

The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda](#)
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Sunday Services 10:30 am May 2021

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
May 2	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>How is that Working for You?</i> - According to the Hanna-Barbera cartoon canon, George Jetson worked no more than 9 hours per week. Set in the 21st century, <i>The Jetsons</i> made many predictions that have come true, including church on Zoom (more or less). What is the future of the work week?	Lorie Lyons
May 9	Rev. Rosalind Mariconda	<i>Mother Nature: our timely teacher</i> - We are called to consciously restore balance in a variety of ways, both in ourselves and in the world. The rhythms of Nature can guide us.	Toni Janik
May 16 1 pm	CUC	<i>National Service: Sustaining Our Light</i> - Now more than ever we need to be grounded in connection, in hope, and in love. As the cycles of the seasons teach us the gifts of the dark as well as the light, we still need energy -- a spark -- to fuel living into our aspirations and values no matter the season, the struggle, or the celebration. This Sunday service will celebrate how our UU faith and our connections are crucial to sustaining and amplifying that spark.	CUC
May 23	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Reading Tea Leaves</i> - There is no right way to make tea - except... there actually is! And that depends on what you're making the tea for, or for whom, or why. Standards matter, and it also matters when they do not. Best practices work best when we ask what they are best for.	Lorie Lyons
May 30	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>The Best Worst Spanish</i> - Sometimes, making mistakes can be the best way to get it right - be it learning a language, or building community.	Toni Janik
June 6	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>What is it Good For?</i> - Author and UU minister Robert Fulghum once proposed making a "Crayola bomb" to deliver crayons around the world whenever there was an international crisis, in order to promote creativity and wonder. What are the alternatives? Are they any better?	Toni Janik

*There will be no services in the church building until further notice due to COVID-19. Services will be available at the usual time via Zoom. You will receive notifications by email and/or telephone. The website, 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 UUOlin-da.org and clicking on the appropriate Recent Post (upper right-hand corner.) His reflections are also being mailed to those who prefer to read printed materials.

Report from the Board

Springing (cautiously) into Spring

With spring being in the air, it gives a sense of rebirth and renewal to us all. The longer hours of daylight raise the spirits, the warmer temperatures let us get out and enjoy the simple pleasures of the world. However with the current state of the COVID pandemic, it is also important to remain vigilant and keep ourselves safe, and by doing so, help keep those around us safe as well. Doing so will hopefully allow us to return to a more normal life all the sooner. And while we are still not able to have in-person services at the church, virtual services will be available all the way until the summer break. In addition, other functions, such as the goods and services auction, will still be proceeding although in a slightly different format than previous years.

The Church's new Governance Document is proceeding very well under the ever studious attention of Bobbye Baylis. With Bobbye's attention to detail and all of her hard work on the by-laws, I am sure it will meet all the needs required. I would have a hard time thinking of a better person to lead up such a project. John Upcott has volunteered to assist her in the process. As well, anyone else interested in partaking in the drafting of the governance document, please feel free to contact Bobbye on this subject. The more diversity in viewpoints for something like this is always better in order to accommodate all the members of the church. We greatly thank Bobbye for all of her efforts she has put into both of these projects.

While we may still be under restrictions, and the situation may look dire at the moment, there does still appear to be an end in sight to the current pandemic. Again I hope all remain safe and healthy and hence keep those around us the same.

Let us also take some time to send Ray and Laurie Stone all the best of wishes and hope for a timely and successful resolution and recovery.

Respectfully,
Brent Campbell
Vice President

Note from the Treasurer

Thanks for your donations to the Bakeless Bake Sale. Total donations were \$415. All proceeds go to the Operating Fund which keeps our church building in good repair in anticipation of our return and our Minister paid.

