



# RIVERSIDE NEWS

Newsletter Of Riverside United Church (february 2026 Edition)

## PASTORAL NOTE

### PEACE FOR THE WORLD: THE COURAGE TO BE PEACEMAKERS

“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Luke 2:14)

The angels’ declaration was for the entire world, a divine vision for all of creation. The peace we are called to seek for our world is the active, hopeful, and sometimes demanding work of participating in God’s mission of reconciliation. It is the outworking of the inner peace we find in Christ and the communal peace we practice in the church.

In a world marred by violence, war, systemic injustice, hindrance to immigration and environmental degradation, the promise of peace sometimes feels distant. Yet, as followers of the Prince of Peace, we are not permitted to be passive. Jesus himself said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). To be a peacemaker is to step into the broken places, not with easy answers, but with the courageous love of Christ.

This work takes many forms. It is the prayer we offer for leaders and for victims of conflict. It is the letter we write to our Member of Parliament advocating for justice. It is the support we offer to refugee families. It is the choice to listen across political or ideological divides. It is the commitment to live sustainably on God’s creation. It is the prophetic voice of the church speaking truth to power, just as the prophets of old and John the Baptist did in their time.

Be a peacemaker.

Rev. Adedeji Sunday Akintayo



## RUC BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

### PSALM 4:8

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD,  
make me dwell in safety".

### REFLECTION:

This Bible verse emphasizes the needs to trust on God for protection and peace needed in this life. This will make us look beyond life circumstances, allowing for peace despite anxiety. The verse represents a confident surrender to divine care, often used to overcome worry and challenges of Journey on the earth.

## RUC PRAYER OF THE MONTH:

We ask God for the peace and safety for our congregation members and everyone in hostile environments seeking peace in Jesus Christ name we pray.



*Welcome to 2026*  
**Black History Month**

**UNITED CHURCH COMMITS TO ENGAGING UN  
SECOND DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT**


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# SUNDAY WORSHIP CALENDAR

All services begin at 11:00am  
and are live-streamed on  zoom

For people joining us online please click the Zoom link below

## FEBRUARY 01:

(BLACK HISTORY MONTH WEEK 1)  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## FEBRUARY 08:

(BLACK HISTORY MONTH WEEK 2)  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## FEBRUARY 15:

(BLACK HISTORY MONTH WEEK 3)  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

## FEBRUARY 22:

(BLACK HISTORY MONTH WEEK 4)  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## JFEBRUARY 2026 RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH SCRIPTURE READERS

Date	Name
February 01	Otokiti Afolabi (In French)
February 08	Louise Samson
February 15	Segun Onifade
February 22	Ojo Emmanuel



## RUC IN JANUARY 2026

January weeks was a bit calm with average attendance in worship service and activities in our community. We carried out four weeks of Epiphanies worship services.

- RUC held /Communion Service on the 4th of January 2026.
- RUC worship services on the 11th of January was conducted by Brenda Mandel because Sir Gene Marks was unavailable but he prepared the entire worship service for that day.

The Riverside United Church children ministry displayed a high quality attendance at the Worshiplode event in Ottawa. A total of number of 14 representatives from Riverside travelled to Ottawa on the 30th of January.

More about this news will shared in the next newsletter.





### **A Special Appreciation to Marcia Lett.**

**This wonderful and respected woman has been contributing to our church community. She is always ready to serve and support.**

**Every Tuesday in our senior lunch program, she will receive food and serve other seniors that are too weak to stand up. She is highly dedicated. On behalf of the church council. We thank you for your service to the Riverside United Church community.**

# **PROGRAMS / EVENTS**

## **● OUT TO LUNCH**

- Every Tuesday 12:00 noon. This seniors program continued to catered delicious meals for our seniors.
- Out to lunch is currently on break and they will return back on the 14th of January, 2025

## **● KOFFE KLATCH.**

This program continues to be a great networking of people every Wednesday morning. Nice coffee and snacks are always been served and books were on display for people to share for members that wish to read and a special networking of people from our community.

