



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 June 2013

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| June 2 | Unitarians & Empire: Our Role in Making the World Whole
Michael Brown | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| June 9 | Flower Communion/Volunteer Recognition
Reverend Christine Hillman | Music: Bill & Bobbye Baylis,
Ray Stone |
| June 16 | Intersections
Reverend Christine Hillman | Music: Toni Janik |
| June 23 | The Empty Centre
Reverend Christine Hillman | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| June 30 | Challenges Facing Canada
Howard Pawley | Music: Bill & Bobbye Baylis,
Ray Stone |

Summer Services

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| July 21 | Bacteria and The Web of Life
Bill Baylis | |
| Aug 11 | The Book Club Presents: 'The Best Laid Plans', a Novel by Canadian Terry Fallis
The Book Club | |

Important Dates in June

June 5	7 PM	Book Club Meeting, <i>The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared</i> , by Jonas Jonasson
June 9	Noon	Church Picnic, at John & Linda Upcott's Farm
June 12	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal
June 16	Noon	Social Responsibility Committee Meeting
June 20	7 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
June 26	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal



May is almost over, the CUC Annual Conference and Meetings is in the books, sabbatical is almost over, the church year is coming to a close, June 16 will mark Arthur's and my 40th Wedding Anniversary. All of these—and some more—are just about amazing to me! "How did that happen" often passes through my mind these days. A happy note is that there are, so far, no fish flies, may that remain so!

I will have much to bring to you of my sabbatical, particularly my trip to the UK. For this June's newsletter, though, I will report a bit on the CUC annual meeting experience. Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed, who preached the sermon at my installation service here in April, 2002, served with his spouse Donna as co-minister of Toronto First for sixteen years, served on the CUC board and held the position of board president, was our keynote speaker Thursday night and Mark has never been better, or more challenging. He has been doing extensive research on the realities of diversity, historic and present, among Unitarian Universalists across North America. For this occasion he focused on issues of diversity, our successes and our too many failures, right here in Canada. You can, already, find the document at cuc.ca and I highly recommend, as many who can, to read it.

Probably the best part of the week-end was the Sunday night Awards Banquet. To thunderous applause and celebration Rev. Brian Kiely of Edmonton was chosen to receive the annual and much-coveted Knight award for his commitment to our tradition in Canada. He has now served sixteen years at the Edmonton congregation and is currently president of ICUU (International Council of Unitarians and Universalists) which brings together people of our faith from all around the world, including the "usual suspects" like Great Britain and Transylvania but also Burundi, the Philippines and India. He also served on the CUC Board and was its president. Brian's face went beet red as we celebrated this brilliant choice by the previous winners of this award named after the Knight family who, themselves, were tremendous volunteer supporters of UUism in Canada. They call themselves, not surprisingly, "knights".

Also, I'd like to refresh our memories of one of the newer and quite extraordinary ways for individuals across the country to support the efforts of congregations to take a big step in their congregation's efforts to grow in all the many ways that word has meaning. It is called "Northern Lights" and was created by two Canadian ministers and is now supported and run by both UUMOC (UU Ministers of Canada), the CUC Board and lay folk. At least three Olindans have taken on being a Northern Light and our job is to respond to up to two letters we receive from a congregation whom the awards committee has chosen as taking a step that is worthy of all our support. We directly send a cheque (the amount we have agreed to give at each ask) to that congregation and that congregation then sending us a tax receipt the following February. This year our congregation in Saskatoon received \$11,000 to put them over the top and make professional ministry possible there. Our congregation in Halifax (Universalist Unitarian) received \$13,000 to hire a director of religious education. Stunning amounts to make something substantial happen that will support us all, in time. At the point 20% of Olinda's membership signs up, Olinda will be eligible to ask for an award, when the congregation needs a boost for a deepening and substantial project.

Can't wait to see you all June 9!

Faithfully and in faith,
Rev. Christine

From the Board

In preparation for the Congregational Meeting on May 19, the first item of business for the Board on May 16 was to consider what work in the basement would be recommended and who should do it. Stuart Miller summarized three bids for work on the inner surfaces of the east and south exterior walls and new windows. The walls would be replaced by moisture resistant fibreglass-impregnated drywall with 3-foot high wainscoting constructed from the existing pine paneling. New duplex electrical outlets would be provided along the east wall, using new circuits installed from the breaker panel to prevent overloading, with the wiring concealed behind the new wall. All seven basement windows would be replaced by new double-glazed, argon-filled, double hung slider windows. The Board approved the use of windows manufactured by Meloche Windows and Doors, since they are locally made, competitively priced, of good quality, and we have had good experience with the sanctuary windows they installed. It also made sense for Meloche to install their windows in order to ensure maximum warranty protection. As all three contractors were competent, the work on the walls was to go to the one with the lowest bid who would be able to complete the work before September. In order to maintain tight control of expenditures and move ahead with the work, the Board decided that other possible work, including new flooring and a new wall between the basement hall and the kitchen, be dealt with later. The cost for the project is \$11,836 plus HST, and it would be covered by almost \$8000 in AUUction funds from 2012 and 2013 with the remainder coming from the capital fund.

