

# 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 April, 2019

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
April 7	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>The Right Word</i> - <b>speech is one of our main tools for connection, and free speech holds a special place in our encounters -but what does free and responsible speech call us to speak?</b>	Baylis-Stone Trio
April 14	Rev. Debra Faulk	<i>A Chalice With Your Flame on It (Installation of Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel )</i> - <b>a celebration of shared ministry in our church, with special guests.</b>	Lorie Lyons
April 21	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>Awake and Aware (Easter)</i> - <b>illumination and enlightenment can come from closer places than we might think, and a practice of renewal can make them much clearer.</b>	Toni Janik
April 28	Bill Baylis	<i>Science and Serendipity</i> - <b>our understanding of the world advances by careful experiments, keen observation, and objective analysis, but it doesn't always progress the way we planned.</b>	Lorie Lyons
May 5	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>True and Truer</i> - <b>Cinco de Mayo is often thought of as a Mexican holiday... and that's mostly true. But the fuller story is far more interesting, speaking to larger truths - and other things can be like that too!</b>	Baylis-Stone Trio



On Sunday, April 14, at 10:30, Olinda will celebrate the Installation of Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel as our minister. The speaker will be Rev. Debra Faulk, minister of the Unitarian Church of Calgary, the Service Leader will be Jane Innerd, and Rev. Linda Thomson, Rev. Stephen Atkinson, and Rev. Kathy Sage will all be participating. After the service, there will be sandwiches and other goodies to celebrate the occasion. Please join us and help make this a truly memorable event!

## Clergy Connection

It is now officially spring and the growing light brings additional brightness to our days and our lives! Shortly after the spring equinox I had the opportunity to drive down to Chatham – I had to take highway 2 on the way there, but I was able to take the 401 on my way back, as I passed the G2 license exam, which will help me be even more accessible to you, and let Sarah take a break from chaperoning me on the road.

Celebration has been a great part of this month, beginning with the Mardi Gras-themed dinner at Karen and Stuart Miller's home for a "**Fat Saturday**" on **March 2**. It was good to see so many of you there!

The past few weeks have also involved a lot of music! Sarah and I thoroughly enjoyed attending the **Big Sing** on **March 9 and 10** at First UU in Ann Arbor. Working with music director Glenn Thomas Rideout was extremely inspiring, and I still find myself hearing many of the tunes we learned there. I also saw a few of you at the **Concert for Hope** to celebrate women composers and performers during International Women's Day on **March 8**. Thanks to Laurie Stone and Sue Markham for letting me know about it.

I was pleased to join a delegation from **Leamington Ministerial** in meeting Leamington Mayor Hilda MacDonald on **March 4**, to discuss homelessness and affordable housing. We have another meeting set for **April 30** – and while I'll be at the national ministers' gathering in Calgary that day, a representative from our Social Responsibility Committee plans to make our presence known.

Many of my local colleagues were also at a circle of peace on March 22, to support safe prayer for Muslim worshippers, at St. John's Anglican Church, which hosts many local Muslims. I also saw some of you at a vigil at the University of Windsor on **March 19**. Thanks to Bill Baylis for letting me know about this.

The **Lasagna Lunch** and fundraiser on **March 20** helped us celebrate spring with another pleasant gathering with good food and good people. Toni Janik, Elaine Stevenson and Linda and John Upcott have been doing very good work in organizing these luncheons.

The Social Responsibility Committee worked hard in hosting our **International Dinner** on **March 24**, particularly Mariette Preyde and a number of helpful volunteers. This was a great welcoming to our guests, Brandon Bailey, Tammy Drew, and Rachel Foote, from the Windsor Overdose Prevention Society, who shared their experience in affirming the dignity of people who are touched by the Opioid Crisis. Our dinner raised more than enough proceeds to fund the charity registration process that Windsor OPS is taking on.

I look forward to seeing many of you during our **Installation Service** on **April 14**, when we celebrate our shared ministry!

Warm regards,  
--Rev. Rod

## From The Board

April will be a busy time at the U.U. Church of Olinda with the main celebration being the Installation of Rev. Rod into the pulpit of the U.U. Church of Olinda. Planning is well underway for this big , important, event. Thank-You to Carol Hylton who scoured the archives to find information on installations held before. She found info on the installation of Christine Hillman, Ann Treadwell, Conrad Dippel, Martha Munson, and others. It is so important to keep these records in the archives and just as important to be able to find them. April 14<sup>th</sup> is the time that is important to have a large support for Rev. Rod in the pews. Many ministers along with other dignitaries will be attending and a good time will be had by all, so please keep that day open and plan to attend. It would be nice to have the yard clean-up done and the ruts in the north yard leveled off but of course that depends on the weather between now and then.

