

The Olinda Outpost

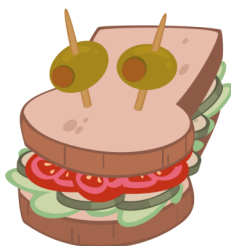
Monthly Newsletter of the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda](#)
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R.E. Class and Service held at 10:30
(followed by refreshments)

Sunday Services September, 2019

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
Sept. 8	Rev. Rod ESQ	<i>Water Without Borders</i> (Intergenerational) – One of the amazing things about water is that it can get almost anywhere, in one form or another. In and around us, water brings life, wonder, and meaning. At our Water Communion we can celebrate the wonder of water and the meaning it brings to our lives. You are invited to bring some water to pour – water will also be available for all who wish to participate.	Toni Janik
Sept. 15	Rev. Rod ESQ	<i>Common Goals</i> (RE Downstairs) – When people listen to others' stories – and explore their own – it invites a space for shared experiences and dreams. With a bit of work and determination, this can lead to a discovery that common goals that seemed unimaginable, just might be possible.	Baylis-Stone Trio
Sept. 22	Rev. Rod ESQ	<i>Lines on the Ground</i> (Intergenerational) – There is a remarkable Belgian town... in the middle of the Netherlands! What's more, this Belgian town also has bits of the Netherlands in it. Those who live there make international trips everyday, just to go to work, buy groceries, or visit friends, all passport-free. The lines on the ground can mean different things, depending on where you live. What could new visions of boundaries bring?	Lorie Lyons
Sept. 29	Rev. Rod ESQ	<i>The Boundless Spirit</i> (RE Downstairs) – The seemingly empty space around us holds the incredible life-giving power of the air. Along with it, come deep questions of what it is, where it goes, and what is our place in it?	Lorie Lyons
Oct 6	Rev. Rod ESQ	<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, confront them, consider what we can do about them, and maybe even find that they're not always as scary as they seem.	Toni Janik



Mini-Luncheon / Potluck
September 29, 2019
Upstairs
After Church



From The Board

Welcome back to what looks like another busy church year. I hope all had a safe and healthy summer and the warm weather was enjoyed or at least tolerated. In June, before we left for the summer, the congregation welcomed three new members into the church. We are pleased they can join us and know they will all be great members. In July after the service the board held a short meeting and passed three motions in order to proceed with the transferring of properties from the unincorporated church to the new incorporated church, and in August we lost one of our long-time and stalwart members.

Walter Sinclair will be sadly missed when we return and he is not sitting in his usual spot in the side pew. The last few years have been hard on Walter and his family but when he was well, and for many years, no one did more for the church than he did. He held most positions on the board at one time or another but I think he liked being Property Trustee best. If you happened to leave a light on when you left or maybe forgot to turn down the furnace, at the next board meeting he would let you know. He protected the church like his own home and we are glad that he was there. Thank-you to our Lay Chaplain, Joyse Gilbert, for the service and to Sue for being there.

I hope all had a safe and healthy summer, and please remember that the church does not work without the dedicated people who are there to invest their time and energy to make it happen. The nominating committee will soon be looking for members to serve on the board and other positions so please consider serving our church. The Property Committee and other volunteers do a great job in looking after the church and looking for ways to improve the space and make it safe. The gardens take a lot of time and energy during the summer and thank-you to all who are always there to lend a hand.

Welcome back and we will see you in church.

John Upcott
President

Clergy Connection

Welcome back to another program year at Olinda! One of the great gifts for a settled minister is the opportunity to continue shared ministry in a community such as ours, and be able to participate in our mutual growth from year to year.

The community also changes with time – some of our dear members are no longer with us, while we can also look forward to the possibility of new faces as we continue to work together.

