



# 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 March 2013

- March 3**      **Wings Rehabilitation Centre: Living with Wildlife**  
Nancy Philips      Music: Carabel Ringrose
- March 10**      **On Morality 3**  
Wilf Innerd      Music: Toni Janik
- March 17**      **Driving Off the (Spiritual) Deep End**  
Reverend Jessica Purple Rodela      Music: Bill Baylis, Ray Stone's String Quartet
- March 24**      **Breast Cancer and Work: What Needs to be Done**  
Jim Brophy and Margaret Keith      Music: Lori Lyons
- March 31**      **A Workshop on Morality**  
Wilf Innerd      Music: Carabel Ringrose
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### Important Dates in February

Mar. 6	7 PM	Book Club Meeting, <i>Up and Down</i> , by Terry Fallis
Mar. 10	Noon	Membership Committee Meeting
Mar. 13	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Mar. 17	9:15 AM	Sunday Services Committee Meeting
Mar. 17	Noon	Social Responsibility Committee Meeting
Mar. 21	7 PM	Board Meeting
Mar. 27	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal



## From the Hillparson

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

### **Circle Saturday, May 25th on your calendar**

#### **Volunteers, please step forward!**

This spring we are adding a few new features to our annual Bake Sale, Barbecue and Yard Sale to increase the appeal to the public, and to raise more money for the church. This is an experiment for this year, after lower revenue last year. Let's see how well we can do on Saturday, May 25th.

The bake sale is by far the most popular aspect of our sale so we would like to expand it. As we frequently sell out early, we would like to ask our volunteer bakers for more fresh baking this year: pies, cakes, tarts, loaves, muffins, cookies, breads, etc.

We are also expanding the theme to a Bake Sale and Handmade Bazaar. Food bazaar items might include more homemade pickles, jellies and jams, as well as salad dressings, flavoured vinegars, dried or fresh herbs, etc. Handmade crafts might include such new items as handmade dish cloths, table runners and placemats, handmade wooden items, handmade soaps and lotions, knitted items, etc. Please use your imagination. All donations are welcome. Last summer the Board voted to focus our efforts on the bake sale and handmade bazaar, and to drop our familiar second-hand sale in the basement for a year. We had noticed that we faced too much competition from local resale stores with very low prices. Our yard sale no longer raises much money, and requires days of work from too few volunteers.

However, we've come up with an alternative since then. Last fall a few creative church members suggested a Trunk Sale instead, and we'd like to try it. Here's how it works. We are asking volunteers to sell quality second-hand items from the trunks of their cars, vans or trucks, parked in our parking lot on the day of the sale. Bring only carefully-selected, quality items that you think will sell. Books and bedding do not sell. Please note that you will receive a tax donation for all Trunk Sale profits you donate to the church.

We hope for at least ten volunteers for the Trunk Sale. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for a place in the parking lot. We would also like to increase the advertising so everyone in the community knows about our spring sale well in advance. Can you volunteer to help us with sign posting?

We are grateful to John and Linda Upcott who have volunteered to run the Barbecue on the front porch again.

If you can't volunteer, please spread the word to friends and family, and come along yourself to have some fun with your church friends, make a purchase and enjoy a barbecue lunch. Let's make this sale our best one yet!

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### **Lunch in the County**

For many years our Lunches in the County have been held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. It has been brought to my attention there are members of our congregation who would like to join us but cannot due to working or living out of the area. After some discussion I would like to try the fourth Sunday of each month to see how this works. Therefore our next **Lunch in the County** will be held after church **Sunday March 24th, 12:30 PM at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens**. I will announce this in church the week before and you can let me know whether you will be joining us so I am able to make a reservation.

See you in church or at Colasanti's -  
Carabel Ringrose..

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### **Membership Committee**

On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Noon, we are holding a meeting to discuss ideas of how we can increase our membership at Olinda. There are 75 members listed but only 57 active members at this time. The Board, Committee on Ministry and Membership Committee will participate in the meeting. Anyone in addition to this is welcome to attend and bring your input. If you cannot attend, prior to the meeting, you can also give your ideas to anyone on the above committees or the Board.

