

The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda
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R.E. Class and Service held at 10:30
(followed by refreshments)

Sunday Services May, 2018

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
May 6	Rev. Fran Dearman	<i>Raven, Coyote, and other Tricksters</i> Rev. Fran considers the philosophy of British writer, Alain de Botton, as expressed in his book, "Religion for Atheists: A non-believer's guide to the uses of religion."	Baylis-Stone Trio
May 13	Rev. Meg Roberts	<i>Mothers' Day</i>	Lorie Lyons
May 20	Rev. Derek Parry	<i>Hopes and Hurdles</i>	Baylis-Stone Trio
May 27	TBA	TBA	Toni Janik
June 6	Rev. Fran Dearman	<i>Summer is Coming: A Reflection on work and play and retirement</i>	Lorie Lyons

**Congregational Meeting
To Vote on Incorporation
May 13, 2018
Immediately after the Service
(with time to grab a cup of tea)**



**Barbecue and Bakeless Bake Sale
Saturday May 26, 2018
11 am to 2 pm
At the UU Church of Olinda
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Pasta Salad, Chips and Beverages
Come one, come all and bring your family & friends**

From The Board

This has been a very busy and successful week. After two years of planning and working towards a goal, we at Olinda have a settled Minister, Rev. Rodrigo Solano-Quesnel. He was called by a unanimous vote of the congregation on Sunday, April 22, 2018. Rev. Rod, after hearing the news, was quick to accept the call. The search committee has done amazing work. The congregation is very grateful for such a dedicated committee and our future is bright.

We have had two board meetings this month because of the board meeting with Rev. Rod. At the April 12th meeting, the board appointed an ad-hoc committee to explore incorporation. The committee of Laurie Hylton, myself, and Helen Moore, who will take the lead because she has looked at incorporation before, will get information. They have arranged for a congregational meeting to ask the congregation for their support both verbal and financial. A lawyer or paralegal will be necessary to transfer the deed from the trustees to the new corporation and to make sure the Lloyd Fund is protected as well as our charitable status. The motion on which we will vote at the Congregational Meeting on May 13 is: "To proceed with incorporation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda including transfer of ownership of the church building and ownership of Lloyd Fund from the Board of Trustees to the corporation. Cost of incorporation not to exceed \$4,000."

Thank-You again for so many of the congregation coming out to hear Rev. Rod and so many of the members participating in the vote. It was amazing to hear the spontaneous cheers and response of the congregation to the news that the vote was unanimous. We now look forward to a new minister who we can help move us forward, but we need to do our part to make this church all it can be. And to the search committee, congratulations on a job well done.

John Upcott
President

New Church Directory in Preparation

The membership committee is working on updating the Directory and the Telephone Tree to have it ready for the Fall and our new minister. If you have noticed any phone numbers or addresses that need changing or names that are missing, please notify Lorie Lyons (chair), Helen Moore, Bobbye Baylis or Toni Janik.

Financial Trustee Report

WOW! The 2018 aUction has come and gone and we did it! I had hoped we could finish wiping out the 2016 loan from the Capital Fund that allowed us to replace the windows in the manse and kitchen flooring and we have. The meal was excellent, bidding brisk and the competitive atmosphere friendly. Welcome to our newest auctioneer-Rose LeClair. President John really liked working with you. The total so far is \$4250 with more money coming in from dining events, paintings etc. A sincere appreciation for all who helped in any way to make this event so successful, from the set up people, to the donators, to the cooks, to the auctioneers, to the computer/finance wizards and the lucky people who came and conquered to get those much sought after items. Those of us that did not get our coveted items need to up our game next year.

Next up is our annual BBQ at the church. John and Linda Upcott will be cooking up their famous hot dogs and hamburgers. I hear the fixing will include cooked Vidalia onions. Come one and all, bring your family and friends Saturday May 26 from 11am to 2pm.

B.B.Q. Hamburger Lunch- includes Hamburger, Pasta Salad, Beverage, Chips, \$10.00

B.B.Q. Hot Dog Lunch- includes Hot Dog, Pasta Salad, Beverage, Chips, \$8.00

Pasta Salad Lunch- includes Pasta Salad, Beverage, Chips, \$6.00

Another new item this year is a Bakeless Bake sale. Drop your envelope off that Saturday or in the offertory plate any week in May. Just write Bake sale on the envelope with your name and it is eligible for a tax receipt.

