



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 April 2010

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| Apr 4 | Compassion as God
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Bobbye and
Bill Baylis |
| Apr 11 | When it Gets as Bad as it Can, There's Hope
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Lorie Lyons |
| Apr 18 | Resolving to Make Hope an Action Verb
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Carabel
Ringrose |
| Apr 25 | One Buddha is Not Enough
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Toni Janik |

INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON SUNDAY, MAY 2

Your Social Responsibility Committee will be providing International Dishes for your eating enjoyment. You can dine on Kashmir style lamb; Korean "sauerkraut", Guacamole, Greek Salad, Tabbouleh, Flatbread, and many many other items.

NOTICE OF A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A brief congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010, immediately after the church service.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on accepting Joyse Gilbert as the new Lay Chaplain of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda.

Important Dates

- April 15, 2010**
7 PM Board Meeting
- April 17, 2010**
5:30PM Pasta Dinner and
7 PM Auction
- April 18, 2010**
12 Noon Social Responsibilities
Committee
- April 25, 2010**
9:15 AM Sunday Services Committee
- May 2, 2010**
12 Noon International Dinner,
supporting InterPares



From the Hillparson

It is another of those seasons where winter and spring and summer are all wrapped together and confused by the various beginnings and endings of sports. Turn the television on at any given time, with the curtains closed (and still no lawn mowers roaring) and, dropped in from a Quantum Leap-styled time warp you would have to guess the season. This week I have been enjoying Women's World Curling in Saskatchewan. My favourite sport to watch, its exciting to see women from all so many parts of the world, Curling with skill and confidence – Canada at the top and I hope by the time you receive your newsletter Canada will have won. They are surely good enough! (The U.S. team hasn't been doing so bad and I'm glad for that as well, although few Americans know it!) I have Curling on in the background right now. The sounds of rock on ice, "Hurry Hard" "Right Off" in my ears pleasure enough. My sister and my husband have filled in the brackets and are watching as many March Madness NCAA basketball games as possible. The screech of basketball shoes on the wood is almost a primal memory for this Hoosier although I've not watched any games this year. NHL and NBA playoffs will soon begin and already there is baseball on the air as teams approach the early April official beginning of the season. And then the too soon arrival, in my humble opinion, of North American football.

This summer Wilf and Charlotte Innerd will follow with precision and vigor the games of the quadrennial World Cup of the REAL football of most countries of the world. Known as soccer just in North America, this extraordinary event will find its home in Africa this year. It has long been a bugaboo to me that the baseball World Series only (barely) has two countries in it and the world biggest, most played, game, Football, isn't even recognized by this name in the same two countries which are only beginning to play it and have little idea how big it is across the world. Truly, I think some worldwide issues of friction could be lessened by making Football (the game with the round white ball) the true game of the world, as it is so nearly is already.

Sports are part of almost all our memories. Different sounds and seasons, different paces of play. All involve skill, fitness, knowledge, anticipation, coaching, intuition and readiness to make quick change. We all love a given sport for particular reasons, for me Curling offers a game of intellectual as well as physical challenge. Those of us who follow any game could name the aspects of a particular sport that stirs our own adrenalin and engagement. I have no idea what fans of Cricket would say, but that's me!

Such realities are true of congregational life as well. Seasons, knowledge, definitely readiness to make quick change, anticipation of needs and next direction. Coaching is as significant in congregational life as it is in any sport. Involvement is key, and though there is room for those who sit in the stands – i.e. pews – for most of us congregational life is one requiring action and participation. Olinda's Auction is near to hand, and not much later, the Social Responsibility Committee's annual International Dinner. Both are congregational life here where all of us can contribute and have a great and feel the deep feeling of Beloved Community in one evening. Make an intention, as you can, to be part of one or both of these and make the sounds and smells, the meaning and outcomes of these a part of your "participation" at Olinda.

Oh, and it will soon be the season of croquet, with its memories of hard cracks on balls and my dad and his best of friends from WWII laughing and competing their way around the course of hoops and posts, freshening in my memory! What are your memories? How do they express your ways of contributing to the "wins" at Olinda? I'd love to hear, hmmm, a discussion topic for Coffee Hour!

Faithfully and in faith,

Rev. Christine

From the Board

The Board met March 18th and accepted the letter of resignation from our Lay Chaplain Evelyn Piget-Washington. We thank Evelyn for her years of service but respect that things have changed and she wanted to resign.

Bonnie Showers Malanoski and Joyce Gilbert applied for the position of Lay Chaplain and both were sent to Peterborough for the training. Both have successfully completed the training but Bonnie has decided to delay fulfilling the position because of other commitments she has made to the church and I thank her very much. Having completed the training she will be available in the future to accept the position. A congregational meeting will be held to vote to confirm Lay Chaplain on April 18th.

It was decided to open the church on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm to 3pm for informational discussions, if you are interested in attending please contact John Haynes for topics and dates.

The Board, on a motion by Bobbye Baylis, will again support the House of Sophrosyne with needed articles on Mother's Day. Bobbye will let us know what things they need the most.

There will be two summer services held again this year on July 25th and August 15th.

A Call to Action Letter was received from the Canadian Ministers Association in the proposed closing of the six prison farms by the Harper Government. The farms give the inmates a feeling of accomplishment and also the produce and eggs are used by charities, food banks and some is sold to sustain the farms. The letter was turned over to the Social Justice Committee for their leadership on how best to respond.