Many changes in our social and church events have come about. Read about them in this newsletter... Lunch in the County, the aUuction and the Food Bazaar/Bake Sale now with a Trunk Sale. Kathy, Gypsy and I appreciate all of you who have offered your time and ideas to try something new. Some things work and some things don't, we don't know unless we try them out.

**After church refreshments** – If plates happen not to be on the table and you wish one or notice someone else who might like one, please look in the cabinet with the mugs. The plates along with the drinking glasses are on the bottom shelf. You can help out by moving a few plates to the table. It takes all of us and we thank you.



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## From the Board

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All of your trustees were in attendance at the first meeting of your new Board on February 21, 2013. Stuart Miller was late because of an architects' meeting that ran long, but he made up for lost time with his contributions to both the basement renovations discussion and to the report on Lifespan Religious Education. Helen began the meeting with opening words that reminded us that listening is an essential part of good communication. Then, after approvals of the agenda and the minutes of the January meeting, we reviewed the Annual General Meeting and reflected on how we must balance our desire to run an efficient meeting with the need to hear important sentiments about our church, even if somewhat out of order. As part of Business Arising from the minutes, we noted that on March 10, Carol Hylton, Membership Trustee, will chair an open meeting to discuss ways we might help our congregation grow, and on March 24, we will hold our first Sunday Lunch in the County at Colasanti's after a chance for discussion during coffee hour.

We also approved Joyse Gilbert as an official delegate for Olinda at the annual CUC meeting in Calgary, Alberta, this May. Please look at the many resolutions being proposed and let's offer guidance to Joyse as she prepares to vote on them. You should find an outline of the resolutions being put forward, together with a url link to details, as an attachment to the Newsletter. Discuss your input with any Board member, or email Joyse ([joysegilber@yahoo.ca](mailto:joysegilber@yahoo.ca)) with a copy to me ([baylis@uwindsor.ca](mailto:baylis@uwindsor.ca)) so that we can coordinate recommendations.

The Board then took almost a half hour for orientation, reviewing our responsibilities according to the Church By-Laws and information in the Annual Report. The Board is "responsible, on behalf of the congregation, for the care and management of the affairs and property of the Church..." One duty that had been ignored was to authorize a second person, in addition to Treasurer Peter LeClair, who can sign cheques. This will make it possible to pay our bills if Peter should become indisposed. The Board decided that I should be the backup cheque signer, largely because I was already on the TD Bank's records as one of four responsible for our accounts. The orientation will be continued at our meeting next month.

After the orientation session, Trustees reported plans for events like the aUUction, the trunk and bake sale, the international dinner, and Sunday services, and Peter reviewed income and expenses for January, all well within budget. Many details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. In response to concerns about the longer-term financial sustainability of the Church, we will hold a special Board meeting on Friday, March 15, to consider the maintenance of the Lloyd Fund and the expenditure priorities for the near future. Once we educate ourselves in these matters, we plan to hold an open meeting for all church members to elicit ideas and make action plans and set priorities.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2013. All church members are welcome to attend.

Bill Baylis, President

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## Finance Committee

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After much discussion, the aUuction Committee has decided to make some changes in the timing, etc., of the Annual aUuction. The goal was to make the event easier to attend for those who do not like to drive at night, as well as being fun and move along as quickly as possible. The final choice after considering many options: The 2013 aUuction will be on Saturday, April 27 (as previously announced) preceded by a meal (as previously announced) but the meal will start at 12:30 PM and the aUuction will begin at 2 PM, with the goal of finishing by 4. This should leave Saturday evening open for other activities you are now free to plan.

The menu will be Lasagna (both meat and vegetarian versions), salad, buns and dessert, and the cost will continue to be a bargain at \$10.

In response to popular demand, the aUuction will again feature the Wheel of Fortune!

The sign-up sheet for items for the live aUuction will appear starting on Sunday, Feb. 24. Please note all items and events on this general list, and indicate your preference for "live" or "silent" aUuction. Please try to make your entries onto this list by April 7, because after this the aUuction Committee will meet to decide which items on the sign-up sheet will finally be dedicated to the live aUuction, since we want to keep that number down to 30 items or fewer. If there are more than 30 items checked for "live," the committee will decide which ones to move to "silent."