We have two people who have signed the members register and will be joining the congregation. Tina Van Hinte and Susan Vary, who have both become very active in the church activities, have agreed to join and we are very pleased. They are both wonderful people and I know they will become important to the church and congregation

The board is always pleased to have anyone from the congregation attend a board meeting. It was great to have Steve Brennan and Carol Hylton at the meeting even if Carol was there mainly to work on the archives. I want to remind the congregation that you are all welcome at any time and you have the ability to speak on any topic the board is discussing. Of course you will not be able to vote but the board wants to hear what you think.

We are all waiting for spring to arrive and the promise of warm weather.

John Upcott, President

## Social Responsibility Committee

Thanks to hard work by Rev. Rod and Mariette Preyde, (and other committee members) we had a very successful International Dinner Sunday on March 24. Rev. Rod's sermon, *People Like Us*, was the perfect introduction to the Workshop that took place after the dinner. Brandon Bailey and his colleagues, Rachel Foote and Tammy Drew gave a truly meaningful presentation on the opioide crisis and showed us how (and when) to use the Naloxone kits. Most important first step when presented with a person experiencing a possible crisis: Call 911!

The 24 of us who attended the workshop came away with a new understanding that the worst part of the addiction crisis is the tendency to reject the addicts, who more than anything else need to be heard, understood, accepted as fellow human beings. As Rev. Rod said, they are people like us.

Brandon and his team were very appreciative of the \$415 donated at the meal. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Bobbie Baylis

Secretary of the Social Responsibility Committee

## Important Dates

**Apr. 7      Noon**  
Sunday Services Meeting

**Apr. 11     7 pm**  
Board of Trustees Meeting

**Apr. 14     9:30 am**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Apr. 14     Noon**  
Installation

**Apr. 22**  
April Newsletter Reports due

**Apr. 27     1:30 pm**  
Annual aUUction  
Preceded by 11:30 Luncheon

**Apr. 28     9:30 am**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Apr. 28     Noon**  
Social Responsibility Meeting

## Finance Committee Report

As always, the 2019 Goods and Services aUUction will feature many wonderful treats for your consideration. A short summary:

**Ever Popular Food Items:**

Soups, pickles, beets, cabbage rolls, breads  
Granola, Mexican vanilla, tortieres  
Jams, pies, baked-goods basket

**For Memorable Imbibing:**

Wines (including homemade) and wine glasses

**For Fun:**

Tim Horton's Package and other gift certificates (including Mini-golf)

**Kitchen & serving items:**

Fridge towels, glass tray, kitchen decorations

**For your adornment:**

Purses, watches, tote bag

**For your house:**

Paintings, flowers, nature globe, towels, wash cloths, picture frame

**Plus sign-up sheets for tasty events! It's all about the food!**

Bobbye Baylis, Finance Trustee



**Please join us for the  
Annual Goods and Services aUUction  
Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 1:30 pm**

**Chili Luncheon available at 11:30 noon  
plus homemade dessert after the aUUction  
All for a suggested donation of \$15.00.  
Limited seating. Be sure to sign up.**

## Caring Committee Report

Our spring has come at last, with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers.

On March 09<sup>th</sup> Buster and Carabel Ringrose celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and announced it in church, congratulations to you both. It was a great joy to see Evelyn Fisher in church, many thanks to Ray and Laurie Stone for their kindness in bringing her. It was reported that Eunice Buhne was released from hospital and is recovering at home, wishing her and Emil all the best. Jim Reid enjoys the many visitors while he is in hospice. Leona Crowder reported she had a wonderful visit with Tina Bell at Sunparlor Home , and Marion Thompson at Erie Glen. Good to see Walter Sinclair in church every Sunday. Sending a cheery hello to Don and Sylvia Dotzert and hoping all is well.

Easter is upon us, and is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life. Wishing all a Happy and Healthy Easter Holiday with family and friends.

Caution "Don't get fooled on April Fools Day." See you in church!

Submitted by Linda Upcott

## Property Report

### SPRING IS HERE

This is a reminder that we need to do some spring clean up around the Church property. If you are willing and able, please let me know if you can offer your services. I notice there is a lot of gravel in the grass that we can try to rake back onto the parking lot, not an easy chore.

Please let me know if you will be available. I will be away until after April 8<sup>th</sup> so you can let me know then. We will figure out according to your availability and the weather the timing of our clean up.

We had a certified representative service the main floor kitchen stove as the pilot light kept going out. Hopefully this stove will last us for a long time as this size of stove is unavailable. It was purchased in 1996.

