



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 February 2013

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| Feb. 3 | Examining "The Unexamined Life "
John Postons | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| Feb. 10 | Idle No More
Louise Hillier | Music: Toni Janik |
| Feb. 17 | On Morality 2
Wilf Innerd | Music: Bobbye & Bill Baylis |
| Feb. 24 | Inequality in the New Gilded Age: Part 2
Bobbye Baylis | Music: Lori Lyons |

Annual Meeting
Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda
Sunday, February 17, 2013

"INCREASING OUR OLINDA MEMBERSHIP - WHAT CAN WE DO?"
Meeting - Sunday Noon, March 10th.

Important Dates in February

Feb. 6	7 PM	Book Club, <i>South of Broad</i> , by Pat Conroy
Feb. 13	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Feb. 17	Noon	Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb. 21	7 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Feb. 27	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal



Reverend Christine Hillman is on Sabbatical. Her column will resume upon her return.

MORALITY

By request, Wilf Innerd's first installment of three on Morality is available online:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TcoLP8W9B10fD-8YLOABt3keGiOiWVpIMWmi2UUVLmgM/edit>

You do not need to sign in to access, any problems, please contact Charlotte cinnerd@gmail.com

Capital Campaign Plaques Installed

Following up on the successful completion of the Capital Campaign of 2011, plaques recognizing donors have been installed. Ron Hicks refinished the three window sills on the east wall of the sanctuary where they had been damaged by water leaking from the spire installation. Following the latest roof repair, resulting in no more leakage, the windowsills were scaped, stained and sealed in preparation for the installation of the window sill plaques. There are now seven donor plaques on the sanctuary window sills.

In addition, Dorothy Brown donated her husband's, John Brown, golf trophy to be refinished and transformed, by Ron Hicks, into the walnut donor board which holds 27 donor plaques representing individuals and families who have made a donation to the Capital Campaign.

Thank you to all who donated to the Capital Campaign and to Ron Hicks for refinishing the window sills and donor board.

Membership Committee

Your Membership Committee held a lengthy meeting January 12th and discussed many topics such as membership numbers and routine social events. This has all been reported to the Board. A new format for our yearly auction has been suggested. Previously the Board decided for good reason not to have a yard sale when we have our Bake Sale in the spring. We have suggested a 'trunk sale' in lieu of to go along with our Bake Sale and John's barbeque. Read about it separately in this issue.

We also suggested a twist to our monthly 'lunch in the County'. In order that people coming from a distance or perhaps are busy through the week, that we hold this lunch every now and then on a Sunday after church. Thank you Kathy Brennan & Gypsy Carroll for your time and ideas.

Carol Hylton, Membership Trustee



From the Board

The Board held its first meeting of the calendar year on January 17 without our minister, Rev. Christine Hillman, because she is on sabbatical leave from January 7 to June 6. In her report for the Sunday Services Committee, Helen Moore reported that services had been scheduled for all but four of the services through the entire period of Reverend Hillman's sabbatical. If you have an idea for a service or would like to volunteer to give one yourself, you should speak to Helen as soon as possible!

At the Board meeting, we were pleased to note the completion of the solar panel installation and hookup to the power grid on Wednesday, January 16, around noon, as well as the repairs to the back porch. It is now safe to exit the church through the kitchen, the stairs won't crumble under your feet and they even have the mandated hand rail. Thanks to Walter Sinclair for overseeing the work by Gerhardt Construction and cleaning up afterward. Next we must finally get to the renovations in the basement, namely replacing windows, installing new walls and insulation, and laying down vinyl flooring.

In other matters, preparations were made to ensure the production of the 2012 Report for the Annual General Meeting on February 17. Also, following the suggestion in last month's report, the Board decided to make our food donations in the future to the Kingsville Community Food Bank instead of the Salvation Army in Leamington. The Kingsville location is closer and we understand that the two organizations do cooperate and share. Carol Hylton provided updated membership information to the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC), listing 75 members, of which 57 are voting members. At her recommendation, an informal meeting to discuss membership and publicity initiatives was scheduled after the service on March 10. She also suggested building on the luncheon in the County tradition to hold one following a Sunday service about once every 3 months. Other dates to note: the annual AUUction on April 27, the International Dinner on May 5, a "Trunk and Bake Sale" on May 25. We are also looking for a couple of delegates to the annual meeting of the CUC in Calgary on May 17 - 19, with a special meeting on 18 resolutions on the day before, May 16. We have budgeted some funds to help pay travel and registration expenses for our delegates. Please talk to a Board member if you would like to go and represent our church.