I was glad to hear of news about the way our shared ministry continues during the summer, even if it's at a different pace and in different spaces. From the Sunday services offered by Ray Stone and Helen Moore, to the memorial service for Walter Sinclair, led by Joyse Gilbert, to the different gatherings you might have had with community members, within and beyond our church. You might have also had a chance to take some extra time off, or visit places and people you might not get to see at other times of the year. These connections and times for renewal are also opportunities to grow spiritually.

I had a chance to spend some time in Essex county and make deeper connections, visiting our neighbours of faith, and getting to know more of the liveliness of summer in the county. Sarah and I also had a chance to visit one of my cousins, and his family, in Belgium. This trip offered me several opportunities to find new perspectives and sources of inspiration, so you might hear about these from time to time in the coming weeks.

Another thing to look out for this year is some restructuring of our Lifespan Learning programming. We'll be having more intergenerational Sunday services, intended to be more inclusive for all ages. This will invite deeper connections with all our participants, and allow our Religious Education volunteers more time to prepare fuller programming for those Sundays when our younger folks explore our faith in their own space.

I've also restructured my weekly schedule and will be taking my **Sabbath day on Tuesday**, rather than Monday. My **Café Hours** will now be on **Wednesday and Friday afternoons** at the Lakeside Bakery in Leamington – and you can also call or e-mail me for an appointment as needed. I've made these changes so I may better serve you this coming year.

I look forward to meeting up with many of you this Sunday at our **Water Communion**. If you collected water over the summer, you're invited to bring it along – and there will also be water to ensure everyone can be included in our ritual pouring of water. This will be an **all-ages** service, so be prepared to see some of our younger faces pouring water alongside us!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,
--Rod

Important Dates

Sep 12 7 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting

Sep 15 Noon
Sunday Services Meeting

Sep 18 10 am
Membership Meeting

Sep 22 Noon
Social Responsibility
Committee Meeting

Sep 24
October Newsletter
Reports Due

Sep 29 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal

Sep 29 Noon
Mini-lunch, Potluck

Membership Committee Report

September has arrived after what seems like a very short summer break. It's time again to think and plan what steps we can take or ideas to pursue to make this another inspirational, memorable and successful church year.

On June 9th Rev. Rod and our congregation welcomed three new members to our church. We are so pleased they made the decision to join and hope they continue to find the UU Church of Olinda a place they can call home. Thank you to Karen Miller for taking a lovely photo of a couple of them with Rev. Rod in front of the church following this service.

On a very sad note, we mourned the loss of a beloved long-time church member, Walter Sinclair, who passed away on August 5th. He contributed a great deal to the church for as long as I can remember, including serving as church moderator many years ago and Property Trustee for several terms. Walter was very dedicated attending church services regularly over his lifetime and faithfully helping to maintain the building and grounds for as long as he was able to do the work. He will be deeply missed as a member of the church and long-time neighbour in the community of Olinda.

The membership committee will be meeting in September to do the annual review of the membership list and to discuss some ideas whether old or new to benefit membership. My goal is to continue to make this feel like a warm, welcoming congregation that works well together. The congregation is so fortunate to have Rev. Rod as our minister to help guide and enlighten us with his wisdom and shared experiences.

A Dinner for 8 will be hosted by Toni and Dan Janik (from Windsor) on Saturday, October 5th starting at 5:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the coffee room bulletin board so please add your name if you would like to attend. For those of you who may not know about Dinners for 8, usually it is 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 Dinners for 8 later in the year, please let me know. Thank you to Toni and Dan for starting out our new season with this joyful gathering.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Lorie Lyons
(Membership Trustee)

Update From Property

YOUR CHURCH PROPERTY

This year, the yearly cleaning was done by our regular cleaning person, Lenny De-Santis. I washed the front entrance area prior to a wedding and have attempted to clear the area from spiders since. The cement stones that access the front entrance ramp have been replaced and the wood railings received a quick coat of paint.

Thanks to Lorie Lyons for arranging the removal of a water damaged bench and also the Whaley family for removing it from the Church. She had the back bench surface repaired where necessary and had it moved forward where the damaged one was. It was good to have it removed for the wedding that was held there and then also the funeral for Walter Sinclair.