Please expect emails from Sir Albert for meetings dates.

## **● RIVERSIDE CARE AND SENIOR'S PROGRAMS:**

**Walking the Seasons and Reflection on My Life:**  
Expect email from Aileen for meetings dates.

## **● RIVERSIDE YOUTH AND KIDS MINISTRY:**

The children Sunday school class is open for all children. The dedicated personnel handling the children are provided every Sunday.

## **● RUC INTERFAITH AND REFUGEES PROGRAM:**

This program provides services for newly arrived refugees. Rev. Adedeji and entire council has continued to support the new members on spiritual and physical needs.

We also welcomed new members and provided necessary support to enhance their integration into our community.



# COMMUNITY LUNCHROOM



214, 14th Avenue, Deux  
Montagnes.

We offer a free lunch each  
Tuesday at noon, everyone is  
welcome to come and try our  
delicious cuisine which includes

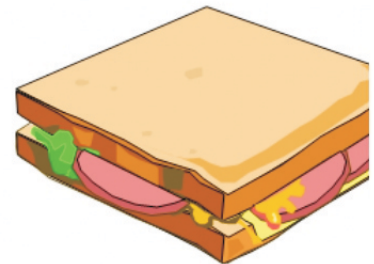


many popular dishes: soup and sandwiches or a hot entrée also a choice of salads and a variety of different desserts.

Our group of volunteers will be happy to welcome you each week,  
You can access the menu each week on facebook @free.lunch123

So come along with your friends any Tuesday and enjoy the convivial atmosphere and delicious food.

If you would like more information, or would like a lift to the event please call Judy at (450) 491-6052 or Stella at (450) 623-5192. All donations are welcome a box is provided for your contributions.



This program is sponsored by the Riverside United Church in Rosemère and a Grant from the Good Samaritan Fund of the United Church



## RIVERSIDES CARE AND SENIOR'S PROGRAMS

# joyful CONNECTIONS

Riverside United Church invites young adults and older adults to join us every Wednesday afternoon

### Intergenerational Convos

*Experience joy & connection as our stories bring us together!*

Join us this Fall on Zoom

Register Today:  
info.joyfulconnections@gmail.com



**E**very Wednesday we continue our Intergenerational Convos group online from 1:00-2:30pm where seniors and young adult volunteers come together to connect, share stories and learn from one another no matter what age we all are.

**RUC Nature Walk and Talk** in every month (Location will be emailed to everyone).

**Reflection of my life** program. Join us as we share lunch together and connect through reminiscing and story telling, while enjoying the company of one another. (Location will be emailed to everyone)

All of the programs are facilitated by **Aileen - Joyful Connections**

For registration and further information about this program please  
**☎ or email Aileen.**



**Aileen Borrueal**  
Director of Joyful Connection

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# OUR COMMUNITY PHOTOS

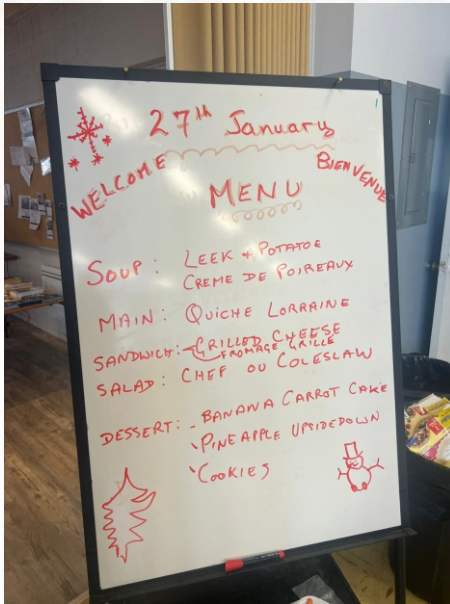
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# OUT TO LUNCH





# JOYFUL CONNECTION



RUC INVITES ALL  
SENIORS 55+ TO OUR

## *Holiday Potluck*

*Followed by our  
Reflections Program*

Join us in your festive sweater or  
holiday hat!

