



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 September 2010

Sept. 12 Ingathering: Water Communion

Rev. Christine Hillman

Music: Toni Janik

Sept. 19 Bart Ebrman's Books on Early Christianity

Julian Cattaneo and Jane Innerd

Music: Lorie Lyons

Sept. 26 Church as Voluntary Association: James Luther Adams

Rev. Christine Hillman

Music: Bobbye and Bill Baylis

Important Dates

Sept. 16 at 7 PM **Board Meeting**

Sept. 25-26 **Ruthven Apple Festival** (UUO
Booth only on Sept. 25)

Sept. 26 at 12 noon **Social Responsibility
Committee meeting**

Sept. 26 10 AM - 4 PM
Doors Open Ontario; UUO open to public
from noon - 4 PM

Oct. 3 noon **Chilli & Corn Bread**, followed by
visioning session 1 - 4 PM



Come celebrate the 31st Annual Ruthven Apple Festival on **Saturday, September 25th** and **Sunday, September 26th** at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Ruthven. This is a great community event for the entire family, filled with fun, food, crafts, entertainment and a classic car show. Selected as one of the **Top 100 Festivals** in Ontario in 2009 and again in 2010 by Festival and Events Ontario, the Ruthven Apple Festival has something for everyone.

The UU Church of Olinda will have a booth, designed and constructed by John Upcott and with a banner by John Haynes. Bobbye Baylis, Carol Hylton, and John Upcott will be covering the booth on Saturday, but they would always welcome other volunteers. As has been our tradition, we do not plan to be there on Sunday. Anyone who has been canning, pickling, baking or sewing is encouraged to contribute. Details on delivery, etc., will be discussed at church on Sept. 12 and 19.



From the Hillparson

As Olinda's new church year commences the congregation is anticipating its 130th anniversary in November. There will be celebration among the community, and the Sunday following the mid-week anniversary, the Executive Director of the Canadian Unitarian Council, Jennifer Dickson will visit us and talk about the work of the staff of the CUC (all the congregations of the council including Olinda!).

The summer of 2010 reminded us of the extraordinary breadth of possible by way of change. Change, lovely and difficult happened in all our lives and we all lived through dry weather and a great deal of heat. Early on the two tornadoes that changed the landscape as well as people's homes in Leamington and then in Amherstberg. In greater Canada there was similar weather and in some places great floods that caused its own change and damage. The world itself, hurricane, typhoon, horrifying floods and drought. These all impact people's personal lives and their ability to make a living. It will cost us all as grains have shriveled or washed away, when we go to buy a loaf of bread. May it be that for every loaf we buy we consider how we might support lives that have torn apart while we merely pay a bit more for the bread.

Loss and tragedy, joy and birth/rebirth have been, as always, a core part of this summer, as all seasons. And now the beloved community of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda will gather again each Sunday to grieve and to celebrate, to give and to stand for justice. I look forward to this beginning and to seeing each and all of your beautiful faces each Sunday morning.

"Say not, "I have found the truth" but rather, "I have found a truth."

Say not, "I have found the path of the soul." Say rather, "I have met the soul walking upon my path."

For the soul walks upon all paths. The soul walks not upon a line, neither does it grow like a reed. The soul unfolds itself, like a lotus of countless petals."

-Kahlil Gibran

Faithfully and in faith, Rev. Christine

Remember to bring the water you saved for the annual water communion on September 12 when we meet again.

Women's Association Update A regular meeting of the Women's Association was held on June 9, 2010 with the following members present - Albertina Bell floral chair, Ruth Whaley president, Carol Hylton, Carabel Ringrose Secretary Treasurer, Rev. Christine Hillman and Pat Haynes board liaison to the Women's Association.

The agenda for this meeting was the retirement of Albertina and Ruth and the future of the Women's Association. There was much discussion re- the future of the W.A. with no final decision being made. What did come from this discussion was the following -The Womens Association cannot successfully go on with only two members - does it take on a new look i.e. new executive, goals, members, etc. or does it amalgamate with the Caring Committee and operate under the guidelines of the Caring Committee? There was discussion re- the monies and the disbursement of such. As you can see there was much concern as to the future of an organization that has done so much for the church over the past many years and all the members that have gone before.

It is very important for Carol Hylton and myself to have input from you as to your ideas for what you see as the future for the Women's Association in 2010 and onward. Please express your ideas to Carol or myself or speak with John Upcott or Rev. Christine. Please call, email or speak to us on a Sunday morning. Deadline for input is Nov. 7th. Albertina Bell and Ruth Whaley are now officially retired!

Carabel

From the Board

I hope everyone has had a wonderful, hot and enjoyable summer, and are ready for another busy church year.

