

# 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 June 2016

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| <b>June 5</b>  | <b>News from the CUC and Our Interim Minister Task Force</b><br>Bobbye and Bill Baylis and Carol Hylton | <b>Music: Carabel Ringrose</b>         |
| <b>June 12</b> | <b>Flower Communion: Background and Meaning</b><br>Bill Baylis  | <b>Music: Toni Janik</b>               |
| <b>June 19</b> | <b>Quilting as a Religious Practice</b><br>Charlotte Innerd   | <b>Music: Bobbye &amp; Bill Baylis</b> |
| <b>June 26</b> | <b>A life of Integrity and Social Justice</b><br>Joe Comartin   | <b>Music: Lorie Lyons</b>              |
| <b>July 17</b> | <b>Living with Ability</b><br>Sharon van Abbema   | <b>Music: Carabel Ringrose</b>         |
| <b>Aug 7</b>   | <b>The Demise of White America as the Majority Population in the U.S.</b><br>John van Abbema            | <b>Music: Carabel Ringrose</b>         |

### A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP FOR ONE OF OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

ALBERTINA (TINA) BELL WILL TURN 100 ON SEPTEMBER 4TH

You are invited to join us to celebrate her birthday  
on Sunday, Sept 4th from 2-3 p.m. at an Open House

At Erie Glen Manor, 119 Robson Rd. Leamington (N8H 3V4)

Best Wishes Only

(if any questions, please  
phone me at 519-322-5939)



## From the Board

The task force received four names of people interested in becoming Olinda's interim minister and they decided to interview three who were the most promising. After intense interviews and many discussions it was decided to advise the U.U.A. of their number one and number two choices. Fortunately our number one choice also choose Olinda as their number one and so more discussions were begun. Rev. Frances Dearman and Olinda have an agreement in principal that she will become our interim minister. There are some details still to be worked out but Rev. Dearman is at the C.U.C. A.G.M. as are Bill and Bobbye Baylis and they have talked. Rev. Dearman is a Canadian citizen living in Victoria B.C. but has extensive experience with many congregations and as an interim minister has lead a number of churches in finding a settled minister. She is well travelled and has spent time in the Toronto area and is familiar with this part of Ontario. The board will need to meet and review the contract and make a decision to accept Rev. Fran as our interim and that will be done a.s.a.p. when Bill and Bobbye return. If all is successful she will begin about Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

At the board meeting it was learned that after many years of service to the church Colette Annetts because of work conflicts will no longer be able to work on the newsletter. The church owes Colette a great deal of thanks for all her efforts and if we could we would give her a great deal of applause . THANK-YOU Colette. John van Abbema has agreed to take over the newsletter starting in the fall so we thank him for that.

On the subject of incorporation it was decided to table the discussion until the provincial government revises the rules.

Wed. June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 30 pm there will be meet and greet at the church hosted by Sharon van Abbema for sister Eleanor McCloskey who will be leading a discussion on "Seeing more than meets the eye" and it is open to everyone. Please come and meet her.

John Upcott, President

# Volunteers Needed

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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

## Social Responsibility Committee

On May 8, Mother's Day, our congregation donated an impressive number of toiletries, underwear and even shoes to the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women. Laurie Stone delivered the bundles to the staff at the Shelter, who were very appreciative of Olinda's generosity.

## Caring Committee

Spring has sprung. The blossoms are in full bloom on the many orchards surrounding us in this wonderful area of Ontario. Snow fell on these beautiful blossoms Sunday May 15 in the morning, giving our flowers an extra bit of moisture.

We think of Gypsy as she starts into treatment after her surgery. She is in Rm 104 at Chartwell Residence in Leamington and welcomes visitors. Just give her a call to make sure she is available. Several members have offered their service to drive with her into Windsor for daily treatment. Gypsy is very appreciative of the caring shown to her from the Olinda church community. We will be glad to see her return to her comfortable pew.

We remember Jim and Romell as they continue in their journey together. We hope Jim will join us at Olinda one Sunday morning when and if he can get nursing care for Romell during the service. We were pleased to see Walt Sinclair back at Olinda once again. You were missed Walt and we are glad to see you again. Your week in Erie Glen didn't seem to harm you any and you were able to introduce me to several residents that I didn't know.

Jean Wallis passed away this month and her remains will be interred in the Olinda Cemetary. Jean was a long time member.

We say hello to Albertina Bell and Arn and Marian Thompson in Erie Glen Residence in Leamington. You are not forgotten.

Sharon van Abbema

If you know of someone needing a visit or phone call, you know what to do. If I have omitted someone, please let me know.

## Important Dates

**June 5 9:30 am**

Sunday Services Committee Meeting

**June 8 7 pm**

Book Club: *The Illegal* by Lawrence Hill

**June 9 7 pm**

Choir Rehearsal

**June 12 noon**

Picnic, at Upcott's Farm, weather permitting

**June 15 7**

Board Meeting

**June 19 noon**

Social Responsibility Committee Meeting

**June 23 7 pm**

Choir Rehearsal

### Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

John Upcott

Sharon van Abbema

## Olinda Book Club

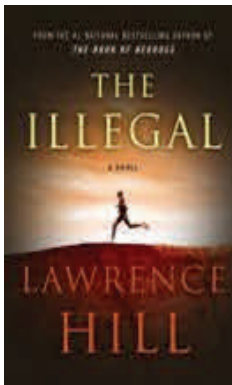
This group of congregants and friends gathers once a month (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) at the home of book club members, the Church, or other arranged venues.

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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### June 's Book



**Title:** The Illegal

**Author:** Lawrence Hill

**Date:** Wed., 08 June, 2016; 7 pm

**Leader:** John Haynes

**Location & Type of Meeting:** Haynes Residence, Kingsville

**Summary:**

A literary thriller that addresses the fate of undocumented refugees who struggle to survive in nations that do not want them. Keita Ali is on the run. He is desperate to flee Zantoroland, a mountainous black island that produces the fastest marathoners in the world.

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***July and August books to be announced***