

The Olinda Outpost

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

Sunday Services March 2014



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| March 2 | We are the People Who do Not Bow
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Lorie Lyons |
| March 9 | Saul vs. Paul
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| March 16 | Fundamentalism's Grip
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Bobbye & Bill Baylis,
Ray Stone and Fred Butzen |
| March 23 | Making Poverty Everyone's Business
Adam Vasey | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| March 30 | Reclaiming A Vocabulary of the Sacred
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Toni Janik |
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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 16

following the church service to discuss the motion: The congregation authorizes the expenditure of approximately \$3500 for a granite memorial stone in the Memorial Garden.

From the Board



Rain and melting snow greeted us at our final Board meeting on February 20, just before the church's Annual General Meeting (AGM), when a new Board is elected. It will be a different Board that meets next month: Treasurer Peter LeClair, Secretary Linda Goyette, Membership and Publicity Trustee Carol Hylton, and Vice-President John Upcott all plan on vacating their positions, making way for new blood and fresh ideas. Carol and Linda, in fact, were already away enjoying a vacation of flowers and---we hope---sunny weather. We will be able to continue to benefit from the presence of John Upcott at Board meetings next year as he will be attending as chair of the Caring Committee. We are grateful to everyone on the Board this past year for all their dedication, hard work and valuable contributions, not to mention their good humour and teamwork. Much was accomplished, both in terms of physical improvements to the church, including basement and back porch renovations, and in substantial social and ministerial changes, including a more open and active Committee on Ministry and the transition to a Welcoming Congregation.

The Board reviewed preparations for the AGM with its reports and election, followed by the vote on whether to pursue the incorporation of the Church. Peter's last report as treasurer showed finances in order but with a deficit that missed donations from the snowed-out services on January 5 and 26. Peter will be available to help the new treasurer work with his customized accounting system for the church. Helen Moore presented not only her plans for future lay-led Sunday services but also results of her study of possible Memorial stones employing Laurentian pink granite, which is to be selected at the Congregational meeting on March 16. More details were agreed to on plans to hold the annual AUuction on Saturday evening, April 12, featuring Wilf Innerd and John Upcott as auctioneers and preceded by a lasagne dinner.

John Upcott, whose appointment to the Committee on Ministry (CoM) was finally made official, reported on work of the CoM in conducting an assessment of the Ministry of the Church. As he said, it's a trial effort, but an important one that should be repeated every year or two, and the CoM hopes that everyone will contribute their valuable comments and suggestions about how the ministry can be improved. The CoM asks that responders not only take ownership of their suggestions but that they also submit an assessment form on their past and potential future service to the ministry. The final deadline for returning assessments has been postponed to March 30, but the CoM would welcome returns before then. The completed assessment forms are to be returned to any regular member of the committee: co-chairs Jane Innerd and Steve Brennan, or members Carol Hylton and John Upcott. These members will prepare a summary and analysis of results to be shared with the entire CoM including ex-officio members Bill Baylis and Reverend Christine Hillman, then with the entire Board and ultimately with the full congregation. It is the role of the Board to recommend and help implement concrete actions based on the results.

The Annual Conference and Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council will be held in mid May in Montreal. We can send two delegates, whose travel costs can be subsidized. Please let the Board know if you are interested in representing us there. Finally, we were all delighted to hear that Gypsy Carroll, while still confined to a wheelchair as her broken leg heals, was able to join the Tea With Christine earlier in the day. Our next Board meeting, with our new Board, is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, March 20. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

From the Hillparson

**An Introduction to UUism and Olinda,
to learn and ask questions**



March 2 at Noon

Spring is coming our way and I expect we are all ready to pop, waiting for its arrival. It has been, is being, a hard cold winter, the like not seen in this region for quite some time. Mountains of snow taking our favourite parking spot, snow and ice-covered roads and walk ways are never the favourite parts of Winter, and generally, the best part of it is early, not late. So may Spring come and light our eyes with colour and sense, and, while we wait, may Winter teach us its lessons.

Last Autumn I began offering tea to any and sundry who might come to church at 3 pm on all Thursday afternoons. An hour and a half of company, sharing and learning more about one another. Such a Tea is not motivated by any specific drive or direction. Those who come are the ones who make the afternoon what they will. There have been great conversations at these events. I hope you'll put Thursdays at 3 on your calendar and join in the fun! And, yes, it's warm at the church; I come early enough to heat up the rooms and then heat the water and hot the pot!