We will share a lovely meal  
together, exchange memorable  
stories and experience laughter, joy  
and connection during this holiday  
season!

FRIDAY, DEC 12TH 12PM-3PM

200 Chem. de la Grande-Côte,  
Rosemère, QC J7A 1H4

PLEASE RSVP:  
AILEENBORRUEL@YAHOO.CA

*Hope you will join us  
in all the fun!*



The joyful connection organized an end of the year wonderfully festive Christmas potluck lunch for our seniors, it was an amazing experience with top delicious food.

The seniors had an opportunity to exchange Christmas memories & stories and plenty of laughter and connection.

Our community is deeply grateful to Joyful connections director, Aileen Borrueal for creating twelve months of community integrations and moment of inspiration and laughter for our seniors

We are looking forward to an inspiring and joyful program in 2026!

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# RUC YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRY



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A very good numbers of Riverside Children Ministry travelled to ottawa in this year Worshiplude program. Below are the names of the participants:

- Jacek
- Grace
- Shemy
- Posh
- Pure
- Pauline
- Ester
- Victoria
- Grace
- Krisha
- Keila
- Katriel
- Billi-Jo
- Wole

We want to thank Billi-Jo and the parents for making this possible. God bless RUC children.

(Pictures will be shared in our next newsletter)





**Rev Adedeji Sunday Akintayo's embark on first ever short vacation as a minister of Riverside United Church.**

**I want to use this medium to thank the church council for approving my holiday and all the good ambassadors of Christ that uphold the work of Christ while I was away in Nigeria.**

# UPCOMING EVENT/ MEETING

**Council meeting coming up  
on 22nd February 2026**

**Worship Committee meeting  
15th February 2026**

## 2026 ASH WEDNESDAY



**February 18: RUC Ash Wednesday lecture.  
- Rev Adedeji.**

**Date:** 18th of February 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm to 8:15pm **Venue:** Zoom

*(Check facebook and email for further information about  
this important study about Ash Wednesday)*

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87610302937>**





**RIVERSIDE  
UNITED CHURCH**

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

**SPECIAL  
NIGERIAN  
DRUM  
DISPLAY  
BY MADAM  
BUNMI  
ONIFADE**

## FOUR SUNDAYS OF CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. What Does God Requires of Us. – Micah 6: 1-8             | – Mr Ojo Emmanuel  |
| 2. You are Salt and You are Light. – Mathew 5 vs 13-20      | – Mrs Pauline Esho |
| 3. God Is Calling You Like Moses. – Exodus 24: 12-18.       | – Posh Fakorede    |
| 4. Black and White United in Love – Colls. 3:14–17: Ps. 133 | – Mr Kayode Isaac  |



**THE FOUR SUNDAYS IN FEB., 2026 / 11AM**

**@ RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH**

**200 Chem. de la Grande-Cote, Rosemere, Rosemere, QC J7A 1H4**

**✉ riversideunitedchurch@hotmail.com**

**All are welcome!**

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**BLACK  
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MONTH**





