

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 October 2019

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
Oct. 6	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Scary Stuff</i> (RE Downstairs) - The Halloween merchandise is already out, giving us plenty of time to consider the deeper meanings of those things that scare us. And with this space for contemplation, we can also confront our sources of fear, consider what we can do about them, and maybe even find that they're not always as scary as they seem.	Toni Janik
Oct. 13	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Recognizing the Land - Thanksgiving</i> (Intergenerational) - The land that we live on, and live from, has a rich story to tell. When we listen to it, we have an opportunity to connect with it more fully - to find cause for celebration, respect, and... gratitude.	Bill & Bobbye Baylis
Oct. 20	Jane Innerd	<i>The Early Christian Church</i> (RE Downstairs) - An attempt to understand why the Nicene Creed was necessary.	Baylis/Stone Trio
Oct. 27	Joe McParland	<i>Equity in Action: Gender in an Intersecting World.</i> (RE Downstairs)	Toni Janik
Nov. 3	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>The Trail of Petals</i> (Intergenerational) - Last year, we introduced the tradition of honouring our dead in the style of the Mexican Day of the Dead. This year we continue this tradition by bringing in photos or mementos of our dearly departed.	Toni Janik



Lasagna Lunch

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

11:30 am — 1 pm; Games at 10:30 am

Menu: Lasagna,

with a vegetarian option,

buns, salad and dessert

Suggested donation: \$15

Put on by the Upcotts

Please sign up to attend!

Clergy Connection

Our year is now underway, and the Committee on Shared Ministry is exploring how we may serve each other more fully. I've already been hearing new ideas coming from many of you, and these are precisely what we'll be considering at our monthly meetings. Some of these may take time to implement, and not everything might stick, but it will be a journey we'll share together. Do not hesitate to connect with the **Shared Ministry** team, including me, Carol Hylton, Mariette Preyde, and Steve Brennan.

We've already begun trying out new ways to offer children's programming and seeing how it fits in the larger scheme of Lifespan Learning in our congregation. Last month and this one, we have been trying out alternating weeks of intergenerational services, intended to be more inclusive for all ages, with Sunday mornings that have children's programming downstairs, when our younger folks explore our faith in their own space. Over the year, we will be figuring out what mix of children's programming and intergenerational services works best for our children and those of us who offer this service.

This is a time for some bold experimentation, and that may mean some tweaks to our Sunday liturgy over several months. Some of these changes will be temporary, and we'll be keeping the ones that we see serve us best.

And we're always on the lookout for volunteers who can help ensure that there are always two adults during our children's programming. This does not necessarily mean teaching, but simply offering your presence for the sake of safety. If you're thinking about this, it's never too early to get a Vulnerable Sector Background Check – it's free and only takes about a week. You can get your forms at the welcome table, from me or from anyone at the Religious Education Committee.

I'd also like to remind everyone that this year I am taking my **Sabbath day on Tuesdays**, rather than Mondays. And you're welcome to drop in during **Café Hours on Wednesdays and Fridays**, from **2-5pm**, at the Lakeside Bakery in Leamington – and you can also call or e-mail me for an appointment at a time that suits us better.

And as we get ready for November, I invite you to look for **mementos and photos** that honour our dead, and which you are welcome to bring on November 3 for our annual **Day of the Dead** commemoration. Everyone who has lost someone, whether recently or some time ago, is invited to bring something that reminds us of our dearly departed.

I will be away in the latter part of October as I take part in some collegial activities, but you can continue to connect with me by phone or on line. I also look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving alongside you this month!

Warm regards,
--Rod

From The Board

It was a very busy first meeting, after vacation, for the board on Sept. 12th. Brian Worrall requested from the Social Responsibility Com. a letter of funding support to the U.U.A. for the W.R.Y.M. The Board, after some discussion, voted in favor of sending a letter and Bobbye agreed to write it. The Board, as we have done for many years, again voted to support one or more Christmas families from Children's Aid. Please be as generous as you have always been and support this wonderful project.

Steve Brennan presented a report from the Com. on Shared Ministry and, along with Rev. Rod, they are working hard to revamp the duties and direction of this Committee.

The Nominating Com. suggested that because this is our Treasurer Helen Moore's last year in office and with the extra responsibilities of incorporation the church should look into hiring a Book Keeper and it was determined that we need to explore what would be the duties of both. A committee of Helen Moore and Peter LeClair along with the Auditing Com. was appointed. If you know someone with experience as a Book Keeper — or perhaps you would be interested in the position — please let someone on the Board or on the Committee know.

It was suggested that we should purchase some comfortable, stacking chairs that could be placed at the back when we have an overflow congregation. Lorie Lyons has been exploring the possibilities and funds from the Auction could be used to finance it.

With this election coming up some people wonder why I am so against any reference to an election at or inside the church. Many years ago you would be reprimanded if you tried to promote one party over another as it caused many hard feelings and arguments. The politics now in trying to discredit people who run for office instead of promoting your choice is reprehensible in my opinion. Every party does it because it wins but it just makes me sad.

John Upcott
President

Important Dates

Oct 2 10 am

Membership Meeting

Oct 6 9:30 am

Finance Meeting

Oct 6 Noon

Discussion on Climate Change

Oct 10 7 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

Oct 13 9:30 am

Choir Rehearsal

Oct 13 Noon

Sunday Services Meeting

Oct 20 Noon

Social Responsibility Meeting

Oct 20

Budget Items Due

Oct 22

November Newsletter Reports Due

Oct 27 9:30 am

Choir Rehearsal

Nov. 13 11:30 am

Lasagna Lunch
(10:30 am: Games)

Membership Committee Report

Our next meeting of the Membership Committee is scheduled for Oct. 2nd at 10:00.

