

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, 2019

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
May 5	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>True and Truer</i> - 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!	Bill & Bobbye Baylis
May 12	Ben Bernath	<i>Shakespeare's Dark Lady</i> - Shakespeare's works are widely admired & performed, but they raise many questions, such as who is the Dark Lady described in sonnets 127-154, and what influence might she have had on Shakespeare's works?	Bill & Bobbye Baylis
May 19	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>Answers & Questions</i> - It is said that the philosopher Socrates would follow up answers with more questions, and he used it as a method toward attaining, or recognizing, wisdom. But is there a limit to the questions we can ask? And how far can they really get us?	Lorie Lyons
May 26	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>Trust & Trepidation</i> - The apparent rivalry between faith and doubt can obscure some deeper questions - such as: How can we feel confident about something? And where is the place for healthy skepticism?	Toni Janik
June 2	Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel	<i>A Flower With Your Name on It</i> - When Norbert Čapek first offered a Flower Celebration in what is today Czechia, he wanted a ritual in which everyone would feel included - and the practice of radical inclusion can begin with a flower freely given and freely received.	Baylis-Stone Trio



Barbecue and Bakeless Bake Sale

Saturday May 18, 2019

11 am to 2 pm

At the UU Church of Olinda

Hamburgers, Hotdogs,

Baked Beans—both Bacon Loaded and Vegetarian
and Dessert

Come one, come all and bring your family & friends

Clergy Connection

It was at the aUUction last year when I first met many of you while candidating, so taking part in this year's fundraiser on April 27 brought up much anticipation and a sense that we've completed our first cycle in our shared ministry.

And we were witnesses to this at the **Installation Ceremony** on **April 14**, when we formally celebrated what we have already been practicing since August. We also spoke some of our commitments and expectations for each other during the Act of Installation. I was very moved and pleased with everyone's participation! As often happens, I am unable to name and thank everyone here... but I am grateful!

Putting together the Installation Ceremony was its own witness of our shared ministry. A small task force with John Upcott and Susan Vary helped me coordinate the many parts that needed consideration in the service. Jane Innerd led the service, and shared the pulpit with our guest preacher, Rev. Debra Faulk, who has been mentoring me over the past few years. As I speak with many of you, I see that the Charge to the Congregation, which was shared by Rev. Kathy Sage and Rev. Dr. Stephen Atkinson, is resonating with you. And I paid close attention to the Charge to the Minister that Rev. Linda Thomson spoke to me.

I was very pleased with the warm welcome you all offered to my family and Sarah's, especially during the reception hosted by the Hospitality Team, led by Mariette Preyde. The Choir and Karen Miller's flute reminded us of the meaning of Covenant through music. And, in addition to her accompaniment, Lorie Lyons also arranged for the flowers that I have now shared with some of our members who cannot attend church regularly, bringing a bit of the Installation – and our community – to them!

The flowers that are blooming around us this season were well represented on Easter, as Toni Janik added some yellow roses, in memory of her mother, to our bouquets. She also brought in some Ukrainian Easter Eggs, which helped me illustrate the beauty of our earth – as well as its fragility. Many of us have also seen this symbolism of precious fragility in the burning of Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral, along with the stories of resilience that are coming from it.

We also share the grief that comes from the tragic attacks of multiple churches and buildings in Sri Lanka, with a terrible human cost. Along with the sadness that this brings, we also remember that shared ministry across faiths remains vital during these times. I was able to share in these sentiments at a vigil in Charles Clark Square on April 25, expressing our faith that healing may yet flower.

And... we have more flowers in store – at our **Flower Celebration on June 2**, the tradition started by Czech Unitarian Norbert Čapek, there is a flower with your name on it.

I will need to be **away** for part of early May, as I gather with Canadian UU Ministers in Calgary, from **April 29-May 4**, and again from **May 9-12** to meet with the Board of the Canadian Unitarian Council in Toronto. I will resume my regular café hours on May 14. I hope to see you soon!

Warm regards,
--Rod

From The Board

A huge “THANK-YOU” to all who helped in any way with the installation service, April 14th, where Rev. Rodrigo Solano-Quesnel, became our settled minister. It was a moving ceremony and one to remember. We have heard good feedback from our honored guests about the accommodations, the amazing lunch that Mariette arranged, and the congregation. All was very well done and now full speed ahead.

Congratulations to Sue Markham for successfully completing the Lay Chaplain training and while I am not sure what happens next there will need to be a vote by the congregation and the Lay Chaplain Committee will need to meet. Joyce Gilbert needs to be recognized by the congregation for her service to the church that she has given for many years. Her term does not end until Nov. and while she can retire at any time I would ask her to please stay on until her term is up.

Our delegates to the C.U.C. Annual Meeting, Ray and Laurie Stone, are preparing to attend the meeting in Toronto and the congregation thanks them for their commitment to the church.

