

# 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 June 2020

| Date    | Speaker                                   | Title   | Musician(s) |
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| June 7  | Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel                   | <i>For Your Service - Our Church has always existed upon the foundation of shared service. This tradition of mutual ministry continues into new spaces, as we recognize that each contribution is vital in upholding our interwoven web.</i>  |             |
| June 14 | Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel                   | <i>Parallel Timelines - Sometimes the reality we live in looks different than the one we had in mind. The space in between these realities can bring about a range of emotions and how we bridge the two can help us be better together in space and time.</i>  |             |
| June 21 | Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel                   | <i>Thank You for the Music (Flower Ceremony) - The value of beauty, wherever it may be, and however it may appear, includes the power to offer comfort, gratitude, and inspiration. Rather than a frivolous frill, an appreciation for the beauty around us can be the key to a more deeply meaningful life. We can celebrate this power in our yearly Flower Ceremony. (Send pictures of flowers by June 15, to share at our service!)</i> |             |
| June 28 | Daniel Blaikie, MP, Elmwood-Transcona, MB | <i>Howard Pawley Memorial Service: The Transformative Impact of the Coronavirus - A Canadian Perspective on Desirable Socio-Economic Changes</i>  |             |

\*There will be no services at the church until further notice, at least until October, 2020, because of the requirement for Social Distancing due to COVID-19.

Services will be available at the usual time via Zoom. You will receive notifications by email and/or regular mail. The website, [uuOlinda.org](http://uuOlinda.org), will be kept up-to-date regarding services and meetings.

Rev. Rod is publishing his reflections on the website. You can access them by going to [UUOlinda.org](http://UUOlinda.org) and clicking on the appropriate Recent Post (upper right-hand corner.) His reflections are also being mailed to those who prefer to read written materials, thanks to Helen Moore.

## From The Board

At the May, 14, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, the motion was passed to continue the cancellation of all in-person church services/programs until October, 2020 with this motion to be reviewed at the September, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. The foundation for this motion came from the report provided to the Board from the Olinda Pandemic Task Force, who had based their recommendation on the current status of COVID-19 within Windsor and Essex County.

As a result, the Board also found itself moving to a next level of understanding and reaction to the impact that the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic is having on both the congregation and the larger community being served by Olinda UU Church. In stepping into this unprecedented time, the Board of Directors will be expanding its present service and future visioning to encompass the understanding that we will be dealing with COVID-19 for some time to come.

The board was pleased to hear that with the continuing financial donations being made monthly by the congregation, we are able to meet all financial obligations while responsibly caring for the reserve fund – a fund which has always been the backup support for the church through regular and more difficult times. We wish to extend our heartfelt thank you to all who have continued to financially support the church through this time.

The Board of Directors also initiated discussion around what will be required from the church's leadership bodies – both ministerial and governance related – throughout the coming summer months. While usually a period of reduced activity in both areas, the June Board meeting will be looking at the necessity for ongoing oversight due to the continuous changes in relation to COVID-19. With Windsor and Essex County continuing to have a higher than normal incident rate and daily diagnosed numbers, the board will be actively involved in oversight this summer. In particular, they will be focused on planning for a vibrant and robust presence come September - a high priority.

A final comment: stay tuned - communications will continue to flow throughout this summer period, both to you and also, most welcomed from you.

Respectfully,

Stephen Brennan,  
Board President

## Clergy Connection

I was glad that many of you had the opportunity to join the Cross-Canada Sunday Service on May 17! I hope this offered many of you a larger view of the Unitarian Universalist community around the country, including the diversity in the expression of our tradition, as well as the ways in which we often share a common approach to drawing inspiration from varied sources. An edited recording of that service is available on our website, in case you missed it, or would like to experience it again.

Over that weekend, I also attended the Virtual Conference of the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC), and **our delegates** represented our church at the **CUC Annual General Meeting**, where we named and deliberated on matters that affect us nation-wide. The following week, I also participated in the collegial gatherings of the UU Ministers of Canada (UUMOC), in which we nurtured our abilities to serve our spiritual communities across the country.

Carol Hylton, from our Committee on Shared Ministry (CoSM), has named several of the areas where our **volunteers** make contributions so that our community of faith may thrive – you can find these in a separate article. In this tradition, we'll also be recognizing this kind of volunteer work for our church at our virtual service on June 7.

It is still uncertain when it will be considered safe for us to be meeting face to face. Our Board has decided that in-person services are on hold until at least October 2020 – a decision that I fully support. This will be re-evaluated in September. The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA), which supports professional ministers, has recommended that we be prepared to hold virtual services for several months, as in-person services continue to be high-risk events. This prospect may bring a deep sense of loss, even as we seek and find solutions around it, and I would like to explore what this means more deeply at our service on June 14. We have come a long way toward the goal of worshiping together at a distance, even with its imperfections, and we will continue to build upon the ways that we can serve each other, and in the many forms that we can be part of this community.

