

# The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda](#)  
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**Sunday Services 10:30 am**  
**March 2022**



Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
Mar. 6	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<b>Black Belt for Beginners</b> - In pop culture, a black belt in martial arts is seen as the ultimate level of mastery. More likely, it's the place where a path to mastery is only just beginning.	Baylis Duo, Karen Miller
Mar. 13	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<b>The Joy of Missing Out</b> - In figuring out what's essential in life, there might be wisdom in seeking to do less... or perhaps more of what is really important.	Lorie Lyons
Mar. 20	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<b>Half Full</b> - Daylight now makes up more than half our day, and there are sunny notes that come with this time.	Toni Janik
Mar. 27	TBA		Baylis Duo
Apr. 3	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<b>Errand Hang</b> - Taking care of the everyday tasks might just be the perfect excuse to get together.	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](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 printed materials.

## Report from the Board

*“March 4<sup>th</sup>, the only day that is also a sentence.”*

**John Green**

With the shortest month of the year behind us (and a good thing too), we can look forward to the beginning of spring. The return of longer days (of daylight at least), new growth and new opportunities.

We had a bit of a set-back with the roof situation. The winter storm we had caused a snow build-up that exposed a weakness in the repair. The next step is to do a full scale repair of the area, but I will let the Property Committee flesh out the full details on that one. Another item you will likely hear of going forward is talk of new furnaces for the building. Not just only to update them, but to improve their air filtering ability. So as to when we are able to congregate in person again, the health and welfare of all our members will be better protected.

The aUuction will be going forward again this year. Albeit it may be in a slightly different format than we are used to seeing. As well, some of the usual items may or may not be present due to ongoing social protocols and health concerns. More to come on that subject from the people better versed about it than I.

So with such, let's use the month to welcome back the old and the new. The present and the absent. And maybe in particular, let's welcome back Ray and Laurie Stone from their extended away mission. Along with hopes of a successful and speedy recovery.

Brent Campbell  
Vice President

## Clergy Connection

This March brings in a Lenten season, when we consider that faith formation requires ongoing practice and intentional consideration of what is essential to us.

One of the elements that has felt essential to continue building community is our traditional **aUUction** fundraiser, and we're pleased that we will be holding it again this year! The *Silent Auction* portion will be Monday-Wednesday **Apr. 4-6**, and the *Live Auction* is set for Saturday afternoon **Apr. 9**. The preliminary list is included in this Newsletter, and there's still time to offer an item, service, or event, to be listed in the April Newsletter.

The Sunday Services Committee has approved a **Covenant for Q&A** sessions when we have guest speakers. As living documents, covenants are in "perpetual beta", and we are taking this one for a trial run with our guest speaker on Feb. 27, who accepted an invitation to answer questions after the service. Covenanting is one of our ongoing practices to build the community we wish to share with each other.

I attended the *Institute for the Learning Ministry's* professional development gathering (online), from **Jan. 31 to Feb. 4**. This particular continental gathering happens only every three years and includes a more intensive set of professional development opportunities. I came back with some refreshing perspectives and ideas, which I hope to incorporate into our ministry over the coming months. I also found much affirmation for some of the work we've already been doing at Olinda.

Our Café Drop-ins are now regularly set on Thursdays, generally alternating between weeks with a lunch hour session at noon, and weeks with an evening session at 8pm (I'll confirm the timing each week). I've also resumed our use of Zoom for these during February, after our experimental period with Topia, which gave us a sense of the latter's features and drawbacks, with feedback suggesting its drawbacks outweigh its features – this is the kind of valuable information that experimentation offers! I am considering exploring another platform, *Gather Town*, which has similar features to Topia, but which I find easier to use, has better options for image size, and a more pleasing background. I may offer it on some weeks, on a trial basis.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our **Annual Meeting** on **Mar. 6**. This is an opportunity for our members to exercise active participation and deeper acquaintance with the decisions and legwork that keep our church running – it's part of our shared ministry!

Warm regards,

## 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.

**Mar. 6      Noon**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Mar. 9      10 am**  
Membership Committee Meeting

**Mar. 10     7 pm**  
Board Meeting

**Mar. 13     Noon**  
Sunday Services Meeting

**Mar. 20     Noon**  
Social Responsibility Committee Meeting

**Mar. 21**  
April Newsletter Reports Due

**Mar. 24     7 pm**  
Governance Documents Committee Meeting

**Apr. 4-6**  
Silent aUUction

**Apr. 9      2 pm**  
Live aUUction

## Social Responsibility Committee Report

The committee continues to focus efforts on a number of projects:

We still contribute to KIVA when we have enough repaid funds in our KIVA account. The majority of the participants we support have been women and their children, trying to make a living in agriculture in a developing country.