Thanks for your continuing generosity.
Helen Moore



UU Olinda AUUction 2021 Virtual Silent Auction by Phone and Email Tuesday May 25—Thursday May 27 & Virtual Live Auction via Zoom Saturday May 29 Time: 2 PM—4 PM

What an exciting auction its going to be this year. We start with the Silent Auction which we will hold on Tuesday May 25, Wednesday May 26 and Thursday May 27. You will be able to choose whether you want to **Phone** in your orders for items on the Silent Auction List OR **Email** in your orders. Toni Janik will be accepting your orders from 10 AM until 4 PM each of these 3 days. You can reach her by either phone or email. See our Directory for her contact information.

The list of items available for **Silent Auction** ordering is on [page 6](#). For example you may choose to order 1 jar of pickles, one co-axial cable, one ticket to the photography class, etc..... For each item you will see how many jars, tickets, etc. are available for each item. Once we sell out of that item—that's it—there aren't any more. SO..... Start placing your orders as soon as you can once the auction opens on May 25th. My guess is that with the excellent list of items available this year—we will sell out of everything.

Then... Set your calendars for the **Live Auction** which begins **Saturday May 29th at 2 PM**. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before. The list of items available for bidding is on [pages 7 & 8](#).

Keep your copy of this newsletter handy—you will want it close by so you can start choosing what you want to order from the silent auction and what you want to bid on during the live auction segment. Let us have fun and raise some funds for our beloved church.

Toni Janik, AUUction Committee Member



Clergy Connection

This past month, we had a couple of exciting guest speakers join us, and we'll have another opportunity to hear other voices in the coming month. May is always a busy time for our tradition in Canada. Our church is also exploring how we will offer our traditional fundraiser and community-building aUUction.

And last month, the Newsletter included the paper copy of a **brief LRE Survey** from the **Lifespan and Religious Education** Committee to help us in planning the next steps in Adult RE – I have now sent the electronic option, which is another option for you to offer your input.

You may notice a slight adjustment in the Sunday Service schedule, I shifted one title from April on to May, to accommodate a topic I felt was more pressing. This happens from time to time, as the needs of our community sometimes become apparent after our Newsletter has been printed and sent out.

I've now registered for the **Canadian Unitarian Council's National Conference** from **May 14-16**. You can **register by May 9** at a sliding scale from \$5 and up!

I want to clarify that it is **not necessary to register to attend the National Service** on May 16 – I will simply e-mail out the Zoom and YouTube links the previous Saturday, as usual. I nonetheless encourage you to register for the conference, as it offers a number of events and spaces for connection with Unitarian Universalists across Canada. It also gives us a say in some of the national governance decisions, for which we have assigned two delegates to vote on our behalf.

I will send the registration link to the **Parliament of the World's Religions** later this month. It's set for **Oct. 17-18**, and this year will be held entirely online. **Early bird registration closes May 31**, at their most accessible rate ever of **US\$50**. I attended the 2018 Parliament when it was held in Toronto, and this is an opportunity for more of us to be involved!

Last summer, I came back on duty for a week in August, and also led a service. Accordingly, I will be taking a week of **Study Leave on May 3-9**. I will be offline during that time. The following week, I will be back, with limited availability, while I attend the UU Ministers of Canada (UUMoC) gathering (online), as well as the CUC Conference – I hope to see you at the National Service!

Warm regards,
--Rev. Rod

Important Dates

No in-person meetings are planned; all meetings noted below are virtual meetings, utilizing Zoom technology. If that should change, a revised schedule will be published.

May 5 10 am
Membership Committee Meeting

May 9 Noon
Sunday Services Meeting

May 13 7 pm
Board Meeting

May 16 Noon
Social Responsibility Committee Meeting

May 18
June Newsletter Reports Due

“AGING IN PLACE...”

