



# 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 June 2010

- June 6**      **Flower Communion/Volunteer Recognition**  
Rev. Christine Hillman      Music: Carabel Ringrose
- June 13**      **The Music and Ever-Evolving Lyrics of Unitarian Universalism**  
Rev. Christine Hillman      Music: Carabel Ringrose
- June 20**      **Universalism's Larger Message: Coming Home**  
Rev. Christine Hillman      Music: Bobbye and Bill Baylis
- June 27**      **Some Lessons I Have Learned**  
Guest: Prof Howard Pawley      Music: Toni Janik

### Important Dates

- June 6**, after service  
Church Picnic at the Upcotts
- June 13**, 9:15 AM  
Sunday Services Committee meeting
- June 13**, after service    Movie and Discussion:  
Award-winning documentary FLOW
- June 17**, 7 PM  
Board Meeting
- June 20**, after service  
Social Responsibilities Committee Meeting
- July 25, August 15**  
Summer Services at 10:30 AM

### " MEXICAN DINNER"

offered at the Church Auction in April.  
by John & Pat Haynes & Laurie & Carol Hylton

**New scheduled date:**  
**Saturday, October 23, 2010 - 5 p.m.**  
for those who have signed up, please note this date.  
There is still room for more guests  
- you are welcome to sign up.



## From the Hillparson

Some Olinda folks think the end is nigh as June arrives (at least some) looking to the end of the month and a Summer hiatus. And yet for many the hiatus is something of a myth. Property continues to need looking after, the mail collected, e-mail read and responded to, picnics and gatherings from the Auction to attend and fully enjoy. And, as of a number of years now, there are also two summer services the Sunday Services Committee have established and will support, one in July, one in August.

I wrote the first part of this as the work of the board of the CUC was halfway through its second full day, plus one evening meeting session of work. Now the CUC ACM has also finished. As busy as the board work the ACM work is a hive of never-ending activity. I am now through the second day of the gathering of ministers serving in Canada at a retreat centre on Vancouver island, where I have so far seen two deer and one cat. A far cry from the THOUSANDS of rabbits on the U Vic campus! Even on this "retreat" the work and even the worship moves at a fast pace and I will so soon (for a week and a half of varying business/busyness) be heading home.

Of course, I will be home and back in the Olinda saddle by the time you receive the newsletter but want you to know that as have been doing this work, you have never been out of my mind or heart.

There is much I will bring home with me, more in the way of ideas and possibilities shared by other congregations, ministers and lay leaders than in material and books, and just as well since my suitcase is already full. Exciting news of process and outcome, directions for the future and wonderful people. Again, (and this won't be the last time) I encourage you to put Toronto in big letters on your calendar for 2011 Victoria Day week-end to join with Canadian from across the country in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the CUC as well as the common as mud wonderful experience of workshops, business, shared meals, worship and walks across campus to and fro from room to gathering.

Faithfully and in faith,

*Rev. Christine*

### An Invitation

Since we met in your midst and our relationship blossomed in it it is only fitting that you should share in our happiness.

Joyse Gilbert and Peter LeClair would like to invite you, our Church family, to our wedding.

It will take place Sept 4th at 331 Heritage Road, Kingsville at 7pm, with wine and hors d'ourves to follow. We hope you can attend. Best wishes only.

Joyse and Peter

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## From the Board

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The Board met on May 13<sup>th</sup>, a week early because Rev. Hillman would be attending the C.U.C. General Meeting on our normal meeting night. The Board is very grateful for Jane Innerd for stepping forward and volunteering to serve the remaining term as Membership and Publicity Trustee, and also serving on the nominating committee for next year. There are some people you can always count on to be there when you need them. The election was unanimous.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the Board, led by Linda Thompson held a visioning exercise in Windsor. It was an all day workshop and every Board member was in attendance. The church has a very dedicated group of people on the Board. Many items were discussed and the visioning begun. The Board will be leading the congregation to get their input, but it will not be until October 3<sup>rd</sup>, because of the busy church year.

Sunday Services has two separate services planned for the summer, on July 25<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone will try to attend and support the speakers that will be doing the service on those days.

Joyse Gilbert has been elected as our new Lay Chaplain and we wish her well and know she will do a great job.

The next Board meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> and remember that anyone can attend and have their input in the meeting.

See you in church!

John

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## Caring Committee Report

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Hope everyone has been keeping well and looking forward to the summer.

