

The Olinda Outpost

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

Sunday Services May 2014

R.E. Class & Service held at 10:30, followed by refreshments
Rev. Christine Hillman



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| May 4 | Albert Schweitzer
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Lorie Lyons |
| May 11 | Mothers of Invention
Rev. Christine Hillman | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| May 18 | Are you Religious?
Wilf Innerd | Music: Bobbye & Bill Baylis,
Ray Stone |
| May 25 | India and Nepal
Sue Markham | Music: Toni Janik |

May 11, 2014: Toiletries for the House of Sophrosyne

On Mothers' Day we have been gathering a collection of toiletries for the House of Sophrosyne, a Windsor live-in treatment centre for chemically dependent women. As these women often come to the two-week sessions without bringing any toiletries, the cost of supplying tooth paste, brushes, soap (not bars), shampoo, etc. falls on the House. They much appreciate the help we have been giving them. Incidentally, no remotely drinkable liquids (mouthwash for example) should be included. Over the years our congregation has been amazingly creative in coming up with additional ideas. We have also learned that the House sells second-hand clothes as a fundraising activity, so a donation of women's or children's clothing in good condition is also welcome.



From the Hillparson



The due date for the May 2014 newsletter falls on Earth Day (the 44th). And while it will be after Earth Day that you receive it, really every day is Earth Day! Here are some ways it's Earth Day at Olinda:

1. We recycle certain food products and paper.
2. We don't use non-reusable plastic or Styrofoam containers. Some who participate in the Lunch in the County monthly lunch at Colsanti's bring their own mugs so as not to use the exclusive Styrofoam cups Colsanti's offers. My old Timmy's mug with lid is at the top of the stairs for that event tomorrow.
3. Because of the long history of the congregation we don't use plastic cutlery or Styrofoam/plastic plates at events at church. When we have an event elsewhere we can do the same by bringing our own cutlery and plates. The first good time to remember this will be at the June picnic sponsored by the Upcott family.
4. We purchase copy paper for most uses that are high in recycled paper product, and, as available, is not bleached.



Olinda is also blessed to be situated in a county where all manner of local food, from fruit to veggies, cheese and meat and fish is available. I'm happy now to be able to purchase canned tomatoes by Utopia, canned in Maidstone! I saw it first at The Butcher of Kingsville which is a great place to purchase local meats that don't have antibiotics or anything else but mostly just what cows would eat were they left to their own. They get grain only in deep Winter when their favourites aren't available. A wonderful memory for me, is when I got to drink fresh milk at my grandparents' where milk would sometimes taste a little like some particular grass or other green they might end up eating a lot of. Anybody for basil or mint milk?

This month the fulsomeness of Spring will blossom and I'll be happy to have a couple of months when I can eat asparagus! And this month is also the time of the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) where meetings will report on those things accomplished in the past year and other events will look toward the future. This year Olinda is eligible to receive the plaque of affirmation that the congregation successfully accomplished and achieved. These accomplishments are recognized at the annual Sunday night celebration where a number of awards are given. It is a wonderful event and I have loved it since my first in May, 2002, held in Kelowna. It's not too late for you to decide to attend this year's CUC ACM which will be held in Montreal, always over the Victoria week-end.

Olinda is also in the midst of the verities of life which beset our world. While Gypsy is home finally, after her awful fall in January, we hear the hard news that Linda G. will be working hard to manage the effort required to get through a cancer diagnosis. And we know they are not alone with managing tough news and realities. "May" it be that the springtide gives us all a boost in energy and courage as life carries us along and we honour life itself!

From the Board

Your Board of Trustees met again on April 17, carrying forward three vacancies: Vice President, Treasurer, and the Trustee for Membership and Publicity. Let us know if you have time and interest in filling any of these positions. The Board welcomed Reverend Christine Hillman back and expressed its appreciation for her arranging to have Reverends Jeff Brown and Linda Thomson deliver substitute sermons for her while she was tied up with urgent family business in Michigan.

We have moved ahead with an order for the polished granite stone from Hallmark for the Stewart Moore Memorial Garden, as approved in the Congregational meeting on March 16. The name and dates of those whose ashes have been buried there will be inscribed on the stone, and names and years of birth can be inscribed ahead of time if desired. See Helen Moore's description for details if you'd like to take advantage of this pre-service planning. Walter Sinclair, our Property Trustee, is working on repairing the electric heater connection on the second floor, getting problems with the telephone resolved, arranging for summer lawn cutting, and replacing a section of the older roof that lost its shingles a week or so ago. Earlier repairs did not last. Perhaps Unique Roofing, who installed new shingles on the three sections of roof where the solar panels were installed, can provide a more permanent fix. John Upcott has sealed the church garage against our opossum intruder and has also been redistributing the gravel layer on our parking lot. The Board is also investigating possible improvements to our sound system, perhaps even including a broadcast system with headsets.

In other news from the Board meeting, Finance Trustee Bobbye Baylis reported that the AUUction raised over \$3,000. Plans are in progress for the "International" Dinner after Sunday service on April 27, this year actually featuring local foods and benefitting the Gleaners, and for the Bake Sale on May 24. The analysis of assessment forms on the church ministry will get into full swing at the April meeting of the Committee on Ministry on April 23, with reports to the Board and the congregation to follow. The Board will be talking to a lawyer for help to move forward the church incorporation process.

