



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 October 2011

- October 2** **Best Practices: The Art of Grieving**
Reverend Christine Hillman
- October 9** **Mental Health Issues & Addiction:
Moving Beyond Individual Focus**
Yvette Lepage Tendick
- October 16** **Living an Unambiguous Life in an Ambiguous World**
Reverend Christine Hillman
- October 23** **What Sufism Can Teach Us**
Reverend Christine Hillman
- October 30** **Second Smooth Stone:
We freely choose to be in relationship with one another.**
Reverend Christine Hillman

Important Dates in October

- Oct. 5** **at 7 PM**
Book Club Meeting on "Saving Fish from Drowning"
- Oct. 9** **after service**
Open Finance Committee Meeting
- Oct. 13** **at 7 PM**
Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 16** **at noon**
Social Responsibility Committee Meeting
- Oct. 20** **at 7 PM**
Board of Trustees Meeting
- Oct. 21-23** **CUC Central Regional Fall Gathering in Peterborough**
- Oct. 27** **at 7 PM**
Choir Rehearsal



WANTED

Do you know of a Kingsville-area (or near) one bedroom apartment? Mature non-smoking, no pet female needs a place ASAP

If you have a lead, please contact the minister at 519-733-3905 or at UURevOlinda@cogeco.ca. On Face Book, too! J Tweeting unavailable (it makes me think of twit and I don't want to be thought of that way.)



From the Hillparson

My birthday is coming and what I notice is that birthdays always mean you start with your current age and then there's the "plus one". "Minus one" need not apply... Jack Benny said he stopped counting at the age of 39 and from then only recognized whatever anniversary it was from 39 but I feel no help in that because it also implies addition.

Do I mind aging? I used to, not so much right now, but I know I'll mind more once my "agedness" is of a kind that means being ill or incapacitated. When a person gets to that point, the hard truth is aging is not for wimps. So far so good for this almost 62 year old, and yes I can hear a bunch of your voices in my ear, saying that at that age, I'm still "just a kid". Yeah, right. I know I'm young or at least younger to some of you, but to my granddaughter I'm ANCIENT. 1949 is so long ago it hardly hits imagining for 11 year old Anaka, on the other hand all the things that I have lived through so far, like the moon landing (watched with my dad), the Vietnam War (where a church friend died), even 9/11 (2 days after arriving here) and dial telephones are notables in current history books. I won't even tell my granddaughter at this point that my grandparents only had one phone, it was corded and it had no dial at all. Pick up the receiver (literally) from the vertical contraption, click twice and a live operator came on, someone my grandma knew and give her the name of the person she wished to call. My other grandmother was that operator in another small town for a time.

Autumn has officially arrived though our weather remains comfortable and the roadside stands busy. I'd be happier were there still fresh corn available but everything has a season. Corn, people, ideas, et al. This is a special year at Olinda as our aging church building receives a face lift with energy decreasing benefits. The congregation spoke to such work a year ago and the intention to do such work did not waver among the body of the whole. And so, one Sunday we will arrive to bright and shiny new windows and new stucco. More renovations to do but the weather-dated ones will be complete. Congratulations to everyone and look forward to the celebration November 13.

Faithfully and in faith, Rev. Christine



Summary of Minutes of Congregational Meeting

At the Congregational Meeting on Sept. 11, we learned that we have already raised \$70,000, with an additional \$18,000 pledged. Thus it was clear that we would have enough money to pay for both the windows and the stucco by the time these two projects were completed. Stuart Miller explained some details in the window design that were changed and further clarified the timeline for the two projects. Based on all this information, the Congregation unanimously passed the motion to hire Alba Stucco to replace the stucco on the Sanctuary at a cost of \$33,000. The window installation should be complete by mid October and the stucco in place by late November.

Submitted by Bobbye Baylis, secretary of the Capital Campaign Committee

From the Board

We had a full agenda at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees since the summer break. In attendance, in addition to Reverend Hillman and all our current trustees, were two guests: John Upcott, who reported on behalf of the Caring Committee, and Kathy Brennan, as an observer. Helen and Bobbye kindly assumed double duty and covered for the vacant positions of secretary and finance chair, respectively. We were very pleased with the success of the Capital Campaign, having accumulated enough funds to proceed with both the window replacements and the new stucco exterior. We are still about \$10,000 shy of our goal of \$100,000, with the additional funds needed for further renovations as discussed at our visioning session last October. Repairs to the basement are high on the priority list, but these were planned before the start of the capital campaign and will be paid for out of the regular budget of the property committee.

Our Property Trustee, Stuart Miller, provided rare and happy news from Meloche Windows, who is currently making the replacement windows: the cost will be \$2160 less than their quoted price! It's like an additional donation and we didn't argue! The window replacement should be completed by mid October and the Stucco work, by the Alba Stucco company, can begin before the work on the windows is complete. All work should be finished by the third week in November, and none of it should interfere with our regular Sunday services.

