

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 March, 2019

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
Mar 3	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>Gender Mending</i> Seeing what it's like in someone else's shoes gives a glimpse of a different experience of life.	Toni Janik
Mar. 10	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>Successful Failures</i> Some of the most exciting accomplishments can come from a new understanding of our goals.	Lorie Lyons
Mar 17	Bobbye Baylis	<i>The Periodic Table: a study in one of the ways science progresses.</i>	Village Quartet & Bill Baylis
Mar 24	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>People Like Us</i> Some lives may look different from our own, but wherever we may find ourselves in our different journeys, one truth remains the same... Other folks are people like us.	Lorie Lyons
March 31	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>Soft Force</i> Embracing the imperfect and pausing for reflection can sometimes be perplexingly more powerful than active fixes – but how?	Toni Janik



Lasagna Lunch

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

11 am — 1:30 pm; Games at 10 am

Menu: Traditional Meat Lasagna and Vegetarian Lasagna and salad, buns and dessert

Suggested donation: \$15

Hosted by Linda and John Upcott

Please sign up to attend!

Clergy Connection

Last month, I mentioned that Sarah and I would connect with other Unitarian Universalists at the **Midwinter Retreat** which was February 1-3. It was a very fun experience with a well-balanced mix of workshops and social opportunities, as well as neat options for outdoor activities and shared meals with our extended family of faith. Sarah even sang alongside me while I played the ukulele at their open mic!

It's always a pleasure to connect with you while sharing a meal provided by Toni Janik, Elaine Stevenson, and our Hospitality Team at our **Soup Luncheon** Fundraisers. I also like how I get to meet some new faces, and our gathering on February 20 was no exception.

In our extended neighbourhood, I learned more about how we can be more welcoming to international workers at the third **Kingsville Leamington Community Engagement** gathering on February 21. I appreciate the heads-up from Ann Robertson Seigel!

I was heartened by the success of the **Coldest Night of the Year** walk on February 23, to support the hungry, the homeless, and the hurting – thanks to Karen Miller for organizing our marchers and to all our contributors! We surpassed our group goal of \$300, and the Downtown Mission surpassed its goal of \$50,000. I look forward to making an even larger showing – and a greater impact – next year.

I also enjoy visiting those of you who cannot make it to Sunday Services regularly, be it at Erie Glen and Sun Parlour Homes, at the Hospice, or those of you who live in Windsor. The Caring Committee also has this opportunity – and you can be part of it as well. I was also glad to see so many of you celebrating **Walter Sinclair** during his birthday at Erie Glen Home.

This birthday party came right after an exciting service where we got to hear the message from **Teajai Travis** on February 24 and share some beats on the drum with him. I also got to hear music **Celebrating Black Composers** later that evening at the Capitol Theatre, which Laurie Stone told us about, and I hear that some of you also got to hear it the next day. Even though February is over, it can also be the beginning of a practice for making time to learn more about Black History – which, as Teajai noted, is also part of our shared history.

And don't forget that, at our **International Dinner** on **March 24**, we'll have a chance to learn about the people affected by the opioid crisis all around the world. This includes people from all walks of life – people like us.

I look forward to the **Big Sing** on **March 9 and 10** at First UU in Ann Arbor – and to continue singing with you on Sunday mornings!

Warm regards,
--Rev. Rod

From The Board

Sunday Feb. 24th was the Olinda Annual meeting. There was an excellent turnout and I thank all who stayed and took part. It is very encouraging to chair a meeting where everyone is there to work together to make it a successful meeting.

I do not like to criticize other religions or the people who support them but two religious communities are holding meetings at this time. The Roman Catholics are meeting to discuss the child abuse by priests that has been going on for years. It seems that it is only coming to light because of public pressure after the airing of the movie Spotlight. The abuse is horrible but the cover-up has been just as bad and the children that were abused have had to live with the guilt and memories of their experiences all their lives. I sincerely hope that the good people in the Catholic Church who are angered by these events will find a way to hold the people who did this accountable. Believing in a supreme being to correct the problem or covering it up is not the solution, and simply praying to a so called higher power will not fix it either.

