

SPIRITED SUMMERLEA



Lent 2023 Edition



A Message from our Ministers

Friends of Summerlea and Southwest,

I am glad to be able to go through Lent this year, in a new way from the past years. I guess that the fact we could not meet and share our Lenten journey put a strain in the way I was living it out.

This year, with the study on Henri Matisse that we have begun, and the news of this illness I will now be living with, I see Lent differently, not in terms of something in my life that I should give up, but really something I could offer.

To me it is different: I will let go of this, and that, knowing that these things bring nothing to my life of faith. I am willing to open up my heart to newness, new people, new events, and a new life. I am not doing that out of a joyful heart because it means giving up things I like, but new things are ahead and that makes me move forward. God is preceding us, journeys with us and follows us.

This Lenten Season we walk as one, two communities of faith sharing the same journey. The Lenten experience may be different for each of us, but the destination is the same. We will share the path and do it together, stronger for our combined experiences.

A Good Lent journey to you.

Reverend Christine and Pastor Beryl

Lenten/Bible Study Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent .
Rev. Christine would like to invite you to join a Lenten Bible Study group on Zoom, beginning on Thursday, March 2nd at 10:30am (the link will be opened by 10:15am to give you time to set-up). A link to the devotional material was sent out on Thursday, February 23rd.





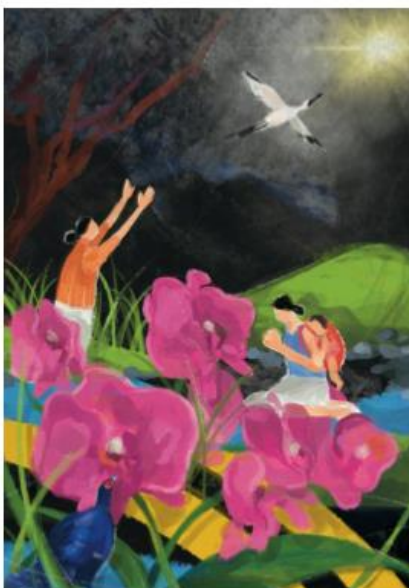
World Day of Prayer
Journée mondiale de la prière

2023

Taiwan

"I Have Heard
About Your Faith"

Artwork by Hui-Wen HSAIO



Taiwan

«J'ai entendu parler
de votre foi»

œuvre d'Hui-Wen HSAIO

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Friday, March 3, 2023 at 11:00am

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

Église Unie Summerlea United Church
225 - 50th Avenue, Lachine, Quebec H8T 2T7
514-634-2651

Location/l'endroit

Soup Luncheon to follow the Service

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
Service rédigé par le Comité de la Journée mondiale de la prière de Taiwan, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Œcuménisme des chrétiennes du Canada



SIGN THE PETITION TO SAVE THE LACHINE HOSPITAL!



I just signed the petition "**Sauvons l'hôpital Lachine**" and wanted to ask if you could add your name too. This campaign means a lot to me and the more support we can get behind it, the better chance we have of succeeding. You can read more and sign the petition here: https://petitions.eko.org/petitions/sauvons-l-hopital-lachine?share=213fee42-0327-4994-97c1-83d0e0c66978&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email

William Hunter Memorial Fund – February 2023

Thank you for your generous donation to the William Hunter Memorial Fund. We continue to sponsor our overseas family of three, at an annual cost of \$1,584.00. We are helping children and families by providing hope through education, health, clean water, and improved self-confidence.

We will also donate \$240.00 to Operation Smile to provide surgical care for patients and families affected by cleft lip and cleft palate. We bring hope and dignity to children around the world. The impact of your gifts is immediate, tangible and lifesaving. We cannot do any of this without you.

We are grateful for your continued support.

Dale Romagosa

March Calendar

02 10:30am Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Christine on Zoom

03 11:00am World Day of Prayer

05 10:00am 2nd Sunday in Lent

12 10:00am 3rd Sunday in Lent

19 10:00am 4th Sunday in Lent / Food Sunday

26 10:00am 5th Sunday in Lent / AGM following service

A Way Home: Becoming Culturally Competent

A Diversity Workshop presented by MKP Canada here at Summerlea!!

If you were to become aware that every relationship or interaction you have with another person is likely to be a multicultural relationship or interaction, **what would you want to know about yourself, the other person, society, and culture?**



Objective: To develop cultural competency by becoming familiar and conversant with the VISIONS, Inc. model that has proven to be very useful for seeing, understanding, and working with multicultural issues.

The training is not limited to members of Summerlea church and is open to all genders, 18 years of age and older, and will be a bilingual training if required.

