

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 November 2017

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
Nov. 5 [Set clocks back to standard time!]	Rev. Fran Dearman	<i>All Saints, All Souls.</i> Rev. Fran reflects on how some churches name themselves for All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2). What meanings were associated with those names in the past? What insights might they now invite?	Bobbye & Bill Baylis
Nov. 12	Rev. Fran Dearman	<i>Heritage Sunday: Church history</i>	Indian Village Quintet
Nov. 19	Rev. Fran Dearman	<i>The Great Dietrich-Sullivan Debate of 1921</i> How we decide is as important as what we decide.	Lorie Lyons
Nov. 26	Rev. Derek Parry	<i>Deconstructing Christmas Stories</i>	Toni Janik
Dec. 3	Rev. Fran Dearman	<i>Something Old, Something New</i> At Advent, Rev. Fran looks into some new anthropological science on an old subject—where do we come from? where did the Neanderthals go?	Bill & Bobbye Baylis



Holiday Potluck!
December 3 after the Service

Bring your favourite holiday dish and share!
There will be TURKEY!

Fran's Column for OLINDA Newsletter, November 2017

November is Blanket Month: a blanket on a bunk, a blanket of leaves on a woodlot path, perhaps soon a blanket of snow atop the leaves, atop the world of small creatures that make their home between earth and weather.

November is a month of growing intensity for the Ministerial Search Committee. And November is Pledge Month for the Finance Committee. We greatly aid the Olinda Board of Trustees in their planning process when we make known our own financial intentions for the coming year. I hope you will respond when the pledge letters arrive, and offer a clear sense of your undertaking. I would urge you to give until it feels good.

I think about my own pledge in monthly terms—what I send my landlord and utility companies per month? Other charities? Other obligations? And my church? I pledge to my home church in Victoria, as well as at Olinda. What would one percent feel like? Two percent? Three? This may be as much a visceral decision as anything else—what does your gut say? What feels good, appropriate, do-able? What makes you feel glad to do it?

I also make a monthly donation to the Canadian Unitarian Council, modest but reliable. I make a point of attending denominational and collegial events. In late October I drive to London for the Central Fall Regional Gathering, then north to preach at Sarnia-Port Huron the next day. November is a busy time for gatherings outside Essex County: November 9th is the annual Charity Law Seminar, in Mississauga. I prefer to drive in daylight and avoid rush hour, so I'll drive in the day before—which in turn means there will only be one "Tea with the Minister" at Olinda this month—Wednesday November 15th.

In late November I'll be flying out west for the première performance of the Servetus Vespers. Choirs love to sing in Latin, with its clear, open vowels and economy of language. I wrote some words; Nick Fairbank set it to music; two choirs are in rehearsal for a joint première performance Sunday, November 26th, in Sidney BC, just north of Victoria. I thank the Olinda Board for their blessing on this journey.

May you, too, find the blessing you need, this month of longer nights and shorter days. May you find a blanket of warmth against the cold winds.

Yours, in the interim,
Rev. Fran



Membership / Publicity Report, November 2017

A Special Congregational Meeting was held on Oct. 22nd. Thank you to all who attended to vote on the revision of our Membership By-laws documented in 1984. There was a unanimous vote to approve the changes, which involved the addition of Item 3 (d) and Item 6 as well as a couple of minor changes to improve wording. The 2017 Membership Bylaws have been posted on the bulletin board in the Refreshment Room.

It is a great pleasure to see new people visiting our church over the past few months. Some individuals have recently expressed an interest in becoming members. Our Interim Minister, Fran Dearman, will be holding a short, informal meeting during coffee hour on Nov. 5th to provide information and answer questions about membership for anyone considering joining the UU Church of Olinda. If you are unable to meet with her at this time, please speak with someone on the Membership Committee or a Board member or Fran. There are a number of excellent pamphlets on display in the hall and library and a booklet titled "All About Us" available as well. Another source of learning about our church and religion can be found in the books written by Lousie Foulds. One called "A Search for Truth" is located beside the guest book in the hall; this publication is free but there is another more in depth book on the library table valued at \$15.00. We always welcome new people into our congregation.

In the new year there will be an Orientation Session following coffee hour for people wanting to learn about the history and growth of Unitarian Universalism, the history of the UU Church of Olinda, and how our church functions today. The date will be advertised in the newsletter and at church once the time for this event has been confirmed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorie Lyons (Membership Chair)

Membership Committee Members: Helen Moore, Bobbye Baylis, Sharon van Abbema, and Rev. Fran Dearman, *ex officio*.

Board Members: Listed on the front of the Order of Service



Important Dates

Nov. 5 Noon

Finance Committee Meeting,
Distribution of Letter of Appeal

BACK TO STANDARD TIME!