Laurie Hylton, Property

### Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott



## Hummingbird Cake?

When asked to write about a piece for our church newsletter about a dinner for 10 my husband Stuart and I held in celebration of Mardi Gras I was initially hesitant. Finally, I decided I would put pen to paper to share my reflections, hoping to encourage others to host dinners in their homes and celebrate more often with church friends.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we held a 'Fat Saturday' dinner for 10 at our home in Leamington, Ontario. Why 'Fat Saturday,' well who really wants to party on a Tuesday and repent on a Wednesday? At least by celebrating Mardi Gras on 'Fat Saturday' you have a bit more time to kick back and enjoy the celebration. Plus what could be better than a church potluck reinvented as a classic dinner party for 10, but with everyone assisting in bringing Creole or southern theme food, wearing masks, beads, listening to zydeco and embracing the expression "laissez les bon temps rouler" (pronounced "Lay-say le bon tom roo-lay") meaning "**let the good times roll.**"

Mardi Gras is a holiday steeped in both Canadian and American history. It was on March 2, 1699, that the French-Canadian explorer Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Sieur de Bienville arrived at a plot of ground 60 miles directly south of New Orleans, and named it "**Pointe du Mardi Gras**" when his men realized it was the eve of the festive holiday. Bienville also established "Fort Louis de la Louisiane" (which is now Mobile) in 1702. In 1703, the tiny settlement of Fort Louis de la Mobile celebrated America's very first Mardi Gras. Since I am both Canadian and American I loved this historic tapestry of facts and thought I'd create an opportunity to celebrate.

I made a huge batch of New Orleans gumbo filled with shrimp, chicken, sausage, and okra, while others brought a variety of delicious Cajun or Southern dishes. We started the evening with a bourbon whiskey toast and finished with hummingbird cake. Traditionally, king cake is served, but that had already been shared at church during Epiphany where I got the baby in my piece of cake. Biting down on



that plastic baby Jesus entitles you to host a Mardi Gras celebration. Since we had already had king cake I decided that we'd finish off our meal with hummingbird cake. Why hummingbird cake? Well, I love symbolism and I feel that cooking is an up-lifting and creative task. The hummingbird is considered a symbol of joy and what's better than sharing joy with others in the middle of winter. Plus, this event gave me the perfect opportunity to make one of *Southern Living* magazine's top 25 cake recipes, Hummingbird Cake.

~ Karen Andersen Miller

<https://www.southernliving.com/recipes/hummingbird-cake-recipe>

## Membership Committee Report

There is good news to share that is timely with the arrival of spring surprisingly breathing new life into our church. I am very pleased to announce that Susan Vary and Tina Van Hinte have both requested to join our church as members which brings our total membership to 59. Rev. Rod will be holding a membership welcoming ceremony soon to formally acknowledge their new membership status.

If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a member, please direct them to Rev. Rod or someone on the membership committee. There is a supply of yellow membership request forms in a holder on the library table which can be filled out and left in my membership mail slot. The form includes the criteria for membership on the front and on the back is the place where the person signs.

The lasagne fundraising luncheon on March 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by John and Linda Upcott with Toni Janik also making a vegetarian lasagne was a huge success raising \$435.00. These luncheons are very well attended so with the number of attendees being quite consistent it shows they are a popular event for fellowship and delicious food. We should see a return of the fundraising luncheons in the fall since there are other fundraising events being held in April and May and the church picnic coming in June.

It was a full house in the church on March 24<sup>th</sup> for the Sunday service and Opioid Crisis Workshop. It was likely a combination of factors that attracted so many that Sunday including the service topic, the dinner and the workshop afterwards. I missed seeing the local newspapers but the South-point Sun was supposed to have included a special notice about this service and the Opioid Crisis Workshop under the Community Events listing. There should have been a small word ad in the Kingsville Reporter about this event so maybe some people from the congregation saw it. The Essex Free Press also was supposed to mention it in their community events. There was not enough time to place a large ad in the papers so we hope people did take notice. It was a very important topic that the Social Responsibility Committee had addressed so we must thank them for their foresight in bringing this to our attention.

The membership committee is working on preparing an updated UU Church of Olinda pamphlet based on a design that was used over 10 years ago. Thanks to Bobbye's and Toni's computer skills they are able to prepare this for us and our goal is to have it available for display for the April 14<sup>th</sup> installation service. This is an inexpensive way to advertise since it can be printed at the church. I plan on distributing some to various facilities that will allow this type of advertising, such as at our local tourist buildings. If you know of a place where it would be suitable to have displayed, please let me know.

