

UNITED NEWS

From the Hudson Pastoral Charge

October/November 2021

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United Church Calendar

These will be available soon!
Featuring colourful photos of
United Churches from across the
country, noting special days and
church seasons. Price \$7.50.

To order please contact Doris Elliot:
admin@wyman-hudson.ca or Call
514-232-5356.



Fundscrip

Cards are always available!

This is an easy fundraiser for the
church as it comes at no extra cost
to you. You can call 450-458-7545
or email mojoli@msn.com to place
your order with Mona.

Here are the promotions for
October:

Boston Pizza 5% → 8%
Brunet/Metro/Super C 1.5% → 3%
Home Hardware 3.5% → 4%
Pizza Pizza 10% → 12%
Reno-Depot/RONA 3% → 4%
Ultramar 2% → 2.5%

Thanksgiving

This is the weekend where we pause and remember to
give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives.
Traditionally, of course, this was harvest thanksgiving -
thanks for the crops - the grain, the vegetables, the fruit.
But we are not as agrarian as we once were. Many of us
can give thanks for the produce of the garden, both veg-
etables and flowers, however our Thanksgiving needs do
not stop there. Let us give thanks for the homes in which
we live. For the meals we enjoy. For the technology that
helps keep us connected. Let us give thanks for our com-
munity of faith, for family, and for who are precious to us.
As we pause this weekend to give thanks, may we not for-
get to give thanks each day, for we are blessed each day.



Hybrid Worship

When we last worshiped outdoors, some joined in the service by connect-
ing on Zoom at the same time. This is hybrid worship - with both in-person
and on-line components. Thanksgiving Sunday will also be hybrid, but, we
hope, with a better set-up so that the on-line component will be improved.
We expect that the reader will be on-line. We anticipate that we will main-
tain our on-line presence in the future even when not needed because of
COVID - so that those who cannot physically make it to the building on a
given week can still worship - connecting on-line. We will work to improve
both the in-person and on-line experience so that all can participate.

Vaccination Mandate

Our Church Council has made the decision that the in-person component of
our worship will be open to those who are fully vaccinated (or ineligible for
vaccination - example, those 11 and under at this time). Some may interpret
our vaccination policy as being unwelcoming - but far from it. Everyone is
welcome to worship with us, however, those who are eligible for vaccina-
tion but who are not fully vaccinated are welcome to worship through our
Zoom connection. By taking this stance, those who are vaccinated but still
relatively vulnerable will be able to gather in-person if they choose. As a
Christian community, we should always consider the more vulnerable in the
community - these become our priority. At the same time we will work hard
to make the on-line component of our worship as good as possible. This
approach is shared with some of the other United Churches that are a part of
our Regional Council.

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ZOOM INFORMATION:

Click <https://zoom.us/j/4939842064>

Or call: 438-809-7799,

Use meeting ID 493 98 42 064 #

If ever you are asked for a password,
we will use 458

All Saint's Day

This year we continue our tradition of lighting candles in memory of those who have gone before us, individuals who have touch our lives in significant ways. The service for All Saints' will actually be held on the day before, **October 31**, at 10:30 on Zoom.

The candles will be lit on the table of the worship space where Kent is. However, those who wish to have a candle lit will be invited to speak the name(s) of the individual(s) that they are remembering and for whom we are giving thanks.

All Saints remembers the saints - the faithful who have died, who are probably not 'canonized' or recognized officially by a church, and yet are people who were important to us. To request a candle, please go to

<https://www.wyman-hudson.ca/all-saints>

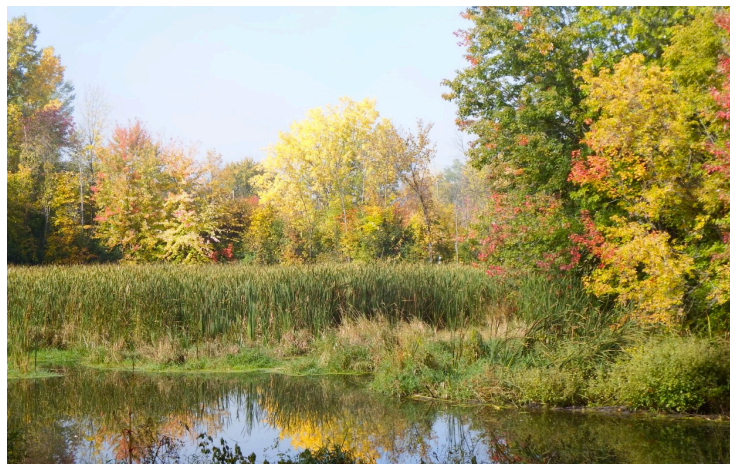


Remembrance Sunday

On **November 7** at 10:30 we plan to gather for hybrid worship once again for our Remembrance Sunday Service. As we have done for Thanksgiving, there will be a registration form for those who wish to take part 'in-person'; others are welcome to join on-line. This service always commemorates the sacrifices of many and is an opportunity to focus on praying for a world of peace.

Walking Through Grief

The grief process is different for each individual, and is not a tidy process either. We all carry grief for recent losses and losses that may be years ago. We know that grief can be caused by many factors - loss of health, moving, loss of a job - even by retirement - and much more. The Walking through Grief group is for those who grieve the loss of another person, whether recent or not. Each Wednesday the group departs the parking lot at Selkirk and Main and walks to Jack Layton Park or Sandy Beach, with a return into town and coffee at a restaurant. Wednesdays are not skipped because of weather (though occasionally the walk part gets postponed to another week). You are welcome to join us if you carry the grief from the loss of any individual. For more information, you can contact Annelie Mitsche or Kent Chown.



Reflections & Connections

March 18th, 2020 the Reflections & Connections program began and has continued every Wednesday since without a break – Even if Kent is on holiday. We have general conversation, and then a focus on one topic, and then more open conversation. It has become a place for laughter, deep thought, respectful discussion, and the sharing of burdens and concerns. And you are welcome to join in. Every Wednesday evening at 7:30 at our usual Zoom location.

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Items Needed for Resilience

Below is a list of items that is most desperately needed for the fall and winter season at Resilience Montreal. You can contact Margie Chesney or Nathalie Paul for more information.

We need items. >>>

- Plastic Bags, Reusable bags, Backpacks, Tote Bags.
- Ball caps, sunglasses, reading glasses, belts.
- Men's clothing as we are almost completely out! (Underwear, shorts, socks, pants, T-shirt, long sleeves, button-ups, fall jackets, sports jackets, etc).
- Running shoes (Women's 7+, all Men's sizes).
- Tents, Sleeping bags.
- Umbrellas, Ponchos.
- Women's leggings and sweatpants, small underwear (new).
- Hoodies (all genders, all sizes).



Fall Mum Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who purchased Mums. All proceeds were donated to Wyman. A total of \$1,200 was raised!



From the Ad Hoc Committee

Good news. As mentioned earlier, the Canadian Government has agreed to provide the community with a grant to support modifications to the Côte St. Charles United Church in order to make the building accessible to people with different abilities.

On Monday, October 4, we received a cheque for \$100,000 for exactly that purpose. As a part of the agreement, we have to complete the work within two years, or we will need to return the money. This is excellent news, and is really helping towards our continued fundraising efforts.

We will provide a further update once the technical package has been submitted to the Town of St. Lazare. Stay tuned!

Flowers for Fundraising

Poinsettias will be available by the middle of November. Stay tuned for more information!

In the meantime if you're looking for a little floral pick me up there are Cyclamen, Calandiva, Kalanchoe and Begonias available in a wide variety of colors.

