

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 October 2014

Oct. 5 UU Activism: Climate Change March 2014

Karen and Stuart Miller

Music: Carabel Ringrose

Oct. 12 The Holiday That Brings Religions Together

Reverend Christine Hillman

Music: Bobbye and Bill Baylis
and Ray Stone

Oct. 19 Two Sons, One Wise Father

Reverend John Corrado

Music: Lorie Lyons

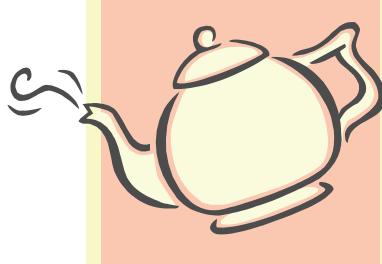
Oct. 26 Critique of Normalcy

Reverend Christine Hillman

Music: Toni Janik

Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26 following the Sunday Service to consider the motion:

To spend up to a maximum of \$10,000 for the purchase and installation of flooring in the basement.



Tea with the Minister this year will be the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 3-4:30 pm. Join Rev. Christine and whomever else show up to enjoy afternoon tea and conversation.

Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 17.

From the Hillparson



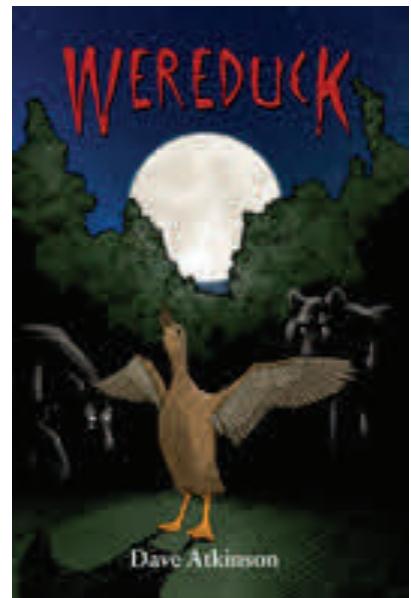
September's services carried a theme this year, a first go at such for me. It was hospitality. Hospitality is a term too often viewed as a shallow level of "being nice", when, for me, the term hospitality is much deeper and more meaningful. It is one of the overarching categories for chaplains to understand and interpret their work. That is to say: "Hospitality as a spiritual practice is about seeing the sacred in each child, young person, or adult who enters our home..." II Rev. Carie Johnsem So, practice your hospitality as spiritual and life giving. As the church year moves along there will be other themes upon which we can delve and engage.

So, it is Autumn officially, and I am eating more pears and apples than at other times of the year. The weather is changing and early next month EDST will disappear for six months. I look forward to being in the pulpit for Thanksgiving week-end and look forward to seeing folks who aren't here very often!

Oh, and Dave Atkinson, of Leamington? Dave Atkinson of spouse Erin Bateman (of Leamington), father of three children.... Dave and Erin who were an active and lovely presence at Olinda until they moved to Nunavut, then New Brunswick, and now live in Charlottetown, PEI. Dave's book was picked up by a publisher and in September the book began appear appearing on bookstore shelves. Dave is now traveling the book route in the maritimes and I am truly hoping, even to see pushing, to see Dave in SW Ontario after the first of the year. My copies have arrived and I look forward to time to read this lovely book written for children in the mid grades. But just as perfect for the rest of us!

Faithfully and in faith,

Rev. Christine



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again may God [Love} hold
you in the hollow of its hand.

--Irish Blessing

From the Board

Several pressing issues were waiting for the Board as it held its first meeting of the season on September 18. Most pressing was getting the basement back into useable condition. That old moldy smell has returned with a vengeance after a couple of rug-soaking down-pours. We have plans to replace the carpeting with an easier-to-clean vinyl flooring, but first, as we agreed at the congregational meeting on July 27, we must get the exterior of the south wall sealed against further water intrusion, secure even in heavy, driven rain. Our resident architect, Stuart Miller, had actually suggested further work as well, constructing a ramp and new basement entrance, but the congregation voted to accomplish the waterproofing first and to leave further work at least until we can have confidence of having a dry basement. The contract for the work was awarded to P&S Building Systems for a quotation of \$7450 + HST, which will be paid out of the capital fund, and the repairs should be complete by October 1. New flooring will cost up to \$10,000 depending on quality, and a congregational meeting has been scheduled at noon on October 26 to select options and approve the expenditure. We hope the basement will be dry, clean, and in shape for dining by the time of our planned holiday potluck luncheon on December 14.

Another big item on the agenda was the distribution of the results of the assessment package. The Board had previously approved the form for representing the results, and now it has approved distribution to church members by electronic file or hard copy. Non-members who would also like a copy can request one from me. While in the interest of transparency and openness, the Board had voted to make all the results available to the wider church community, it also wants to minimize waste. As seen by the Board, the assessment report is 58 pages long, but Bobbie Baylis is working on reformatting the information to make the report more compact. The assessment contains many useful suggestions, both implicit and explicit criticism, and much praise. Practically no one is spared, including myself and the Board, but we all need to resist the inclination to feel unappreciated. Let's learn what we can from the suggestions and consider not only the frequent existence of conflicting suggestions but also the remarkable number positive comments showing that our hard work is welcome. The identities of the writers has been kept confidential in the report even though practically every contributor self-identified.

