

The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda](#)

Sunday Services September 2013

Sept. 8 Ingathering: Summer's Bounty

Rev. Christine Hillman

Music: Toni Janik

Sept. 15 Universalism in Great Britain

Rev. Christine Hillman

Music: Lorie Lyons

Sept. 22 Unitarian Universalist Spiritual Practice

Rev. Christine Hillman

Music: Carabel Ringrose

Sept. 29 The World of Social Networking in Religion

Rev. Christine Hillman

Music: Bobbye & Bill Baylis,
Ray Stone



Basement Project Complete

Thanks to hard work by our Faithful Architect, Stuart Miller, our Faithful Property Chair, Walter Sinclair, and Property Alumni John Upcott, the first project in upgrading the basement has been completed. The stained sections of paneling are now gone. The good sections, plus some new, are now in wainscoting on the east and south walls, with drywall in the upper sections. The windows are also now new. We will all be very pleased to hold our events and our Religious Education classes in this newly upgraded basement.

Before we can take a picture for everyone to admire, we need a major clean-up of all of the debris from the construction. Our Faithful Membership Trustee, Carol Hylton, has put out a call for everyone with free time on Saturday, Sept. 7, to come, bucket and rags in hand, to help. Stuart is renting a carpet steam cleaner to finish the job so that everything will be sparkling and smell fresh for the first of our fall services, on Sept. 8.

Come One, Come All
Make the Basement Sparkle
Saturday, September 7, 2013
9 AM to Noon (or whenever we finish)

From the Hillparson



Hotter than usual Summer! Now that is a news alert that isn't news at all.

My summer has been hot in some other ways as well. First of all, it has been awhile since I have done Summer weddings and this summer there were two. I received a call from the Leamington Hospital chaplain, Liz Chaplain, saying that she had been in contact with a couple who wanted her to officiate their wedding. Liz is a certified chaplain and she has credentialed ministry in the Anglican Church but her level of ministry with them does not include being able to officiate weddings, so here's where I come in, for the official government part. But we've done this before and this occasion was no different, we work well together and it is a joy. This couple in particular, though they've been together for a long time, had never married, but now the bride is sick and it is worrisome to her family (children and grandchildren.) The family encouraged them to make it official and they agreed. Sickness or no, they were committed to a joyful ceremony and that is what we provided, and for which the two of us are well suited!

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Much joy, much laughter and sweetness. And then I got a call from that bride's granddaughter that she and her fiancé were to marry next summer but had decided not to wait, in case grandma's health "doesn't hold". They wanted to marry NOW and organized it in three weeks, would I officiate? YES! What was particularly poignant and perfectly lovely was that the granddaughter offered a reading in her grandmother's wedding, which she then read at her granddaughter's wedding. I've been enjoying all the produce...of a summer in south Essex County but the real bounty of Summer was in these two weddings.

If that were not all, that bad news/good news thing made one good thing have to cancel, so that another good thing could become great. There was to be a Hillman reunion in late July in Tennessee but rather at the last minute FOUR family members organizing the event got sick, one enough to be hospitalized! Everyone is fine and it became clear that we can have a family reunion next summer and so this year's was cancelled. The fact that we would not be driving six to TN and not paying for hotel rooms...meant another event was something we could consider. The fact that Arthur had a lot of accrued air miles made it possible. And so, on the first week-end of August, Arthur and I flew to Seattle, Washington, to enjoy the ordination of now Rev. Tandi Rogers, an extraordinary woman whom I mentored for her work to become a master level credentialed religious educator a couple of years ago. And now she was prepared for ministry. Lots of unique things about the event, but one that stands out is that, because her home church does not have the capacities required for such as an event, the ordination was held in a Roman Catholic church! The ordination of a heretic AND a lesbian woman!! It is mostly because of Tandi magic, I'd say, and probably fifty ministers and religious educators attended, as well as family and church members to make the ordination official.

So. Glad to be back and soon we will be celebrating each Sunday together again. A reminder to bring the water you would like to share in our annual ceremony. And remember to join us after to pour over the memorial garden which will receive Louise Foulds' ashes October 19, another reminder. Her memorial service will be at 1 pm on that day and all are encouraged to come remember and celebrate Louise's extraordinary life. Off we go!

