagement

REGISTER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

We are very excited to be able to provide these high quality experiences for youth. If you are a high school student interested in expanding your cultural awareness, supporting good land stewardship and learning about traditional teachings, register for the events below!

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 – Indigenous Awareness & Reconciliation Dialogue for Youth

Location: Live Online

Cost: FREE

Time: 1:30 am - 4:00 pm

Participants: Open to Youth Grades 9 – 11 across Canada

Attendance: Limited to 450 participants

Registration: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/HIP/events/y2y-prerequisite>

We have confirmed the following presenters for this session :

- First Nations : Heather Watts
- Métis : Moe Clark
- Inuit : Charlotte Qamaniq

Both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Youth are invited to attend this essential culture education. The program is delivered by First Peoples Group and effective, qualified and professional First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth presenters. All presenters have significant experience in reconciliation and Indigenous awareness education. The presenters will provide and speak to First Nations, Métis and Inuit heritage and culture. This is essential education for anyone living in Canada. Participants learn the impact of their own social, political and historical contexts within their speech, decisions and actions. This cultural safety education helps develop an ongoing personal practice of critical self-reflection, paying attention to how social and historical contexts shape systems, and being honest about one's own power and privilege, especially as these relate to Indigenous peoples.

OCTOBER 9, 2021 – Anishinaabe Plant Medicines Talk

Location: Live Online

Cost: FREE

Participants: Open to all youth Grades 9 – 11 across Canada

Register: <https://bit.ly/3BSnOvU>

Join Joseph Pitiwanakwat and Beedahbin Peltier for a virtual plant medicine walk! You'll hear about some key plants of the region, learn these plant names in Anishinaabemowin and have the opportunity to ask Joseph and Beedahbin questions about their work as traditional medicine knowledge holders.

net zero

In late August, the IPCC put out the [6th Assessment Report](#) on the climate crisis. We had been told in the [October 2018 report](#) that 1.5°C increase in warming would bring changes with risks humans could accept, but 2°C or higher warming would bring risks that we would deeply regret and that would be long-term climate changes. The new report indicates that we are currently on a trajectory to reach 3°C above normal by 2100. The Summary for Policy Makers gives the main points in somewhat simpler language. I also find the [IPCC Press Release](#) is easier to understand. In it we find this statement: The report provides new estimates of the chances of crossing the global warming level of 1.5°C in the next decades, and finds that unless there are immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, limiting warming to close to 1.5°C or even 2°C will be beyond reach.

Richmond Hill United Church is acting on the information in this report by communicating its content to the congregation and by instituting changes in the physical church. We also want to help our congregation make the lifestyle changes necessary. Please contact me (targetclimatechange@gmail.com) if you want to talk about this (I can set up a zoom call if you want to talk).

DO NOT DOUBT THAT THERE IS STILL A WAY TO FOR THE PLANET TO **NOT** PASS THE 1.5°C THRESHOLD. If we can do this, the evidence suggests that some cooling would occur by the end of the century (many changes, such as the loss of our ice sheets, will not be brought back for centuries to millennia unfortunately).

These changes will require organization and willingness on our part. This week we remember the incredible response in a short time by the people of Gander. We can do this as well - but we need that spirit of generosity in all of us.

Please attend one of the two Lunch and Learn Sessions:

October 24

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-lunch-and-learn-tickets-172060255857>

and/or December 12

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-lunch-and-learn-2-tickets-172141438677>

At these meetings we will summarize the situation, explain the lifestyle changes you will need to make, discover the resources we already have in our community, and then establish plans for the next few months. These are open for everyone - so feel free to invite friends to the Lunch and Learns. We are informing the City about what we are doing and hope we can be a model for Richmond Hill.



We know we will need mental health support through this crisis - and our kids will need support as well. Along with the Lunch and Learns, we are hoping to host a biweekly climate support drop-in. This will be a time where we will gather to grieve and comfort each other as best we can.

The first Climate support group will be on September 25th at 3:00 pm and this is the zoom link for that event:

RHUC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Climate support group**

Time: Sep 25, 2021 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81989456204?pwd=Y2FNR0pnbHpuVm4zcjNUUUZuYONVdz09>

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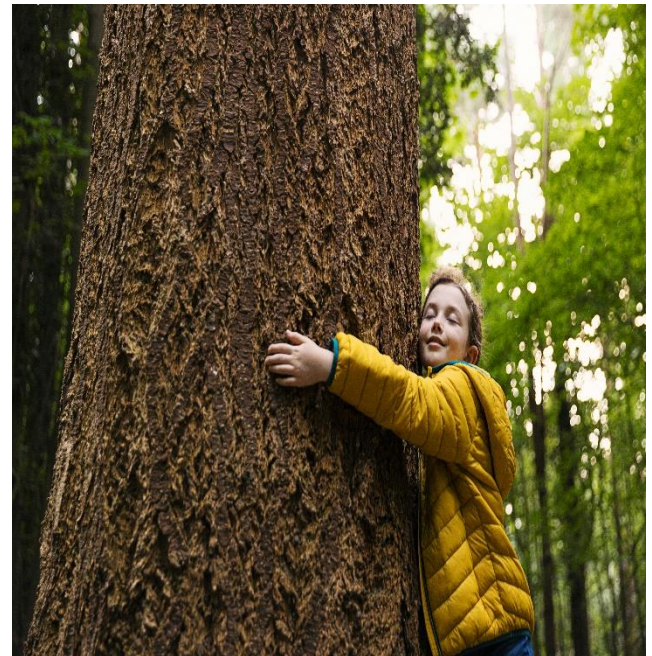
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The truth isn't easy to hear, but it is much better than pretending that all is well when it is not.



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