Advertising and improvements to our web presence were again discussed. Carol Hylton reported that advertising in the Kingsville Reporter costs almost \$1000 per year, and some have questioned whether the church was getting value for the expense. Since we are approaching the end of regular church services for the season, the Board decided to continue our advertising policy until Fall, when we can reconsider the issue with input from our minister. The Board would like to move to a single, modern website, but for the moment it seems best to keep both in operation. The site uolinda.org is somewhat more modern and has a meaningful web address, while the janik.mnsi.net site, perhaps because of its longer history, is easier to find on search engines. In order to increase traffic to the uolinda.org site, we plan in the future to send a link to the newsletter on that site rather than attach a copy to all our friends and members. It is just as convenient for readers to click on a url link as on an attachment. We also have a password-protected version of our phone and address directory on the website. Once we get all the updates and decide on the best format, we will distribute the password to our usual newsletter recipients. This will allow all of us to see a directory with the latest revisions from any computer on the internet, and it will then not be important that the web version of the Newsletter has telephone numbers removed. Please submit articles, pictures, videos, to me for posting on the uolinda.org site, to Toni Janik if you'd like them on the janik.mnsi.net site, and to Charlotte Innerd for posting on our Facebook page. And please alert us if you see anything misleading or out-dated on any of our sites.

Peter was unable to attend but submitted a report reported that our deficit is over \$6000 higher this year than last, mainly because ministerial expenses are coming in earlier, but also because donations are down by \$1600. To date this year, no actual money has yet been transferred to the operating fund from the Lloyd Fund. It helps that the Canada Revenue Agency returned roughly 2/3 of our HST expenses last year. The amount was over \$6000, \$5,500 of which belongs to the Capital Fund. It also helps that our solar panels are beginning to pay returns. The solar panel payments belong to the Lloyd Fund, as records will show, but their deposit into the operating fund allows minor transfers to be made without requiring any sales of equities and bonds.

Remember, John and Linda Upcott have once again kindly invited the congregation to a June picnic at their farm. After the service on June 9, please join us as we gather with our potluck contributions to celebrate Christine's return, the survival of church operations during her sabbatical leave, and of course, the approach of summer! See you there!

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, June 20, 2013. All church members are welcome to attend.

Bill Baylis, President

Finance Committee

The aUuction on April 27 was a lot of fun and was preceded by Lasagna Lunch that put everyone in a generous mood. Whether it was the lunch (and the wine), the talented aUuctioneers, the time of day, or the high quality of the items being auctioned, the event was also a financial success. Over \$4000 was deposited immediately after the event, and additional money has been coming in as more people sign up and/or pay for the event tickets. To date \$4210 has been collected and the total, once all the tickets have been paid for, will be around \$4400. For those interested in the breakdown:

Lasagna Dinner & Wine Donations:	\$288
Wheel of Fortune	180
aUuction (live + silent)	2268
Event tickets paid so far	1407

Some sharp-eyed folks will notice that the sum of the above is only \$4143. I should point out that several people actually paid more than they owed.

This money will be added to last year's aUuction proceeds, \$3558, and the total of around \$8000 will go into the basement repairs being undertaken this summer, as decided at the Congregational Meeting on May 19.

Membership Committee

On March 10th, many of you participated in a meeting to discuss what we could do to help Olinda grow in membership. The most suggested way to let people know about us was by an updated and attractive website. Since the meeting more information has been added to our current website and more is planned. Without going into detail besides the current things that are being done, there are also goals for our website in the future. There were other suggestions to help us grow and they will also be addressed. We thank you all who participated and your interest in helping Olinda grow for the future of our Church.

Many years ago, a few of the women from the church met to have lunch together. It was just a small number since often it was held in someone's house. Not all the same ladies are participating now. It was not church related, just ladies who got to know each other through the church. They just have lunch and visit. There is no schedule for the lunches and they are attended by whoever is available. Just to mention, Sheron who seldom attended, did come on September 2011. Someone in her family brought her and I took her home. That was the last time some of us, including myself, saw Sheron before she passed away later that fall. So that is a good memory of being with Sheron even though we recognized that day, she was not well at all.