From the Board

Welcome back to a new church season! Our first church service this fall is our ingathering service on September 8, featuring a water ceremony where waters from our separate summer experiences are joined together in a symbolic reunification of our lives and spirits. We welcomed our minister, Reverend Christine Hillman, back from sabbatical leave with cakes at the annual picnic, generously hosted under fair skies by Linda and John Upcott. We were also blessed by good weather for our two summer services, and both enjoyed good turnouts and new visitors.

If you are able, peek into our basement to admire renovations there: new windows and electrical outlets on the south wall, and handsome wainscoted walls on the south and east sides. Many thanks to Stuart Miller for all his work designing, contracting out, and overseeing these renovations! During the construction, many of the old knotty pine boards were found to have mold while others were wet enough to harbour mold growth. Usable sections were harvested for the wainscoting and protected against further mold as suggested by the professional, Michelle Wright, but additional boards were needed to complete the work. Some repairs on the cement parging around the new windows was also required. While the interior walls were appropriately sealed and protected against water seepage, the contractor P&S Building Systems (the former General Builders of Windsor) strongly recommended sealing the below-grade parts of the exterior walls. After that, the next step in the basement renovations will be replacing the current carpeting with new flooring.

The Board meeting on June 6, 2013, was the first one in which we made use of Skype technology. Reverend Christine Hillman was attending the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Louisville, Kentucky, and could only have a virtual presence. A major topic, in addition to the discussion of basement renovations, was our privacy policy and steps we need to take to ensure that potentially sensitive information be removed from copies of the Newsletter that could be viewed by the public. We should draft a formal policy this fall.

Please note that a memorial service for Louise Foulds (1923-2013) has been scheduled at our church on October 19, 2013, at 1 PM. A copy of her obituary is available through our website uuolinda.org.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, September 19, 2013. All church members are welcome to attend.

Bill Baylis, President

Important Dates

Sept 4 7 PM
Book Club: *The Dante Club* by Matthew Pearl

Sept 11 7 PM
Choir Rehearsal*

Sept 15 9:15 AM
Sunday Services Committee Meeting

Sept 15 Noon
Social Responsibility Committee Meeting

Sept 19 7 PM
Board of Trustees Meeting

Sept 25 7 PM
Choir Rehearsal*

*Subject to change based on schedules of new members.



Louise Foulds
1921—2013

Olinda Connections

From the 1960s, Louise Foulds was a dedicated member of Olinda. Louise passed away on June 6th of this year. Although she spent her last few years in Toronto, Louise never lost interest and her dedication to Olinda. Following her passing, there was a memorial hymn sing service in Toronto. As per Louise's wishes there will also be a memorial hymn sing service held at Olinda on Saturday, October 19th. You are invited to attend. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

Many years ago Louise dedicated many months to organize the archives of our Olinda UU Church.

Since Louise moved to Toronto, Sheron Campbell continued her work in our Archives, and now Gypsy Carroll has taken over this responsibility. Louise also wrote two editions of 'Universalists in Ontario', - the 1st edition in 1980 to celebrate our first hundred years, the 2nd edition in 2005 when she was in her eighties to update our history. She wrote about the Unitarian Universalist Religion in Ontario, including the history of Olinda. We named our church library in her honour.

We hope that you will be able to join us for the memorial service on October 19th.

Membership Report

The new Church year is upon us. If you have an idea of a Social event that we may plan and hold at Olinda, please let Gypsy Carroll, Kathy Brennan or myself know about it. It can be something for our church members and friends and also may include others from the area. This may be a way to introduce others to Olinda.

Many of our monthly newsletters have included a story under 'Olinda Connections'. We all have enjoyed and appreciated the stories shared with us by many of our Olinda friends. If you have someone in mind whom we have not yet included (even yourself); please let me know. It will be most appreciated. See you at church on Sept 8th.

Carol Hylton, Membership



Source: UU Society of Iowa City

Finance Committee Report

In October we will start the process of creating an Operating Budget for the 2014. The following schedule is being presented to inform everyone who would like to be part of this process. There are always openings on the Finance Committee for anyone who is interested in helping keep our church financially solid.

