

# 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)

## Sunday Services May 2016



<b>May 1</b>	<b>Creating a Sacred Space: The Healing Gardens Program</b> Dan Bissonnette	<b>Music: Lorie Lyons</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>The Evolution of Charles Darwin</b> Jane Innerd	<b>Music: Carabel Ringrose</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Brokenness and Holy Glue</b> Rev. John Corrado	<b>Music: Bobbye &amp; Bill Baylis</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Idealism: The Promise and the Pitfalls</b> Wilf Innerd	<b>Music: Lorie Lyons</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Garage Sale: A Personal Journey</b> Willie Taves	<b>Music: Toni Janik</b>
<b>June 5</b>	TBA	<b>Music: Bobbye &amp; Bill Baylis</b>



### MESSAGE FROM PROPERTY

Note: Week of May 2nd, the main floor kitchen and bathroom will be off limits for a few days. The flooring is being replaced.

### SATURDAY, MAY 28TH BAKE SALE & BARBEQUE

We will appreciate any bake goods or food items you can donate to this day. This is our only means of having some financial receipts from the community outside of our Church.

The bake sale will be 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. You can really help us a lot if you can have your bake/food items at the church on Friday afternoon but definitely prior to 9 a.m. on Saturday. There will be someone at the church on Friday from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 8 a.m.



**COME FOR A BARBEQUE LUNCH** by John & Linda. It is also a chance to visit with some of your church friends. We hope we have good weather and a good turnout.

Thank you for your support.

Cathy Dewhurst & Carol Hylton

## From the Board

The board opened with some words from Helen by Kathleen McTigue. The interim task force reported that the application for an interim minister has been received by the U.U.A. and now we wait until after April 22<sup>nd</sup> to hear if there are any people that we would be interested in and who would be interested in us.

It was decided that the AUUction funds would be used to replace the flooring in the upstairs kitchen and bath. Helen got prices and property decided to recommend the very best grade of vinyl floor; the board agreed. The AUUction was held on April 16<sup>th</sup> and with the hard work done by all the volunteers and the generous bidding by the people present we raised more than enough to pay for the flooring. There was a wonderful meal put on by some dedicated members before the event and more meals provided at the AUUction for the people to enjoy latter. It was a huge success and the church thanks all who had a part in it.

We think we have a picture of Christine that can be used for a portrait to hang in the library and Bill will look into in to seeing if it can be done. Incorporation is still being discussed but more information is needed because we may need to do a yearly audit and if not done may endanger our charitable status. Bill and Bobbye will be going to the U.U.A.A.G.M. in Vancouver in May and a motion was passed that they would be our delegates.

While the church is running a small surplus now, we need to remember that there may be some major expenses if we need to move a minister, pay for a visit, and start paying a salary in August. A small surplus will be welcome then.

The next board meeting will be May 11<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome.

John Upcott

On Mother's Day (May 6) we will be collecting personal hygiene and other items for the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women in Windsor, near the University. They are the only shelter for homeless women in Windsor and offer food and clothing as well as shelter. Feel free to include any items you can think of that would be needed by a homeless woman. They recently put out a call for all sizes and types of women's underwear. If you would like to learn more details on their needs, check their website: [www.well-comecentre.com](http://www.well-comecentre.com).



## Social Responsibility Committee

After our very successful International Dinner, the Committee is energized to organize more events. Examples:

### Clean-up of Point Pelee:

General junk: Sue Markham is contacting the Park about dates  
Invasive species: Helen Moore is contacting her group about dates

**Films to show after church:** we welcome suggestions on publically accessible films you would like to see.

**Talks:** Medical cannabis.

## Finance Committee

A hearty Thank You to the 28 stalwarts who came to the 2016 Goods and Services aU-ction last Saturday night! The many tasty items and other bargains were snapped up, totaling \$3225, which is more than enough to change the flooring in the upstairs kitchen and bathroom. John Upcott said that the present flooring dates back to before he was aware of such things. So it is clear that time for new flooring has come. Helen Moore tells us that the work has already been scheduled for early May.

