



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 February 2010

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| Feb 7 | On Being Bold Rev. Carmen Emerson | Music: Lorie Lyons |
| Feb 14 | When Love is not Enough Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Bobbye and Bill Baylis |
| Feb 21 | What Would Do for You? Elaine Morse | Music: Toni Janik |
| Feb 28 | Meaning Cannot be Measured Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Carabel Ringrose |



UNICAMP Day is February 7, 2010

It's the middle of winter and it's a good time to think about Unicamp. Hiking the trails, swimming in the pond, star gazing, walking the labyrinth. Spring and Unicamp are not far away. Please take a minute on February 7th, during your Joys and Concerns time to mention Unicamp and briefly share your experience.

Unicamp's 2010 brochure is available at your Welcome Table. If you don't receive one by mail, please pick one up and see what your Unitarian Universalist Camp and Conference Centre has to offer you in 2010.



From the Hillparson

When I was a child in a Lutheran church the envelopes we received came in a box stamped with our name for the particular year. 1955, 1962, 1966... Each envelope had two sections, of different sizes. The left side was the large side and as a young child I was to put a dime in it each week for the support of St. John Lutheran Church; the right side was the small side and I was to put a nickel in it each week for support of missionary work around the world. As I got older the amount on each side increased but always there was the discrepancy. I do things differently now, equal sides, somewhat different commitments on what was the smaller side of the envelope.

As hearts beat as one we touch the people of Haiti as
they, with much world support, find a new path in their
all too human journey.

People from around the world have dedicated goods and dollars and their remarkable skills, body and soul, to help this desperate and ravaged nation begin the long and difficult work of grieving and healing, reconstructing and re-imagining this tiny island's future. May this support continue as long as it is needed.

At the same time, I wish all of us to also remember the countries, issues, diseases, situations....we have supported before. For myself I will continue to support the Canadian Diabetes Association through their Clothesline Project and the David Suzuki Foundation which receives money from me each month. These are significant portions of the half of my UU tithe; that is approximately 5% of my income goes to such organizations and a similar amount being my annual pledge to Olinda. This is just my own story and way of participating in the world's needs financially. We all have our individual or family way. May it always be so that the generosity that is ours be open and known as gifts of love and compassion to our closer and farther neighbours.

*Faithfully and in faith,
Rev. Christine*

Caring Committee

A warm and sunny " Hello" to everyone.

A big "Hello" to our shut-ins - hope you are keeping well also to our snowbirds James and Romell Reid in Texas and Laurie and Carol Hylton in Florida.

It was so good to have Wilf Innerd back to church - stay well and take care. Sending " Thinking of You" thoughts to Harriette Sinclair, Albertina Bell, Ruth Whaley and Jean Upcott Wallis. If I have missed mentioning you I am sorry but do know caring thoughts are with you.

If you have a joy or concern you would like the Caring Committee to know please contact - Rev. Christine Hillman, June Blacker, Eunice Goyette, or Carabel Ringrose.

"Happy Valentines Day"
Carabel

Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.
Charles Dickens.

From the Board

The Board met on January 21st. Pat and John Hayes were in Florida (I can't think why anyone would want to go there in January) and Joy Gilbert was under the weather, otherwise we were complete. I had missed the previous meeting so it was good to be back.

John Upcott was a guest at the Meeting and featured a lot. First of all he presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. The Committee had completed its work in exemplary fashion. Two replacements, for myself and Joy, were identified and have agreed to serve on the Board, if approved at the AGM. John Upcott, himself, will take over as president and Sue Markham will become Trustee for Religious Education. The Board enthusiastically approved both nominations.

A number of dates were confirmed, or discussed, and you might want to take note of them. The Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday February 14, a Valentine for everyone from the Board. The Auction will be held on Saturday April 17. May 15th was suggested for the Bake Sale/Yard Sale and June 6th for the Church Picnic.

Stuart gave an up-date on the proposal to obtain free energy efficient light bulbs. John Upcott met with the representatives of the Power Savings Blitz on January 15th and agreed with the plan. Hydro One will be contacted to carry out the work. Stuart also reported on the garden clean-up plans and his continuing effort to have a building audit. This latter has possible implications for our insurance.

Helen presented her final Treasurer's Report for 2009. The Church is in the black for the Year!! She and Bobbye are to be congratulated on their efforts. Bobbye indicated that there will be a Finance Committee Meeting in February to discuss fund-raising and another open meeting to consider Lloyd Fund distributions in May.

Bill indicated that Sunday Services are set for the next few months. A highlight is that Maureen Thitchener will speak in May.

John Upcott reported for the Committee on Ministry. He indicated that he will need to be replaced on the Committee if the Congregation approves his nomination for President.

Bill and Bobbye suggested that church members may wish to support the work of the organization which Carolyn Davies, who is now in Haiti, works for. They will make an announcement in Church (probably have already done so).

This is my last report From the Board, the 28th as a matter of fact. I am stepping down as President as the work-load as Chair of the Board at Windsor Regional Hospital will be very onerous. I leave you in very good hands, however. The Church has an excellent hard-working, knowledgeable and committed Board and an experienced President waiting in the wings.

See you in Church, Wilf.

Sunday Services Committee

We welcome two guest speakers to the Olinda pulpit this month. Rev. Carmen Emerson presents the sermon entitled "On Being Bold" on February 7. She currently serves as intern minister at the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a congregation of 800. She sent this information about her sermon: *Almost 8 weeks in to the New Year, how are you doing on those New Year resolutions? With the best of intentions we make resolutions about change. Introspection precedes such resolutions, and searching for truth and meaning in our lives is integral to the introspections that inspire and motivate us toward change. While introspection denotes a quiet, reflective, personal engagement, we'll also consider what it means to "adventure boldly and explore" – individually, and as part of a faith community.*

On February 21, Elaine Morse visits Olinda from the Birmingham Unitarian Church to speak on "What Would Do for You?"

And you won't want to miss Christine Hillman's service on Valentine's Day, February 14, when her sermon title is "When Love is Not Enough". The service is to be followed by the Annual General Meeting of our church.

Financial Committee Report

When the 2010 budget was passed in December, it showed a deficit due to decreased revenue, largely the result of the upcoming decrease in the payout of the Lloyd Fund. At that time I suggested there will be an open finance committee meeting to discuss ways to increase our income. Anyone with ideas about fund-raising should join this meeting, which I am tentatively scheduling for Feb. 28, after church.

Our major fundraiser, the Goods and Services Auction, will be on April 17. The funds from the last few auctions, and probably also from this upcoming one, have been accumulated in order to have enough money to perform any major physical improvement needed. In order to determine what should be done, we are having an engineer inspect the building. Stewart Miller is collecting some quotes for this inspection.

Expect to see an Auction sign-up sheet in the coffee room, starting in February. Please start entering goods and services that you will be contributing, in order that the March Newsletter can contain some details to whet everyone's appetite. Speaking of appetite, the Auction will again be preceded by a sit-down dinner contributed by John and Linda Upcott and friends.

Bobbye Baylis, Trustee for Finance

Important Dates

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| Feb 3 | 7 PM | Choir practice in church (every Wednesday until March 21) |
| Feb. 14 | After Service | Annual General Meeting |
| Feb. 18 | 7:30 PM | Board Meeting |
| Feb. 21 | After Service | Social Responsibility Committee |