

# 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 , 2019

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
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
Nov. 10	John Upcott	<i>Why this Church is Important to you (RE Downstairs)</i>	Baylis-Stone Trio
Nov. 17	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Frank Appeal</i> (RE Downstairs) - When Jimmy Wales began Wikipedia, people were skeptical that an open, free encyclopedia would work out. Somehow, it panned out - with the work of millions of volunteers... and a little something else.	Indian Village Quartet
Nov. 24	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Eating the Chair</i> (RE Downstairs) - Sometimes, an all-or-nothing attitude gets in the way of achieving anything at all. But consistent and persistent discipline can really add up on the way to achieving unbelievable goals... even eating a chair.	Toni Janik
Dec. 1	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Counting Thoughts</i> (RE Downstairs) - The adage that it's the thought that counts opens up the question on how exactly thoughts are valuable... and what do they count for?	Baylis-Stone Trio



**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

This fall is becoming a time for quite a bit of housekeeping, including a number of gatherings and opportunities for taking stock of our community, in town and at large.

Helen Moore has been instrumental in looking after the kind of paperwork that comes with incorporation. While paperwork can seem tedious, it is an important part of keeping our community in order.

You will also be noticing some new chairs toward the back of the sanctuary, which were arranged for by Lorie Lyons. These will help us be more welcoming by improving the versatility of that space and ensuring we can accommodate folks with different needs.

These, and other housekeeping responsibilities, are made possible by both, the work from our volunteers, as well as the financial support from our members, along with other community participants at events such as our fundraising lunches. We'll be looking more closely at this reality of supporting our community during this month.

In taking stock of our relationship with our larger community, I was glad to have been joined by other Olinda folks at the **Blanket Exercise** hosted by Leamington United Mennonite Church on Saturday, October 5, which offered an experiential approach to learning about Canada's colonial history. This is an important step in our work toward closer relations with indigenous peoples.

There is also an opportunity to **support other justice work** in Canada. Rev. Diane Rollert from the Unitarian Church of Montreal has shared an appeal for assistance in legal action against Quebec's **Law 21**, which effectively discriminates against religious minorities. Rev. Rollert is part of an organisation challenging this xenophobic law, and it is possible to make individual contributions to their legal fund. Bobbye Baylis has placed details on how to contribute to this cause in the library table, and you can also ask me for details if you'd prefer an electronic link.

In the meantime, I've attended the **Eastern Regional Gathering** in Ottawa the weekend of Oct 19-20 and was also a virtual participant (by teleconference) at the **CUC Board Retreat** from October 23-25. I'm attending a colleague's ordination in Toronto on October 27 and will be attending a collegial gathering in Mississauga from November 18-20, so there will be **no Café Hours on November 20**.

And I'd like to remind everyone that you're welcome to bring **mementos and photos** that honour our dead to our annual **Day of the Dead** commemoration on **November 3**. I also look forward to seeing you at the **Lasagna Lunch** on **November 13**.

Warm regards,  
--Rod

## From The Board

The leaves are turning and the cooler weather is here so I guess it must be fall. According to Helen, with all of the papers the members of the board had to sign before the meeting the act of incorporating the church is done I hope. Helen deserves a big Thank-You for all the work that it took to complete this and the time it took on the phone with people from the C.U.C. and the paralegal and finally the lawyers. I know it was frustrating at times but she did a great job. With incorporation comes more work in keeping records and filling out forms so it has been suggested that the board hire an outside book keeper and we are looking into the cost and who we might retain.

Since the back pew had to be removed because of damage, Lorie Lyons has been looking into perhaps getting some comfortable chairs to put at the back when we have an overflow congregation. She brought three different chairs for people to try out and at the next board meeting the board will decide. Because of need to keep our spending down we will be using money from the Memorial Fund which seems fitting.

We again, will be sponsoring three families from Children's Aid for Christmas. We have received information on the families and what they need as gifts and we always add a voucher for groceries that they can get at their most convenient store. Please keep this tradition going and make a donation. Just mark the envelope for Children's Aid and put it in the collection plate along with your regular offering, and Helen will see that it goes to the right people. You will feel good knowing that these families will have a better Christmas.