We now have evolved to going out for the lunches and frequently we go to Kingsville Golf Course so larger numbers now do not matter. Lunches are usually held on a Thursday. During the last couple of years a few more ladies have become involved, although sometimes there still might only be four attending. In case there are some of you who would like to join us, we want you to know that you are invited. A couple years ago, we chose a name for the lunch group and we call ourselves The Golden Girls.

Because of the lunches, there were some spouses left on their own, so just this past winter the fellows (whoever can come) get together at another restaurant for lunch. The fellows seem to enjoy this gathering and the conversation. We have just given them a name as well. The fellows will be known as The Jolly Gentlemen.

You don't have to be married, singles are welcome as well. If you wish to join the gals or guys, please notify Carabel that you would like to join in and when there is something planned, you will be notified.

So consider this as your invitation to join either The Golden Girls or The Jolly Gentlemen.

Respectfully from your Membership Committee
Kathy Brennan, Gypsy Carroll & Carol Hylton

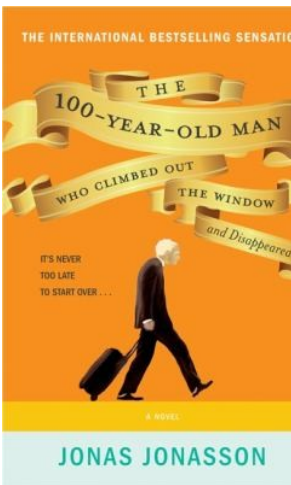
Book Club

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 – June 2013:



Title: The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

Author: Jonas Jonasson

Summary:

After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. He decides to escape and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey, involving, among other surprises, a suitcase stuffed with cash, some unpleasant criminals, a friendly hot-dog stand operator, and an elephant (not to mention a death by elephant). This amusing book has charmed readers across the world.

Location of Meeting: Gilbert Residence, Kingsville

Leader: Leona Crowder **Hostess:** Joyse Gilbert

Date: Wednesday, 05 June, 2013; 7 pm

Caring Committee Report

HOLY COW ! Summer is here already and the church year is almost over. it is not like it once was when all church activity ended at the end of June, there are now two church services during the summer and other social events occur with the different auction items that people have signed up for, so we will be getting together often.

It is all good reports that I have received and so I hope to end the year on a happy note. Trudy Ware and Pat Haynes are well on their way back as well as Romell Reid is reported to be recovering nicely. Linda had a nice visit with John and Evelyn Dresser and while there have been some setbacks with their health it is not too serious and they are in good spirits. I hope Jean Wallis in Brantford and Albertina Bell in Leamington are both well and have the very best summer possible. To all the congregation please have a safe and healthy summer and we will all be back together in September. Please remember that the caring committee is still here during the down time and if there is anything we can do or if someone needs a card let us know.

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

John Upcott

Rev Christine Hillman, returning from sabbatical for Sunday service on June 9, 2013.

Social Responsibility Committee

The International Dinner on May 5 was a success as always. There were tasty Mexican dishes on offer as well as our usual tasty Canadian ones. Our generous Congregation donated \$244.25 which was given to Lorraine Gibson to take to the Migrant Workers Support Program. Even more generosity was shown on May 12 by those who brought toiletry items to donate to the House of Sophrosyne. The House staff members were quite delighted when these items were delivered.

The committee would like to find a way to take advantage of the momentum generated by the discussion session at the Inequality III sermon. Many good suggestions were made on how to move Canada to a more equal society. If you are interested in reading the suggestions, the list that was generated during that service has been posted on our web site: uuolinda.org.

Olinda Connection

Since Volunteers are being recognized in June, I thought there are two people who deserve some special recognition. Olinda would not function if it was not for all our Volunteers and they each do their part and are appreciated. Here are two that do so much behind the scenes and we never know about it.

They are Walter Sinclair and John Upcott. It is impossible to list everything they have done over many, many years since we never know about it. Each has been the Trustee of Property but even when they are not the Trustee, they are there regularly seeing that the church is okay or the mail brought in. One of them opens the church, sweeps the front porch or clears snow from it before church each Sunday. Adjusts the thermostats, open windows in the summer and the list goes on. They come behind us and make sure water is not left running, and everything okay in order to prevent a problem. You all know all those little things around a house that go wrong that need a little repair and is not something one would call a repair person for – you can imagine a building as old as the church and what all can go wrong there. Guess who has been doing all that fixing for decades - John and Walter. They just do it and we never know about it. So on behalf of all the Olinda congregation, I thank Walter and John for all they have done for so many years....what would we do without you?

A BIG THANK YOU.

Carol

Olinda Church Directory - please note the following changes

Jane Cacciavillani and Susan Patterson-Gulka have been added to the directory.

Susan has moved to this area from Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship In Thunder Bay, where she was a Lay Chaplin for 2 years.