



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 January 2010

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| Jan 3 | Wheel of Life
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| Jan 10 | The Purpose of Life is to Lead a Life of Purpose
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Bobbye and Bill Baylis |
| Jan 17 | In Memory of UU Troubadour Ric Masten
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Lorie Lyons |
| Jan 24 | Some Thoughts on the End of the World
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Toni Janik |
| Jan 31 | Bring Back Respect
Maureen Sutherland | Music: Carabel Ringrose |





From the Hillparson

"...[T]he people who plant the seeds of movements make a critical decision: they decide to live 'divided no more.' *They decide no longer to act on the outside in a way that contradicts some truth about themselves that they hold deeply on the inside.* They decide to claim authentic selfhood and act it out – and their decisions ripple out to transform the society in which they live, serving the self-hood of millions of others." Parker Palmer,
from *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*

Parker Palmer is a Quaker/Friends religious educator and scholar as well as a man of thought, compassion and commitment. He led UU ministers and religious educators some years ago for several days and I came to profoundly appreciate his work and his manner. What he is speaking of in this particular quote is one that has meaning in every context, individual and community. It certainly speaks to the UU Church of Olinda's place in the world in this moment, as we enter into the second decade of this century in this new millennium. In Spring Linda Thomson will come (hopefully no respiratory problems this time!), to lead the board into the congregation's future (and they, in turn, to lead the congregation) by listening deeply to the words of the church's Mission Statement and hear what it has to tell the congregation about what it is called to do. I know I have said such things before; it is time to act fully, coherently, beautifully, in a pattern knitted out of who the people are and the words the congregation has chosen.

The beauty of the winter is not so much the snowfall on every kind of winter-remaining flower, nor the ice glittering in moonlight. The beauty of winter is in the barrenness of trees and bushes that outlines and displays their skeletal truths. Whether any of us have made new year promises or not, let us promise, at least, to watch these trees and bushes without their leaves, holding the truths of Olinda and your place in it in mind and heart.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Faithfully and in faith,
Rev. Christine

Caring Committee

A warm January "Hello" to one and all. I hope everyone had a Good and Peaceful Christmas and is looking forward to a very Good New Year 2010.

Get Well thoughts and wishes to Wilf Innerd after many weeks of illness. We all hope Wilf that you are on the speedy road to recovery. Get well wishes to Hector (Buster) Ringrose after a brief stay in the hospital. Thinking of you thoughts and Good Wishes to Ruth Whaley, Albertina Bell, Sylvia Dotzert, Joan Meuser, Harriette Sinclair and Jean Upcott Wallis.

If you have anything you would like to share with the Caring Committee please contact the following - Rev. Christine Hillman, June Blacker, Eunice Goyette, and Carabel Ringrose.

Happy New Year 2010.
Carabel

"Light tomorrow with today."
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Important Dates

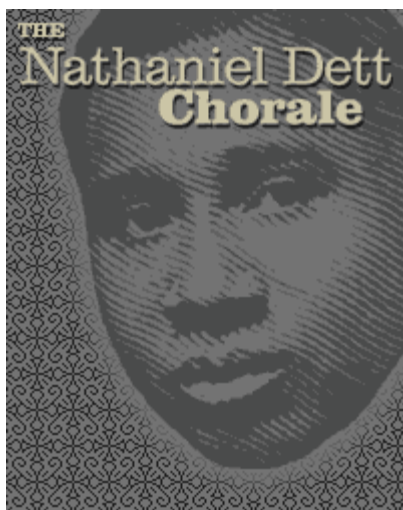
Jan 6	7 PM	Choir practice in church (every Wednesday until March 21)
Jan. 10	9:15 AM	Sunday Services Committee
Jan. 16	8 PM N.	Dett Chorale at St. John's in A'burg
Jan 17	After Service	Social Responsibilities Committee
Jan 21	7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Feb. 14	After Service	Annual General Meeting

Application for Lay Chaplain

It is standard practice for Unitarian-Universalist churches to have at least one lay chaplains on call for those milestone occasions that come up when the Minister is not available. When we dedicated Evelyn Pigott as our current Lay Chaplain, we also decided that some time half way through her tenure the church would seek a second Lay Chaplain so that we would sometimes have two (a good thing) and also have an overlap of chaplain tenures. Since the training is offered in the Spring, applications for this position need to be submitted by Feb. 15. Please see Christine for an application form and return it to her or to another member of the committee: John Haynes or Bobbye Baylis.

After approval by the Lay Chaplaincy Committee, the Board and the Congregation, then following the Lay Chaplaincy training, the Lay Chaplain will be able to perform Child Dedications, Weddings, and Memorial Services. Anyone wishing more information about this role should speak with the Minister or with Sheron Campbell or Evelyn Pigott.

Submitted by Bobbye Baylis, Committee Member



Nathaniel Dett Chorale: Freedom Landing Concert

Canada's famous professional choral group performs it 8 PM at the St. John the Baptist Church in Amherstburg on Saturday, January 16, 2010. *"Last January, they sang for Obama This January, they'll sing for you!"* (Nathaniel Dett was Canada's best-known classical Black composer.)

Regular priced tickets are priced at \$25 each, but groups of ten or more can get tickets for \$18 each. Please sign the list on the bulletin board in the coffee room and give your ticket money to Rev. Christine Hillman or Bill Baylis. For details, see [http://www.riverlights.ca/nathaniel Dett Chorale.htm](http://www.riverlights.ca/nathaniel%20Dett%20Chorale.htm)

Social Responsibility Report

The Social Responsibility Committee has a number of initiatives in mind for 2010. The first event will be a Movie Night planned for mid February. Depending on what we can rent, it will be either Michael Moore's *Capitalism, a Love Story*, or *Yes Men*. There will be refreshments available, for which there will be a charge. There will be no charge for the movie itself.

Details about which evening, what refreshments, and who is responsible for what will be worked out at the first 2010 meeting of the Social Responsibility Committee meeting after church on Jan. 17.

Last Sunday, Dec. 20, Carabel told us about the charming experience of having their meal paid for by someone who wanted to honour their musical performance, and Buster put the contribution into the Big Church he had built to receive non-birthday donations to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This experience 1) pointed out that the slot in the church is too small for rolled up bills, and 2) reminded us that this is where we might want to put "found money" that comes into our hands, money that we would like to pass along to those with a real need for it.

Bobbye Baylis (for Bonnie Showers-Malanoski, who is on a beach in Mexico)

Financial Committee Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the Congregational Budget Meeting on Dec. 6 and supported the Budget that had been approved by the Finance Committee and subsequently by the Board of Trustees. It was a good meeting, with good questions asked, and hopefully clear answers given. There will be a meeting of the Finance Meeting in January or February with the Lloyd Fund Committee to decide whether there should be any change in the manner in which disbursements from the Lloyd Fund are determined. Anyone who would like input into this discussion will be welcome at that meeting. Naturally, the other option is to pass your comments along to a member of one of these committees.

Since the deficit projected for 2010 is large enough for concern, there will also be a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss fundraising opportunities. Again, everyone's input is needed to provide a wide range of possibilities.

Bobbye Baylis, Finance Trustee