The next step in the assessment process is to use the results to improve our church ministries: what should be done and what changed as we move forward? The Board would like to hold a Visioning Session from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, November 2. Our plan is to have a hearty chili and salad lunch to fuel our discussion and energize our plans. This lunch will have to replace our early fall potluck this year. In other business, church finances continue to produce less deficit and better donations than projected in the budget, and after investigating incorporation, Helen Moore reported that while Provincial Incorporation made the most sense for us, the Province of Ontario is in the midst of changing regulations. In order to avoid redoing steps of incorporation, it appears advisable to wait until the changes have been approved before proceeding further.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled at 7 PM on Thursday, October 16, 2014.
All members are welcome to attend.

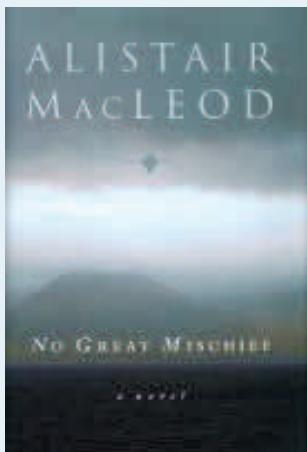
Bill Baylis

Important Dates

- Oct. 1 3 pm**
Tea with the Minister
- Oct. 5 noon**
Finance Committee Meeting
- Oct. 8 7 pm**
Book Club: *No Great Mischief* by Alistair MacLeod
- Oct. 9 7 pm**
Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 15 3 pm**
Tea with the Minister
- Oct. 16 7 pm**
Board of Trustees Meeting
- Oct. 18 noon**
Social Responsibility Committee Meeting
- Oct. 23 7 pm**
Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 26 noon**
Congregational Meeting on Basement Flooring

October–3

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 – October 2014:

Title: No Great Mischief

Author: Alastair MacCleod

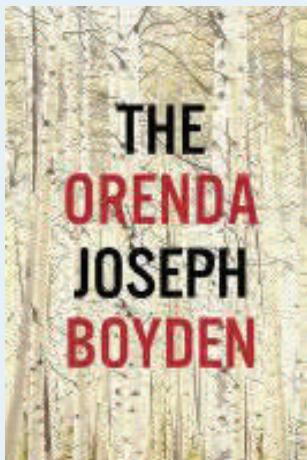
Summary: Elegiac, hypnotic, by turns joyful and sad, No Great Mischief is a spellbinding story of family, loyalty, exile, and of the blood ties that bind us, generations later, to the land from which our ancestors came. Alexander MacDonald guides us through his family's mythic past as he recollects the heroic stories of his people: loggers, miners, drinkers, adventurers; men forever in exile, forever linked to their clan.

Location of Meeting:

Tranquility Lounge, UUCof Olinda, Olinda

Leader: Stuart Miller

Date: Wed., 08 October, 2014; 7 pm



Book for Month – November, 2014:

Title: The Orenda

Author: Joseph Boyden

Summary: An epic story of first contact between radically different worlds, steeped in the natural beauty and brutality of our country's formative years. A visceral portrait of life at a crossroads, A charismatic Jesuit missionary, has found his calling among the Huron, and devotes himself to learning and understanding their customs and language in order to lead them to Christ. As three souls dance with each other through intricately woven acts of duplicity, small battles erupt into bigger wars and a nation emerges from worlds in flux.

Location of Meeting: Haynes Residence

Leader: Pat Haynes

Date: Wed., 19 November, 2014; 7 pm

Finance Committee Report

The main Finance Activity in the Fall is preparation of the next year's budget. That process starts after church on Sunday, Oct. 5, with the Finance Committee Meeting. Anyone interested in having input into the financial affairs of the church is welcome to join the committee or simply to attend the meeting.

The due date for trustees to submit their budget requests is Oct. 26. On that same date we are having a Congregational Meeting to authorize the expense of new flooring for the basement. The carpet in the basement has long been the source of a moldy smell, now even worse due to two good soaking rains making it into the basement. As soon as the outside wall repair is complete and no more water is coming into the basement, we want to be able to jump onto the installation of new flooring.

Notice from Your Nominating Committee

In looking forward to the Annual meeting in February when a new Board will be selected; we are asking you to consider taking on a Board position to help make decisions for your Church. I might also add that our President and perhaps other positions will be entering their final year of service next year (according to our By-Laws). By serving this coming year it will give you a chance to get familiar with the Board and consider taking on one of those positions if you wish. This is your chance to have influence in the decision making.

Currently the open Board positions for your consideration are:
Vice President, Trustee of Membership/Publicity, and Property.

If you have any questions regarding duties etc about any Board position, please contact us. It is our goal to have this information as soon as possible & we thank you.

*Your Nominating Committee
Carol Hylton, Steve Brennan, & Gypsy Carroll*

Caring Committee Report

It sure feels like autumn today and as I write this the Ruthven Apple Festival is about to happen and I need to get ready to cook some sausages for the breakfast. The orchards seem to have a bountiful harvest of apples as the cold weather of last winter did not harm them the way it did the peaches.

Marion Thompson has received her cortisol shot in the knee to add lubrication to the joint but so far she has not received the relief she was hoping for. Ron Hicks and family have just returned from the north country and all went well. I want to say a belated happy birthday to Albertina Bell and I am sorry I missed it Tina.

I hope all have a good Thanksgiving and while all is not going great for some, we all can find something to be thankful for. A special Thanksgiving wish to Jean Wallis in Brantford and Albertina Bell in Leamington.

Committee Members

Eunice Goyette
June Blacker
John Upcott
Rev. Christine Hillman