

The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda](#)
2953 Olinda Side Road, Ruthven, Ontario, N0P 2G0

R.E. Class and Service held at 10:30
(followed by refreshments)
Rev. Christine Hillman



Sunday Services June 2015

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| June 7 | Life on Earth: A Brief History Bill Baylis | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| June 14 | Flower Celebration & Volunteer Gratitude | Music: Bobbye and Bill Baylis |
| June 21 | Memories of a Lifelong Member John Upcott | Music: Bobbye and Bill Baylis |
| June 28 | Lyme Disease Evelyn Fisher | Music: Lorie Lyons |
| July 19 | Book Club | Music: Carabel Ringrose |
| Aug. 9 | Vision for Canada Congregation | |
| Sept. 13 | Ingathering and Water Ceremony | |

Hear ye....Hear ye... MEN of Olinda

SATURDAY JUNE 20

4-6 pm at 1511 Redwood Rd KINGSVILLE

John van Abbema will host a pizza pop/coffee gathering at the van Abbema residence

To inaugurate The Newly Improved Sun Room

RSVP 519 712 9020 Call for further directions

Come to the left side entrance to avoid stairs...and enjoy a quick view of the back garden

Leave on your shoes if they are comfy.



From the Board

Reverend Christine Hillman was ill and could not attend the May meeting of the Board, but all trustees were present, together with John Upcott, representing the Caring Committee. We have just learned that our minister has been diagnosed with cancer and will be moved to a hospital in Michigan for care and treatment. Our thoughts and love are with her and her family, praying for rapid recovery. See the report of the Caring Committee for more detail. In place of a reading by Christine, Helen Moore read opening words from our hymnal. As usual, no conflicts of interest were declared, and our first item of business, we approved the minutes for the April meeting and discussed several items of continuing concern.

Business arising from the minutes included the possible addition of several web editors for our Facebook site. For the moment, we'll follow the recommendation of the current administrators, Christine and Charlotte Innerd, limiting the number of designated administrators to no more than two but adding one or more editors. Basically editors can add material including images, stories, and comments, but ultimate control of content and form of the page remains with the administrators. In particular, the Board asks that Karen Miller be added as an editor. She has been a frequent contributor to the UU Olinda Facebook page and will have more direct access as an editor. We will also look into adding a discussion section to our website, uuolinda.org, to which identified visitors can contribute monitored comments.

The chair of the Committee on Ministry, Steve Brennan, was contacted about our concern that the new Committee on Ministry has not yet been able to meet. In an email received shortly after our board meeting, he explained that increased work and travel have not allowed him to meet with the committee on weekends as planned and as the schedule of new members requires. He will try to arrange meetings in July to formulate a strategic plan based on our visioning session last fall. To help move the process forward, each member of the Board has been asked review the transcript of the visioning session and identify a couple of projects or steps that they would like to see implemented.

In other business, Helen discussed plans from the Sunday Services Committee for services through the end of the summer in Christine's absence. As treasurer, she reported that church operations are on budget in spite of increased heating costs, and she collected forms signed by Board members declaring that they are "not ineligible" to serve on the Board in an arms-length capacity as specified by the Canada Revenue Agency. Property Chair Stuart Miller was assured by P&S Construction that they will finish work along the exterior south wall of the church at the agreed cost. Vice President John van Abbema will launch a Men's Club, modelled after a similar venture successfully organized in Fredericton. See his announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Remember the Flower Communion on June 14, followed by the picnic at the church. All are welcome, but we encourage you to bring flowers to exchange, edible contributions to the picnic to share (the Upcotts provide hamburgers and hot dogs!), and plates and utensils to reduce any negative environmental impact, if possible. Our next Board meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2015, and members are invited to attend.

Bill Baylis, President

From the Hillparson

Due to Rev. Christine Hillman's illness, there is no report from the Hillparson this month. We are all pulling for her and looking forward to her return to Olinda!



IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL BAKE SALE & BARBEQUE ON SATURDAY

The success came about because we have so many dedicated people who did baking, preserves & soups.

Working on Saturday at the sale, Cathy Dewhurst and Leona Crowder along with Eunice Goyette and Trudy Ware sure made my job easy. Linda and John Upcott provided their usual delicious barbeque. We thank all of you very much.