We now have three people who have made clear their intention to join the church, Sue Vary, Tina Van Hinte, and Nancy Basinger have signed the members register and the formal ceremony will hopefully be in May when all, along with Rev. Rod, can be there.

The board agreed, because the organ is no longer able to be repaired, and to make more room we need to get rid of it. It has served the church for many years and I along with many others will always remember Carabel Ringrose and others playing this instrument at church and also at many special services. I can remember that in about 1964 the first time I gave money to the church was a donation to help with the purchase of this organ

Please do not forget the special events in the month of May. On the 12th will be a May Pole ceremony after church and on May 18th will be the Bakeless Bake sale which was so successful last year. It will include a hot- dog and hamburger B.B.Q. along with baked beans, both vegetarian and bacon loaded and dessert. When you make your donation to the sale please remember how much it was to buy your ingredients, make what you would bring to the church, then sell it and this way you get a tax receipt for your donation.

On June 9th both the church picnic at the Upcotts’ and the Peace Picnic at Seacliff Park will be held with details to follow.

John Upcott

President

Important Dates

May 9 7 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting

May 11 1 – 4:30 pm
CUC AGM, Toronto

May 12 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

May 12 Noon
Maypole

May 18 11 am - 2 pm
Barbecue &
Bakeless Bake Sale

May 19 Noon
Sunday Services Meeting

May 20
April Newsletter Reports due

May 26 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

June 2 Noon
Social Responsibility Meeting

June 9 Noon
Annual Olinda Picnic

May 12 May Pole Ceremony

On May 12th for those who wish to join in we will have a May Pole Ceremony after church.



Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic will be June 9th after church and hosted by John and Linda Upcott at their farm. If it rains it will be at the church. Please bring a dish to share if you can. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Tables will be available but if you want to bring a chair you can and if you do not wish to use paper plates please bring your own place setting and silverware. The Peace Picnic is the same day but does not start until 3:30 so it will be possible to attend both.



Caring Committee Report

The world's favorite season is the spring: all things seem possible in May.

A Mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one can take.

Wishing all Mothers a wonderful Mother's Day.

The congregation extents their deepest sympathies to Ben and Nancy Bernath, on the passing of Nancy's sister, Josephine Degoe. We will keep them in our thoughts. It was great to see Emil and Eunice Buhne, Evelyn Fisher, and Walter Sinclair amongst the congregants at Rev. Rod's Installation Service. Good to hear Carabel Ringrose was okay after a small fall at her home last week, as she commented, "only my pride got hurt."

The lovely flowers which decorated the church for the Installation and Easter services were shared amongst some special congregants and will be hand delivered by Rev. Rod and Sarah. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather everyone.

See you all in church.
Submitted by Linda Upcott

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott

Bakeless Bake Sale

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 18th 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.

Rev. Rod's Installation



Pictures from the April 14, 2019, service when The Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel was Installed as Olinda's settled minister.

On the left, Rev. Linda Thomson is giving the Charge to the Minister.

On the right, Rev. Kathy Sage and Rev. Stephen Atkinson are reading the Charge to the Congregation.

We all thank them as well as Rev. Linda Thomson, Rev. Debra Faulk, Charlotte Innerd, Arthur Hillman, and Dr. Jane Innerd for their participation in this lovely and memorable service.



Olinda Reads Recommendation

The House of Broken Angels

by **Luis Alberto Urrea** (336 pp, Little, Brown and Company, 2018) Fiction.



In his final days, beloved and ailing patriarch Miguel Angel de La Cruz, affectionately called Big Angel, has summoned his entire clan for one last legendary birthday party. But as the party approaches, his mother, nearly one hundred, dies, transforming the weekend into a farewell double header. Among the guests is Big Angel's half-brother, known as Little Angel, who must reckon with the truth that although he shares a father with his siblings, he has not, as a half gringo, shared a life. Across two bittersweet days in their San Diego neighborhood, the revelers mingle among the palm trees and cacti, celebrating the lives of Big Angel and his mother, and recounting the many inspiring tales that have passed into family lore, the acts both ordinary and heroic that brought these citizens to a fraught and sublime country and allowed them to flourish in the land they have come to call home.

Note: The Editors thank Karen Miller for selecting the books that have appeared in this column since November, 2018.

Property Committee Report

Many Thanks to John Upcott for all his hard work at raking all the gravel out of the grass back into the parking lot. The care of the gardens will be overseen by Lorie Lyons and Helen Moore. Thanks to them and anyone who might assist them.

Once again, should you notice something needing attention in or around the Church, please let me know, or someone on the Property Committee: Gord Taylor, Stuart Miller, and Richard Stevenson. Thank you.

Laurie Hylton,
Property Trustee