Nov. 9 7 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

Nov. 12 9:30 am

Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 15 1:30 pm

Tea with the Minister

Nov. 19

Budget Available

Nov. 19 9:30 am

Sunday Services Meeting

Nov. 19 Noon

Social Responsibility
Committee Meeting

Nov. 21

December Newsletter
Reports due

Nov. 26 9:30 am

Choir Rehearsal

Dec. 1 7 pm

Tree trimming & carols

Dec. 3 Noon

Holiday Potluck

Dec. 10 Noon

Congregational Budget
Meeting

From the Board, November 2017

November is the Annual Appeal for funds to sustain the church. This church is important as a place where people can go and search for what is truth as they see it and discuss their views with others doing the same. We are not told what or how to believe but are simply given a number of ideas to aid in our search. We all believe or not believe what seems real to us and are constantly changing. We need this place so please remember to give what you can. Searching for a settled minister is expensive. Thanks.

At the congregational meeting on Oct. 22nd a motion was made by the membership chair to amend the by-laws to bring them in line with government guide lines on who are voting members. We welcome all who support this church and all are welcome at meetings to express their views but it is clearer now on who can vote.

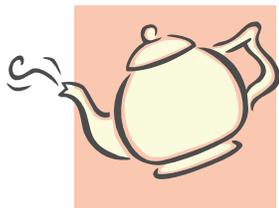
The board honoured Gypsy Carroll with a plaque and the renaming of the tranquility room to The Gypsy Carroll Tranquility Room where along with the plaque a picture will hang. This is the least we can do to remember such a wonderful member and friend. When the song “Imagine” by John Lennon is played I will always remember her.

The board completed the one year Interim Minister review. Rev. Fran has been a great help to the search com. and to the board in leading us through the process of finding a settled minister. She is very confident that a settled minister is out there for us and she is doing what she can to help.

Gord Taylor has agreed to join the search committee with the pending leaving of John van Abema. Steve, chair of the search, and Rev. Keith Kron have agreed that replacing John before he leaves gives Gord a chance to get up to speed, and the committee could move on very efficiently. We thank Gord for taking on this important role.

Sue Markham along with me are looking into the Lay Chaplain position at this time and are considering it.

John Upcott, President



Tea with the Minister

Join Rev. Fran and whoever else shows up to enjoy afternoon tea and conversation on Wednesday, November 15, from 1:30-3:00 pm. This treat is a regular occurrence on scheduled Wednesdays.

Christmas Family

Thank you to the two donors who have already contributed to the Children's Aid Society Christmas Family which the church supports annually. It is still summer-like warm weather, as it was last month, with only a few colourful autumn leaves so it still seems early to think of Christmas.

This year the family the church is sponsoring has two parents with five children with girls aged 17 months and 8 years and boys aged 3, 9 and 11 years. This is a large family with many needs and wants. John and Linda Upcott have once again agreed to shop for the family. Thank you, John and Linda.

If you wish to donate to support our Christmas family, please do so in November, if possible. Donations are eligible for an income tax receipt to be included as a part of your annual charitable receipt. Please mark your cheque or offering envelope with 'CAS' or 'Christmas Family.

Thanks for your consideration.
Helen Moore

Financial Trustee Report, November 2017

On Nov. 5 after church, we will have the Open Finance Meeting to decide on the 2018 Budget to be presented to the Board on November 9th. A copy of the final Budget will be available for the Congregation on November 19th, to be voted on by the Congregation on December 10th.

Anyone interested in the financial affairs of the Church is welcome to attend this Open Meeting. Committee members: Elaine Stevenson (Chair), Douglas Whaley, Mireya Campbell, Mariette Preyde (Lloyd Fund Committee Members), Helen Moore (Treasurer), Bobbye Baylis, Carol Hylton. Ex-officio members are John Upcott and Reverend Fran Dearman.

The Letter of Appeal will be ready for distribution November 5th. It will include information from your Treasurer on your 2017 Pledge and how much you have contributed towards that pledge. Please return your 2018 Pledge card as soon as possible to Helen Moore or myself so that we have the information for the 2018 Budget.

