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## 2018 LENTEN SEASON AT MRUC

**MARCH 11 - LENT 4** – Theme: *What is Truth?*

**Time change** - Spring your clocks forward 1 hour!

**Easter & Memorial Flower** donation envelopes available.

**MARCH 18 - LENT 5** - *Jesus Condemned*

**MARCH 25 – PALM SUNDAY** – *Crucified Messiah*

**Sunday-Inaugural Breakfast Bash-8:30 - 10:30**

There will be freshly brewed coffee, a variety of teas and homemade Cinnamon buns on offer courtesy of our in-house baker aka Children's Minister from Manor Road United Church, Allison Marcaccini. We also ask that each attending child/family bring a piece of fruit/nut free snack to share. After breakfast, join the congregation for service at 10:30 (no obligation). Contact the church office by March 21 if you are planning to attend (for catering purposes).

**MARCH 30 – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 10:30 AM – “It is Finished”**

**APRIL 1 – EASTER – Christ is Risen!**

### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

You will find Easter Flower Donation envelopes on the table at the front door. This year we are asking for donations toward the flowers that will decorate the sanctuary. Your donation can be made in memory of a loved one... or just because. We are also asking you to indicate whether you will be taking a plant home with you on Easter Sunday. If you do not wish to take a plant home, it will be planted in the gardens next fall. Any plants not removed after the Easter Sunday Service will be removed for planting.



### ARE YOU READY TO ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK??

The Blue Radish is just around the corner on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and we are **CALLING ALL PERFORMERS!** Put on your saddle shoes, slick back your hair and get ready for 50's Dance Party! Please contact Agnes Fodor or the office if you are going to perform. Let us know what you are doing, how long your set will be and who will be performing with you.

### OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Tricia Reid, our Office Administrator, has decided to leave MRUC to take a full time opportunity with Northlea United Church. We are very sad to see Tricia go but we are also thrilled that she has found a full time position. We wish to thank Tricia for her energy and commitment to helping us set up new ways of working with our new space and tenants. The Executive is working to manage the transition and recruitment of a new Office Administrator. Meanwhile, if you have any questions on how this might affect our life and work, please contact Sheridean Macdona at [mrucmandp@gmail.com](mailto:mrucmandp@gmail.com).

### SCHOOL OF CELTIC CONSCIOUSNESS WITH JOHN PHILIP NEWELL - July 3 - 5, 2018



In 2016 John Philip Newell (former Dean of Iona Community in Scotland) founded the School of Celtic Consciousness (SCC). Newell Believes this wisdom passed down from this ancient branch of Christian household is urgently needed at this moment in time. Through the school, he hopes to expand the consciousness of Celtic wisdom through study and reflection; deepen spiritual practice in the context of Earth's sacredness; and nurture community and a commitment to compassionate action. Over the course of the three days, the daily schedule will consist of prayer at the beginning and ending of each day, presentations by John Philip Newell, followed by meditative practices, silence, and sharing. Meals will be shared in common and there will be free time to hike, walk our outdoor Chartres Labyrinth, and rest. We will share in celebration on the last evening together. Contact Sharon Hull to register or for more information at [oaten@fiveoaks.on.ca](mailto:oaten@fiveoaks.on.ca) or 647 297 9562. Rev. Debra is on the leadership team of this event and would love to have some of you join her at Five Oaks--a United Church of Canada Education and Retreat Centre near Paris, Ontario.



**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** This week we will have: Nursery for those 3 and under; Sunday School will be held upstairs for those 4 and above. Children can feel free to choose the group that suits their needs. Contact Allison if you have any questions.

**LITTLE RAINBOW FISH PLAY GROUP IS IN FULL SWING EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:30-11:30!!** Weekly Drop in for the local community children 0-5 and caregivers. Please bring a snack (cut up fruit, crackers, cheese, no nuts) to share with the group at snack time. Entry by donation (suggested is \$5/family to cover, tea/coffee/milk/cheese (and to help the church keep on the heat and lights. Let Susan or Allison know if you can help out. **Please note** only street parking is available - the lot is for daycare drop off only. Thank you.

**VISIT US ON FACEBOOK.**

**MESSY CHURCH IS FRIDAY, APRIL 6 FROM 5:30-7:00.** The season of Easter will have begun and spring renewal will be in the air! Please let Allison know if you're planning to come so we can be prepared for everyone.

#### WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT MRUC!

##### GIVE YOUR OLD CUTLERY A NEW HOME AT MANOR ROAD!!

You heard it here! We need cutlery for the kitchen and are willing to give your old stainless a new home. Please donate your extra or outdated, preferably, but not necessarily matching cutlery sets to the Manor Road kitchen. Thank you.

**MISSING!! ALL OF OUR BIBLES...**It seems our Bibles disappeared in the great church purge! If you have any Bibles in good condition that you would like to contribute to MRUC, please bring them and place on the table near the right side of the sanctuary divider. New Revised Standard, New International Versions would be especially appreciated. Thank you!

##### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you know of someone who needs congregational care support, please contact Rev. Debra, Don Reynolds, Susan Johnson or Betty Kelman. Please continue cards and support for Michelle Bennett, Jean Ballinger, Mary Murray, Horst Mueller and Freda Forester

##### A DESIRE TO TRAVEL...

Do you have a desire to travel? Do you love visiting new-ish places? Then volunteer to deliver Easter plants to the Homebound on Palm Sunday. Please see the list at the back of the Sanctuary and sign up today

##### JOIN OUR ROSTER OF SCRIPTURE READERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP!

Contact the office to sign up. Questions?? Ask Rev. Debra

##### PHOTO CONSENT FORMS

Please complete a photo consent form, even if you have completed one in the past. The form indicates your permission to post pictures of you, your family members etc. on our website and social media apps. If you strongly object to your image being shown on our website, or other social media platforms, please let the office know; however, be aware that you are in a public space and, in spite of our best efforts your photo, or photos of family members may be included in larger group gatherings.

## This Week. . .

**Time Change:** Remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday night

**March 11 - Sunday - Lent 4 - What is Truth**

## And Beyond. . . .

### 2018 LENTEN SEASON AT MRUC

March 18 - Lent 5

March 25 - Palm Sunday

March 30 - Good Friday Service - 10:30 am

April 1 - Easter

**March 20 - Tuesday - Presbytery Meeting at MRUC!**

- 4:00 Interchurch/Interfaith Team in Large Mtg Rm
- 5:30 - Dinner
- 7:00 - Plenary Meeting - Jill Strap will be sharing some of our story around MRUC's redevelopment project.

**March 25-Sunday Inaugural Breakfast Bash-8:30-10:30**

Enjoy freshly brewed coffee, of teas and homemade Cinnamon buns. Please bring a piece of fruit or a nut free snack to share. **Raffle** tickets sold upon arrival. There will be a draw at 10:00am. If you have items to donate towards the raffle, please bring by Sunday, March 18. Join the congregation for worship at 10:30, if you wish! **RSVP with the church office by March 21** (for catering purposes).

**April 3 - Executive Meeting - 7:00-9:00 pm Large Mtg Rm**

**April 6 - Messy Church - 5:30-7:00 pm**

**April 15 - Annual General Meeting (Financials)** will be held after service. Executive Reports are due to the office by March 16<sup>th</sup> please.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Little Rainbow Fish Drop-In at 9:30 - 11:30 am**

**MRUC Children's Choir at 4:30 - 5:30 pm**

### EXPANDED FRIDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

**Faith Based Book Club - 9:20-10:30 am** in Large Meeting Room, using Bruce McLaren's book, "We Make The Road By Walking."

**Wisdom Exchange - 10:30 - 11:30am** Calling all knitters/crochetier and wanna-bees! We will be creating Prayer Shawls & sharing wisdom between the generations.

**Potluck Lunch - 11:30 - 12:30.**

**Come any or all! No cell phones allowed!!**

### SUNDAYS

**Choir Practice** in the Upper Room after the Service

### IRENE FRENCH

Irene's memorial service will be held here at Manor Road UC on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11 am with reception to follow. Please speak to Marianne if you are able to help with the reception.

Please keep her family: Maureen, Steven and Rick & Cheryl in your prayers. Irene's obituary is online with the Toronto Star. You may send cards and notes to the family at:

- Rick & Cheryl French, 2 Rutherglen Road, Toronto M4R 1L6
- Maureen Teffer, 11 Wildwood Trail, Barrie L4N 9Y6
- Stephen French, P.O.Box 374, Station Main, Peterborough K9V 6Z3