



# Crescent Fort Rouge United Church

## Communique

For the week of October 25-October 31, 2020

### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP 10:30 am

- **October 25, 2020**—Deuteronomy 34:1-6—Moses sees the promised land just before his death
- **Physically distanced in-house worship continues this week.** Even with increased Covid-19 restrictions, public worship is still able to continue at 30% capacity. If you would like to watch via **Live Stream** (just click on the link) at 10:30 am. <https://twitch.tv/crescentfortrougelive> You will also find recordings of previous services and events.
- **Zoom Worship**—If you would prefer to watch via Zoom, click on the link below, and plan to join between 10 and 10:20. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89592579513?pwd=UWo1MERacndZSVNIZEdELzZiK2Z4Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 895 9257 9513 Passcode: Worship
- **Some Hints For Virtual Participation**—If you are experiencing some difficulties participating via Twitch or Zoom, 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.

### NEXT SUNDAY

- **November 1, 2020**—is All Saints' Day; as part of our worship, we will be recognizing those who have died during the past year. If you would like a loved one acknowledged, please forward their name and photograph to Marc ([marc.cfruc@mymts.net](mailto:marc.cfruc@mymts.net)) before next Friday, October 31, so they can be included in the powerpoint presentation.

### REMINDING YOU (AGAIN) OF SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP !

- If you are joining us for in-person worship, plan to arrive at the Nassau Street entrance between 10 and 10:20 am; You will be greeted at the door, and asked to sign in and sanitize your hands before entering the sanctuary; remember to wear a mask; and observe a 2 metre distance from others; try to avoid stopping in doorways and walkways to chat. If you want to visit, please consider moving to our greenspace.
- Before the service begins, a loop of announcements will be projected on a screen at the front of the church. Our worship host, Linda Fortier, will be make any additional announcements verbally; please provide her with written details before the service. A form for this purpose is available at the sign in tables.
- If you wish to make a financial donation to support our ministry, offering plates can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. If you would like to give by pre-authorized remittance (PAR) please contact us to enroll
- We are not offering pre-or post service refreshments at this time; you are welcome to bring a beverage with you
- We are not offering Sunday School or supervised child care at this time; the nursery is available for your use; activity packs will be available for children to use during the service.

### SOCIAL NOTICES AND PASTORAL UPDATES

- This Sunday we will be acknowledging those who celebrate birthdays in October. Best wishes to Marlene Beaty, Victoria Shaw, Rennie Smith, Seth Sousa, Shirley Hilton, Joel Nichols, Margo Storey, Gordon Dickson, Phyllis Moss, Sharon Turner, Mckenna Brown, Charlotte Cutler, Alex Anderson, and Elly Taylor
- We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Ivan Bonner and Doreen McCormick as they mourn the death of their loved ones, and to Rev. Jerry South and his family, as they grieve the passing of his wife Jackie.
- We offer our congratulations to Sajani Joykutty and her family as they welcome the arrival of a new nephew, cousin, and grandchild born on October 17, 2020

## 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.
- PATH is meeting (virtually) on Tuesday, October 27; check your in-box for the Zoom 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 Pastoral Care Team is meeting on Thursday, October 15, at 10:30 am; Check your in-box for meeting details
- The "Holy Folders" meets for coffee and conversation Friday at 10 am at the Forks near Fergies' Fish and Chips.

## SOME WORDS OF THANKS!

- Thanks to everyone who donated food items to St. Matthews-Maryland Community Ministry; we will be hosting our next food drive during Advent, beginning Sunday, November 29
- Circle 1 would like to thank the makers, sellers, organizers, and buyers for making last weekend's Pop-Up Fall Market a great success. Thanks to those who so generously shared their bounty, almost \$900 was raised to support various ministry initiatives.
- Our Artfest organizers offer their thanks for all those who helped make last weekend's Art Show such a hit! We had 85 pieces of art from 26 artists. 75 guests were in attendance on Saturday who made donations of \$139.50 and another 73 guests joined us on Sunday and donated an additional \$118.45

## NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

- We have had an electronic key pad put on the Wardlaw door to allow people to enter the building without needing a key. We have had over one hundred keys cut over the years and have lost track of many of them, so we had the locks changed and the key pad installed. Codes and keys are being assigned now and that process should be completed very soon.
- We have been working towards saving energy by exchanging most of the lights in the church to LEDs and by adding infrared heating panels to replace baseboard heaters. That program is now nearly complete after waiting a very long time for the panels to arrive. (The company that produces them had a change of ownership just before the pandemic and fell behind in filling orders.) The panels have now all arrived and installation will be complete in the next couple of weeks, just in time for the cold weather.
- **Mathew Legge Online Workshop** based on the book *Are We done Fighting?* We hosted a book study over last winter but had to cancel Mathew's in-person workshop due to....guess what? We carry on with the theme Peace Re-imagined. It is quite hard to believe that when we chose that as our theme for 2020 that it would continually come to life with new meaning. Mathew's workshop will help us to identify practical ways of peacemaking. Stay tuned for more information.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

- **ST MATTHEWS-MARYLAND CHRISTMAS STORE 2020**—despite the challenges posed by Covid-19, 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. **Beginning next week, a Donation box will be set up in the narthex. Last date to donate will be Sunday, December 6.**

## "PRESERVE" THE DATE

- Our annual **CFRUC Christmas Bake Sale** will be held on Saturday, [December 5th](#) and will be unique this year with a Pre-Order Drive-By system for [Christmas Baking](#). It will include cookies, pies and more. Watch for more details in the upcoming months. If you wish to donate baking, please contact: Doris Mae Oulton - [dmoulton@mymts.net](mailto:dmoulton@mymts.net). 🍰 🍪

## DID YOU KNOW...

- MP Jim Carr's staff were over to get a tour and learn more about our Accessibility Project. They responded very favourably and printed an update about CFRUC in their newsletter (see our Bulletin Board).

## ONE MORE ANNOUNCEMENT...

▪ A (Virtual) Covenanting Service between the Prairie to Pine Region, Caryn Douglas and The United Church in Meadowood will be held on Sunday, October 25, beginning at 11:45 am. Please contact the UCM church office at 204-256 7002 or [ucm@ucim.org](mailto:ucm@ucim.org) for the link.

## ONE LAST THING

▪ Below is the 3rd Quarter Financial Update that has been prepared by the Finance Committee to show you the financial health of our church.

▪ 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/>

▪ Thank you for your continued support

### Crescent Fort Rouge United Church Monthly Financial Update Summary for January to September 2020 (75% of year)

	2019 Totals for comparison (Jan-Sept 2019)	2020 Actual Totals to Date (Jan-Sept 2020)	Change from 2019 values
Income:			
Local Church	\$124,548	\$97,499	-\$27,049
Building-Critical Repair	\$7,345	\$6,970	-\$375
Fundraising (Net)	\$4,816	\$777	-\$4,039
Interest Income	\$5,588	\$9,115	\$3,527
Rentals	\$30,392	\$27,584	-\$2,808
Grants	\$50,000	\$3,060	-\$46,940
Other	\$15,728	\$10,149	-\$5,580
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$238,418</b>	<b>\$155,153</b>	<b>-\$83,265</b>
Expenses:			
Salaries & Benefits	-\$110,970	-\$94,588	-\$16,382
Other	-\$120,118	-\$64,235	-\$55,884
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$231,088</b>	<b>-\$158,823</b>	<b>-\$72,265</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$7,329</b>	<b>-\$3,670</b>	<b>-\$10,999</b>
M and S Donations	\$23,651	\$20,478	-\$3,173

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