When I was a young kid, with no perspective on life, my friends and I often made fun of “old people”, quietly, of course, out of the earshot of our parents. Then, to a youngster, “old” was probably someone who was thirty. We never imagined that one day we would be “that old”. So, fast forward, more than a couple of decades, and I AM “that old” and more, at seventy-one and 3/4s. I often ask myself “how did I get to be this old”? Now, I think anyone who is in their 90s is old! In part, the time went by very slowly, when I was young and carefree, with little responsibility or status. Like most kids, I wasn’t content to be 10 or 12, I wanted to be an “adult”, when my vision was that I would be able to “do my own thing” and nobody could tell me what to do. If I didn’t want to take a bath, I wouldn’t have to. If I didn’t want to nap, I wouldn’t have to! If I didn’t want to eat Brussel sprouts, I didn’t have to! Then, as I got past a number of “milestones”, like 21, 30, 40, 50... time just raced by. Before I realized it, I actually *wanted* to take a bath, *yearned* for opportunity to take a nap, and *loved* having Brussel sprouts on my plate! So now I am at that point when I seem to be looking back a lot more, and not so much forward. Of course I have had some regrets, as most of us have, some things I would like to have done differently, or not at all. I shake my head now that I was so silly and defiant then, that I didn’t see that I was headed for trouble any number of times, especially when it came to addictions. I wished that I hadn’t “wasted” all that time creating drama and angst in my life, covering the pain of the day, and not taking much responsibility for it. Fortunately, with the help of many supportive people, and a twelve-step program, I have kept my sober head above water for 31 years, as of March 23rd. I was not a very nice person back then, to either myself, my body, or others. When I think back on those times, I know that in the end I did become a better person for it, and it was not so much time “wasted”. But I can’t help wishing now that I had all those years back, to try and live them differently and with a more creative attitude. My body has reminded me, frequently, of all the punishment I put it through, and now I “pay the price” so to speak, for not being more considerate.

On a positive note, I can look back and appreciate many of the challenges I overcame, be it with education, career, or relationships. Be it late in life or not, I do work at living my life in a different, more settled way. I don’t always achieve perfection, but at least I have the tools to help me utilize the wisdom I have accumulated. In this pandemic, I do feel sometimes like I am “Aging in Place”, like time is standing still, and I can’t participate in the pleasures of life that I wanted to, as we seem to always be in a “lock-down”, literally or figuratively. It is more challenging to not lose track of friends and family, as we can’t see them, hug them or gather with them. We are isolated from each other and from the many things that make us whole and happy. But we do have hope that the future will be better, if we can all just “hang in there”, be kind to one another, and do the right thing, one day at a time!

Aging *can* be amusing, like when I leave my glasses some place, and can’t find them, because I need my glasses to see them. Or when I go into a room to get something, and I stop to ask myself “what did I come in here for?” My grandmother always said: “return to the scene of the crime” if you couldn’t find where you put something, or why you came into a room. The trouble is remembering, “where do I return to?”. So yes, I can laugh at my life, and see it for the most interesting journey it has been so far, with all the hills and valleys. In *many ways* I AM blessed.

Judith L. Carter

Comments welcome: see UU Church Directory for Judy’s contact information.