We send Thinking of You greetings to Albertina Bell, Ruth Whaley, Jean Upcott Wallis and Walter Sinclair.

To all who are unable to be with us each Sunday we think of you and hope you have a very good and healthy summer.

If there is a joy or concern you would like the Caring Committee to know please contact one of the following - Rev. Christine Hillman ( 519 - 326-4352 ), June Blacker ( 519 -735 -5154 ) Eunice Goyette ( 519- 967-7627) or Carabel Ringrose ( 519- 733 -5207 )'

May everyone have a restful and enjoyable summer.

Carabel

" To sit in the shade on a fine day , and look upon the verdure is most perfect refreshment"

Jane Austin

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## Financial Committee Report

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Thanks to a successful Auction, our church's finances are not in deficit at this point in the year. So we are off to a good start and can hope to have the second year in a row with a slight surplus! But just to make sure, our Fundraising Committee has been busily sorting through the various ideas that came up at the Open Meeting earlier in the spring. Upcoming activities:

**Computer Club**, starting Oct. 14 at 7 PM. Peter LeClair will be showing anyone interested how to perform various tasks on the computers he will have set up in the church. The first session will be on saving and finding files. This will also be an opportunity to create a list of topics, from which a schedule can be created for future sessions. The Computer Club will generally meet on the second Thursday of every month and will be financed by donation. Anyone interested in coming should let Peter know, and of course suggestions for topics will be welcome even before the first class. There will be a sign-up sheet available on the bulletin board, with space for names of "students" and "assistants" as well as requested topics. There will need to be one "assistant" for each session, but of course this person may well really be a student, too! This club is also open to those who are not members of our church, so mention it to those of your friends who might be interested.

**Ruthven Apple Festival:** At the recent Visioning session, the Board members agreed that it really was too bad that the church was no longer active in the Apple Festival. This is our natural community, and we should be participating in its celebrations. The Fundraising Committee would like to help organize a booth for our church if enough people are interested in participating. Please let either Bobbye Baylis, Peter LeClair, or Carol Hylton know if you would be willing to help by bringing jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, chili sauce, or any other canned goods. We will also need volunteers to be at the booth on Saturday as well as to help set up the booth. If there is sufficient interest, we will take this on, more as a good-will gesture to the community than as a fundraiser. If we make enough to cover the booth charge, that will be good. If we actually make some money, that will be great!

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## Committee on Ministry

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Most of us see Rev. Christine on Sunday morning. This is the highlight of our Church life, the service and coffee hour. Christine prepares for this important day usually on Friday and Saturday and this is a busy time for her. However she is busy with Church business during the rest of the week.

Christine's activities are many. We are fortunate that her abilities were recognized by the denomination and she was asked to serve on the Board of the CUC. She represents both Olinda and this region of Canada and by being on the Board she has also brought Olinda to the attention of all Canadians Us and UUs. Her face-to-face meetings with Board members happen three times during the year and for two hours or more by phone once a month throughout the year. Most of the rest of her CUC Board work is done by email.

One of the ways Christine has a presence in our Essex County region is by being one of the On-Call Chaplains at Leamington Hospital. This requires her to wear a pager six to eight weeks during the year, but only one week at a time. When she is wearing the pager, she must be ready to rush to the Hospital any time she is needed day or night and that includes Sunday. We hope that she will never have to rush off in the middle of delivering a sermon! In addition, Christine serves on the LDMH Spiritual and Religious Care Committee which meets multiple times a year and leads the Lights of Life Ceremony each December. Christine is also available for the community for weddings and funerals and from time to time she takes telephone calls from people in distress.

Christine's Church duties include attending monthly Board meetings and she is *ex officio* on all committees. Sometimes she is busy before Church because this is when Sunday Services Committee meets or after Church when the Social Concerns Committee meets. Other Committees meet from time to time during the week, sometimes in the evening. During the Church year Christine answers our Church phone messages and responds to [UUChurchofOlinda@cogeco.ca](mailto:UUChurchofOlinda@cogeco.ca) on her cogeco account.

For congregants Christine has a wide variety of responsibilities. She visits the sick and shut-ins and those in hospital. She performs weddings, funerals and dedications. She is available for counseling and comforting. She is available for us when we need her by appointment but she is available anytime, day or night, in an emergency. Christine has one day a week off, Monday. However in an emergency, please call Christine and she will come to your aid.

Yours faithfully, Jane Innerd (chair), Carol Hylton and Joyse Gilbert