Blessings,
Elaine Stevenson

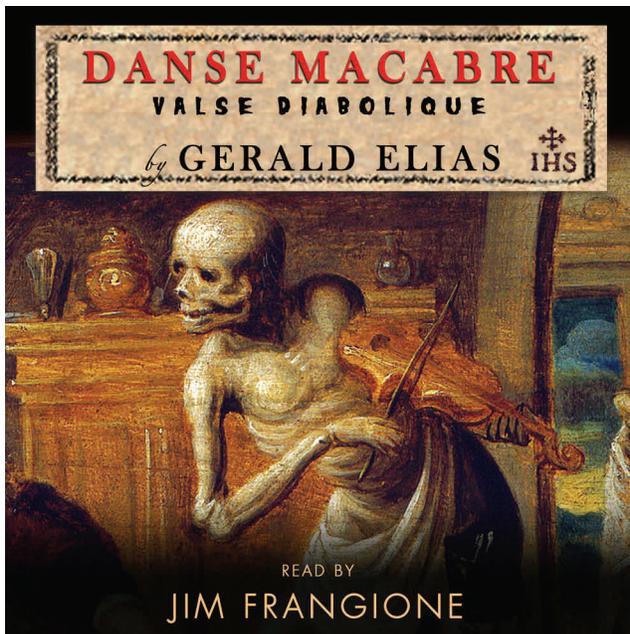


UU Church of Olinda's

Bookshelf

Church members, and friends are invited to contribute, share titles, & discuss books that each feel will bring to our community ideas, knowledge, thoughts and values that we find important.

Fran's pick for our new forum.



This is what the critics had to say about "DANSE MACABRE," the Halloween mystery novel by Gerald Elias:

"Meticulously plotted, but with enough convolutions in the narrative to satisfy the most jaded mystery aficionado, Elias constructs brilliant, snappy and sharp-witted dialog that drives the plot." Independent Mystery Booksellers Association

"And then there is one-of-a-kind virtuoso Jacobus, perhaps one of the most unique protagonists in mysteries...A musical feast for mystery and music lovers." Library Journal

"The refreshingly caustic Jacobus, a cast of superbly drawn supporting characters, an interesting classical music milieu accessible to aficionados and neophytes alike, an unexpected twist or two, and a unique murder method combine for an engrossing read." Publishers Weekly

"...if you enjoy classical music at all (or simply excellent traditional mysteries) this book should not be missed." Aunt Agatha's Top 10.

Title: *Danse Macabre*
Valse Diabolique

Author: Gerald Elias

Caring Committee Report, November 2017

I have just returned home from an interesting morning of visiting with Olinda friends at Erie Glen in Leamington.

Walter Sinclair was the first person on my journey. He showed me the busy schedule of TO DO things. Every day there are events, choirs, games, exercises. After we munched down a Linda Upcott cookie...peanut butter with chocolate on top, we then took a walk down the hall to visit with Tina, (Albertina Bell). Tina was happy to see both of us.

Both Walter and Tina began life on Pelee Island; he on the north end, she on the south end. Our next visit will be a 3 way discussion on LIFE ON THE ISLAND IN THE THIRTIES. I will take notes. Watch for this in the December newsletter. Then on to Marion Thompson who brought out her cards for a rousing game of King in the Corner. We had time for two games, won one, lost one, before Marion left me for lunch. The tie breaker is coming up next visit.

Eunice and Emil Buhne face health challenges; we talked on the phone and will visit later this month. They would like to be coming in to Olinda but have no car and would need a ride home. Pat Haynes is making slow but sure progress as she recovers from a fall in her house.

James Reid's Doctor gave him an encouraging health report. John van Abbema is slowly recovering from his broken index toe, looking very patriotic, with its reds and blues. The walking cast makes it easy to not break another one as he ambles around.

Submitted by Sharon van Abbema

Ministerial Search Committee Update, November 2017

First, the Search Committee would like to say thank you, to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Your answers have been analyzed and the data compiled.

This questionnaire gave us a lot of information that is very useful, and this data will help us complete the Congregational Record. This is a comprehensive document which must be sent to the UUA by November 13th, so it is certainly a team effort to complete it.

As mentioned earlier, the Congregational Record will give any potential candidates a picture of our congregation and our ministerial needs. So, thank you again for your time and input in this process.

Cathy Dewhurst,
Ministerial Search Committee Communications

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Linda Upcott

Sharon van Abbema

Members, MSC.

Bobbye Baylis

Steve Brennan

Cathy Dewhurst

Stuart Miller

Gord Taylor

Linda Upcott

John van Abbema

Upcoming Events: Social Responsibility Committee

The Social Responsibility Committee's first fall meeting was very productive. Activities planned:

Attending the documentary Dolores about Dolores Huerte, an organizer of migrant farm workers, at the Windsor International Film Festival, on **Sunday, Nov. 5, at 5:35 pm**. This will be followed by a supper at Mi Casita. See Announcement for details.

