

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 November, 2018

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
Nov. 4	John Upcott	<i>Recalling the Past at Olinda: Early Ministers</i>	Toni Janik
Nov. 11	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	A Century in Conscience. Some anniversaries offer time for reflection. Other special days serve as calls for action. What happens in between? Between days a year apart; four years apart; one century apart?	Lorie Lyons
Nov. 18	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	Unpacking & Repacking. The baggage we sometimes carry can be so cluttered that it's unclear what's even in it – digging around a bit allows for deeper clarity before rearranging it all again.	The Village Quartet
Nov. 25	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	Retellings. Stories from different sources reflect truths in unexpected ways – and when we see them again with a different light, they can be particularly illuminating!	B&B Baylis
Dec. 2	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	Adventure. Expectation is one way to peek into the future... and to glimpse into our present.	Lorie Lyons



Poor Boys' Lunch
Wednesday, November 7, 2018
11 am — 2 pm; Games at 10 am
Menu: Wieners and beans
with a vegetarian option,
buns, coleslaw and dessert
Suggested donation: \$15
Put on by the Hyltons and Upcotts
Please sign up to attend!

Clergy Connection

Landmarks

November tends to invite time for reflection and the recognition of landmarks. Along with the anniversary of our church, we are also recognizing a century of remembrance in the tricky realms of war and peace. In Mexico, November also heralds a time to remember our dead, as well as to consider what it means to be alive.

As we make our lives in the county, Sarah and I are reaching many of the landmarks of settling into the community. For me, that includes a pass to Point Pelee and access to the athletic facilities on Sherk Street, where we find activities that promote healthy living.

Also among these landmarks is a **new landline** – with a local 519 area code – which will be available for you in the revised directory. I'm also spending time at local establishments, such as the Lakeside Café, where you can find me for **drop-in hours** on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. These are times when you can generally expect to find me regularly, but you can also set up appointments to talk with me, either in person or by phone. You can simply e-mail or phone me, and we'll look for a time that works!

Another landmark of being in community is the opportunity to vote in local elections. Sarah and I were able to do that in October – along with many of you. This is part of the democratic process, named in the **Unitarian Universalist 5th principle**. But the democratic process goes far beyond one day of voting, and includes other kinds of engagement, involvement, and getting informed on the issues that matter to us. A lot of democracy happens in between elections, and we'll have a chance to explore how the democratic process goes beyond the ballot.

One way I have been involved is by continuing to meet with Leamington Ministerial and I'm encouraged to see that we can share ministry in the wider community with fellow communities of faith. I see this group from different traditions share many of our common goals in the service of humanity, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together.

In pursuing the wisdom that different faith traditions have to offer, we may also begin to explore the meaning of different scriptures – and of other sources of inspiration in our lives. Following the viewing of a documentary on scriptural history and scholarship, I have heard interest in a small group series to go deeper in discussion and discovery.

I am pleased that **John Upcott** invites us to consider and celebrate our church's history on **November 4**. I'll be away that first week of November as I participate in the *Parliament of World Religions* in Toronto, after which I will also attend a seminar on *Church and Charity Law* in Mississauga. When I return, we will continue to explore the reflective aspects of this month together!

Warm regards,
--Rod

From The Board

A special THANK-YOU to John Haynes for his donation of three of his paintings. I made a special trip downstairs to view them and was amazed at the feeling I had and the exquisite wonderful colours that make up the trio of art. I believe John has outdone himself and we are very proud to have these hang in our church, John's talent is really on display.

I apologize for the lack of heat at the Oct.14th service. The small problem with the furnace has been corrected and hopefully the rest of the winter will be warm.

November is the start of the finance season with Nov. 4th being the first of a number of finance meetings. If you have some experience with finance or more important if you have some interest in seeing where your money goes, and how much it does cost to keep this church going, please attend this meeting, after church. The budget will be presented to the committee, and all will have a chance to ask questions and comment on it. I have always been amazed at how much it does take to keep this church on track even with all the work being done by volunteers. The annual letter of appeal will go out this month and please give it your consideration. It is one of the ways we have to explain what the church has done during the year and ask for your extra help. On Page 6 Helen presents the information from Children's Aid about the families we will support at Christmas. This is one program that we always support and was one of Gypsy's favorite and one that makes you feel great when you support it.

