

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 September, 2018

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
Sept. 9	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Watershed (A Special Welcome)</i> The convergence of water gives life to a flourishing community, as tranquil streams meet and merge.	Bobbye & Bill Baylis, Ray Stone, and Nancy Gebriel
Sept. 16	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Earthshaking</i> Tectonic shifts come in different magnitudes... and sometimes they open up unseen opportunities.	tba
Sept. 23	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Blackout</i> When the unexpected happens, it can be another good excuse to get together!	Toni Janik
Sept. 30	Ray Stone	<i>On Mindfulness</i>	Bobbye & Bill Baylis
Oct. 7	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>The Toolbox</i> A well-put-together kit can allow us to be better prepared to take on the tasks at hand – what are the tools that we have at our disposal?	tba



Mini Potluck!
Sept. 16 Upstairs After the Service

Organization by Mariette Preyde
Check with her about what is needed.

From The Board

Welcome back to a new and exciting church year full of hope for the future. We have a new and energetic minister but we need to take the lead as a congregation to help because he can not do it alone and should not have to. The future is all up to us and with Rev. Rod's leadership I look with hope to a successful church year and beyond. The board, and others, have been busy during the summer with clean up and holding two summer services which were both very well attended and we wish to thank Rev. Parry and new member Ben Bernath for their interesting and well delivered talks. The Baylis B.B.Q. was a great success and we want to thank Bill and Bobbye for opening their home and for all who brought wonderful food and all who attended.

I am writing this before the September board meeting on Sept 6th to make the newsletter deadline but the board is continuing towards incorporation with the hope of having the process completed before the start of 2019. A special thank-you to Laurie Hylton and Elaine Stevenson who continue to do the work, Elaine with respect to the budget and Laurie always looking to improve the church building and grounds.

Again this year the Peace Party will be held Sept. 9th from 3 to 5 at Seacliff Park. This church will again run a bocce ball game for the kids which they seemed to enjoy last year. Please come out if you can and support the committee who do the work to make this event successful. The churches work together to try to promote love and respect for all. Please remember our church when it comes time to make your donations as this year will put a strain on our finances . We need all of us working together to make this church the very best that it can be and an important asset to this community. Again, welcome back and let us all get started.

John Upcott
President

Clergy Connection

Settling In: One of the great gifts of a new program year is the sense of opportunity that comes with it. At our Water Ceremony we have a chance to recognize changing seasons, the different paces that come with them, and the fluid connections that we keep with each other.

Over the summer, I got to move out of my Ottawa place, where I served half-time for the past two years, as well as moving out of the Toronto apartment where Sarah and I have spent the past five years. We've now had a chance to settle into our Leamington home at the end of August. We have a nice place along Lake Erie and look forward to seeing what it's like to be a more involved part of this community!

I really appreciate the work many of you put into ferrying me around the County during Candidating Week – we now have a vehicle of our own and have tried it out on the road, so I'll have easier access to you. Upon our arrival, we managed to see what it's like to drive behind a tractor with a double load of tomatoes, so we're already getting a taste of the life here!

During September, you'll have a chance to hear more about my background and how I hope to serve you. I'll also have the opportunity to listen to your stories and get a better sense of your needs. In these initial months I expect to be asking many questions – about each of you, about the Church of Olinda, and about the area. I might also still need to learn some of your names (or remember some of them!) – I look forward to getting to know you better during the fall.

And I'll take a moment to remind you that I'm also your representative on the Board for the Canadian Unitarian Council, as the Trustee for Central Ontario. I'll be on retreat with the CUC Board at the end of September, when you'll have some time to grow in mindfulness with Ray Stone.

Another event that I'm expecting with much anticipation is the ***Peace Party at Seacliff Park on September 9, from 3-5pm***, shortly after our Water service. This event is hosted by Leamington Ministerial, with our participation. This is a great opportunity for us to connect with our wider community and the diversity of faith that we take part in. I hear there is a game of bocce ball involved, and I'm eager to see us in action!

Warm regards,
--Rod

Important Dates

Sept. 6 7 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting

Sept. 9 Noon
Kitchen Users Meeting

Sept. 9 3—5 pm
Peace Party, Seacliff Park

Sept. 16 9:30 am
Sunday Services Meeting

Sept. 16 Noon
Mini-Potluck

Sept. 19 10 am
Membership Comm. Meeting

Sept. 23 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

Sept. 23 Noon
Social Resp. Comm. Meeting

Sept. 25
October Newsletter Reports due

Sept. 30 Noon
Finance Comm. Meeting

Membership Committee Report

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are looking forward to the new church season with Rev. Rod. This is an exciting time for our congregation and I know we can build on this joyful renewal and accomplish many good things throughout the coming year.

Our Membership Meeting was postponed from Sept. 7th to Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 10:00 a.m. in case anyone is interested in attending. Our main agenda is finalizing the new Directory which Bobbye has diligently been updating over the summer. She plans on leaving a draft of the directory on the library table for the first Sunday Service so you can check to make sure your information is correct before it is published. Rev. Rod's church contact information is on the back of the OOS. His personal phone number and email address are available in the directory.