In place of our usual fall potluck, we look forward to celebrating the 131st anniversary of the founding of our church on November 10, 1880, together the tenth anniversary of Reverend Christine Hillman's installation in the church. We plan a special service on Sunday, November 13, at which vows will be renewed, followed by a dinner, tentatively at Colasanti's. We should also be able to celebrate our nearly completed renovations on the sanctuary at the same time. An ad hoc committee comprising Carol, Helen, and Christine (with me as ex-officio member) will be working out details.

Special thanks to Carol and Laurie Hylton, Kathy and Steve Brennan, and Helen Moore for representing the church at the Ruthven Apple Festival! And if you haven't already seen it, be sure to notice how our Olinda church is responsible for the article "Let Scientists Speak" on the front page of the most recent (Summer 2011) Canadian Unitarian.

Other projects that the Board is considering include a new edition of the church directory, perhaps with photographs, enhancements to our web presence in recognition of its importance in the age of electronic media, the possible use of our church for classes of the Eldercollege, and--once the dust settles--the development of a tranquility garden with native Carolinian plants. If you have any interest in these projects or other possible Board initiatives, please remember that you are always welcome to attend our meetings. The next meeting is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, October 20.

Bill Baylis, President

Caring Committee Report

The best weather month of the year is upon us and I hope everyone can enjoy it.

A very special thank you to Carol Hylton, Joyse Gilbert LeClair, and Eunice Goyette for all their assistance to people who needed their help. These Caring Committee people along with all who visit and look-in on our special people really take the meaning of caring to heart. Get well wishes go to Gypsy Carroll who is recovering at home and all our love and thoughts go to Joan Meuser and Sharon Campbell. A special "hello" to Tina Bell in Erie Glen, Jean Wallis in London and Ruth Whaley at home.

Please remember to let the Caring Committee know if we can help in any way.

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Rev. Christine Hillman 519-326-4352 or 519-733-3905

John Upcott 519-733-5172 or 519-551-6577



Financial Committee Report

All those who are interested in helping with financial decisions for the church should plan to attend the Open Finance Committee Meeting on Oct. 9. Your ideas are very welcome. Also anyone chairing a committee requiring funding should submit a budget request by Oct. 16.

Submitted by Bobbye Baylis, Acting Finance Trustee

Book Club

This group of congregants and friends gather once a month (1st Wednesday) at the home of book club members, the Church, or other arranged venues. During the meeting a selected book, author, or theme previously selected by each member in turn is discussed. The 'fun-loving' group is in their fourth year of reading, learning and socializing.

Everyone is welcome – *Contact Chairperson Pat Haynes, or Stuart Miller*

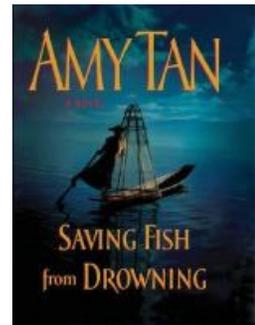
Book for Month - October 2011:

Saving Fish from Drowning

Amy Tan,

Summary

On an ill-fated art expedition into Burma, 11 Americans leave their Floating Island Resort for a Christmas-morning tour--and disappear. Through twists of fate, they encounter a tribe awaiting the return of a leader and the mythical book of wisdom that will protect them from the ravages of the Myanmar military regime.



Location of Meeting: Leona Crowder Residence, Leader

Date: 05 October, 2011; 7 pm

Capital Campaign

Thanks very much for your generous donations to the Capital Campaign for the installation of new windows in the sanctuary and installation of stucco on the sanctuary exterior. As of September 20th, the total donations are \$51,000 with pledges of \$15,000 and proceeds of the past five auctions of \$24,000 for a total of \$90,000. Our goal is \$100,000 so we are a relatively short distance from achieving our goal. There is still time to donate. The official campaign ends on December 31st. Thanks for all you have done!

Social Responsibility Committee Report

The Social Responsibility Committee was very pleased with the turnout at the International Dinner and with the interest shown in the USC and in David Rain, who spoke at the church and briefly at the dinner. Special thanks to Helen Moore for her part in making this happen.

The summer service featuring Gord Taylor and the Megaquarry threatening potato farming and Unicamp was very well attended, especially for a summer service. Everyone who came was glad that they did; we all learned a lot from Gord. The committee is starting to assemble information on local quarries and the Official Plan of the Municipality that controls them. We will keep you informed of developments.

One new activity proposed at our Sept. 18 meeting was to create a list of ecologically friendly food vendors. Anyone wanting to suggest a local vendor with especially "green" product, please let a member of the committee know. We would like to be able to post a helpful list in the church in the near future.