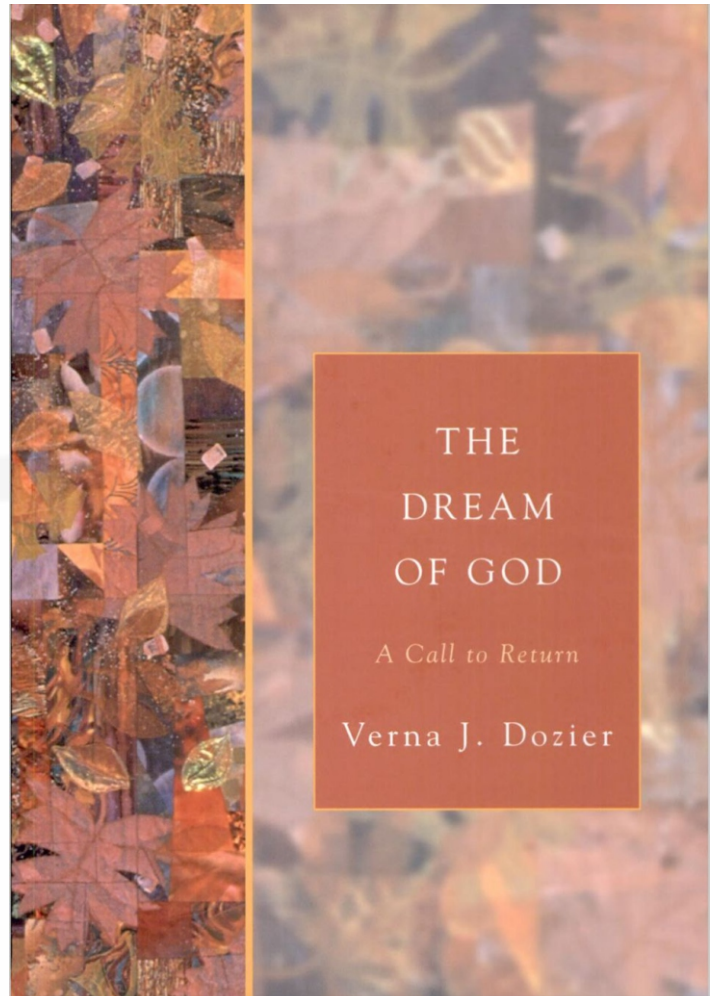
## SPECIAL NEWS

# THE WIBCC WINTER BOOK STUDY.

Rev Linda Buchanan and other cluster ministers are planning a winter book study and we are inviting our community members to kindly join.

The book title is “The Dream of God” by Verna J. Dozier.

If you wish to register early, kindly speak to Rev Adedeji. More information about this book study will be available before the start of winter.



## DRIVING SUPPORT FOR RUC SENIORS



**This support is now available for our seniors that wish to come to the church but can't drive especially in the winter season.**

**Please call Rev Ade or Mr Brian Homer and be assured that we are going to send a driver to pick you at home on Sunday morning.**

**January and February  
worship services will  
focus on EPIPHANY  
AND BLACK HISTORY**



# RUC MORE NEWS

## Youth Group

The Youth Group continues to meet every Sunday at church. Join us as we explore different stories from the Bible and do some fun activities.

## Taxi Service

We still have plenty of coupons to hand out to anyone who needs to use the local taxi service. Coupons can be mailed to you or you can drop by the office on Thursdays to pick some up. Please contact Ade if you need this service.

## Regional Council News

**A Nakonha:Ka Regional Council:** Continue to held her executive monthly and various committees meetings. The council focus is on implementing strategic planning initiatives and humbly seek support from all churches for collective impact that will advance Christ's lights and love in the world.

**B West Island Clergy and Beyond:**  
The West Island and Beyond Cluster leaders continue to engage in spiritual and planning for the future of the church. The leaders started designing the schedules for the 2026 summer cluster worship. The cluster request for participation of congregational members in our WIBCC flourishing meetings. If you have any questions about the WIBCC or Regional Council. Please speak to Rev Adedeji.

## Order platform for news:

1. United Church: <https://united-church.ca/subscribe-updates>
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6. Instagram: <http://instagram.com/nakonhaka>
7. West island Website: <https://www.westislandriversideunited.org/>
8. Riverside Website: <https://www.riversideunited.org/>



## PASTORAL CARE

For any pastoral care matters/emergencies please call:  
Rev. Ade 514-473-3548

Deadline for Submissions to the next newsletter: **FEB. 20**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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*'May God bless you  
and keep you;  
may God's face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
may God's face turn toward you  
and give you peace.'*



**Rev. Adedeji Sunday Akintayo**  
**Minister in Charge**