Please come and support the Poor Boys' Lunch at the church on Nov. 7th put on by Laurie and Carol Hylton and John and Linda Upcott. It is the first of the monthly fund raising lunches that will be held. The church will be open at 10 a.m. for cards or games and the lunch will start about 11 a.m. The lunch will consist of wieners and beans with a vegetarian option, coleslaw, buns and dessert.

Linda Thomson of the C.U.C. will be holding a leadership workshop at the church on Nov. 24th from 9 am to 3 pm.

See You In Church.

John Upcott

President

Important Dates

Nov. 4	Noon	Finance Comm. Meeting
Nov. 7	11 - 2	Poor Boys' Lunch Games at 10 am
Nov. 8	7 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Nov. 11	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 14	10 am	Membership Comm. Meeting
Nov. 18	9:30 am	Sunday Services Meeting
Nov. 18		Copies of Budget Available
Nov. 18	Noon	Social Resp. Comm. Meeting
Nov. 20		December News Reports due
Nov. 24	9 am to 3 pm	Leadership Workshop led by CUC's Rev. Linda Thomson
Nov. 25	9 am	Small Ministry Meet-Up
Nov. 25	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 2	Noon	Congregational Meeting, on Budget
Dec. 9	Noon	Holiday Potluck

Small Ministry Meet-Up & Book-Talk



Small Ministry Meet-up

- UUCO Monthly Book-Talk
- Reflection Topic Jar
- Lay Led Service Creation
- For Arts Sake
- A Social Action Activity And More.

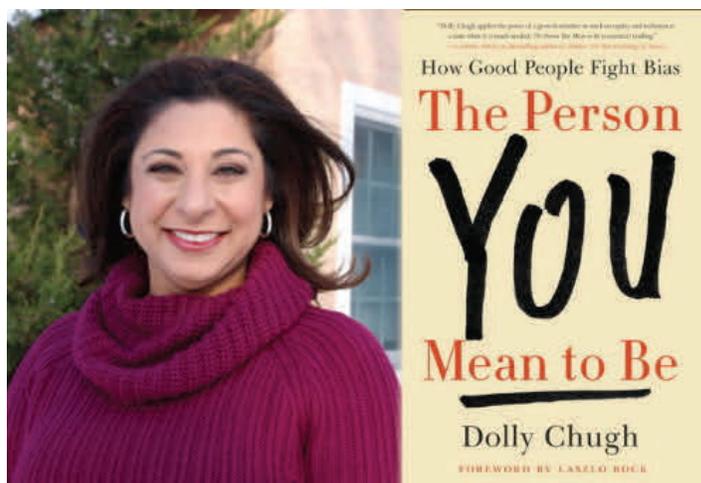
Meets before church the last Sunday of the Month @ 9:00 a.m. at UU Olinda No Meeting Dec., Jul. & Aug.

November 25, 2018 at 9 am

The Person You Mean to Be

by Dolly Chugh (320 pp, Harper Business, available September 2018). Nonfiction. An inspiring guide from Dolly Chugh, an award-winning social psychologist at the New York University Stern School of Business, on how to confront difficult issues includ-

ing sexism, racism, inequality, and injustice so that you can make the world (and yourself) better. Many of us believe in equality, diversity, and inclusion. But how do we stand up for those values in our turbulent world? *The Person You Mean to Be* is the smart, “semi-bold” person’s guide to fighting for what you believe in. Chugh reveals the surprising causes of inequality, grounded in the “psychology of good people”. Using her research findings in unconscious bias as well as work across psychology, sociology, economics, political science, and other disciplines, she offers practical tools to respectfully and effectively talk politics with family, to be a better colleague to people who don’t look like you, and to avoid being a well-intentioned barrier to equality. Being the person we mean to be starts with a look at ourselves. Whether you are a long-time activist or new to the fight, you can start from where you are. Through the compelling stories Chugh shares and the surprising science she reports, she guides each of us closer to being the person we mean to be.



Caring Committee Report

You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you. Giving to someone is the key.

John and I had a visit with John and Sharon van Abbema last week in Fredericton. We enjoyed the fall colours of the leaves, as they glisten in the sunlight. John V. has had a soft tissue injury, but is recovering nicely.