November will be our 130th anniversary and some discussion was held at our last board meeting on events that may be planned. Please remember that September 25th and 26th is the Ruthven Apple Festival where we will have a booth, and if you can help see Bobbye Baylis who I am sure will give you a job. October 3rd will be our visioning exercise with the congregation. Linda Thompson led the board in this exercise and now the board will attempt to find out what is important to the congregation. This is very important to this church so please plan to attend from 1-4pm, whether you are a member or a friend of this church your opinion and input is very important.

Last June a retirement party was held by the women's association for Ruth Whaley and Albertina Bell. The church and congregation owe much to these people who have given many years and much work to this organization and indeed to the woman's association itself. Whatever happens in the future to this committee it hold an important place in the history of this church. Thanks again to Ruth and Albertina and all the people who have served on this committee.

John

Thank you!

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During my hospital stay and now my stay at Erie Glen Manor; I have received many lovely cards, notes and also flowers from the Church Woman's Association. Your thoughtfulness and friendship is very much appreciated. Thank you so much. Albertina Bell"

Alberta can now be reached at Room 211 at Erie Glen Manor, 119 Robson Rd., Leamington.

Caring Committee Report

A lovely September " Hello" to all. Hope your summer was quiet and restfull.

We send " Get Well " and "Thinking of You" thoughts to Wilf Innerd as he is hospitalized with pneumonia. We all wish Wilf a speedy recovery. "Thinking of you " to Albertina Bell who is recuperating in Erie Glen Manor Leamington. also"Thinking of you" to Ruth Whaley and Jean Upcott Wallis.

If I have missed anyone or you would like a visit , phone call or would like the Caring Committee to know a concern in your life please contact the following - Reverend Christine Hillman - 519 - 733 -3905 , June Blacker 519 -735-5154 . Eunice Goyette - 519-967-7627 or Carabel Ringrose - 519-733-5207.

Carabel

" A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed." - Henrik Ebsen.

Financial Committee Report

A Fundraising sub-committee of the Finance Committee was formed last year, consisting of Carol Hylton, Peter Le-Clair, and myself. We have undertaken a few projects, one of which is to restart our booth at the Ruthven Apple Festival. Another is the Computer Club, which Peter is organizing to help people with their computer software problems. Details follow on the Finance Committee Calendar.

Date	Time	Description
25 Sept.	all day	Booth at the Ruthven Apple Festival . We hope to be selling home-made jams, jellies, relishes, pickles, spreads, fruit sauces, loaves, breads, and other baked goods, excluding pies (too much competition.) Cloth items would also be appropriate, such as dish cloths, towels, aprons.
10 Oct.	after church	Open meeting to discuss items needing to be in the budget and the process for arriving at the amount to be budgeted for that item. Anyone wanting to be on the Finance Committee should definitely attend this meeting and volunteer to become a member.
14 Oct.	7 PM	First meeting of Computer Club, at which we will discuss which software problems will be of interest to the group.
Early Oct.		Committee on Ministry meeting to determine a suggested salary
17 Oct.		All budget details must have been submitted to the trustee (or the treasurer) who will prepare the budget: Suggested ministerial salary (part of Cost of Ministry) Committee Chairs' budget requests
7 Nov.	after church	Meeting of Finance Committee to approve Budget and Letter of Agreement. Also Letters of Appeal will be distributed.

Sunday Services Committee

Our summer services were relatively well attended this year. The first, on July 25, featured a service led by Gypsy Carroll, in which Evelyn Fisher discussed her moving experiences as a medical doctor treating AIDS patients. The second service, on August 15, we welcomed four members of the Elora-Fergus congregation to a service I gave featuring a talk about the Herschels and their lives of astronomy and music. Although it may have helped that the Sunday services chair from Elora-Fergus, Jim Sannes, and his wife Ellen Papenburg, who is lay chaplain there, are both astronomy buffs and that former Olinders Anne Treadwell and June Gilbertson have given services there, their real reason for visiting was to experience our historic church and prepare for learning more about Universalism from Louise Foulds, who is speaking there this Fall. Seventeen of us had a pleasant supper at King's Landing on Saturday evening before the service. Thanks are due to Ann Siegel-Robertson and Sheron Campbell for providing billets to our guests. Bobbye and I were pleased to host Jim and Ellen for the evening. Jim attended our Sunday Services meeting and offered some helpful suggestions. Helen Moore reported that twenty-eight people came to the Sunday service, a record for summer attendance! (See an image of many of them, taken after the service.)



The regular church season begins on September 12 with what is called the Water Communion: everyone is invited to bring a glass of water and summer memories to share with the congregation. On Sept. 19, Jane Innerd and Julian Cattaneo are planning take over the pulpit to talk about best-selling author and Professor of Religious Studies Bart Ehrman and some of his interesting books on early Christianity. Central to the discussion, I believe, are his books *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*, and *Lost Christianities: The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew*.

Mark Sunday, October 3, in your calendar for a tasty treat of chilli and corn bread after the service, followed by a Visioning Session for our church.

Bill Baylis, Sunday Services Trustee