We are trying to finalize speakers for both the International Dinner tentatively scheduled on May 1st or May 8<sup>th</sup> and the Howard Pawley lecture on June 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Rod and Sue continue involvement in the Leamington Homelessness Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>. One recent initiative of all the community partners was a creation of back packs for those in need, containing a large number of necessities.

Sue attended an online event "Cooperative Housing: Canada's Potential for a New Era of Affordable Housing" on Wednesday, February 23. It was a very productive meeting, pointing out that cooperative housing is the solution to the homelessness problem. A creative solution is through the use of Land Trusts. She will share more details at the next meeting of the Social Responsibility Committee.

As a reminder, Community Meals are still being served on Mondays at the Leamington United Church (9 John Street). Volunteers are usually required and donations, sent through Helen Moore, are gratefully accepted.

Our church is represented in the first Detroit UU Church Film Crew. This group meets twice monthly to have lively discussion about films thought to be appropriate to add to our film bank. The top film is shown on Zoom the second Saturday or Sunday of the month. We have invited congregations on both sides of the border but hope to add an international element with films from around the world. I try to find films with a Canadian lens to add to the list, so if anyone in our congregation has any recommendation, please let me know.

We will be showing the 2021 film "**Preserving Democracy: Pursuing a More Perfect Union**" for screening and discussion, starting at 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. As always, you're welcome to join up to 15 minutes early for socializing before we roll the flick. This will be the premiere film for our Third Year of programming, with films covering a variety of new themes including North American History/ Voter Rights and Social Democracy.

See below for details and the Zoom link. Also see our Facebook page for the Film Crew: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2843943239251326>

Join the film meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82979390595>. The discussion session will be moderated by Film Crew member Susan Matthews.

If interested in adding your email address for invitations each month, send us a note and we will add you to our listserv!

We hope to see you there!!

Sue Markham

## It's Time to Prepare for our Annual AUUction

*If you would like to donate items for either our silent or live auction this year please contact Toni Janik no later than March 20, 2022. The final list of items up for bids will be published in the April newsletter. Perhaps you would like to host a virtual dinner via Zoom and provide the food contactlessly to your dining guests. Or maybe you would like to offer a class online, offer a contactless service, dessert.... The possibilities are endless.*



### UU Olinda AUUction 2022 Virtual Silent Auction by Phone and Email Monday April 4—Wednesday April 6 & Virtual Live Auction via Zoom Saturday April 9 Time: 2 PM—4 PM

What an exciting auction it's going to be this year. We start with the Silent Auction which we will hold on Monday April 4, Tuesday April 5, and Wednesday April 6. 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 6 PM each of these 3 days. You can reach her by either calling her at 519-966-6434 or emailing at [djanik1@cogeco.ca](mailto:djanik1@cogeco.ca)

The list of items available for **Silent AUUction** ordering is on [page 6](#). For example you may choose to order 1 jar of pickles, 1 Quiche, 2 jars of jam, one ticket to an online Zoom Cooking 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 Monday April 4th. 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 AUUction** which begins **Saturday April 9th 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