The Methodist faith is also meeting to discuss the role of the LGBTQ and other communities in the church. The time should be long past when we cannot live in peace with love and respect for all people.

I am not a religious or spiritual person but I like our church and more importantly I like the people in it.

I know you will be receiving this in the newsletter on Mar. 3rd but if you could find time to meet with others to plan the AUUction after church today it would be great.

There will be a Lasagna Lunch on Wed. March 20th and you can find more about it in the newsletter.

P.S. The first report I wrote was much better but when I went to save it, somehow it disappeared.

John Upcott

President

Important Dates

Mar. 3 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

Mar. 3 Noon
aUUction Comm. Meeting

Mar. 6 10 am
Membership Meeting

Mar. 9
Big Sing Rehearsal, Ann Arbor

Mar. 10
Rehearsal, Concert, Ann Arbor

Mar. 14 7 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting

Mar. 17 Noon
Sunday Services Meeting

Mar. 20 11 am
Lasagna Lunch Fundraiser

Mar. 24 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

Mar. 24 Noon
International Dinner
Naloxone Workshop

Mar. 26
April Newsletter Reports due

Apr. 7 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

Finance Committee Report

First, I want to thank Elaine Stevenson for taking on all of the duties of Finance Trustee for the past year. She did a wonderful job and, I hope, will continue to support the Committee with her wide experience gleaned from holding such positions in other organizations. Especially important will be her input in improving our financial procedures now that we are Incorporated.

Further, I hope we can continue to look forward to her assistance in organizing fundraisers such as the soup luncheons. See below for the results of the latest Soup Luncheon. We look forward to next month's Lasagna Lunch, hosted by the Upcotts.

It is time to gear up for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the **aUUction**, which is planned for Saturday, April 27, in the afternoon. Please consider attending the aUUction Meeting after church on Sunday, March 3, to help organize the details. Already the following items are reported to be on offer: Mexican Vanilla, Wine, Soups, Baked Goods, Pies, Jams, Pickles, Art Works....

See you there,
Bobbye Baylis, Finance Trustee

Luncheons at UU Olinda



Our February 20, 2019 Soup Luncheon was a success with 20 people enjoying the delicious soups and desserts by Toni Janik & Elaine Stevenson. \$370 was raised towards this year's aUUction.

There will be another opportunity for dining and fellowship on Wednesday March 20 hosted by the Upcotts with a 10 a.m. start for those who wish to play scrabble or cards. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. followed by conversation, visiting with Rev. Rod or more games.

Suggested donation is \$15 per person.

The Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Coffee Hour Room.

Caring Committee Report

A best friend is like a four leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have. Whether you celebrate by watching parades, consuming green-coloured goodies or enjoying greenery in nature the Caring Committee wishes the congregation a fabulous St. Patrick's Day.

Jim Reid is adjusting well in Hospice, and welcomes visitors. Eunice Buhne is slowly recovering from her hip surgery, also Evelyn Fisher is progressing well.

A cheery hello to Don and Sylvia Dotzert, wishing them well. Had a wonderful visit with Tina Bell at Sun Parlour Home and Marion Thompson at Erie Glen. It was nice to see so many of our congregants help Walter Sinclair celebrate his 86th birthday at his open house.

The cold weather has kept many away from church service but on March 10th we Spring ahead and that is a good sign of warmer weather to come. Stay well and see you all in church.

Submitted by Linda Upcott

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott



International Dinner

Hosted by Social Responsibility Committee
Noon, March 24, 2019
Favourite Dishes (maybe International)
Donations to Program for Overdose Prevention

Followed by Naloxone Clinic. Learn about Opioid Crisis and overdose prevention techniques.

Social Responsibility Report

The Social Responsibility Committee has been very busy lately, organizing the International Dinner and Naloxone Clinic and also working on the logistics of showing the film *Come Sunday* after church someday soon.

