

The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda

Rev. Christine Hillman
Service and R.E. 10:30 a.m.

Summer 2012

July 22 **Planning for the long Term: A Possible 8th UU principle**

Bill Baylis

Aug 12 **Return to Nepal**

USC Canada DVD

First regular service of 2012-2013

Sept 9 **Water Communion: Ingathering Sunday**

Rev. Christine Hillman

Multigenerational. Please bring water from your travels over the summer.



UU Olinda Service on July 22

The theme I would like to discuss at our service on July 22 is "Preparing for the Future". This is a guiding principle for many aspects of our lives, whether we freeze and can fresh fruit and vegetables for consumption in winter months or stash money away for a vacation or for retirement. It is also implicit in some of the first 7 principles of Unitarian-Universalists: respect for the interdependent web of all existence requires preserving it for the future, and the inherent worth and dignity of every person includes leaving a welcome environment to future generations. Yet, the financial driving forces of the world economy often seem to ignore future consequences of current exploitation. Share holders have little allegiance to the companies whose stocks they hold and are all too willing to sacrifice their long-term viability for immediate profit. Greed exemplified by the rush to exploit natural resources at unsustainable rates with no reserves set aside for environmental consequences or sales by following generations, as well as denying the threats of global warming and ignoring the fact that resources of the planet are finite, are forms of mortgaging the future of humanity and the planet for the sake of immediate consumption.

I welcome your contributions to the discussion. Can you come up with other examples? Which are of the greatest concern? Should preparing for the future be the basis for an eighth UU principle?

Bill Baylis



OLINDA CONNECTIONS

A short piece of trivia – What do these people have in common? Helen Moore, Nancy Burgess, Sheron Campbell & Carol Hylton. They went to Sunday School together and as teen agers sat around the dining room table for Sunday School with Stewart Moore as teacher. (In those days Sunday School was before church) In addition to them were Winston Upcott, Linda Bruner & Wayne Reive.



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From the Board

Your Board met twice in June. First, on June 7, we set priorities for capital improvements. These include up to \$400 for a park-type bench for the front porch, and removal and replacement of the tall, broken chimney. Since the church is now heated by natural gas, the flue can be much simpler. Unique Roofing has been asked to do the chimney work, and they will also undertake to finally fix the water leak around the spire. Other priorities include replacing the set of windows at the front of the church on the second floor, and the basement: new East and South walls, new windows, and new flooring. Much of the basement work would be funded by past AUUction sales. Of highest priority is to fix the downstairs bathroom.

Our regular Board meeting was held one week later, on June 14. There we launched the solar-panel project. Work on re-roofing parts of the roof that will be under the panels will wait approximately two months until (and if) we are notified of a contract for grid connection under Ontario's microfit program. There are other capital projects that the Church wants to undertake with funds already collected. This includes a park bench for the front porch and new windows and other repairs to the basement. The Board also reviewed the final proof of the new telephone directory.

Dorothy Brown and her crew are retiring from kitchen duty and the preparation of coffee hour that forms an essential part of any Sunday service. A committee of Mariette Preyde, Leona Crowder, and Carol Hylton will take over the operation of the kitchen, and they will welcome Sunday contributions from the congregation.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, September 20, 2012. All church members are welcome to attend. Committee members will be alert for email-discussion and possibly decisions during the summer months.

Important Notice re future Bake Sale and Ruthven Apple Festival

During this last Yard and Bake Sale, we noticed that most of our success was due to the baked goods and barbecue and much less due to the yard sale. Based on this experience, as a one-year experiment, the Board has decided to devote all our energy to next May's bake/other food items sale and to drop the yard sale. Items like jellies and preserves were mentioned. If anyone is interested in preserving any summer fruits or baking pies involving them, they would be very welcome additions to the Bake Sale. It is nice if we can provide local contents in our sale.

So that being the case, we are giving you a heads up so you can think about it and do something this summer if you would like. If we wait until fall to let you know this, it will be past the time in most cases.

The Board also thought that, since there will be such an emphasis on food items during the May Bake Sale, we should not be asking the same folks to be baking and preserving for the Ruthven Apple Festival booth. Hence we decided not to participate in the Ruthven Apple Festival in 2012.

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Membership Report

A warm welcome to our new member Cathy Dewhurst.

I wish to thank John & Linda Upcott for doing the barbeque at the church on the day of the Yard & Bake Sale. That was missed from my June message. In addition, a second thank you from all of us to John & Linda Upcott for hosting the Church picnic at their house and thank your family for helping out. It was a wonderful day and we could not have had better weather.

Dorothy, Marion & Donna will be retired from all their kitchen services by the time this newsletter is distributed. A warm thank you for all you have done over the many years. I wish to announce that Mariette Preyde has taken the position of the Chair of these services (we haven't yet come up with a title for this position & committee). I will be on Mariette's committee and we are hoping to recruit one more person. Mariette & her committee will see that all supplies are in place and organize the volunteers to be responsible for the Sunday refreshments. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for people to sign up to offer services to be responsible for the Sunday refreshments and if you haven't already signed up, please do so if you are able. If you have signed up, thank you very much.

If I don't see you over the summer, I will see you in September. I bid you all a very Happy Summer and all enjoy good health.
Carol Hylton

Book Club

This group of congregants and friends gathers once a month (1st Wednesday) at the home of book club members, the Church, or other arranged venues.

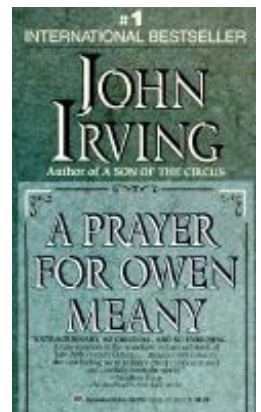
During the meeting a selected book, author, or theme previously selected by each member in turn is discussed. The 'fun-loving' group is into another year of reading, learning and socializing.

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

Book for Month – July 2012: Title: A Prayer for Owen Meany

Author: John Irving

Summary: In the summer of 1953, two 11-year-old boys--best friends--are playing in a Little League baseball game in New Hampshire. One of the boys hits a foul ball that kills his best friend's mother. Owen Meany believes he didn't hit the ball by accident. He believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after 1953 is extraordinary and terrifying. He is Irving's most heartbreaking hero.



Location of Meeting: The Haynes Residence, Kingsville

Leader: John Haynes

Date: 04 July, 2012; 7 pm