Please do not forget the Auction on April 17th as a good time can be had by all whether you bid or not.

I hope everyone has a very Happy Easter and I will see you in church.

John

Caring Committee

A bright and sunny "Hello" to all our members and friends as we welcome the month of April. To those who are unable to be with us on a Sunday morning we send you a bright and sunny "Spring Hello" do hope everything is going well in your life.

We send warm and Caring thoughts and wishes to Robert Bryon , Harriette Sinclair , Doug Whaley, Ron Thompson. A big sunny Spring Hello to Albertina Bell , Sylvia Dotzert, Jean Upcott Wallis and Ruth Whaley. It is good to have Michael with us as he continues his recuperation.

If I have missed anyone I am sorry please let me know. If you have a joy or concern you would like the Caring Committee to know please contact , the Reverend Christine Hillman (519-326-4352), June Blacker (519-735-5154), Eunice Goyette (519-967-7627) or Carabel Ringrose (519-733-5207).

Happy Spring, Happy Easter,

Carabel

"Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life" S.D. Gordon

Volunteers Needed! A Request From Membership.

We are seeking church members with initiative to sign up as Sunday morning greeters. As a greeter, you will be stationed in the church entry hall (from 10:00 to 10:30 am.) to welcome visitors and direct them to the small Welcoming Table to sign our guest book and record contact information.

At that time you would answer any questions the visitor might have as well show them where our pamphlets are displayed. You would also encourage them to stay for refreshments after the service as well as walking them to a pew for the morning service.

It would be preferable to have enough church volunteers as Greeters that being assigned one Sunday a month per volunteer would be sufficient.

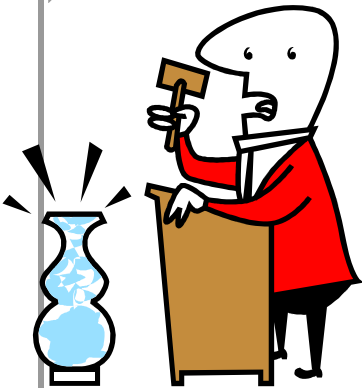
If you are interested in assisting our church as a Sunday morning greeter, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact John Haynes at church or at pjhaynes@sympatico.ca.

Olinda Annual Goods & Services Auction

April 17, 7 PM

Preceded by Pasta Dinner at 5:30 PM

Hosted by John and Linda Upcott



This is your big chance for a night of fun and a great opportunity to pick up some very special treats made by your fellow Olinda UU's. So far, the list includes

Food: Salsa, cornbread, tourtierres, pies, cakes, jams, jellies, restaurant gift certificate
Drink: Wines, Bailey's
Cloth items: silk scarves, afghans, baby blanket, bath blanket, dresser scarf, crafts
Furnishings: floor lamp with table, copper kettle, electronic keyboard, box lights
And an Artistic Surprise!

You can also sign up for one of the upcoming events, which tend to sell out pretty quickly. Anyone not at the Auction may well miss out on these summer get-togethers!

Dinner for 8, Blueberry pancake breakfast, Mexican Dinner, and Summer Barbecue.

To reserve a place at the 5:30 Pasta Dinner, sign up right away. There is only room for 36 and 30 people have already put their names down. There is also still room on the Auction sign up sheets, should you still have something to add to the list.

Financial Committee Report

The first Open Finance Committee Meeting of 2010 was held after church on Feb. 28. We were encouraged by the great turnout, which led to an impressive number of

suggestions, which follow:

- Pancake breakfast
- Raffle of a donated luxury car, beautiful quilt or other art work
- Food events
- Concert: jug band or Windsor Symphony
- Play or readings
- Publication of a local history or a recipe book
- Public lecture
- Class: skill development or "how to"
- Services, such as computer
- Event as partner with another charity to share the proceeds
- Environmental fair with a charge for booths and/or sale of food

A sub-committee was struck to select a few events to study further. This group, presently consisting of Peter LeClair, Carol Hylton, and Bobbye Baylis, will finalize details on one or more possible fundraisers and present their plan to the Board for approval.

Anyone with additional fundraising ideas should pass them on to one of the sub-committee members. Note that the goals for our fundraiser include not only decreasing the expected 2010 deficit but also introducing new people to our church and its ideals.

UU Choir Festival

Six members of the Olinda Choir were able to join the UU Choir Festival at Northwest UU Church in Southfield, MI, on Sunday, March 21 (see picture). It was a thrilling experience, a memorable way to ring in Spring. The UU Church of Olinda was one of eight UU churches to join the mass choir of over one hundred singers.



Olinda choir members after the UU Choir Festival Concert in Southfield: Bobbye Baylis, Stuart Miller, John Lentz, Bill Baylis, Sue Markham, Evelyn Fisher

Each church contributed one choral piece. Olinda brought Tony Turner's "Circle of Song" as arranged by Jane Perry. Dianna Munch from the UU Church in Farmington provided excellent accompaniment. One soprano confided that it was so lovely that it brought tears to her eyes as she sang it. We all enjoyed the other pieces as well, and the experience of working with the other choir directors.

The program was filled out with hymns and several solo pieces, including one that brought a standing ovation: a moving performance of "Simple Song" from Leonard Bernstein's Mass by Glen Thomas Rideout, the new choir director from Ann Arbor.

Our Choir plans to perform several of the other pieces during future services in Olinda.