



RIVERSIDE NEWS

The official Newsletter Of Riverside United Church
October 2024 Edition

PASTORAL NOTE

Welcome to October, A month of Thanksgiving

Embracing Creation and Thanksgiving: A Call to Stewardship

As we celebrate the return to our sanctuary, we've spent the last four weeks delving into creation teachings. Genesis 1:1 reminds us, "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth," followed by the magnificent creation of human beings and the world around us.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day on October 14, let us reflect on our role in creation. This month serves as a poignant reminder to express gratitude for God's marvelous works and our place within them. What are you creating or contributing to the world during your journey on earth?

You don't need to be a renowned inventor or celebrity to make a significant impact. Simple acts of love and kindness towards fellow human beings and the earth can change a lot. Our planet, a delicate and living entity, feels the consequences of our actions. When we harm the earth, it suffers in silence, without the solace of a hospital or respite.

This Thanksgiving Month, let us recognize the deep value of caring for God's creation. Let us be mindful of our ecological footprints and strive to conserve natural resources, reduce waste and promote compassion and empathy towards all living beings.

As we give thanks for the blessings in our lives, let us also acknowledge our responsibility as stewards of the earth. May we embody love and blessings towards creation. By doing so, we honor God's magnificent handiwork and ensure a thriving, vibrant world for generations to come.

Let us reflect on how we can demonstrate love and care for the earth and its inhabitants. Let also reflect on how we can use our talents and resources to contribute positively to creation.

May our gratitude and actions inspire a deeper connection with the natural world and our Creator.

Blessings

Adedeji Sunday Akintayo



SUNDAY WORSHIP CALENDAR

All services begin at 11:00am
and are live-streamed on  zoom

OCTOBER 6

CREATION TIME 5

OCTOBER 13

THANKSGIVING-CREATION TIME 6.

OCTOBER 20

WORLD FOOD SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2024 RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH SCRIPTURE READERS

Date	Name
October 6	Jennifer Hill
October 13	Julius Olajide
October 20	Kevin Hill
October 27	Olabisi Basirat

RUC IN SEPTEMBER

Many thanks to Madam Billi-Jo for making this year Every Child Matters Day a remarkable celebration.



1: We carried out worship committee meeting in September.

2: We carried out RUC council meeting in September and four newly member at large were added to the council. Stella Fakorode, Emmanuel Ojo, Biola Somorin and Victor Okpo

3: The church leadership with the help of Mr Emmanuel Ojo launched Lachine Transportation Pick Up Centre to convey members to church every Sunday.

4: RUC Intergenerational orange Sunday service.

5: We welcomed new members in the month of September.



PROGRAMS / EVENTS

- Koffee Klatsch:

Every Wednesday @ 10:30am at the church

- Riverside United Church Book Club

The next book on our list for you all to read is “The Personal Librarian” by Marie Benedict

The date of the next meeting will be 7pm on Tuesday 19th September, 2024
Zoom meeting link will be send out to all members of RUC Book Club

- Meals on Wheels:

This service is offered to anyone with a permanent or temporary disability such as convalescents, seniors needing support, or just needing a little help in their daily tasks. Rosemere Meals on Wheels cooks and delivers hot meals every Monday & Friday for the modest price of \$6:00 including desert. Tel: 450-621-4543 or 450-437-4092

- Pastoral Care:

Please send email or give us a call. We care to listen and supportive to your pastoral needs.

- RUC Interfaith and Refugees Support:

We are in need of neatly used clothes, shoes, kitchen utensils and household items for newly arrived refugees.

Please send us email if you have or knows someone who is having and willing to donate for the refugees.

COMMUNITY LUNCHROOM



214, 14th Avenue, Deux
Montagnes.

We offer a free lunch each
Tuesday at noon, everyone is
welcome to come and try our
delicious cuisine which includes



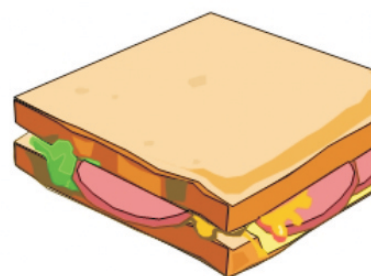
many popular dishes: soup and sandwiches or a hot entrée also a choice of salads and a variety of different desserts.

Our group of volunteers will be happy to welcome you each week,

You can access the menu each week on facebook @free.lunch123

So come along with your friends any Tuesday and enjoy the convivial atmosphere and delicious food.

If you would like more information, or would like a lift to the event please call Judy at (450) 491-6052 or Stella at (450)623-5192. All donations are welcome a box is provided for your contributions.



