



Crescent Fort Rouge United Church

Communique

For the week of November 15—November 21, 2020

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP 10:30 am

▪ **We have suspended in-house worship until further notice!** We are continuing to live stream the service from the church. You may now access the service either live at 10:30, or view a recording at any time through various digital platforms including Facebook, YouTube, Twitch and Zoom. Details for joining are indicated below.

To join via Zoom, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89592579513?pwd=UWo1MERacndZSVNIZEdELzZiK2Z2Zz09>
Meeting ID: 895 9257 9513 Passcode: Worship

Note: If you are planning to participate via Zoom, please try to join between 10 and 10:20 am so you can enjoy a virtual fellowship time with others; An official “pre-service chat” will begin at 10:20 during which we will review important and emergent announcements before the service begins at 10:30; at the conclusion of the service, an announcement loop will be shown on all streams. In order to respect privacy, we will not be sharing any personal or sensitive information on any of our uploaded platforms; that would include information about birthdays, deaths, or hospitalizations; when appropriate, and with permission, such information will continue to be included in this weekly communique.

To watch via Twitch <https://twitch.tv/crescentfortrougelive>

To watch on Facebook Live go to Marc's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/marc.whitehead.37>

To watch on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY_yu6hzsG1yoisFBHvGm5A?view_as=subscriber

▪ Thank you for your ongoing feedback as we continue to adjust to using these platforms for worship. Please continue to forward your concerns, challenges, suggestions, beefs and bouquets to marc.cfruc@mymts.net.

▪ A huge word of thanks to Ali Fulmyk and Aidan Clarke for bringing their expertise to our production team.

▪ **Some Hints For Virtual Participation**—If you are experiencing some difficulties participating via Zoom or some other platform, you might try increasing the speaker volume on your device. Attaching auxiliary speakers, or using good quality earphones may increase your listening pleasure. If your connection is unstable, attaching your device directly to the internet with an ethernet cable may improve signal quality. Those who participate via Zoom may find that the use of auxiliary microphones or cameras will improve the quality of your output.

▪ This week is **Children's Sabbath**; we are exploring the story of the talents as found in Matthew 25:14-30

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

▪ **November 22, 2020**—Reign of Christ; We will be sharing in a Virtual Communion Service; please ensure that you provide yourself with the appropriate elements at home so you can participate.

THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUP AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

▪ The Walking Group is meeting at the corner of Wellington Crescent and Guelph Street Tuesday at 10 am.

▪ The Leadership Team is meeting via Zoom this Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm. Check your email for the link

▪ We have temporarily suspended in-house gatherings of our drop-in prayer group. We are continuing to meet virtually via Zoom Wednesday mornings at 10:30. If you would like to participate, please contact Marc for the link.

▪ The “Holy Folders” meets for coffee and conversation Friday at 10 am at the Forks near Fergies' Fish and Chips.

BAKE SALE CANCELLED!

▪ The December Bake Sale has been cancelled, due to the newest Code Red Health Regulation of lockdown for all of Manitoba. We are excited about rescheduling a Bake Sale sometime in 2021, but we cannot presently predict a date due to the unknown course of events for Covid. For now, stay safe at home, everyone.

URGENT APPEAL

Fetno Kemo, a refugee from Ethiopia - is the man we call the "poster boy for refugee sponsorship." From the time of his arrival in Winnipeg in 2005, Fetno's bright and determined spirit committed him to courageously making a new life. A teacher in his homeland, he quickly found work here, shook off dependence on our refugee committee, qualified as a truck driver, bought a (very) used car, got a mortgage. Fetno became a Canadian citizen and asked for permission to address the assembly at the ceremony. He gave fulsome praise to Crescent Fort Rouge United and our partner churches (St Luke's Anglican, Holy Rosary Roman Catholic and the First Church of Christ Scientist) for sponsoring him and for supporting him in his new life. Time passed, Fetno found a bride, Zalika, and two daughters ensued. But happy endings don't always last. In recent months, Zalika fell ill with cancer, Fetno had to leave his job to care for the children. Then, Zalika died. Understandably, Fetno is devastated. And in financial difficulty.

Former members of the Refugee Committee have set up a fund to support Fetno and his daughters (now ages 10 and 8) through this crisis. Donations can be e-transferred to Rennie Smith (renjansmith@mymts.net), or, if you'd prefer to give cash or cheque, be in touch with Donna Fillingham (donnaian@shaw.ca or 204-792-9569) or Janice Smith (204-791-3267) to arrange a pick up. Note that these donations are NOT tax deductible, as Revenue Canada does not allow charities to fund-raise for specific individuals. We have chosen to go this route because this is an urgent situation. Thanks for giving this your generous consideration.-barb janes, on behalf of Rennie & Janice Smith, Donna & Ian Fillingham, and Ken Anstie

UPCOMING (VIRTUAL) EVENT WITH MATTHEW LEGGE

"Are We Done Fighting?" A series of webinars with Matthew Legge, based on his book of the same name.

- November 25—Polarization and Difficult Conversations
- December 2—Othering and the Influence of Emotions
- December 9—Violence, Forgiveness

All sessions begin at 7:00 pm. To register please email jim.ina.penner@gmail.com You will be sent the link to join.

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▪ 1JustCity is planning to continue this annual project. They are currently seeking donations of new, unopened, toys, games, stuffed animals, books, craft supplies; new, unworn winter wear for **all ages**; beauty products, jewellery, chocolate and candies, and gift wrapping supplies. If you have items to donate, please contact Marc to arrange a time for drop-off. Last date to donate will be Sunday, December 6. Ken Anstie and Barbara Ann Bryant-Anstie will be delivering collected items on our behalf. Cash donations can also be made through their website <https://www.1justcity.ca/donate>

A REMINDER ABOUT ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

▪ Due to the recent Covid restrictions, even if you have a key or code, access to the church will be by appointment only. Please call or text Marc at 204-461-1767 or email him at marc.cfruc@mymts.net if you are planning to drop by.

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▪ So many things are different in 2020 and CFRUC's gift card fund raiser is no exception. Order forms will not be necessary. Please, just write your name, address and phone number on a piece of paper along with the number of cards that you wish to order in each denomination and include a cheque for the value of the cards. Cheques should be payable to Crescent Fort Rouge United Church. You can order cards starting now until November 22nd. The cards can be ordered in denominations of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200. Plan to drop off or mail your order to the church: Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, Safeway/Sobeys, 525 Wardlaw Ave., R3L 0L9. Call Lynne at 204-269-9139 for more information

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On-line donations to support the ongoing work of CFRUC can be made via Canada Helps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/crescent-fort-rouge-united-church/>