The board had a suggestion that we purchase an inexpensive laptop that will stay at the church. This will be more convenient for using the colour printer and the projector. The board passed the motion.

I would ask you please to say "yes" when the nominating committee comes around to ask if you would like to serve on the board. It is the best way to learn about the church and how it operates, and a lot of us have been on the board a long time.

Linda and I, but mostly Linda, will be hosting a lasagna lunch at the church on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A donation of \$15 is suggested, but whatever you can afford will be gratefully accepted. The lunch will be available at 11:30 am until 1 pm. And come early with a game if you wish to play.

John Upcott  
President

## Important Dates

**Nov. 3      Noon**  
Finance Committee Meeting  
to approve Budget

**Nov 10      9:30 am**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Nov 13      11:30 am**  
Lasagna Lunch  
(Games at 10:30)

**Nov 14      7 pm**  
Board of Trustees Meeting

**Nov 17      Noon**  
Sunday Services Meeting

**Nov 19**  
December Newsletter Re-  
ports Due

**Nov 24**  
Budget Available

**Nov 24      9:30 am**  
Choir Rehearsal

**Nov. 24      Noon**  
Social Responsibility Meeting

**Nov. 30      5 pm**  
Tree Trimming and Carols

**Dec 1      Noon**  
Christmas Potluck

**Dec 8      Noon**  
Congregational Budget  
Meeting

## Membership Committee Report

Our first membership meeting for the new season was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We reviewed the Membership List, Directory and the Telephone Tree. Our membership currently stands at 58. Since a possibility of 10 changes is required in the Directory, there will be a new Directory published by mid to late November. I am so grateful to Bobbye Baylis and her computer skills for preparing this information. An updated Telephone Tree will also be ready in November which can be picked up at the church. If you would like a copy mailed, please let me know.

The year started out enthusiastically with a Dinners for 8 hosted by Toni and Dan Janik on October 5<sup>th</sup> which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Please let someone on the membership committee know if you'd be interested in hosting a Dinners for 8 in the coming months.

A big thank you to John and Linda Upcott for hosting the Lasagna Luncheon this month on November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't signed up already, the sheet should be on the coffee room bulletin board to add your name.

Dates have been set already for 3 fundraiser luncheons during the winter. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a return of the famous soup luncheons hosted by Toni and Elaine. On March 25<sup>th</sup> another hearty Poor Boys' luncheon will be held which Toni and Elaine graciously offered to organize as well. At our membership meeting we discussed the topic of the fundraiser luncheons and the additional events held upstairs to make it possible for all to be in fellowship together since the basement steps are a challenge for some people. To make it easier on our wonderful, dedicated people who do the work in setting up, serving and cleaning after these functions, it was decided by the Board to keep 20 stacking chairs from the basement in the nursery closet. There would be less work in moving them to the basement when needed because there are fewer events being held downstairs now. Additional soup bowls and soup spoons have been donated since Toni said there were not enough for a good attendance of 30-40 people. I understand some church bowls may have been borrowed by someone in the past so hopefully they will be returned this year.

I have several daffodil bulbs available if anyone is interested in planting some at your home. They were bulbs dug up from around the church sign last spring when I was rejuvenating the front gardens. There isn't anywhere to replant them in the new gardens except in a small space at the back where I had transplanted 3 lilies. I know the bright yellow flush of daffodils in front of the church may be missed next spring, but it was necessary in my mind to remove them for easier maintenance and providing a cleaner, more open look without obstructing the church sign. I've stored them as directed in a fridge so I'm hoping they will be in good condition.