The International Dinner (luncheon) will be after church on March 24, with donations going to Brandon Bailey's group whose members are active in preventing opioid overdoses. The dishes will be prepared by committee members and may (or may not) have an international flare. Basically whatever the committee members like to make for pot-lucks! After the luncheon, there will be a Naloxone Clinic presented by Brandon Bailey. It will give us all an opportunity to learn about the opioid crisis and preventative measures.

We want to thank Rev. Rod for his diligent research in developing an Honour Statement for our church. His conversations with the local Caldwell Band will assure that our Honour Statement has relevance to our locality and speaks to future actions rather than just being words. After all, Mike Fox put up travelling band members overnight; he did not just talk about respecting them.

In keeping with themes from recent years (supporting Syrian and other refugees, migrant workers, Downtown Mission, House of Sophrosyne), we now are on record as supporters of those who supply shelter, food, and other necessities to those in need. Thanks to Karen and Stuart Miller and Rev. Rod and Sarah, our UU Olinda Marchers were part of the Coldest Night of the Year March. See Rev. Rod's Clergy Connections Report on page 2 for details.

Bobbye Baylis, Secretary of the SRC



Stuart & Karen Miller and Rev. Rod & Sarah, UU Olinda Marchers at the Coldest Night of the Year Walk, were among 300 people raising \$50,000 for supporters of the homeless.

Membership Committee Report

First of all I would like to thank Elaine and Toni for another very successful soup luncheon. Toni confirmed that 20 people attended this event including a few guests. They raised \$370.00 from this luncheon and the proceeds will go to the Auction Fund.

John & Linda Upcott have generously offered to hold another Lasagna luncheon at the church on March 20th. The meal is from 11 -1:30 with further details given on the sign-up sheet which is posted on the coffee room bulletin board.

The much advertised Mardi-Gras themed Dinner for 8+ was held on March 2nd. It was hosted by Karen and Stuart Miller in their home by the lake. A delightful time was had by all!

At this time I would like to apologize for mistakenly omitting the Property Committee in the Annual Report as some of the many committees we have in this church to help keep the church functioning when I was briefly giving a look at what keeps our church running with so few people. We value the work that everyone does and realize it takes many building blocks to create a church and keep it strong.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Lyons
Trustee Membership/Publicity

Property Committee Report

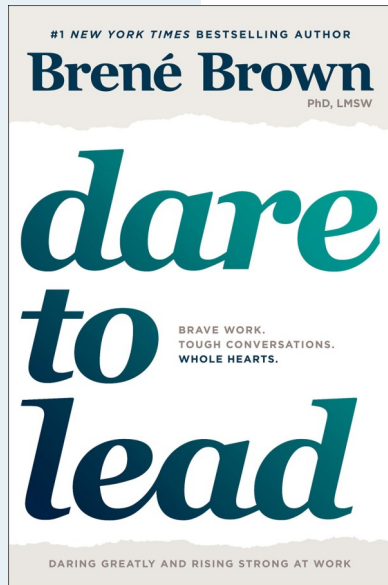
I want to thank Doug Whaley for taking care of the snow removal.

The back two middle pews need to be refinished due to water damage long ago. I learned about it in late November and I am waiting for warm weather to take care of it.

If anyone notices something around the Church property that requires attention, please let me know, and I thank you.

Laurie Hylton,
Property Trustee

Olinda Reads Recommendation



[Dare To Lead](#)

by Brené Brown

Penguinrandomhouse, 2018, Non-fiction

In her #1 NYT bestsellers, Brené Brown taught us what it means to dare greatly, rise strong and brave the wilderness. Now, based on new research conducted with leaders, change makers and culture shifters, she's showing us how to put those ideas into practice so we can step up and lead.

Leadership is not about titles, status and power over people. Leaders are people who hold themselves accountable for recognizing the potential in people and ideas and developing that potential. This is a book for everyone who is ready to choose courage over comfort, make a difference and lead.