Silent Auction Items

May 25, May 26 and May 27 : 10 AM—4 PM

Item #	Donor	Item	Quantity	Price	Date
1	Elaine Stevenson	Peach Jam	3-250 ml	\$8.00	
2	Elaine	Pear Cinnamon Jam	3-250 ml	\$8.00	
3	Jane Innerd	Granola	8 Jars	\$12.00	
4	Brent & Mireya	Wine and Food Pairing Event	10 Tickets	\$60.00	Sept or Oct
5	Toni	Bread/Butter Pickles	6—500 ml Jars	\$10.00	
6	Toni	Tortellini Soup	6—750 ml Jar	\$15.00	
7	Toni	Italian Wedding Soup	6—750 ml Jar	\$15.00	
8	Toni	Virtual Cooking Class—Romanian Stuffed Peppers with Sides and Dessert	6 Tickets—Zoom Class	\$20.00	Wednesday June 9 1-3 pm Recipes, and Ingredients for Dessert Included
9	Toni	Virtual Cooking Class - Time Management—BBQ	6 Tickets—Zoom Class	\$20.00	Wednesday June 2 1-3 PM
10	Rev. Rod	Shifting Focus—Photography for Lay Folks	8 Tickets - Zoom Class	\$15.00	Wednesday June 16 & 23 @ 7 pm
11	Joyse Gilbert	Large Tourtiere Pie	6	\$25.00	
12	Cathy Dewhurst	Apple Jam	6—250 ml	\$8.00	
13	Cathy	Spicy Dill Pickles	6—1 quart jar	\$15.00	Ready after pickling season
14	Cathy	Pickled Beets	5—500 ml	\$10.00	
15	Linda	6 Frozen Cabbage Rolls	6 Packages available	\$20.00	
16	Tina VanHinte	Greeting Postcards by Bradley	5 per package—3 packages available	\$15.00	
17	Sue Markham	Reflexology Session—1 hour session	2 sessions available	\$40.00	
18	Sue	Virtual Bingo	20 Tickets	\$10.00	August 28 at 7 PM
19	Sarah Wert	Spy Apprentice: Online Escape Room	6	\$10.00	June 12 at 7 PM
20	K & S Miller	Pancake Breakfast—Socially Distanced	10 tickets	\$20.00	August 15th at 10:30 AM
21	Ken Martiniuk	Co-Axel Cables—Custom Length	10	50 cents per foot	Buyer orders by size desired
22	R & L Stone	Tray of 4 Veg Samosas	4 trays	\$10.00	
23	Buhnes and Stones	Virtual Ukranian Dinner with Entrée, Veg & Dessert	6 tickets	\$25..00	Date: Saturday June 12
24	K & S Miller	Essex County Bike Excursion	10 Tickets	\$20.00	2.5—3 hr bike ride with picnic lunch. July 11 (Rain date July 21)

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Saturday May 29: 2 PM—4 PM

Item #	Donor	Item	Quantity	Date	Value / Suggested Starting Bid
1	Toni & Dan	2 x 60-Day Aged Strip Loin Steaks	2 Packages		\$30.00 per package of 2 steaks
2	Carmen Smith	Gourmet Basket from Lee & Maria's Kingsville	1		\$75.00
3	Kathy & Steve	Vegetarian Lasagna	2	Freshly Made upon request	
4	Carmen	Spanish Cheese and Charcuterie Board for 4 people	1		\$80.00 includes 2 bottles of Spanish wine
5	Laverne Hicks	Lazy Susan	1	Last one made by Ron Hicks	
6	Michael Hoffman	Swiss Chalet Gift Card	2		
7	Michael Hoffman	LBCO Gift Card	2		
8	Linda Upcott	Lemon Merique Pie	2		Minimum bid \$100 (if 2 buyers want she will make 2 pies)
9	Linda Upcott	9 Inch Apple Pie	1		
10	Linda Upcott	9 Inch Cherry Pie	1		
11	Karen & Stuart	Cheese Cake—serves 12—Buyer picks the topping	1		Delivery /pickup date set between buyer & donor
12	Linda Upcott	9 Inch Square Meat Lasagna	2		
13	Pat Haynes	Hand Sewn Quilt	1		
14	Judy & Anne	Esso Gift Card	1		
15	Joan Tinkess	3 CD set of Carolyn McCade's Music	1		
16	Judy & Anne	Subway Gift Card	1		
17	Judy & Anne	Fenton's Restaurant Walker Road Gift Card	1		
18	Steve & Kathy	Set of 4 Holiday Mugs	1 set		
19	Carol & Laurie	Colasanti Gift Card	1		
20	Steve & Kathy	Goat Cheese Baking Dish	1		