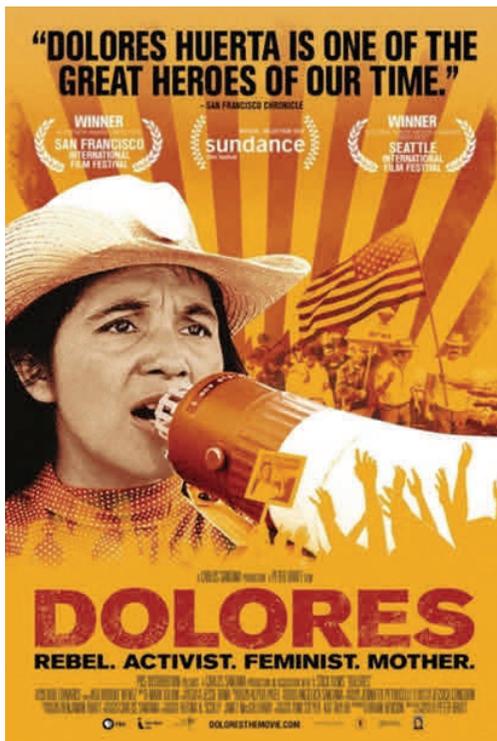
If you buy gasoline at the 7/11 Gas Bars, you receive Bonus Bucks. There will be a container in the Library to collect your Bonus Bucks. These will be delivered to the new Homeless Shelter for Youth in Leamington.

The much-loved International Dinner will be held on March 19, 2018.

We are thinking of a Mexican theme with the meal being "make your own Tacos." Suggestions for a speaker or topic are welcome.

There was much discussion about how to better promote our church, the Indian Graveyard, and other Olinda history. This will provide some of the material in Rev. Fran's upcoming sermon on Nov. 12, "Heritage Sunday."

Bobbye Baylis, Secretary, SRC



Join the Social Responsibility Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda at WIFF 2017 (Windsor International Film Festival)

Sunday, November 5, 2017 @ 5:30 pm

Capitol Kelly Theatre in Windsor

Watch an inspiring film about a social justice icon. Then catch a bite to eat and chat about the film at **Mi Casita, 429 Wyandotte St. E, Windsor.**

Restaurant: <https://www.micasitawindsor.com/foodticket/>

Film Tickets: <http://www.windsorfilmfestival.com/films/dolores/> #YQG #WindsorEssex

Remembrance Day, November 11, 2017

Bienen, Germany, Sunday, March 25, 1945

David Dickson was gravely wounded in the Battle of Bienen. A machine gun round had hit him in the chest. The bullet was deflected by the tobacco tin in his blouse pocket, and he lived to talk about his experience. A British officer with him on the dike was not so lucky. About 40 soldiers on each side were killed in the three-day battle. Up to that time, Mr. Dickson had survived intact since landing with the Canadian Forces on Juno Beach, June 6, 1944.

Captain David Dickson, born and raised in Fredericton, N.B., was with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders at the time. He became a lawyer after the war, graduating from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton and the University of London, England. Justice Dickson was later appointed as a judge to the Supreme Court of N.B. Trial Division, in 1964.

He fervently believed in moving on from the past. His own time and money was spent in promoting the cause of reconciliation with past enemies from WW 2.

His message was: "It is true that at one time we were enemies, but now the time has come for reconciliation. Their veterans, like ours, have grandchildren in the armed services who are working together with each other to defeat new enemies that threaten world peace. Time has come for us, the older generation, to leave behind our old prejudices. We need to support these young people on both sides in their efforts to keep us safe."

This message was not always well received at the Legion Halls where he spoke. However he and his German counter part in the battle at Bienen worked together to install a commemorative plaque in the village churchyard to honour the concept of reconciliation.

My thoughts are with Judge Dickson and his philosophy on this Remembrance Day.



German Graveyard in Bienen

Remembrance Day, November 11, 2017, Continued

Postscript

While searching for the plaque in Bienen we stopped a farm worker walking along the road for directions. He was unaware of the soldiers' burial ground but finally, after numerous telephone calls to local villagers, and much-mangled English, German and Dutch, he took us to the place while it rained. His goodwill towards us brought out the smiles and thanks all around.

Bienen Graveyard Entrance

Acts of reconciliation between the two forces and their countries started even before the end of the war. April 29, 1945, one month after David was wounded, 'Operation Manna' was negotiated between the two armies, and Bob Upcott flew the first bomber for the food drops over Holland.

In August 2017, The CBC aired a documentary commemorating the loss of seven Canadian airmen when their bomber crashed and exploded near their village while on a mission to bomb Germany. The people of Spreckens invited the the crew's descendants to the plaque laying ceremony. The Canadians attending commented about the locals, "...they were just so kind."



Groesbeek Cemetery Overview

Texts and photos by John van Abbema. More information can be found in the book *No Retreating Footsteps, The Story of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders*.

Gatepost to Canadian Cemetery, Groesbeek