This program is sponsored by the Riverside United Church in Rosemère and a Grant from the Good Samaritan Fund of the United Church

RIVERSIDES CARE AND SENIOR'S PROGRAMS

joyful CONNECTIONS

Riverside United Church invites young adults and older adults to join us every Wednesday afternoon

Intergenerational Convos



Experience joy & connection as our stories bring us together!

Join us this Fall on Zoom

Register Today:
info.joyfulconnections@gmail.com



Every Wednesday we continue our Intergenerational Convos group online from 1:00-2:30pm where seniors and young adult volunteers come together to connect, share stories and learn from one another no matter what age we all are.

RUC Nature Walk and Talk in every month (Location will be emailed to everyone).

Reflection of my life program. Join us as we share lunch together and connect through reminiscing and story telling, while enjoying the company of one another. (Location will be emailed to everyone)

All of the programs are facilitated by Aileen - Joyful Connections

For registration and further information about this program please **☎ or email Aileen.**



Aileen Borrueal
Director of Joyful Connection

RIVERSIDE YOUTH AND KIDS MINISTRY

The Story behind orange shirt Day. If you don't know, now you know...



Orange shirt day was created by Phyllis Webstad of Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation. She tells the powerful story of having her orange shirt taken away when she attended a residential school as well as her language, culture and childhood joy. Orange shirt day became widely recognized, but never more so than this year.

orangeshirtdayac Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's Story Part 1

"I went to the Mission for one school year in 1973/1974. I had just turned 6 years old. I lived with my grandmother on the Dog Creek reserve. We never had very much money, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission school. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had string laced up in front, and was so bright and exciting – just like I felt to be going to school!

When I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt! I never wore it again. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! The color orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared."



Sept 30th is the First National Day for Truth and Reconciliation chosen as a symbol of the time of year when the children were taken from their homes and sent to residential schools.



OUR COMMUNITY PHOTOS



**RIVERSIDE
UNITED CHURCH
CHILDREN**

We continue to experience growth in Riverside United Church children ministry. The children are superb joy to the community and we cherished their dedication and support in our worship service. May God continue to bless all the children and their parents. Amen.

RUC SENIOR'S PROGRAM



OUT TO LUNCH



RUC REFUGEE PROGRAM

REFUGEES VOLUNTEER WORK

The church wants to thank Madam Adunola and other members of refugees that came to Out to Lunch in the month of September to render support to our seniors.



Congratulations to the four members of the Riverside United Refugee Program for joining the church council.

- 1. Biola Somorin**
- 2. Emmanuel Ojo**
- 3. Victor Okpo**
- 4. Stella Fakorode.**

May your inclusion in the church council bring positive changes to enhance the work of Christ on earth.



UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

**1: THANKSGIVING
SUNDAY
- OCTOBER 13**

**2: WORLD
FOODS SUNDAY
- OCTOBER 20**

**3: WIRUC CLUSTER
BOOK READING -
OCTOBER 30.**



RUC MORE NEWS

Youth Group

The Youth Group continues to meet every Sunday at church. Join us as we explore different stories from the Bible and do some fun activities.

Taxi Service

We still have plenty of coupons to hand out to anyone who needs to use the local taxi service. Coupons can be mailed to you or you can drop by the office on Thursdays to pick some up. Please contact Ade if you need this service.

Regional Council News

The West Island and Riverside United Cluster leaders approved the idea of introducing cluster book study this fall and winter 2025, using Brian McLaren's book Do I stay Christian?

The book study will take place on Wednesday mornings, on Zoom, between October 30 and Dec 4, and January 15-Feb 26.

Below is the information form to register for cluster book study.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScplAKxfvtXcV0zdPB4SwDx0Pe7CbIIF109E5D-bzBRCoilRA/viewform>

Region: <https://nakhaucc.ca/> (scroll to the very bottom)

United Church: <https://united-church.ca/subscribe-updates>

West Island and Riverside United Churches Cluster.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING THE 2024 WIRUC SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES.

For news about the West Island and Riverside United Churches Cluster.

<https://www.westislandriversideunited.org/>

PASTORAL CARE

For any pastoral care matters/emergencies please call:
Rev. Helen at 514-699-1795 or Ade 514-473-3548

Deadline for Submissions to the next newsletter: October 20

CONTACT INFORMATION

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*'May God bless you
and keep you;
may God's face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
may God's face turn toward you
and give you peace.'*



Rev. Helen Hliaras

Minister in Charge