In addition, we cannot forget to thank all our church friends who came and were our main customers - without customers it would not be successful either.

The financial results at this time are:

Total amount - \$763.50, less advertising - \$34.80
Our Net income \$728.70 - Pretty good for our little group.
Again, THANKS TO ALL Carol Hylton.

Important Dates

- June 3 7 pm**
Book Club: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- June 10 7 pm**
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
- June 14 noon**
Annual Picnic (at the church)
- June 16 7 pm**
Board of Trustees Meeting
- June 21 noon**
Social Responsibility Committee Meeting
- June 25 7 pm**
Choir Rehearsal

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* Eve-

Book for Month – June 2015:

Title: The Grapes of Wrath

Author: John Steinbeck

Summary

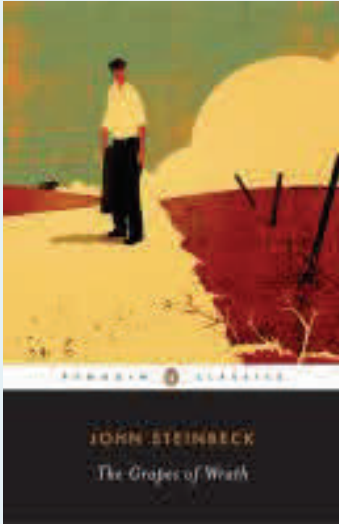
This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel describes the plight of the Joad family, refugee farmers and sharecroppers fleeing the dustbowl of Oklahoma. Attracted by the golden promise of California, they meet only abject hostility, shame and destitution.

Steinbeck's description of the farmers-become-migrants, their hopes, fears and pluck as they face hardship and prejudice stirs feelings of empathy and admiration.

Location of Meeting: Haynes Residence

Leader: John Haynes

Date: Wed., 03 June, 2015; 7 pm



Social Responsibility Committee Report

On May 10, Mother's Day, our congregation donated an impressive number of toiletries, bed and bath items to the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women. The staff at the Shelter were very appreciative of Olinda's generosity.

Sue Markham organized a Town Hall meeting in Kingsville on May 26, discussing the movement to Save Door-to-Door postal delivery. Our congregation was well-represented at the meeting, with nine attending.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the Social Justice Issues Survey. These will be compiled and will help the Social Responsibility Committee choose further activities to undertake.

Caring Committee Report

Hard to believe that another church year is almost over and summer is around the corner. Last month, in this report, I said that all was well and I had nothing to write about but that was last month. Peter LeClair fell while walking his dog and broke his little finger and injured his hand. He needed 8 stitches for his hand and had a cast on his hand and wrist. He now is on the mend and has had the cast removed but will still need a lot of therapy.

Stuart Miller also fell while with his dog and dislocated his shoulder which required a trip to the hospital in Windsor to reset. Thanks to Wilf and Jane Innerd he had a ride and a place to stay for the night.

Howard Pawley needed to be rushed to the hospital for a heart problem but is said to be recovering nicely and we are glad to hear the news.

Pat Haynes also came to church with a brace on her wrist but assured us all is well. Andy Connelly is now in the Sun Parlour home and the congregation wishes him and Margaret all the best and we want them to know that we miss them and are thinking of them.

Our minister, Christine Hillman, who has not been feeling well for some time has been in the hospital since the first week of May. I spoke with Christine early this week and she is being transferred to U.of M. hospital in Ann Arbor Mich. to be nearer to her family. She has been diagnosed with cancer in part of the bowel and part of the liver but they think that it has not spread. She has a doctor there and Arthur will be taking her as soon as they get the ok. May she gather strength from all of us to aid in her recovery. We all wish her the best and hope that soon she will be back in the pulpit.

The caring committee wishes all the congregation health over the summer and a special wish for Albertina Bell, Jean Wallis, Arnold and Marion Thompson and Andy Connelly.

Please remember the times we get together over the summer and that the caring committee will be just a phone call away.

Committee Members

Eunice Goyette
June Blacker
Sharon van Abbema
John Upcott
Rev. Christine Hillman