*Faithfully and in faith,
Rev. Christine*

Important Dates

- Mar. 2 Noon**
New UU Orientation
- Mar. 5 7 PM**
Choir Rehearsal in Detroit
- Mar. 6 3 PM**
Tea with Christine
- Mar. 8 10 AM**
Choir Rehearsal in Detroit
- Mar. 9 3 PM**
Concert in Detroit
- Mar. 12 7PM**
Book Club: David & Goliath by Malcolm Gladwell
- Mar. 13 3 PM**
Tea with Christine
- Mar. 13 7 PM**
Choir Rehearsal
- Mar. 16 Noon**
Congregational Meeting on Memorial Stone
- Mar. 20 3 PM**
Tea with Christine
- Mar. 20 7 PM**
Board of Trustees Meeting
- Mar. 23 Noon**
Social Responsibility Committee
- Mar. 27 3 PM**
Tea with Christine
- Mar. 27 7 PM**
Choir Rehearsal

Finance Committee Report

.Spring is almost here (I keep telling myself) and it is time to start thinking about the aUUction, that most exciting event in April for us Olinda UU's. This year the aUUction will return to the evening time slot, with the pre-aUUction supper starting at 5:30 PM on Saturday, April 12. The sign-up sheets have already been placed in the Coffee Hour Room, so everyone can start filling them with the items they plan to bring or the events they want to organize. Hopefully the sheets will be full enough by the last week in March that we can list a lot of tantalizing items in the April Newsletter! Watch this place for more details in April!

Social Responsibility Committee

For those of you who enjoyed the Inequality talks last year, there is a new Sundance Film Festival award-winning documentary out, **Inequality for All**, based on the book by Robert Reich: *Aftershock, The Next Economy & America's Future*. This showing will take place at Lakeshore Cinema, 164 Commercial Blvd. in Tecumseh on Monday, March 10 at 7 PM. If you are interested in seeing this film, send an email to essexndpevents@gmail.com requesting tickets. There is no charge for the tickets and there is only room for 200 in the theatre, so you should hurry to order your tickets. If there is enough demand, the sponsors will book a second showing, at 9 PM.

Ann Beer, who owns New and Used Books in Windsor, will also be there selling *Aftershock* along with Olivia Chow's new book *My Journey*.

Caring Committee Report

Maybe this long cold winter is finally near the end as spring begins on the calendar at least on March 20th , but nothing is for sure.

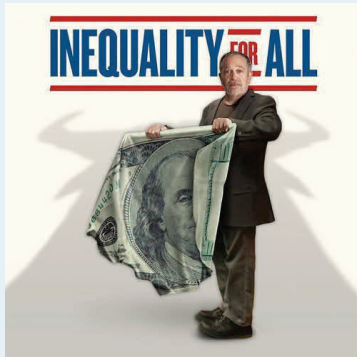
Gypsy Carroll fell in her house and broke her ankle in two places. She stayed in hospital for a few days before she got an operation to set the bone and put a pin in it. This past week she was fitted with a walking boot but still has a problem getting around. She is recovering at Erie Glen Manor in Leamington and is doing well but will be there for a few weeks, so if you have some time, I am sure she would appreciate a visit. I was surprised when it was announced in church that everyone did not know. I will ask the board if perhaps this happens again that the phone tree be used to alert the congregation. All of us are hoping for a quick and complete recovery. Gypsy, we miss seeing you in church.

I wish to thank Trudy Ware for bringing her mother, Evelyn Dresser, and Marion Thompson to church these past few Sundays. We always say that the whole congregation is the caring committee and Trudy is proof. THANKS AGAIN.

Please remember that on March 9th the time springs forward, so be sure to get to church on time.

A special Springtime Hello to Albertina Bell in Leamington and Jean Wallis in Brantford; hope everything is well.

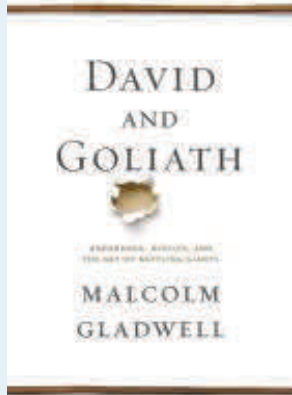
John Upcott



Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette
June Blacker
John Upcott
Rev. Christine Hillman

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*

Book for Month – March 2014:

Title: **David and Goliath** - Underdogs, Misfits, & The Art Of Battling Giants

Author: **Malcolm Gladwell**

Summary: "The names David and Goliath have stood for three thousand years for the battles between underdogs and giants. David's victory was improbable and miraculous. He shouldn't have won. Or should he have? In *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell challenges how we think about obstacles and disadvantages, offering a new interpretation of what it means to be discriminated against, or cope with a disability, or lose a parent, or attend a mediocre school, or suffer from any number of other apparent setbacks. In the tradition of Gladwell's previous best-sellers--*The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, *Outliers* and *What the Dog Saw*--*David and Goliath* draws upon history, psychology, and powerful storytelling to reshape the way we think of the world around us"

Location of Meeting: Haynes Residence, Kingsville

Leader: Jane Cacciavillani

Date: Wednesday March 12, 2014; 7 pm