More about this new venture the “ Bakeless Bake Sale” on page 10 of our newsletter.

Blessings

Elaine Stevenson

Important Dates

Apr. 29 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

May 6 Noon
Maypole

May 10 7 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting

May 13 9:30
Choir Rehearsal

May 13 Noon
Congregational Meeting

May 20 9:30 am
Sunday Services Meeting

May 20 Noon
Social Resp. Comm. Meeting

May 22
June & Summer Newsletter Reports due

May 26 11 am—2 pm
Annual Porch BBQ

May 27 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

June 10 Noon
Annual Picnic

Ministerial Search Committee Update

“No person is an island”: the FINAL report from the Olinda Ministerial Search Committee:

On Sunday April 22, 2018, following the completion of Candidating week and the results of a congregational vote which was 100% affirmative, the Reverend Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel was offered a call to become Olinda’s next Minister. Rev Rod (as he wishes to be known) accepted the call and will start in August of 2018.

With that said, as chair of the Olinda Ministerial Search Committee, I wish to use this space to offer thank you to all, for indeed this process has involved each and every one of you!!

To those who spent time deciding to enter into Transitional ministry for two years – thank you;

To the Interim ministerial search committee – thank you;

To the Rev. Fran Dearman for accepting the position as Olinda’s Interim Minister during this transition time – thank you;

To the Olinda Board for composing the current Ministerial Search Committee – thank you;

To the Olinda Congregation for approving the Ministerial Search Committee – thank you;

To the Ministerial Search Committee members who accepted the membership roles and then devoted time, effort, personal resources, passion, knowledge, patience, opinions, suggestions, fierce discussion and finally consensus – thank you;

To the spouses, partners, families and friends of the members of the MSC who have supported these people in their time away and who forged on in their absence – thank you;

To the Board members who supported the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) in their needs for information, finances and guidance along the way – thank you;

To the anonymous UU congregations in Michigan and Ontario who opened their congregations to provide Olinda’s MSC with the many opportunities for the necessary Neutral Pulpits during Pre-Candidating Weekends – thank you:

To the Rev. Keith Kron and the Rev. Steven Atkinson who personally walked along side of the Olinda MSC as we sought to find our way in a process that challenged, changed and finally guided us to this end – thank you;

“To the UUA and CUC who have spent years in the creation of a search process that respects the congregations in search, the ministers looking for congregations and the many numerous congregations who are releasing their ministers into the search process – thank you;

... and the list could continue ... and does... (on the next page)

Most importantly I wish to thank Rev. Rod:

- for his diligent preparation prior to deciding to enter into his search process;
- for his final decision to put his name into the search process;
- for responding to Olinda in the initial application process;
- for continuing to live through and invite in the many calls, video chats, interviews, reference checks,
- for attending the Pre Candidating weekend complete with the many hours of interviews, grilling and being “under the microscope” during his Neutral Pulpit service; and
- for his diligent presence throughout Candidating week, granting Olinda the opportunity to “see” him and for him to get to know us.

In the next few weeks, the Ministerial Search Committee will be going through the final steps of closing off all of the external connections and Board requirements. Following that, we will disband.

In closing only two words remain – an echo of what has already been said:

Thank You!!

In Service,

The members of the Ministerial Search Committee, 2017—2018:

Stephen Brennan, Bobbye Baylis, Linda Upcott, Stuart Miller, Cathy Dewhurst, Gordon Taylor, John Van Abbema



MSC minus John van Abbema (in New Brunswick) and Gord Taylor.

Fran's Column

Candidating Week began with an ice storm, and ended with birdsong, daffodils and double digit temperatures.

And a call. A unanimous call. A call that was accepted joyfully by my esteemed colleague in ministry, the Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel.

You all did the work, you worked the process, and you achieved a result that is your own true choice.

I couldn't be happier if I were twins!

I congratulate Olinda on three years of intention, of commitment, of soul-searching, deep thought, and hard work.

As my time with you draws to a close I am increasingly aware of the precious moments and memories I shall carry with me into retirement. I shall be proud to recall that I was among the company of ministers who have been privileged to serve you. I shall remember you well, and fondly.