As for events, two of them are already fully subscribed. There is still plenty of room at the Baylis Steak and Chicken Barbecue, so feel free to sign up in the next few weeks. Take a ticket if you sign up as a reminder of the date and time, since this event does not take place until August.

Since the flooring will cost less than \$2000, we have some money left over in this fund, so we can start thinking about the next project. One project that comes to my mind that will require multiple aUctions: the windows in the rectory area are drafty and hard to open and close. You may well think of other important needs. Please pass your ideas on to a Board member.

## Caring Committee

Sharon van Abbema is now back from her winter sojourn in South Carolina. She and John have decided that ten winters in the USA will be enough for this lifetime.

We are looking forward to having Donna Upcott and Dorothy Brown back in their pew once again. You are missed. A week for each of you in hospital will hopefully have you in good form.

We are all wishing for Gypsy's 'over the border' stay in hospital to be soon behind her. She will be easier to visit in Leamington where she will rehabilitate from her leg surgery. We will keep you posted as to when and where.

Walt Sinclair has recovered from his fall. He bought some good things at the auction last week. We were happy to see him there...even though he beat me downstairs to where the auction was held. He has some good tales to tell of Olinda in the good old days when you pay him a call.

A big hello to Jean Wallis in Brantford, and Albertina Bell in Leamington and Arn and Marian Thompson in Leamington.

Jim tells me he had Romell at the Leamington hospital for an ultra sound April 18 to investigate her discomfort. Romell is now on different medication that is helping with her situation.

These warmer temperatures are welcome relief. Let's hope we can find time to take in the scents and scenes of fine weather in this coming month.

We can gaze out our newly cleaned windows! to the great outdoors and catch sights of spring birds and daffodils. Three cheers for spring...For this we are thankful.

If you know of anyone who needs to be mentioned or phoned or visited, call Sharon.

## Important Dates

**May 1 9:30 am**

Sunday Services Committee Meeting

**May 4 7 pm**

Book Club: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

**May 11 7 pm**

Board Meeting

**May 12 7 pm**

Choir Rehearsal

**May 15 noon**

Social Responsibility Committee Meeting

**May 28 9 - 2**

Bake Sale

### Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

John Upcott

Sharon van Abbema

## Olinda Book Club

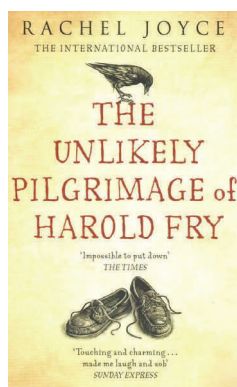
This group of congregants and friends gathers once a month (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) at the home of book club members, the Church, or other arranged venues.

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.*

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### May 's Book



**Title:** The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

**Author:** Rachel Joyce

**Date:** Wed., 04 May, 2016; 7 pm

**Leader:** John VanAbbema

**Location & Type of Meeting:** Van Abbema Residence, Kingsville

**Summary:**

Recently retired, sweet, emotionally numb Harold Fry is jolted out of his passivity by a letter from Queenie Hennessy, an old friend, who he hasn't heard from in twenty years. She has written to say she is in hospice and wanted to say goodbye. Harold intends a quick walk to the corner mailbox, but he becomes convinced he must deliver his message in person to Queenie—who is 600 miles away !

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## Volunteers Needed!!

It is Volunteers that keep the church clean!! There is now a booklet (orange colour) in the Property slot, in a file stand in the Library. All chores that need volunteers are listed by area in the book and you can choose what you wish to do. In each section there is a page for you to see what and when something has been last completed, this way you won't duplicate a chore. For same reason, please identify what and when you did something and your name.

Your dedication and time in keeping up the church building and property will be much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you, Your Property Trustee, Laurie Hylton