The gardens all received attention by Lorie Lyons who has made them look so beautiful. Many thanks to Lorie and whoever else participated in any work around the Church. It takes all of us.

Laurie Hylton, *Property Trustee*



Two new members with Rev. Rod ESQ. Not shown: another new member, Susan V.
Photo credit: Karen Miller.

Financial Trustee Report

Financial Report

This is the beginning of the next chapter in the life of our beloved UU Church of Olin-da. We will start the process of creating an Operating Budget for 2020 this month. The following schedule is being presented to inform everyone who would like to be part of this process. There are always openings on the Finance Committee for anyone who is interested in the financial health of our church.

Date	Time	Description
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Oct. 6	After church	Open meeting to discuss budget items. Anyone desiring to be on the Finance Committee should definitely attend this meeting and volunteer to become a member. Lloyd Fund representatives are requested to attend to answer questions.
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Oct. 20		By this date, all Committee budget requests must be submitted to the finance trustee or the treasurer so that they can prepare the budget.
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Nov. 3	After Church	Meeting of Finance Committee to approve the budget.
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Nov. 7	7 PM	Board Meeting at which the budget will be presented for approval.
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Nov. 17	Before Church	Copies of the budget will be available to the congregation for review.
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Dec. 1 or 8	After Church	Congregational Budget meeting.
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See you there,

Bobbie Baylis
Finance Trustee

Caring Committee Report

Every month comes with another opportunity to count from day one, make all the days in this month count. On behalf of the caring committee we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Walter Sinclair, who passed away Aug 5th. His many stories and smiling face will be greatly missed. We were also sad to hear that Emil Buhne had a fall in July and is still recovering in the hospital, with a broken arm; a get well card was sent.

On a happy note, Dorothy Brown is recovering well at home after a short stay in the hospital. We understand that John Haynes is having a hard time, and we wish him and Pat all the best. A cheery hello to Don and Sylvia Dotzert and Evelyn Fisher, hoping all is well. We enjoyed visits with Marion Thompson and Evelyn Dresser at Rosewood Erie Glen Retirement Home, all are doing well. September is a special month for our very own Tina Bell, as she celebrates her 103th birthday. Enjoy your special day!

It was unfortunate to hear about the freak hail storm that destroyed much of the organic produce on the Labbe Farm. Mother Nature can be very cruel.

Welcome everyone to a new church year, and if you know of anyone in need, the committee is here to help.

Submitted by; Linda Upcott



Our sympathies are extended to Linda Upcott on the passing of her brother-in-law on August 21st.

Editors

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette
June Blacker
Leona Crowder
Linda Upcott

Social Responsibility Committee Report

Brian Worrall is a member of the Board for the Windsor Residence for Young Men (WRYM) and has often updated our congregation on the good work being done. They help homeless young men in Windsor and Essex County to rebuild their lives. WRYM's Transitional Housing Program serves an average of 50 young men per year with a 90% success rate, and 90 more young men are assisted without admission. In 2018, one third of residents returned to extended family, two thirds established independent living appropriate to their needs, 70% stayed in or returned to school, and 46% found employment.

This summer Brian announced in church that WRYM is applying for a grant, application due Sept. 15, from the Unitarian Universalist Association Fund for a Just Society and requested support from our committee and the Board.

The Social Responsibility Committee made a motion of support for this grant proposal, sending it by email given the tight schedule, and 10 of the 13 members have responded affirmatively. There have not been any negative responses. Our committee is therefore making a request of the Board of Trustees that they pass a motion of support at their next meeting, on Sept. 12. We are asking that they notify the UUA Fund for a Just Society of their support in a letter to accompany the grant submission, due Sept. 15.

As part of a long-standing educational project, the Committee is planning a number of films on social justice topics after church during the year, hopefully one every other month. If you have suggestions, see Ray Stone.

Submitted by Bobbye Baylis
Secretary, SRC