At this time I can confirm that there will be a Dinners for 8 in the fall which Toni and Dan Janik have graciously offered to host. The time for this dinner will be confirmed at our September Membership meeting and a sign-up sheet for Dinners for 8 will be posted in the library prior to the date of the event. Thank you Toni and Dan for offering to open our new season with the first Dinners for 8.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon,

Lorie Lyons
Membership Trustee

Social Responsibility Committee Report

The concert at the church on June 29, featuring Jim Scott, was well attended in spite of the short notice and the relatively high temperature. For future concerts we suggest earlier in the year and having more notice for publicity.

We are planning a number of films after church during the year, hopefully one every other month. If you have suggestions, see Ray Stone.

This should be an exciting year with Rev. Rod and Sarah joining us in planning new activities for our committee.

Submitted by Bobbye Baylis
Secretary, SRC

Update From Property

"What Has Been Happening at your Church this summer?"

Your Church has been receiving lots of attention, and it is important that everybody realize all the dedication, time and work it takes to keep the building and property in good condition so we can be proud of it and enjoy it.

Updates: Since the first of August our Church sign in front includes the name of our new resident minister Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel whom we welcome. Originally the church sign was done by Harry Turner, a past member. His son Brian Turner, who now operates the family printing business, Retco Advertising in Leamington, did the new name sign for us in memory of his father. We all need to recognize Brian's generosity and thank him. A thank you note was sent to Brian.

The backyard gardens have all been done by Lorie Lyons. Lorie had a wonderful idea to enhance the property of the Church and we all extend our thanks to Lorie.

The front ramp carpet has been replaced and is a great improvement. I was able to complete the job with the help of John Upcott.

New electric outlets (4) have been installed in the refreshments room by Greene Electric. These outlets will come in handy for future food events so extension cords are not necessary and breakers not tripped.

Cleaning: The Minister's Study on the second floor has been thoroughly cleaned including the venetian blinds and windows. Rev. Fran had previously sorted and eliminated many books to make the book shelves more inviting for Rev. Rod to personalize his Study.

The library & 3 social rooms have had the windows washed, blinds and furniture vacuumed or wiped down, furniture moved, and floors steam cleaned. Windows in the kitchen, bathroom, porch & basement were washed. The front entrance and porch received its yearly power wash to mainly rid it of all the spider and bug residue.

The basement was cleaned thoroughly and organized for use by R.E. The baby change table and high chair are in one area for the convenience of someone requiring them.

The kitchens will receive their attention after church resumes.

In order to avoid missing someone's name who did cleaning duties, I have not included any. All the work did not happen magically. Their dedication and hard work is much appreciated.

Laurie Hylton

Financial Trustee Report

This is the beginning of the next chapter in the life of our beloved UU Church of Olinda. We will start the process of creating an Operating Budget for 2019 this month. 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
Sept. 30	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. Lloyd Fund representatives are requested to attend to answer questions.
Oct. 21		By this date, all Committee budget requests must be submitted to the finance trustee or the treasurer so that they can prepare the budget.
Nov. 4	After Church	Meeting of the Finance Committee to approve the Budget.
Nov. 8	7 PM	Board Meeting at which Budget will be presented for approval.
Nov. 18	Before Church	Copies of the budget will be available to the congregation for review.
Dec. 2 or 9	After Church	Congregational Budget meeting.

On another topic, those that use the kitchen for Sunday Service, luncheons, teas etc. are respectfully requested to attend a short meeting Sunday, September 9th after the service. All suggestions for placement of items will be welcome before it is refreshed for the season. I for one, am thankful for the useful placements of the new plugs in the dining area. They should make our functions easier to facilitate.

Blessings,
Elaine Stevenson

Caring Committee Report

When autumn darkness falls, what we will remember are the small acts of kindness: a cake, a hug, an invitation to talk, and every single rose. These are all expressions of a nation coming together and caring about its people.

Our sympathies are extended to James Reid on the passing of his sister on July 18th and a get well card sent to Bradley Van Hinte, after learning of his serious head injury from his fall. Visited our members at Erie Glen and Sun Parlor Home in July and August and found all doing well. Thinking of you cards sent to Emil and Eunice Buhne and Don and Sylvia Dotzert.

A special birthday wish extended to Tina Bell on her 102st birthday Sept. 4th. May your day be filled with joy and good health.

Hoping everyone had a wonderful summer.

Submitted by Linda Upcott

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott

From Your Nominating Committee

It is now the time of year that we are thinking of 2019 and selecting the new Board to be presented to you in February.

It will be an interesting year for Olinda working toward building our Church for the future with our new settled minister Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel.

We invite you to give some thought as to how you can serve your Church and offer to be on the new Board. Please let us hear from you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cathy Dewhurst, Jane Innerd & Carol Hylton

Summer Fun!



Olinda's Bocce Ball Booth at the Leamington Peace Party, 2017.
Hope you are able to attend this year's Party on Sept. 9 at 3—5 pm at the Seacliff Park!



Olinda Annual June Picnic at the Upcott Farm.