We may have 7 new stacking guest chairs for the sanctuary before Christmas. A selection of 3 chair styles was on display at the church on October 20<sup>th</sup> in order for me to receive feedback before making a decision. I had offered to the Board to do the research in finding chairs that were relatively comfortable and stater looking than plastic moulded stacking chairs. I am pleased that 13 people tried them out and expressed their opinions. They are a good quality guest chair made in Canada which will be purchased from MC Solutions in Chatham. They gave us a good discount in order to be very close to the budget voted upon by the Board. The funds for these chairs will come from the Memorial Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorie Lyons (*Trustee*)

## **Christmas Family**

The Board of Directors has approved our proceeding with sponsoring one or more Children's Aid families for Christmas gifts. We requested county families who have the greatest need. We have been assigned three young families.

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

## **Incorporation continued...**

The next step related to incorporation was completed on October 15 when the ownership of the church and the parking lot was transferred from the Trustees of the church to the incorporated Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda. An earlier deed indicated that the ownership of the church was transferred from the Universalist Church of Ontario in Canada to the Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda on June 6, 1983 when the President was Hector Ringrose and Myrtle Dresser was Secretary. George Whaley completed the transaction at Willson, Gallagher, Reynolds & Collins law firm. Another deed indicated that the parking lot was purchased from the Corporation of the Township of Gosfield South by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda on January 29, 1982 for \$11,500. President Walter Sinclair signed for the Trustees of the church with McGregor & Sims law firm.

Helen Moore

## **Financial Trustee Report**

It is Harvest Time and we can now admire what we have accomplished in 2019 and plan for the coming year. Our 2020 Budget preparations are under way and the Finance Committee will be approving the Budget on November 3. This budget is always based on the actual expenses of the past year and on our best estimate of the expected income in 2020. No committee has asked for any additional funds, over and above their last year's budget line.

Early in November you will be receiving a Letter of Appeal, requesting that you fill out a pledge form for 2020. Having this information about potential income helps the Board in decisions about what activities we can afford. Some basic expenses actually cannot be altered, and having an estimate of income for the year allows Board members to sleep at night! Remember that your donations plus supplements from the Lloyd Fund and fundraisers are what keep our church functioning!

Speaking of fundraisers, Linda and John Upcott will be hosting a Lasagna Lunch at the church on Nov. 13. Please sign up and come! If you are into Scrabble etc., come at 10:30 for the additional fun.

Bobbye Baylis, Finance Trustee

### **Congregational Budget Meeting**

Vote on the 2020 Budget  
And 2019 Nominating Committee  
December 8, 2018  
Immediately after the Service  
(with time to grab a cup of tea)

## Caring Committee Report

The month of November makes me feel that life is passing more quickly. In an effort to slow it down, I try to fill the hours more meaningfully. Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn.

The caring committee shared an afternoon with pumpkin tarts and tea with some of our shut-ins at Rosewood Erie Glen and our very own Tina Bell at Sun Parlour Home, enjoyed by all. Thinking-of-you wishes are extended to Emil and Eunice Buhne and Don and Syliva Dozert; hoping all is well. It is our understanding that John and Pat Hayes have moved to Chartwell Retirement Home in Kingsville. We wish them much happiness in their new home. Pat and John, we miss seeing you in church. Nancy Burgess was scheduled for an angiogram procedure and discovered she needed three stents; she is recovering well at home. Buster Ringrose had a fall at home recently; Buster, we are hoping we will see you in church soon. Good to see Wilf Innerd back to church; hard to keep a good man down. Best Wishes to all the November Birthdays; wishing you all a Happy Day.

Remembering all our veterans this November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Linda Upcott

## Social Responsibility Committee Report

Rev. Rod made us aware that Rev. Diane Rollert of the Unitarian Church of Montreal is working with other faith communities to mount a legal challenge to Law 21, which prohibits the wearing of religious symbols by teachers, lawyers and police officers. The group mounting the legal challenge is not a registered charity, so they cannot issue tax receipts and our church can't send a group donation. However, we can each contribute individually to the legal fund to challenge this discriminatory law.

If you would like to donate to this legal fund, there is a letter on the library table with details. Or you can ask either Rev. Rod or me to send you the appropriate link by email.

Bobbye Baylis

Secretary, Social Responsibility Committee

### Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott