

# 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 September 2016

- Sept. 11 Ingathering/Water Ceremony:** **Music: Bobbye & Bill Baylis, Ray Stone and Bob Koenig**  
Intergenerational Service  
**Rev. Fran Dearman:** Interim Minister's Self-Introduction, followed by Potluck
- Sept. 18 Rev. Fran Dearman:** UU Basics: **Music: Ray Stone Quintet & Bill Baylis**  
A Sermon for Church Shoppers.
- Sept. 25 Rev. Fran Dearman:** Spiritual Discipline: Consider **Music: Carabel Ringrose**  
the Colour Blue
- Oct. 2 Joan Tinkess:** With Whom Shall I Cast My Lot? **Music: Toni Janik**

### Welcome to The Rev. Frances Dearman



On behalf of the Transition Team assigned to assist Fran (as she wishes to be called), the Board and the Members and Friends of the Olinda UU Church, I welcome Fran to our midst. We are so looking forward to her expertise and guidance as we progress in our search for a new full-time minister. I have talked to Fran several times now and I am pleased to share a few of her comments with you. Please make your acquaintance known to her at the September Service.

Fran is a fully accredited interim minister— and found she really, really likes interim ministry. Fran has served as Interim Minister in Winnipeg, Calgary, Halifax, Mississauga, and West Vancouver. She will want to meet as many of us as soon as she can. Her full personal resume continues on page eight. Again Fran, welcome to our community.

John van Abbema, Chair, Transition Team

## From the Board

It is a very exciting time in the life of our church as we welcome Rev. Frances Dearman. She has set up an impressive schedule of meetings with all the committees of the church and with the congregation to get to know all of us and move us forward in our search for a new minister. The transition team will continue to work with her while she is here. The board meeting was held on Aug. 10th where John van Abbeema, who is chair of the team, outlined some of the agenda as they move forward. We all look forward to working with her and sharing some of her expertise.

It was so impressive to see so many of our church come to the celebration of Romell Reid's life. The Memorial Service was a fitting tribute to Romell and the life she led and how much we all loved and respected her. We will miss her great smile. Thank-you to Joyse who organized such a wonderful service. Our sympathies to Jim and his family.

With the loss of the Women's Association it was clear that a new Memorial Service Protocol was needed, to work with the minister or lay chaplain in preparing for a service. The board passed a new protocol and it can be found in the top drawer of the filing cabinet under Policies and Procedures.

Please find time to attend the congregational meeting on Sept. 25th. to vote on new windows and a front door. Thank-you to property for all they have done over the summer, I think you will be impressed.

I want to thank Harry Turner's grandson (Retco Signs) for donating his time to change the front sign and put Fran's name on it. Harry was a wonderful member of our congregation for many years.

All the congregation hopes Albertina Bell had a wonderful 100th Birthday Celebration on Sept. 4th and we all wish her good health in the future. We all need to work together to make this a most successful year.

John Upcott, President

### **AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS**

Are you planning to bring something for after church refreshments?

If it needs to be used the day you bring it, please let Mariette Preyde know the week before so she can plan accordingly.

If you decide during the week, phone her to see if it works in her plan.

As always your contributions to refreshments are much appreciated, Mariette just needs to know. Thank you.

Please call her for further information.

## Finance Committee

In October we will start the process of creating an Operating Budget for 2017. The following schedule is being presented to inform everyone who would like to be part of this process. There are always openings on the Finance Committee for anyone who is interested in the financial health of our church.

Date	Time	Description
2 Oct.	After church	Open meeting to discuss budget items. Anyone desiring to be on the Finance Committee should definitely attend this meeting and volunteer to become a member.
23 Oct.		By this date, all budget details must have been submitted to the finance trustee or the treasurer so that they can prepare the budget. Items needed: Preliminary Search Committee Costing Preliminary Ministerial Costing Committee Chairs' budget requests
6 Nov.	After Church	Meeting of the Finance Comm. to approve the Budget & possible Letters of Agreement (Interim & new Minister)
10 Nov.	7 PM	Board Meeting at which Budget and possible Letter of Agreement will be presented for approval.
27 Nov.	Before Church	Copies of the budget will be available to the congregation.
11 Dec.	After Church	Congregational Budget meeting.

### Congregational Meeting on Property Motions September 25, 2016, after the Service

**Motion 1:** To replace front door and front library window per the T-Murr quote (\$4500 plus tax) using the Memorial Fund.

**Motion 2:** To replace windows on the main floor and on the second floor per the T-Murr quotes (maximum of \$10,000 plus tax) using the aUuction Fund supplemented by the Capital Fund, the latter fund to be repaid by future aUuctions.

## Important Dates

### Sept. 4 2 pm

Albertina Bell 100th Birthday  
Erie Glen

### Sept. 7 7 pm

Book Club: *Mister Pip* by  
Lloyd Jones

### Sept. 11 11:30 am

Welcome Luncheon for Rev.  
Dearman

### Sept. 15 7 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

### Sept. 18 Noon

Social Responsibility Com-  
mittee Meeting

### Sept. 22 7 pm

Choir Rehearsal

### Sept. 25 9:30 am

Sunday Services Meeting

### Sept. 25 Noon

Congregational Meeting on  
Door & Rectory Windows

### Oct. 2 Noon

Finance Committee Meeting

## Caring Committee

As the song goes....Where have all the flowers gone? Summer has come and is nearly a thing of the past. What a summer it has been! The weather so warm, fish flies and spiders and their webs in multitudes, and the air so steamy hot. I love the sound of the cicadas and the flash of the fire flies as we make our way around the neighborhood, the evening skies ablaze with color. We are all thankful for A/C.

Several of Olinda members call Erie Glen home these days. Marion and Arn Thompson, Walter Sinclair and Evelyn Dresser were dining at the same table for several days in August. A good situation to be with friends, to dine with people you know.

Gypsy Carroll moved from Charters Residence in Leamington where she has been for several months while healing from surgery. What an optimistic, encouraging person she is. A big thank you goes out to the many members of this congregation that answered the call and so willingly gave her help. Gypsy is now living in an apartment with a view of Lake Erie on Seacliffe Dr E.

I spent a pleasant afternoon this month, visiting with Ron and Laverne Hicks in Ruthven. All three of us together on the swing, along with their dog chasing the ball that Ron threw for him. Ron built this sturdy swing years ago...along with many others and he is still swinging. What a pleasure on a warm summer afternoon to visit with them, surrounded by colorful flowers and even some almond trees.

Our thoughts and love go out to James Reid as this summer he has said farewells to both his wife Romell and also to his son Richard. A memorial service was held at Olinda for Romell, led by Joyse Gilbert and attended by many. We are glad to see him back again with us at Olinda.

Wilf and Jane Innerd are in good health once again after their lengthy illnesses and were able to attend the Baylis's barbecue in August.

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to Albertina Bell coming up this month. Tina lives at Erie Glen Residence. Leona Crowder will be busy this month watching over the care of husband Dan who will have knee replacement surgery in August.

Happy remainder of the summer to everyone. Telephone if you would like a visit or know of someone who would appreciate a call. Eunice Goyette, our valued member of the Caring Committee, has been busy this summer, with travelling west to see family and with keeping in touch by cards and by phone calls with members of the congregation.

### Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

John Upcott

Sharon van Abbema,  
chair

Submitted by Sharon van Abbema

## A Personal Introduction to The Rev. Frances Dearman

Fran would like folks to know that she was born and raised on Vancouver Island, where her roots run deep--but even so she has lived and worked across Canada, including ten years on merchant ships, having attended marine school at Sound. Fran has spent a lot of time looking at the Erie shoreline from the water side, and now she'll be looking out across the Lake from the shore side. Fran loves hiking and being in the environment, and spent the first few years of her life at a small hamlet not so different from Olinda, so she thinks this rural parish and small town thing will be a very good fit.

Following five years settlement in Alaska, Fran returned home to Victoria and began doing interim ministry in Canada. Since Fran is a fully accredited interim minister, this is not her first rodeo! But she knows it's a big first for a lot of folks at Olinda. Fran would like to think that she's very calm and reassuring as the system undergoes change..... She'd like to think so..... In fact, Fran works hard at self-care, getting lots of exercise and enough sleep so she can bring her best self to Olinda.

Fran's enthusiasm for long walks includes six weeks along the old Camino pilgrim trail to Santiago in northern Spain. So she knows that every journey starts with the first step, and every transition proceeds one step at a time--even the step that seems like a step off a cliff! Fran would like to think that the steadfastness, endurance and tenacity she learned there, and in all weathers on the deck of a Great Lakes freighter, will serve her well through Olinda's time of transition.

Fran takes very seriously the three promises of interim ministry: she will not seek settlement here; she will not serve more than two years; she will make no comment on any colleague whom the Ministerial Search Committee might be considering as a Candidate for Olinda. Fran is here to walk with us, to encourage and support and offer counsel when asked. And when the time is complete, Fran goes home to Vancouver Island. Meanwhile, she is here to walk with us through this time of mindful, intentional transition.

Fran would like folks to know that she loves her Victoria home dearly, and her friends and family there, connections deep and of long attachment. But for now, she's here, and would love to get to meet folks and learn why we live here, why we choose to be here, why here is beloved in our hearts. Why are you here? Fran would love to know. Where is the place you love? Where do you do coffee? Where do you walk? Is there some special place, perhaps your workplace or a park or a bookstore, that you would like to show her? Fran looks forward to meeting the people of Olinda's historic church when she arrives in September, and learning more about this historic congregation.

## Property Committee

Caring for the church property is an ongoing chore. It takes a lot of dedication, time and energy to accomplish all this. The summer may be considered a vacation from church in a sense, but it hasn't been for many.

*Something important re our Church Sign at the front. Note, Rev. Frances Dearman's name has been added. As well, the UUC of the church name was very faded and the 3 letters have been replaced. I want to share with you my appreciation to the Harry Turner Family who updated the sign for us. Harry Turner was a member of this church and originally did the sign and his family still continues his business named 'Retco Advertising' in Leamington. Much to my surprise when I went to pay for their work, I was told it was done in memory of their Dad/ Grandfather. I am sure you all share my appreciation. On behalf of the church congregation, I sent a thank you note to the family for their thoughtfulness.*

Now for the main chores completed during this summer.

**Outdoors:** The church building stucco, and front area have been washed. Spraying to avoid damage to the stucco surface by spiders etc. The garage cleaned out of all the junk collected over many years. Also the continuing job of the gardens. The parking lot and the church entrance area have been leveled and has new gravel.

**Indoors:** Cupboards cleaned in both kitchens, and dining room. Appliances cleaned.

Verticals in common areas vacuumed. Ceilings/walls, dusted and woodwork in those rooms washed along with inside of windows. Carpet removed from tranquility room and much work was needed to clean the floor. All the hardwood floors were steam cleaned. Organizing in the Louise Foulds Library.

**Upstairs:** The minister's study and two large closets were cleaned thoroughly. The window A/C was installed. There were six book shelves cleaned that were filled mostly of books we inherited from Christine and books have been reorganized. File drawers, desk area all cleaned out and made ready for Rev. Dearman. There was a lot of outdated computer equipment etc. to be disposed of. There should have been a before photo to appreciate the difference.

**Basement:** Floors all scrubbed. Bathroom sink replaced.

Misc. small repairs throughout.

I am not trying to bore you with all this detail but I want you to realize just how much work is involved in keeping up the building and why I have encouraged volunteers. Things just do not magically happen.

Here is a list of those who contributed their time. John & Linda Upcott, Pat & John Haynes, Helen Moore, Charlotte Innerd, Peter LeClair, Carol & Laurie Hylton. I hope I haven't missed anyone as these are the only people noted in the Property record book where you can note what you did. Much appreciation to all.

## 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.*

### Book for Month — September 2016

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**Title:** Mister Pip

**Author:** Lloyd Jones

**Date:** Wed., 7 September 2016, 7 pm

**Leader:** John & Pat Haynes

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

#### Summary:

On a copper rich, tropical island shattered by war, where the teachers have fled with most everyone else, only one white man chooses to stay behind: the eccentric Mr. Watts, object of much curiosity and scorn, who sweeps out the ruined schoolhouse and begins to read to the children each day from Charles Dickens' classic GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

### Book for Month — October 2016

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**Title:** Stalin's Daughter

**Author:** Rosemary Sullivan

**Date:** Wed., 5 October 2016, 7 pm

**Leader:** Stuart Miller

**Location** of Meeting: Miller Residence, Leamington

#### Summary:

Stalin's Daughter is a work of narrative non-fiction on a grand scale, combining popular history and biography to tell the incredible story of a woman fated to live her life in the shadow of one of history's most monstrous dictators.

Svetlana Stalina, who died in 2011, at the age of eighty-five, was the only daughter and the last surviving child of Josef Stalin. Beyond Stalina's controversial defection to the US in a cloak-and-dagger escape via India in 1967, her journey from life as the beloved daughter of a fierce autocrat to death in small-town Wisconsin is an astonishing saga.