Date	Time	Description
6 Oct.	After church	Open meeting to discuss budget items. Anyone desiring to be on the Finance Committee should definitely attend this meeting and volunteer to become a member.
27 Oct.		By this date, all budget details must have been submitted to the finance trustee or the treasurer so that they can prepare the budget. Items needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggested ministerial salary (part of total cost to the Congregation)• Committee Chair's budget requests
10 Nov.	After Church	Meeting of the Finance Comm. to approve the Budget & Letter of Agreement.
21 Nov.	7 PM	Board Meeting at which Budget and Letter of Agreement will be presented for approval.
24 Nov.	Before Church	Copies of the budget will be available to the congregation.
8 Dec.	After Church	Congregational Budget meeting.

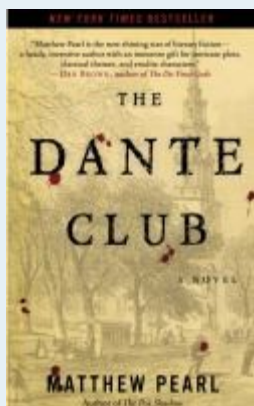
Social Responsibility Committee

Two major projects are in the works for the Social Responsibility Committee. One is to present a summary of the material discussed in the Welcoming Congregation Workshops held last year. This will take the form of a Sunday Service, followed by a Congregational Meeting to decide whether to apply as a Welcoming Congregation.

The other is even more ambitious. We are considering organizing a workshop in Windsor, focusing on an Adult Education topic such as Embracing Diversity or Promoting Greater Income Equality or even Arguments For and Against a Minimum Income (or a Negative Income Tax.) We are looking into venues, preferably free, and a potential Windsor partner, such as Pathway to Potential. Suggestions would be welcome.

The Social Responsibility Committee continues to search for socially relevant videos and films to present after church. Please bring your suggestions to a member of the committee, or simply come to our next meeting on Sept. 15. The membership of the Committee varies from year to year, but usually includes Gord Taylor (chair), Mariette Preyde, Linda Goyette, Sue Markham, Stuart Miller, Rev. Hillman, and me.

Submitted by Bobbye Baylis, Secretary of the SRC



Olinda 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*

Title: **The Dante Club**, A Novel

Author: Matthew Pearl

Summary:

A series of murders, all of them are inspired by scenes in Dante's Inferno. Only an elite group of America's first Dante scholars--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell, and J. T. Fields--can solve the mystery. With the police baffled, more lives endangered, and Dante's literary future at stake, the Dante Club must shed its sheltered literary existence and find the killer. (2003)

Location of Meeting: UU Church of Olinda, Ruthven / Olinda

Leader: Evelyn Fisher

Date: Wednesday, 04 September, 2013; 7 pm

Caring committee

Eunice Goyette
June Blacker
John Upcott
Rev. Christine Hillman

Caring Committee Report

Welcome back to all the congregation and I am looking forward to a great church year. I am happy to report that Ron Hicks has been doing well all summer and has recovered nicely. Not all the news has been good however; on June 3rd Lois Richer, wife of Rev. Conrad Dippel, passed away after a lengthy illness. Conrad was our minister at two different times and has been a guest speaker on many occasions. Conrad and Lois were married in our church and have one daughter. The sympathies of the entire congregation go to the family and they remain in our thoughts.

On June 6th Louise Foulds, one of the most respected people ever to join our church and one of our leaders, also passed away after a lengthy illness. I could take the entire newsletter to list the accomplishments of Louise and tell of her great love of this church, the people, and the U.U. faith. There will be a memorial service at the church on October 19 at 1 PM. I wish to express the sympathies of the entire congregation to Philip, her husband of 71 years, and all of her family and to tell them how much Louise was admired and respected by me and all of us who new her.

Sympathies are also extended to Albertina Bell who lost a dear nephew on Aug. 22nd and I know all of our thoughts are with her. Best wishes to Jean Wallis in Brantford and we all hope all is well with her and her family and that they have had a great summer. I hope to see all in church.

John