Reverend Christine reported that four members participated in the first adult RE session on Planning Your Memorial Service and More on April 10, and everyone is welcome to join in follow-up sessions at 2 PM Thursday April 24 and May 1. She will be away at the Annual Conference and Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council and a follow-up meeting of ministers in the last half of May.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, May 15. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

Bill Baylis, President

Important Date

May 1 3 pm

End of Life and More

May 8 7 pm

Choir Rehearsal

May 10 noon

Soup Luncheon (sign up!)

May 11

House of Sophrosyne Donations

May 14 7 pm

Book Club: Favourite Poems

May 15 7 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 18 noon

Social Responsibility Committee

May 22 7 pm

Choir Rehearsal

May 24 10 am

Bake Sale

Our Bake Sale is coming on Saturday, May 24. Can you help?

We hope to raise more money for our church with this year's spring sale and have fun together at the same time. Please plan to join in and help out if you can.

Carol Hylton will be at the church on **Friday, May 23, from 3 pm to 4:30, to collect items** to sell on Saturday. These items will need prices and to be organized for the next day. The **Bake Sale** itself is on **Saturday, May 24, from 10 am to 3 pm.**

We need:

Fresh Baking: Pies, cakes, tarts, loaves, muffins, cookies, bread, etc. This is the most popular part of the sale so we would like to expand our baking table this year.

Food Bazaar: Homemade pickles, jellies, jams, sauces as well as salad dressings, dips, flavoured vinegars, dried herbs or herbs in pots.

Crafts: New, handmade items such as soaps and lotions, dish cloths, placemats, scarves, and other crafts.

Volunteers: To help us with sign posting, food pricing (on Friday) and selling (on Saturday.)

Customers: We want many more families to attend our sale this year and to get to know our church. We are asking each church member to invite friends, family and neighbours to our sale and barbecue. Please help us spread the word.

Please contact Carol with your offers of help or items to sell.

We are grateful to John and Linda Upcott who will again host the **Barbecue** to keep the customers coming and to keep the sales staff from wasting away from hunger. (Actually, to keep them from nibbling on the goodies.)

See you at the sale!

Finance Committee Report

This year's aUuction was perhaps the most fun ever. The aUuctioneers and the audience really got into the swing of things! There were lots of lovely items available, the products of hours of hard work by, among others, Ron Hicks, Cathy Dewhurst, Dorothy Brown, Marion Thompson and Toni Janik. This has already resulted in \$3031 more toward the basement repairs done last summer and more will come in as people sign up for the remaining places on the event sheets in the Tranquility Room. The Soup Luncheon is coming up soon: May 10, so hurry and sign up!



Olinda Book Club

On Wednesday, May 14, the Book Club will meet at 7 pm at Karen and Stuart Miller's home. Members will bring a favourite poem or a poem they have written to share and discuss.

Everyone is welcome – *Contact Chairperson Pat Haynes, or Stuart Miller*

The Millers' address is 788 Point Pelee Drive.

Social Responsibility Committee

The recent International Dinner, with its focus on Local Foods, brings to mind the problem of availability in the off season. If we do not want to be buying vegetables from half-way around the world, we need to process local foods when they are in season so they will keep. Members of the committee have expressed interest in a canning workshop. If you are also interested, either in teaching or learning, please contact a member of the committee. If there is enough interest, we will plan an in-house session or series of sessions, based on the harvest dates.

Members of the committee include: Gord Taylor, Mariette Preyde, Stuart & Karen Miller, Bill & Bobbye Baylis, and Sue Markham.

Report Submitted by the secretary of the committee, Bobbye Baylis

Caring Committee Report

It was a beautiful Easter Sunday with the best weather of the year. The snow and cold winter is but a distant memory and I am glad of it. I hope all had a great holiday with family and or friends.

The congregation wishes Linda Goyette the very best in her upcoming surgery. She has become one of our best liked members of this congregation with her constant smile and great personality, we all know that all will be well and we will see her in church very soon. GOOD LUCK LINDA.

Gypsy Carroll is now home and glad to be and I am sure we will see her in church soon and without her wheelchair. Vegas also waits for her return.

I wish all mothers a happy day on May 11th and hope they can spend the day relaxing.

Please remember to visit or call someone to make their day better, and it will make your day better too. The caring committee is here if you need us.

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Eunice Goyette
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John Upott
Rev. Christine Hillman

Memorial Stone

The memorial stone for the memorial garden has been ordered. It will be Laurentian pink rock from northern Quebec. Hallmark Memorial Company expects that it will be ready to be placed in the garden in mid to late June. Prior to its being placed in the garden, the name of the garden, Stewart Moore Memorial Garden, will be engraved on it, in addition to the three names, after permission has been granted from family members, of those whose ashes are already scattered in the garden.

There has been a request from two congregants, who plan to have their ashes scattered in the garden, to have their names engraved on the stone prior to its placement in the garden. The board decided that it is only fair to offer that opportunity to others who wish to have their ashes scattered in the garden.

Ordinarily, the memorial stone would be engraved with the name of the person whose ashes are scattered in the garden after a person's ashes have been scattered in the garden.

If you wish to have your ashes scattered in the Memorial Garden at church and you wish to have your name engraved on the stone before the stone is placed in the garden, then please let me know by May 31st so that arrangements can be made to have your name engraved on the stone. Your birth date can be engraved as well but it need not be.

Any questions? Please ask me.

Helen Moore