With every blessing as this time of interim draws to a close,

Yours, in the interim,

Rev. Fran



Social Responsibility Committee Report

Our April meeting was special in that we were treated with two visitors: Rev. Rod Solano and his partner, Sarah Wert. We reported on recent activities: the film “The Thirteenth” and the International Dinner. We then had a lively discussion of possible future activities, such as a possible clean-up of the beaches at Point Pelee. Other suggestions:

A Solistice event involving poetry

A Taize-style service—meditation & Spiritual coming together

A May Day with live music (probably on May 6)

Contra-Dancing with live music, possibly bringing a caller from Ann Arbor

Stay Tuned!

Bobbye Baylis, Secretary
of the SRC



Update From Property

After the AUUction, it was requested that we have a second refrigerator. It did not work well for us to only have one refrigerator as we have had since December, thus the Board voted that we purchase a new one.

The main floor refrigerator is going on 20 years old, so we had it moved it into the basement as the second one, and the new one has replaced it in the main kitchen. The cost for the new refrigerator, plus tax including moving the current one and disposal of the old one, is roughly \$675.00.

Laurie Hylton

Rev. Rod's Column

Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel
Called Settled Minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda

Doing Church Together

It was a thrilling moment to hear the congregation cheer in the background as I received the call from Steve and spoke to John early Sunday afternoon! My decision to add to the unanimity of the call was not taken lightly, but the answer was indeed very clear to me.

Candidating Week was very eventful for many of us – from the providential spot that allowed us to gather on the first (if icy) Sunday morning, to an earth-shaking Board meeting, to a bright weekend that heralded spring and new beginnings. Our connection with the Earth was very present.

I want to thank everyone for your participation, especially in organizing the ample opportunities to meet so many of you – all of you are the body of the church, and getting to know who I look to serve is integral in our shared ministry. I also got to see many of you in various leadership roles. This included your attendance to worship on Sunday morning and your exercising of our fifth principle by being part of the democratic process, where all of you took the role of congregational polity in earnest. This is part of doing church together, and of being the church.

I also wish to give special thanks to all who contributed in ferrying me around, both to the church building and in the wider community – this was essential in helping me develop my sense of home around the county.

My partner Sarah expressed to me that she felt very welcome and was very pleased to be able to sing in the choir, even if it was her first time at an Olinda service. I'm glad you got to meet her as well, and we're looking forward to continue sharing our lives together with this great community.

Rev. Fran will continue to work with you as this interim year wraps up. I am very grateful for the work she has been doing for all of us, and I am happy to have her collegial support as the settlement process has progressed. I sense that working with Olinda has been a high note for her going into well-deserved retirement.

Into the dawning future – warm regards,
--Rev. Rod

Caring Committee Report

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take. Wishing all Mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

The congregation extends their deepest sympathies to Leona Crowder and family, on the passing of her sister. Even the caring committee needs care sometimes. Get well wishes is extended to Nancy Bernath, as she recovers from her recent surgery. Eunice Goyette is still very active, as she recovers from her hand surgery.

Good to see June Blacker and Jim Reid out to our recent social events. Hopefully with the weather getting better, they will join us again soon.

It was my pleasure, to escort our new minister Rev. Rod, to Erie Glen and Sunparlour Home, to meet Marion Thompson, Walter Sinclair, and Tina Bell.

The former chair of the caring committee Sharon Van Abbema and her husband John, returned from New Brunswick for a short visit. It was great to see them both.

Submitted by Linda Upcott



Getting to know Rev. Rod at the Brennans'.

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott

Bakeless Bake Sale May 2018

A BAKELESS BAKE SALE

*A bit of news we have today,
A bakeless bake sale is on the way,
On those busy days, now who would bake
Pies or cookies or even a cake.
You'd be surprised, if you counted the cost,
Of materials, heat and time you lost
Cookies for sale is extra work
Yet nobody really wants to shirk.
So we thought of a plan that is grand
And feel quite certain you will understand.
In an envelope, please put the price
Of a pie or cake or something nice.
Without fuss or bother you have done your part,
We are sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale,
Wishing success to our bakeless bake sale.*

Drop your envelope off at the BBQ Saturday May 26 or in the offertory plate any week in May. Just write Bake sale on the envelope with your name and it is eligible for a tax receipt.

Blessings,

Elaine Stevenson