The first Dinner for 8 this year will be hosted by Toni and Dan Janik (from Windsor) on Saturday, October 5th starting at 5:30 p.m. The sign up sheet is complete and everyone is looking forward to an enjoyable evening. For those of you who may not know about Dinners for 8, usually they are planned for 6-8 guests and each guest brings food like a potluck dinner. It is a wonderful way to get to know members of the congregation and seems to be a popular venue at this church. If anyone else is interested in hosting a Dinner for 8 later in the year, please let a member of the Membership Committee know.

The Membership/Publicity Committee consists of Lorie Lyons, Bobbye Baylis, Helen Moore, Toni Janik with Rev. Rod attending as well.

Toni Janik
Membership Committee Member

Christmas Family

The Board of Directors has approved our proceeding with sponsoring one or more Children's Aid families for Christmas gifts. We have requested county families who have the greatest need. When we are assigned one or more families, I'll let you know.

If you wish to make a contribution to purchase Christmas gifts for a needy family, please mark your envelope for Christmas Family or CAS. If you wish to contribute by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda.

You will be credited for the donation in your annual income tax receipt from the church.

Thank you.

Helen Moore
Treasurer

Community Outreach



Rev. Rod at the Flags for Veterans Ceremony on September 21.

On September 21, 2019, there was a ceremony on Windsor's waterfront organized by the Flags of Remembrance. At the ceremony, 128 flags (representing 128,000 Canadian military and RCMP killed or missing in action throughout Canada's history) were unfurled, each one on its own flag pole attached to the Detroit Riverside, sponsored by individuals or groups. Karen Miller arranged to sponsor one flag on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Church, which is named on the plaque.



Financial Trustee Report

In order to have a Budget ready for a December Congregational Meeting, we start with an open Finance Meeting early in the Fall. This year we will meet on October 6 at 9:30 am. This will be a short meeting, mostly to set the membership of the Committee and to discuss what budget line items need to be included. If you are interested in the financial affairs of the church, please consider joining this committee.

We will be having various fundraisers during the year. The first one is being organized by John and Linda Upcott: a Lasagna Lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 13. See advertisement on the front page of this Newsletter for details.

If you have any ideas for future fundraisers, bring them to our Oct. 6 meeting!

See you there,
Bobbie Baylis, Finance Trustee

Message from your Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is working on membership for the Church Board for the coming year. We publish the nominations in the Annual Report and the new Board will be voted on at the Annual meeting late February and in March the new Board will meet.

If you are interested in offering your services to be on the Board, we would like to hear from you. You are welcome to come to the Board meetings this fall to gain insight in being on the Board. The Church is now incorporated and with our new minister, Rev. Rod, in his second year, there will no doubt be some visioning and decisions for the Board to bring the Church into a new era. Perhaps you can help the Church grow into the future.

Serving on a committee is a good way to learn about it and it may lead you to being the trustee of same and thus on the Board in the future. As well you can have input.

Please contact us if you are interested. Thank you.

Your Nominating Committee
Cathy Dewhurst, Jane Innerd, Carol Hylton

Caring Committee Report

October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book. Welcome all to autumn.

Comforted to hear the news of Emil Buhne being home after an extensive stay in the hospital. Wishing him and Eunice all the best.

A cheery hello to our congregants in the Rosewood Erie Glen Retirement Home, wishing them well.

Tina Bell wishes to send out a special thank you to all who sent out birthday wishes, she was greatly appreciative.

Special thinking of you thoughts are extended to Don and Sylvia Dotzert and John and Pat Hayes.

This is Thanksgiving month, favourite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things became so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Submitted by Linda Upcott

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette
June Blacker
Leona Crowder
Linda Upcott



Tina's 103rd Birthday Party was a truly special event, as can be seen in this picture, taken by Linda Upcott.

Social Responsibility Committee Report

When Brian Worrall told us that the Windsor Residence for Young Men (WRYM) was applying for a grant from the UUA Fund for a Just Society, we passed a motion to write a letter of support. We are grateful that the Board of Trustees, at its Sept. 12th meeting agreed to also supply a letter. Both letters were submitted to the UUA. We will all see whether this was successful. But we were glad to have the opportunity to show support for a worth-while community initiative.

Thanks to the efforts of Karen Miller and Rev. Rod, Olinda was represented at the Flags for Veterans ceremony on Sept. 21. in Windsor. (See picture on page 5.) We will be discussing how and where to display our flag in the future.

Rev. Rod told us that the Leamington Ministerial Association is organizing a second weekly free lunch, which will be held in a United Church. This is an opportunity for us to participate, either individually or as a church, with service or with financial support.

Submitted by Bobbye Baylis
Secretary, SRC

Sunday Services Committee Report

Two events offered by the Sunday Service Committee during October deserve special mention:

- Climate change is a major issue in the Federal election on October 21. The impassioned plea by Greta Thunberg directly engages several of our UU principles and calls on us to act. The CUC together with KAIROS have developed a one-page guide meant to be informative but nonpartisan, and it is available on the CUC website: <https://cuc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Federal-Election-One--Pager.2019.pdf>
We will hold an information session on some of the science behind climate change at noon on Sunday October 6. Please come, listen, and add your thoughts and understanding to the discussion!
- Sunday, October 27 is United Nations Sunday, and Karen Miller Andersen will lead a service on this year's theme of the UUA's United Nations Office, namely *Equity in Action: Gender in an Intersecting World*. The guest speaker will be Joe McParland, a writer for Windsor Biz-X magazine.

Submitted by Bill Baylis
Sunday Services Trustee