When: April 14-April 15, 2023, Friday, Apr. 14 at 7:00PM-10:00PM (eastern) Saturday, Apr. 15, 2021, at 10:00AM-5:00PM (eastern) Leaders: Barb and Miguel Rath*
Cost: \$50.00 (No one will be refused due to lack of funds.) Registration: <http://bit.ly/3ZIPC7X> (If necessary, copy and paste the link into your browser)

For further information, contact:

Greg Butt: 514-910-7745 or John Closs: 514-984-8370

Thanks to Marion Golden for this submission:

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the “Peanuts” comic strip. You don’t have to actually answer the questions.

Just read straight through, and your brain will see the pattern.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman Trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name 10 people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade’s worth of World Series winners.



How did you do? The point is none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most.

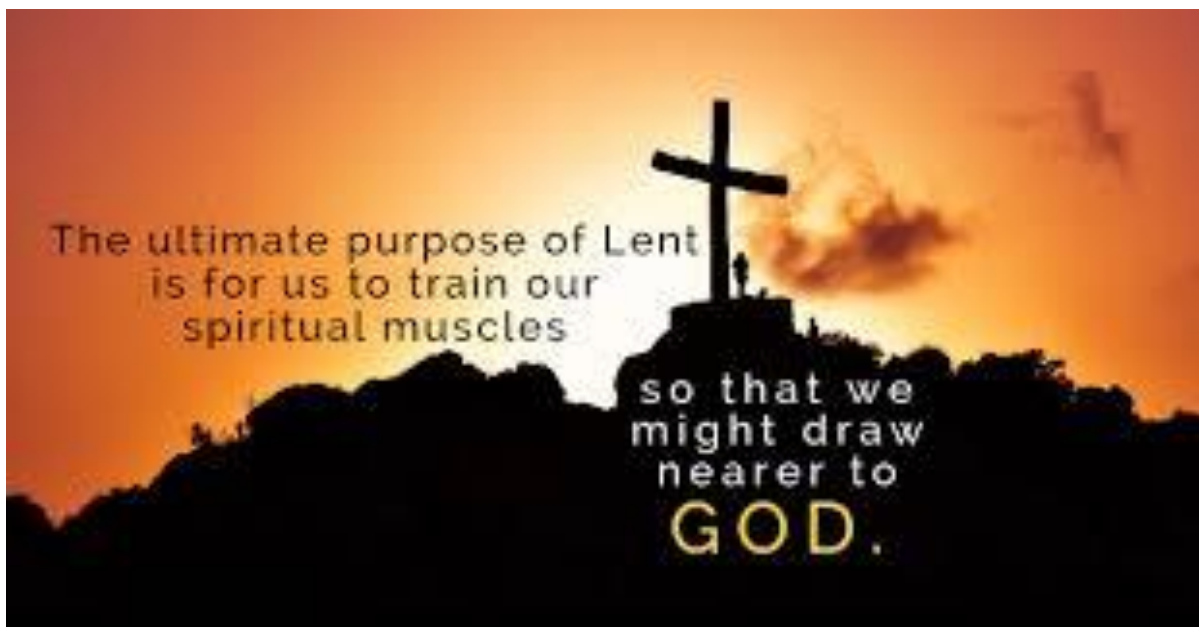


Emergency response to earthquake in Turkey and Northern Syria

The catastrophic earthquake on Feb 5th in Turkey and Northern Syria has killed thousands and left hundreds of thousands homeless at a very cold and wet time of year. When emergencies like this strike, people need help right away. First with the basics—shelter, food, clothing—and then with rebuilding. United Church partners and ecumenical relationships in over 120 countries are on the ground and able to assess what's needed. For more information and to make a donation please go to: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/global-emergency-response>

THE WAR IN THE UKRAINE:

UNITED CHURCH UPDATE To mark the first anniversary of the war in Ukraine, The United Church of Canada Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance has shared this update on their work in the region, providing aid and assisting those fleeing the war. Your generosity through Mission & Service has long supported ACT's humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts. Budolai is an energetic non-governmental organization (NGO) leader in Balti, Moldova. He is also a person with strong faith. His organization, Healthy Cities, was created several years ago to help the most vulnerable people in the city: homeless, addicts, people with disabilities. Last year, when Russia invaded Ukraine, and refugees began to cross the border into Moldova in great numbers, he saw a need to reach out to this new group of people in need. Read the full story.



If you have something you would like to submit for the Easter Edition of Summerlea's newsletter please send your contributions by Monday, March 27th to Jane Cowell at jane.cowell.poitras@sympatico.ca