On April 14, two weeks before the aUuction, there will be additional sheets available. These sheets will allow you to sign up for various events coming up, such as the Baylis summer Bar-B-Q. There will also be sheets for Silent aUuction items, both the ones you had requested and the ones the committee moved into that category. It is hoped that having these sheets available in advance will speed the activities on the 27th.

Note: This means that, if you are planning an event or know you want to submit a silent-auction item, you should have that organized before April 14 and prepare a sign-up sheet. If you need me to prepare the sheet for you, let me know before April 14 so I can have it ready for then. If the silent aUuction item accompanies the sheet, it will spark more interest. These items must be accompanied by a suggested minimum bid.

This timing requires that all items be on the general aUuction sign-up list by April 7 so the committee can decide if some of the "live" items should be moved to "silent." This decision will be easier if the items are actually present by then. The Committee will also appreciate your indicating minimum bids for all items, not just the ones you designate for silent aUuction. This information will help, not just in filling out silent aUuction sign-up sheets, but in starting the live bidding.

Report submitted by Bobbye Baylis, Finance Trustee

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## Social Responsibility Committee

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Just a head's up: Our annual International Dinner will be on May 5 after church, with a Mexican theme for those who are willing to try out a new recipe. From the more cautious cooks, there will be some safely Canadian fare. The Mexican theme is in honour of our Service Speaker on that day, Lorraine Gibson, who represents the Migrant Worker's support group in Leamington. Her topic will be MWCP: Mandate and Programs. The free-will donations to the dinner will go to her group. And, oh yes, the Olinda Choir will have surprises for your listening pleasure on that Sunday.

Bobbye Baylis

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## Book Club

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This group of congregants and friends gathers once a month (1<sup>st</sup> 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 – March 2013:**

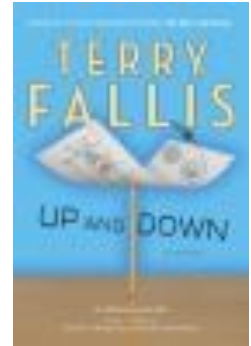
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**Title:** **Up and Down** ... a novel

**Author:** **Terry Fallis**

**Summary:**

On his first day at Turner King, David Stewart quickly realizes that the world of international PR is a far cry from his previous job on Parliament Hill (*Introduced at an earlier UU Book Club evening – in his book 'The Best Laid Plans'*). Suddenly, David is vaulted into an odyssey of his own, navigating the corporate politics of a big PR agency; wading through the murky but always hilarious waters of Canada -U.S. relations; and trying to hold on to his new job while still doing the right thing.



**Location of Meeting:** Tranquility Lounge, at the UU Church of Olinda, Ruthven

**Leader:** Gypsy Carroll

**Date:** Wednesday, 06 March, 2013; 7 pm

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## Caring Committee Report

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February is done, the groundhog saw his shadow, Valentine's Day is over, can spring be far behind?

The congregation wishes Pat Haynes a speedy recovery from her surgery and good luck to Trudy Ware on her upcoming surgery.

I have always said the whole congregation is the caring committee and every time you are needed you respond with cards, food, but most of all visits. Thank-you to all who supported the caring committee and a special thank-you to Joyse Gilbert our Lay Chaplain for her help.

Thanks to Walter Sinclair for his invitation to his 80 th birthday bash. At the time of this writing it will be this Saturday and Linda and I are looking forward to it. March is a busy month with International Women's Day, start of daylight saving time, first day of spring and of course Easter on the very last day of the month. I hope everyone has a great and healthy month and a special hello to Albertina Bell in Leamington, Jean Wallace in London, and Louise Foulds in Toronto. I hope everyone has a great Easter with family and friends. Thanks again to the congregation for their help, we are a great church family!

Eunice Goyette  
June Blacker  
John Upcott  
Rev Christine Hillman on sabbatical