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Item #	Donor	Item	Quantity	Date	Value / Suggested Starting Bid/Details
21	June Blacker	Painting— Devon England	1		
22	June Blacker	Painting—Castle Combe, Wiltshire England	1		
23	June Blacker	Painting—Castle Combe, Wiltshire England—view from down the street—pic 2	1		
24	Steve & Kathy	3 Tier Server	1		
25	Steve & Kathy	Travel Accessories	1		
26	Steve & Kathy	Cheese Board with Cracker Holder	1		
27	Steve & Kathy	6 small and 6 large Liqueur Glasses	1		
28	Ray & Laurie Stone	Large Framed Floral Print	1		
29	Ray & Laurie Stone	Framed Picture by June Blacker	1		
30	Sue Markham	Room Painting	1		\$100—for 4 hours—if more than 4 cost is \$25 per hour to Sue
31	Ken Martiniuk	Pickup Truck Service—buyer provides the brawn	1 or 2		
32	Leona Crowder	Painting	1		
33	Brian Worrall & Kathryn Tisdale	Gift Certificate—European Market—Tecumseh Rd. Windsor	1		
34	Ray & Laurie Stone	9 Inch Sugar-Free Lemon Torte - from Nana's Bakery—Windsor	1		Value \$50—Call Nana's Bakery to order one week ahead of pickup date
35	Ray & Laurie Stone	9 Inch Sugar-Free Strawberry Torte - from Nana's Bakery—Windsor	1		Value \$50—Call Nana's Bakery to order one week ahead of pickup date
36	Ray & Laurie Stone	Assorted Sugar-Free Pastries	1		Value \$50—Call Nana's Bakery to order one week ahead of pickup date

Caring Committee Report

May is significant for a lot of reasons. It comes with the gift of spring with hints of summer, flowers, good weather and the assurance that after every storm comes the sunshine. May also reminds us of Mother's Day, she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take. Best wishes to all mothers on Mother's Day.

A cheery hello to everyone and hoping all are staying safe. Thanks to all for communicating with one another in these most difficult times. Thinking of you, Laurie Stone, and sending you wishes that are filled with warmth and care. Our deepest sympathies to the family of Julian Cattaneo who passed away April 3, 2021. He was once very active in our church. We learned that Buster Ringrose had a bad fall a few weeks ago, wishing him a speedy recovery. Thanks to Eunice Goyette for all the Easter, get-well and sympathy cards sent this month; much appreciated.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. Until we meet again, enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

Submitted by Linda Upcott

Caring Committee Members

Eunice Goyette

June Blacker

Leona Crowder

Linda Upcott

Social Responsibility Committee Report

The "Film Sub-Committee" has been working on details for being able to present a film in a virtual format so members of the Congregation can view it together. First UU Church of Detroit has been doing this for a year and Sue Markham has joined their committee to learn the procedure. One option is that we simply join their viewing session and the discussion that follows a day later. Or we will do this on our own. Ray Stone has developed a whole list of films he could recommend and Stuart Miller is looking into CBC's GEM. It looks like we are finally close to making this happen! Stay tuned.

Sue and Rev. Rod are now both on the Leamington Homeless Committee and will report back on their activities. For the moment, that committee is focused on Leamington, but we are questioning councillors in the other municipalities. It is difficult to identify the homeless because they are often invisible, couch-surfing at the homes of friends or relatives.

Our next meeting is at noon on May 16, which is the hour before the CUC National Service. All are welcome to join!

Bobbie Baylis
Secretary, Social Responsibility Committee

Membership and Publicity

The membership committee has updated both our telephone tree and our Church Directory. As soon as it is safe to do so—we will be delivering these to all congregants.

If membership is something you have been thinking about, please reach out to either Rev. Rod or anyone on the Membership Committee. We would love to connect with you.

Wishing everyone a pleasant spring, and I look forward to seeing/hearing everyone at either the Silent Auction or the Live Auction later this month.

Toni Janik
Membership and Publicity Chair

