



The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda

R.E. Class and Service held at 10:30
(followed by refreshments)
Rev. Christine Hillman

Sunday Services March 2009

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| March 1 | Remembering Universalist Olympia Brown
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Bill and Bobby Baylis |
| March 8 | The Power of Silence
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Lorie Lyons |
| March 15 | Social Justice in a Green Economy: Winners and Losers
Todd Pepper | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| March 22 | Rilke on Respecting Our Children
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Toni Janik |
| March 29 | When the Children of God Become Adults
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Eunice Goyette |
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Congressional Meeting

**Sunday, March 8
after service**

The three issues to be discussed are: Church building up-keep, Minister's salary and the Lloyd Fund.

The Annual AUUCTION

April 18th

Start planning now!!



From the Hillparson

Before the month is out it will be Spring – in name at least! From snow and ice to rain and mud, an improvement and a point in the direction of blooming trees and flowers.

The approach of spring also means getting closer to the late April auction at Olinda and it's not at all too early to begin thinking about that. I've already donated something about a cannon and the minister, as well as a "Lil Kinz Panda Bear. Ask Finance Trustee Bobbye Baylis about the cannon and me about the Panda. And while you're remembering to ask, decide what you plan to donate, write it up and get it to Bobbye before the next newsletter is due. It's a great thing to know what we might additionally donate and also what each of us might well want to save our loonies and toonies...to bid on (early and often). The event is such a wonderful experience so be sure to invite friends, neighbours, relatives and anyone you see along the road that evening!

When you receive this newsletter the CUC Board Meeting will be on its last day outside Toronto. Much is going on toward envisioning a vibrant future for UUs in Canada, particularly in the face of serious change. There are many visionaries among us and plenty of people who know how to "operationalize" the visions.

Quoting from a Denise Levertov piece which you'll find more of in the grey hymnal *Singing the Living Tradition*:

"We have only begun to know the power that
is in us if we would join our solitudes in
the communion of struggle. So much is unfolding
that must complete its gesture, so much is in bud."

In faith,
Rev. Christine

Finance Trustee Report

Helen brought us wonderful news in the Annual Report: that we came very close to a balanced budget this year! This was amazing, considering the financial shocks starting in the fall. There are many of us, however, who are not sure we will be so fortunate in this coming year. The stock market decline erodes the pensions of many and raises concern about the Lloyd fund being able to continue to be so generous. Mireya did explain that the structure of the investments means that the payouts tend to be pretty steady, which was a considerable relief. However, this March would be a good time to talk in depth about the financial situation of the Church, particularly as we are planning to start to spend the Auction money on upgrades to the building. Before we hold the meeting to discuss upgrades, the Board has decided to hold a meeting after Church on March 8 to talk more generally about Church finances. This meeting will be open to anyone who has concerns about the financial situation and wants to have more input into the decisions that get made over the course of the year. If you cannot stay after Church on that day, please speak to a Finance Committee member or a Board member to assure your concerns are raised at the meeting.

The other major decision at the last Board Meeting was to set the date of the Auction: April 18. Please start thinking about what you want to have auctioned off so we can get the word out. I will be using David McCallum's poster again for you to write your items on and whet the appetite of your friends.

Bobbye Baylis, Finance Trustee

From the Board

Message From The Vice President

Although both the Minister and the President of the Board were away on other business, the Board Meeting occurred February 19, 2009. Initially Bobbye opened the meeting, however, Bonnie took the Chair after she arrived. At the end of the evening Board Members indicated that it was a fruitful meeting that addressed many of the Church Communities issues and concerns.

Once again we are looking for members of the congregation to attend CUUL school this summer. If any congregational member(s) would be interested in attending please let one of the Board members know.

The CUC ACM is being held in Thunder Bay this year. Rev. Christine and Wilf In-nerd are both planning to attend. It would be great to have other members of the UU Church of Olinda in attendance. Anyone interested should check out the information regarding this meeting on the Bulletin Board in the coffee room.

The Social Responsibility Committee is actively engaged in examining local needs and planning initiatives to respond.. Bill announced that on March 12, at 7:30 a.m., Jim Stanfield, Economist, will be speaking at a Breakfast Meeting at the Cottam United Church. Breakfast is free and all are welcome. It is hoped that some members of our Congregation will be in attendance.

The Board expressed pleasure at the positive reception of the Annual Report, the Annual General Meeting and the delicious "Stone Soup" and sandwich luncheon provided afterward. Once again we would like to thank the ladies in the kitchen who keep us so well fed. They include Dorothy, Evelyn, Donna and Marion. Thanks, too, to those who brought desserts.

The Finance Trustee announced that a Congregational meeting will be held March 8, 2009, after Church. The three issues to be discussed are: Church building up-keep, Minister's salary and the Lloyd Fund. It is hoped that all church members will attend. There are many issues that concern us due to the economic climate in which we are living, and it is important that these be discussed and congregants heard.

Bonnie

Caring Committee Report

A bright and beautiful greeting to all as the month of March arrives. For those unable to be with us each Sunday morning we send a very caring "Hello" to all.

We send "Thinking" of you and "Caring" thoughts to Harriette Sinclair, Ruth Whaley, Albertina Bell, Allan McCallum and Ann Thompson. It is so good to have Gypsy Carroll with us each Sunday morning. A smiley "Hello" to Cathy Thompson in Alberta and Jean Upcott Wallis in London and our snow birds in Texas - James and Romell Reid and Laurie and Carol Hylton.

If I have missed anyone or you have something you would like the Caring Committee to know please contact - Rev. Christine Hillman June Blacker, Eunice Goyette , Carabel Ringrose .

Happy St. Paddy's Day to all.
Carabel

"March brings breezes loud and shrill, stirs the dancing daffodil." Sara Coleridge

Sunday Services Committee

Sunday Services Report for February 2009

In her sermon February 15 on OUUr Loose Leaf Bible, Reverend Christine Hillman encouraged us all to save and share those writings and sayings that we find especially meaningful, inspiring, or insightful. Perhaps they will also inspire or provide useful insights to others. The February services finish on February 22 with history of the "Ghost Town" of Olinda. Sheron Campbell will interview historian Chris Carter about some of his findings. Chris designed a trolley tour of Olinda heritage sites and wrote an accompanying book.

In March, Rev. Hillman is planning to give four sermons, starting with one on Universalist Olympia Brown. We also have one outside speaker, Todd Pepper, the General Manager of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste authority, who will talk about "Social Justice in a Green Economy" on March 15.

Bill Baylis
Sunday Services Trustee

Community Interests

**KAIROS, The Windsor International Press Club, and The Canadian Auto Workers
Invite you to a panel discussion on
*Economics and Social Justice***

The discussion will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

**Venue: lower hall, Essex United Church
53 Talbot St. S., Essex ON N8M 1B1**

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Guest Speaker:

Jim Stanford, Chief Economist for the Canadian Auto Workers

Jim Stanford is an Economist in the Research Department of the Canadian Auto Workers, Canada's largest private-sector trade union. He received his Ph.D. in Economics in 1995 from the New School for Social Research in New York. He also holds economics degrees from Cambridge University in the U.K. (1986) and the University of Calgary (1984). Jim is the author of *Paper Boom* (published in 1999 by James Lorimer & Co.), co-editor (with Leah F. Vosko) of *Challenging the Market: The Struggle to Regulate Work and Income* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2004), and author of *Economics for Everyone: a Short Guide to the Economics of Capitalism* (Fernwood Publishing and Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 2008).

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