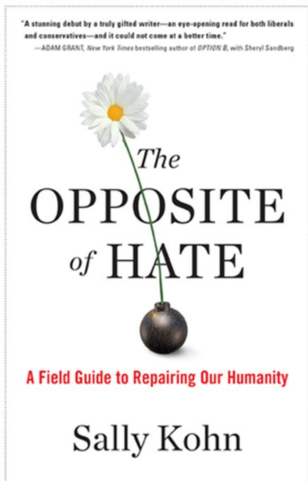
The April 14<sup>th</sup> installation service is coming soon and Rev. Rod, John Upcott and Susan Vary are on a committee to prepare for this celebration. As trustee for the membership committee, I have suggested it would be nice to have extra flowers for the front of the church to commemorate this event. **To avoid anyone else from bringing flowers and perhaps not having a proper place for them, this is to advise people that I will purchase the flowers on behalf of the church members and friends to honour Rev. Rod as our new minister.** We hope you are all able to come to share in the joy of this special occasion.

*Committee members: Bobbye Baylis, Helen Moore, Toni Janik and ex-officio member Rev. Rod*

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorie Lyons, *Trustee Membership/Publicity*

## Olinda Reads Recommendation

### [The Opposite of Hate](#)



by Sally Kohn (272 pp, Algonquin Books, 2018) Nonfiction.

What is the opposite of hate? As a progressive commentator on Fox News and now CNN, Sally Kohn has made a career out of bridging intractable political differences and learning how to talk respectfully with people whose views she disagrees with passionately. Her viral TED Talk on the need to practice emotional—rather than political—correctness sparked a new way of considering how often we amplify our differences and diminish our connections. But these days even famously “nice” Kohn finds herself wanting to breathe fire at her enemies. It was time, she decided, to look into the epidemic of hate all around us and learn how we can stop it. In

*The Opposite of Hate*, Kohn talks to leading scientists and researchers and investigates the evolutionary and cultural roots of hate and how incivility can be a gateway to much worse. She travels to Rwanda, the Middle East, and across the United States, introducing us to former terrorists and white supremacists, and even some of her own Twitter trolls, drawing surprising lessons from dramatic and inspiring stories of those who left hate behind.

### Save the Date

#### **The Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council**

will take place **Saturday May 11th, 2019, from 1 – 4:30 pm**  
at the Atrium at the Centre for Social Innovation  
192 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M5T 2C2.

**No charge to attend, either in person or online.**

**See the CUC Website ([cuc.ca](http://cuc.ca)) for details.**

**Click on Events tab for the 2019 Annual General Meeting**  
Plan to sign in 30 minutes ahead of time to check sound and  
video systems.



# **Lifespan Religious Education Report**

## **Learning and Growing Together**

The UU Church of Olinda has a long and dedicated history that covers all aspects of our faith and social justice principles. Lifespan Learning focusing on children and youth is no exception and what we are aware of is the need to adapt with changes in communities both internationally and locally. That requires an ongoing review of the curriculum that some of us as educators have had access to. It may mean that we discover and perhaps rediscover creative resources that reflect our UU Principles. This year, as a committee, we have agreed to head in a new direction that is a bit free flowing but loosely reinforces the main ideas presented each week in Rev. Rod's sermons. We are fortunate enough to have a number of congregants who are willing to take this approach, but it also requires the lead educator spend time in preparation for their assigned Sundays. I admit this can be no small feat and it can be disappointing when we have no children, but Sarah Wert, Stuart Miller, Laurie Stone and I believe in the value of this approach.

Additionally, we are trying to find resources that have more Canadian content , so with this in mind, I have joined Canadian Unitarian Universalist Religious Educators which offers connection to other religious educator colleagues and provides access to Canadian curriculum and resource materials that CUURE develops and collects. Connections are made in online check-in or in-person meetings.

I have made an initial visit to the chat room and have not found it an immediate help, but like everything, this is a learning curve and I will have to find the best navigation to get maximum results.

Lifespan learning is intergenerational and upon having a conversation with Stuart today, it was suggested that we ask many if not all our Olinda congregation to apply and attain a Vulnerable Sector Clearance so that perhaps any one of us will take the opportunity to be an assistant to the leader of a class on any given Sunday. There is no pressure but it is a proactive measure in preparation for any number of differing occasions when such clearance is recommended. As it happens we have an updated form, including our new minister's name, which is required when going to the local police to start the process.

We are nearing the end to the church year but we have much to plan for and much to be excited about while looking forward to next year!

In faith and justice,

Sue Markham,

Trustee, Lifespan Religious Education



*And Spring arose on the garden fair,  
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;  
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast  
rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.*

(Percy Bysshe Shelley)