Trudy Ware has reported that her mother Evelyn Dresser has had a minor fall at home, and is recovering nicely. Leona Crowder's husband Dan is expected to go to Toronto Hospital for some heart issues, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Special hello to Marion Thompson and Walter Sinclair at Erie Glen and Tina Bell at Sun Parlour home. Jim Reid would appreciate a visit, but please call first. I understand Laurie Stone is providing extra assistance for Emil and Eunice Buhne. From all reports Don and Sylvia Dotzert are doing well at their home in Windsor.

Submitted by Linda Upcott

Membership Committee Report

The latest Olinda Church Directory will be available at the church starting this Sunday, October 28. The files comprising the Directory are attached to the email announcing this newsletter. Anyone wanting to access the Directory on the website should go to www.uuolinda.org, the Members Only section. The password is available at the church.

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott

Financial Report

It is that time of year when we look at our Church life and see what we have accomplished and what we hope for in the next fiscal year. By now, all committee chairs have given their proposed budget needs (with a great deal of work by our loyal Treasurer) and on November 4, the Finance Committee will be looking to propose a budget prior to the board approving/amending it November 8 , 2018.

The annual pledge letter will be arriving shortly and we hope all will consider their donations to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda. Last November, the congregation approved a deficit budget of approximately \$28,300. It would be wonderful, if like last year, we were able to end the year in the black! Each committee has worked their magic to lower costs while still sprucing up our Church for the arrival of our settled Minister, Reverend Rod Solano-Quesnel. December 2, 2018 will be the congregational meeting to vote on the proposed budget. I hope all will be interested in attending.

November 7th we will be starting up our midweek luncheons at the church. Carol & Laurie Hylton are teaming up with Linda & John Upcott for a Poor Boys' Luncheon. Come one, come all to a fun day of fellowship and great food!

Blessings
Elaine Stevenson

Christmas Families

Children's Aid has submitted requests for Christmas gifts for three young families. One single mother has a one month old daughter, another single mother has two children, a son two years old and a daughter six months. The third single mother has an eight year old daughter and a six year old son. John and Linda Upcott have generously agreed to shop for the families.

If you wish to contribute to gifts for these families, please make a donation with a cheque payable to Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda with Christmas Family or CAS in the memo line and/or envelope or contribute cash. You will be credited for income tax purposes with your other donations to the church.

Thank you.
Helen Moore, Treasurer

Social Responsibility Committee Report

Thank you, Ben Bernath, for suggesting *Caesar's Messiah*, our first Sunday Movie of the fall. Those who attended found it very interesting, and a good discussion, led by Rev. Rod, followed.

Ray Stone has been looking for possible future films and has come up with the following list:

<i>Still I Rise</i>	Maya Angelou	1 hour 53 minutes
<i>Jane</i>	Jane Goodall	1 hour 30 minutes
<i>Come Sunday</i>	Evangelical converted to Universalism	1 hour 45 minutes
<i>American Experience</i>	Rachel Carson	1 hour 53 minutes
<i>An Inconvenient Sequel</i>		1 hour 30 minutes
<i>Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill</i>		1 hour 23 minutes

If any of these films particularly appeals to you, let Ray or another committee member know.

Submitted by Bobbye Baylis
Secretary, Social Responsibility Committee

Congregational Budget Meeting

Vote on the 2019 Budget
And 2018 Nominating Committee
December 2, 2018
Immediately after the Service
(with time to grab a cup of tea)

Update From Property

Just a note about the furnaces in case you happen to be setting the thermostat to warm up the area. If the furnace does not start, there is now a note by each thermostat to tell you what to do.

Laurie Hylton

UUCO UU-UNO Blue Ribbon Collection

Our collection for our Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office is still in process. Please contact Karen Miller about contributing to this important UU effort.

Any donation of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt from the CUC. All cheques in Canadian dollars should be written to the CUC with the memo reading "donation to UU-UNO."

Thank you,
Karen Andersen Miller,
UU-UNO Envoy.



On Sunday, September 30th, we joined other CUC congregations in wearing an orange shirt to walk with and show our support for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous reconciliation, to acknowledge the Indian Residential School experience and to affirm that Every Child Matters.