We will also be having our **Flower Ceremony on June 21**, our first full day of summer. Ordinarily, we would all be invited to bring flowers into the building, and we'd then be welcome to take a different flower with us. In extra-ordinary times, I have a modified invitation for you – to bring in the beauty of flowers you may have captured in a photograph, painting, or other image, be it recently or long ago. Just e-mail or post those pictures to me by **June 15**, and I will include it in a montage for all of us to share communally at our service on June 21. (And if you don't have a picture of a flower handy, there will be plenty of extras for everyone!)

As summer draws near, I invite all of us to search for ways in which we may share with each other a sense of the beauty around us, so we may continue to make space for special time.

In solidarity,  
--Rod

## Important Dates

There will be no face-to-face meetings before October. All meetings will be held using Zoom. If that should change, a revised schedule will be published.

**June 3 10 am**  
Membership Committee Meeting

**June 11 7 pm**  
Board of Trustees Meeting

**June 21 Noon**  
Sunday Services Meeting

**June 30**  
Summer Newsletter Reports Due

## Membership and Publicity

During this time of temporary changes to keep us all safe, the membership and publicity committee have been connecting virtually. Our next virtual Committee meeting is on June 3. Connecting with one another is something we all love to do. And during this time it is still possible but by different means—phone, email, zoom and other virtual online programs. I myself have been finding that I am setting aside some time each week to connect to those I haven't heard from in a while. Keep in mind if you'd like to borrow a hymnal for your use while we are having online services—just let me know and I'll arrange delivery to you.

Thank you to all who have completed the [Congregant Emergency Contact Form](#). If you need a copy of the form let me know. At any time you are welcome to complete/update your form and send it to Toni Janik by Email or Canada Post. In the event of a serious emergency Rev. Rod will have the necessary information to contact your emergency contact. If you have questions—feel free to reach out to Rev. Rod or myself.

Our Membership committee is also working on ideas for celebrating our church's 140th anniversary this November. Mark your calendars for *Sunday November 8th, 2020* as our day of celebration. If there is a need to have this celebration via Zoom then we will also be planning an in-person at the church celebration at a later date.

Thank you to all who have sent me information to include on a "Memorial List." This will be an internal church document to honour those who have gone before. Toni will be creating the document with as many of the following details as possible: First and Last Name, Maiden Name, Date of Birth and Date of Passing. If you would like to contribute/ assist with this important historical document, please connect or send information to Toni.

Have a wonderful safe summer and I look forward to "seeing" everyone soon.

Toni Janik  
Membership and Publicity Trustee

## Caring Committee Report

We hope you are keeping well and managing okay while you are staying safe at home. We know that things are very different for us all right now, but please know that we think of you often and we are excited for the day that we can be reunited again.

A cheery hello to all our friends in retirement homes, nursing homes, or just at home. A special 100<sup>th</sup> birthday wish to Marion Thompson for a year that is as awesome as she is, all the best. Wishing all the fathers a Happy Father's Day this June 21<sup>st</sup>.

In closing is a pandemic poem for your enjoyment. Stay safe and have a wonderful summer everyone!

"I'm normally a social girl, I love to meet my mates,  
But lately with the virus here, We can't go out the gates.  
You see, we are the oldies' now, We need to stay inside.  
If they haven't seen us for a while, they'll think we've upped and died.  
They'll never know the things we did, Before we got this old.  
There wasn't any Facebook, So not everything was told.  
So here you find me stuck inside. For 10 weeks, maybe more,  
I finally found myself again, Then I had to close the door!  
It didn't really bother me, I'd while away the hour,  
I'd bake for all the family, But I've got no bloody flour!  
So let's all drink to lockdown, To recovery and health,  
And hope this bloody virus, Doesn't decimate our wealth.  
We've all got through the crisis, And be back to join our mates,  
Just hoping I'm not too wide, To fit through the flaming gates."

Adapted from author Jan Beaumont

Submitted by Linda Upcott



**Flower Communion is on June 21.** Email a picture of your virtual flower to Rev. Rod by **June 15:** [rev.rod.esq@gmail.com](mailto:rev.rod.esq@gmail.com)

### Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott

## Financial Report

Thank you very much for your generosity in the form of cheques that have arrived by mail and cheques and cash which have been hand-delivered to my home. Since all May income and bills have not arrived at the time I am writing this, I will report for the month of April.

Income from donations: \$5005

Expenses which include the Cost of Ministry, stamps, telephone and internet, Yellow Pages, water, electricity and gas: \$6,170.71.

Deficit for the month: \$1,165.71

Year to date surplus: \$1,353.69

If you wish to make a donation, please mail to church:

Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda  
2953 Olinda Side Road  
Ruthven, ON NOP 2G0

or to my home address: Helen Moore  
290 Lester Drive  
Essex, ON N8M 3G9

Thanks,  
Helen Moore, Treasurer

## Lifespan Religious Education Report

Memorable learning experiences can inspire our passions.

A young member of our congregation has been home schooled during the pandemic. He focuses on school assignments several hours each day and especially likes working on tough math problems on the computer.

Last year, he went to Engineering Camp which he loved. This spring, he has begun fixing things around the house.

Similarly, Brent Campbell remembers when his high school chemistry and physics classes sparked an understanding of how things work. His interest in the sciences led him to his career in the tool and die and molding industries.