Treasurer Peter LeClair presented financial figures through December showing a much smaller deficit for the operating fund of the church than anticipated and budgeted for. He thanked generous donations made during the last days of December for the good news. Donations for the year exceeded the budgeted amount by about \$1500. Nevertheless, concern remains because the income depended on greater transfers from the Lloyd fund than are probably sustainable under present and projected market conditions. These will form important considerations for an open meeting of the congregation---to be arranged by the new Board---on the near-term plans of the church.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, February 21, 2013, a few days after the AGM. All church members are welcome to attend.

Bill Baylis, President

CORRECTION IN THE DIRECTORY – please note

John & Evelyn Dresser – House number is incorrect – SHOULD BE 3146

Susan Shriver – add Box 222 to address

Bonnie Malanoski – correct postal code to N8T 1L9



Finance Committee

Last year we decided to invest in Solar Panels to be installed on our roof. This investment was through the Lloyd Fund and the revenue generated by feeding the power into the grid will go to the Lloyd Fund. It was a thrill to learn that we are finally hooked up and we are now helping to supply electricity to Ontarians in a renewable way. This also represents a better return on the investment than currently available in the stock market, at least without taking major risks. So we are also doing our bit to increase the health of the Lloyd Fund, which we depend on for part of our operating costs.

The date for our annual AUUction has been set for April 27, preceded by a dinner. The details will be worked out at a meeting after church on Feb. 3. Anyone interested in helping out or who has new ideas for us to try, please join this Ad-hoc meeting at noon. The funds raised last year were directed to improvements in the basement, including replacing windows, repairing the outside walls, and changing the flooring. This package will cost enough to also need the proceeds from the 2013 AUUction.

Bobbye Baylis

Social Responsibility Committee

At our meeting on January 20 Carabel Ringrose joined the committee for a discussion on the general problem of purchasing gift items in the Leamington / Kingsville area, in particular the Christmas gifts for the CAS family. Now that Zellers has closed, this will be a problem in future years. There are retailers whose practices we find unethical and therefore would not choose to support. Examples:

- focusing on suppliers in Southeast Asia with extremely low wages and dangerous health & safety practices
- employing most of their Canadian staff as part-time with too few hours to qualify for benefits setting up a price structure that drives out all local competition, at least until that competition ceases to exist

There are obvious examples of this such as Wal-Mart, but it is clear that many other retailers have moved to Southeast Asian suppliers, especially for clothing. One suggestion was to approach the Zehrs Superstore to at least find out whether they would offer us a discount for purchases for the CAS family. Since we are spending money donated by church members for this purpose, we should make sure we spend it with consideration of getting value for the money. However, this will continue to be a difficult issue and will no doubt cause further discussion, including for our own personal purchasing activities.

Bobbye Baylis

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 – February 2013:

Title: **South of Broad** ... a novel

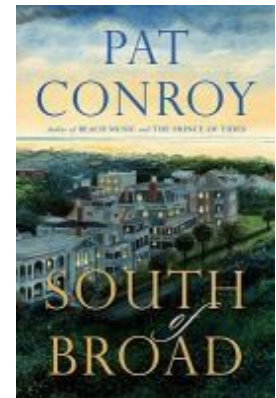
Author: **Pat Conroy**

Summary: A big, sprawling novel that is at once a love letter to Charleston and to lifelong friendships. Switching between the 1960s and the 1980s, the narrative follows a group of friends whose relationship began in Charleston, SC. as they confront educational, religious, racial, & personal issues.

Location of Meeting: New Member Lee's Residence, Kingsville
(*This address will be forwarded to all*)

Leader: New Member ... Lee

Date: Wednesday, 06 February, 2013; 7 pm



Caring Committee Report

This is the month for love and the flu. There seems to be an epidemic of flu around and even the shot has not kept people free from it. Linda and I both had it over Christmas, she got the shot while I did not, she seemed to recover quicker so maybe the shot does help. I understand Jim and Romell Reid have both had it and while it was serious they seem to be getting better. The caring committee hopes everyone can avoid it or if not that it is a mild case and if we can help please let us know.

At the time of this writing we look forward to the open house for Carabel Ringrose to celebrate her 80th birthday on Jan 19th. I know the congregation will come out and help celebrate with this great lady as she has done so much for not only people in the congregation but also the wider community. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Carabel and many more .

Please everyone stay well and have a HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.

June Blacker
Eunice Goyette
John Upcott
Rev. Christine Hillman