When one loves the learning, one can become passionate about one's work.

Laurie Stone  
LRE Trustee

## Social Responsibility Committee Report

In *Essex Free Press* May 21, 2020 in the article *Unemployed Help Centre hosts drive-through food hub in Essex, Harrow*:

"Area resident Sue Markham used the opportunity to pass along an \$800 donation to the Unemployed Help Centre. She raised the fund through making masks at home with her own material. She originally wanted to forward the masks to Erie Shore Healthcare, but instead, ended up taking to social media to see who wanted some of the masks she made.

She did not charge a set amount for the masks, but accepted donations for the Unemployed Help Centre. She was elated to see many people forward larger donations, with one individual giving \$100.

'I know this is going to be an even tougher time on the less economically fortunate,' Markham said, adding she knows people who utilize food banks, so she wanted a way to support them in a time when there is great need.

She plans to continue making masks for those who would like them."

Submitted by Helen Moore

### Update From Property

The committee was charged with researching several Church upgrades, repairs, and purchases including:

- A) Upgrades to several Church and Building amenities
- B) Roof Repair to a leak over the second floor Archive room
- C) Potential purchase of the Heritage Property on the north-west corner across from the church.

A) For the 'Wish List of *Non-Essential* Upgrades' noted in the May Newsletter for interior and exterior church building and property improvements, the Committee received quotes for the following identified projects:

- A-1) New Dishwasher: a) Built-in 'Kitchen Aid': \$ 844 (*sale price down from \$ 959*);  
b) Portable 'GE': \$ 799
- 2) Portable Barbecue for church events: \$ 300 – 350 (*not 'after the season' sale price*)
- 3) Programmable Thermostats for a) Church Sanctuary, & b) Tranquility Lounge: \$ 90 each on sale; c) Programmable Heater for Minister's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Office: \$ 189
- 4) Garage Conversions to Open-Air Pavilion, with second Garage door: \$ 500 – \$ 1,000

Due to the current pandemic situation, the Board tabled these improvement prices, electing to consider undertaking these at a later date.

B) It has been noted by the Archive Committee that the roof over the second floor closet is leaking. Price quotes are now being obtained from 3 local roofers to make small localized repairs.

C) The residence on the property north of the Church is to be demolished. The Church is interested in purchasing the cleared property for use as a secondary Church parking lot. This is being investigated, and a report to be provided by Lorie Lyons shortly.

Property Chair, Stuart Miller

## Thank You to All Our Church Volunteers

June is the month when we traditionally recognize all our Volunteers who make our Church possible. Honouring you will be a bit different this year.

**Church Services** – Thanks to all our musicians and others who do readings and participate in our church services throughout the year as well as our virtual services now. Also thanks for the technical support offered by some.

**Members of the Board** - Thank you for doing all your regular duties in your position on the Board. As a Board, you have additional responsibilities since Incorporating, and now there is even more government regulations you must consider all during this COVID 19 VIRUS period. That means extra meetings as well as giving attention to make sure we abide by all the regulations. The keeping of all the financial records is appreciated. It all takes a lot of dedication.

**Committees of the Board of Trustees** – As well as your routine responsibilities, many of you now have altered and added duties in some fashion due to the VIRUS.

### **Our communications – requires many hours each month**

**Our Monthly Newsletter**, the organizing of all the reports and all the Church information to convey to the recipients. There is the distribution of the newsletter, it is mailed to many and now during the COVID-19 VIRUS the newsletter is mailed to even more people than usual. During this VIRUS A printed copy of the Church service message is mailed to those who do not have the benefit of the internet.

**Our Church Website**, has been designed and is updated regularly as well as having the virtual church services that take place. Our Church has a presence on Facebook. We are fortunate to have such capable and dedicated people. Keeping of our Church Archives/Library.

**Care of our Property** – Someone is at the Church most days to pick up mail and check out the Church. When we do have Church services, the church is opened, heat turned on OR windows opened etc. Important also is the continuing care of the exterior of the building, gardens, entrance, and parking lot as well as organizing the care of the interior.

**Conveners of Food Occasions** – Every Sunday after Church we enjoy the great offerings of goodies served as we have conversation. Other special occasions where food/meals are served. Thanks to all the wonderful cooks we have and all they do. As well anyone who offers their services doing clean-up after.

**Caring Committee** – Our Caring Committee does a wonderful job keeping in touch with some of our congregation who cannot join us at Church and now keeping in touch with so many during this VIRUS period. Their dedication to so many friends of our Church is so important and much appreciated by all.

This is the time for all of us to think about and appreciate all the time and dedication so many people give to our Church.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL**

In Appreciation, Carol Hylton, CoSM, and Rev. Rod



## Lifespan Education Contribution

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Search for the words and circle.

Words are spelled forward, backward, diagonally, and up and down.

Have fun working together with a friend or your grandchild learning the mathematical words.

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| BALE       | PINT    | METRONOME      |
| BUSHEL     | PIXEL   | DEGREE         |
| CALCULATOR | POUND   | MULTIPLICATION |
| CLOCK      | SECOND  | INK            |
| COMPASS    | SEXTANT | NANOSECOND     |