## Silent Auction Items

Item #	Donor	Item	Quantity	Price	Date
1	Elaine Stevenson	Peach Jam	4-250 ml	\$8.00	
2	Elaine	Pear Cinnamon Jam	4-250 ml	\$8.00	
3	Elaine	Black Raspberry Jam	4-250 ml	\$8.00	
4	Jane Innerd	Granola	12 Jars	\$12.00	
5	Toni Janik	Dill Pickles	3—1 Quart Jars	\$15.00	
6	Toni	Tortellini Soup	5—750 ml Jar	\$15.00	
7	Toni	Wonton Soup	5—750 ml Jar	\$15.00	
8	Toni	Quinoa Vegetable	5— 750 ml Jar	\$15.00	
9	Toni	Virtual Cooking Class— Tastes of the Orient Wonton Soup, Shrimp Fried Rice, Lemon Chicken	6 Tickets—Zoom Class	\$20.00	Wednesday May 4; 2-4PM Recipes, and Ingredients for Dessert Included
10	Elaine	6 Frozen Cabbage Rolls	5 Packages available	\$20.00	Available April 9
11	Toni	Virtual Cooking Class - Spring Celebration BBQ Ribs, Sides and Dessert	6 Tickets—Zoom Class	\$30.00	Wednesday May 11, 2-4 PM Recipes, one Rack of Baby Back Ribs provided.
12	Joyse Gilbert	Large Tourtiere Pie—9 inch	8	\$30.00	Available late Fall Buyer to contact Joyse re Pickup/ delivery
13	Toni	Bacon and Cheese Quiche	4—9 inch pies	\$20.00	Available April 9
14	Toni	Hungarian Palachinta—6 per package— Crepe filled with Sweetened Cheese	6—each with 6 crepes	\$10.00	
15	Cathy Dewhurst	Apricot Jam	6—250 ml	\$8.00	
16	Cathy	Apple Jam	6—250 ml	\$8.00	
17	Cathy	Spicy Dill Pickles	6—1 quart jar	\$15.00	
18	Cathy	Pickled Beets	4—500 ml	\$10.00	
19	Linda Upcott	6 Frozen Cabbage Rolls	6 Packages available	\$20.00	Available April 9
20	Linda	Cherry Pie—9 inch	2—Fresh	\$40.00	Available April 9
21	Linda	Apple Pie—9 Inch	2—Fresh	\$40.00	Available April 9
22	Hyltons	Meat Sauce—	4—750 ML Jar	\$10.00	Available April 9
23	Brent & Mireya Campbell	“Whets Apps” Basket	10	\$50.00	Buyers choice of Red or White Wine with tasty snacks. To complement the wine choice.
24	Rev. Rod	Catching Rays —Simple Techniques for Spicing up your photos	8 Tickets—Zoom Class	\$15.00	Wednesday April 27

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## Saturday April 9 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	Leona Crowder	Painting	1		
3	Carmen Smith	Purdy's Easter Spring Chocolate	1		Value \$32.00
4	Carmen	French Cheese and Charcuterie Board for 4 people	1		\$75.00 includes 2 bottles of wine
5	Carmen	Colasanti Gift Cards	2		Value \$50.00 Each
6	June Blacker	Painting— A			
7	June	Painting—B			
8	Hyltons	Ceramic Planter			
9	Sinclairs	Irish Linen Tablecloth—New 32" x 32"	1		
10	Sinclairs	Irish Linen Floral Tablecloth —Orange and Brown 50 " x 68 " - New	1		
11	Linda Upcott	9 x11 Inch Frozen Meat Lasagna	2	April 9	Minimum bid \$40.00 Available April 9
12	Sinclairs	Necklace—Black stones from Smokey Mountains Tennessee—36 inches	1		
13	Sinclairs	Fresh Water Pearl Necklace - 22 inches	1		
14	Lorie Lyons	Flat of Blueberries	2		Available le Mid-July
15	Lorie Lyons	11 quart #1 Peaches	1		Bring your own Container Available Mid-August
16	Lorie Lyons	6 quart # 1 Peaches	1		Bring your own Container Available Mid-August
17	Lorie Lyons	1 10 lb bag #1 Apples—Your choice of variety1	1		Available beginning in September
18	Lorie Lyons	1 5 lb bag #1 Apples—your choice of variety	1		Available beginning in September
19		<b>More items coming in the April Newsletter. Let Toni know if you have something you would like to donate—by March 20.</b>			
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## Note from the Treasurer

Thanks to Toni Janik and Elaine Stevenson for employing their culinary skills and diligent work in providing us with another annual Soup Fundraiser. Total raised was \$1,110 which will add to the Operating Fund for the support of our Church and Ministry.

Thanks also for your generous January donations which give us a good start to the new year. I am writing this in February so I don't know the results of this month yet!

Members now have the **Annual Report** by pickup, delivery or by Canada Post (to Sooke, B.C., Blenheim and Windsor). The **Memorial List** on pages 43 and 44 contains some blank spaces where names and dates of members are missing. If you can supply missing names or dates, please contact Toni Janik by phone or email.

Helen Moore, Treasurer

### Q&A Covenant

*A living document for curious exploration*

Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda

12 February, 2022

In deeper seeking with our church, our service leaders, and our guest speakers, we all:

Bring a spirit of curiosity

Avoid asking questions to prove a point or centre ourselves

Consider further learning beyond this time

Accept that sincere differences may occur; express these respectfully

Refrain from debating lived experiences

Assume goodwill; and also

Honour the impact of our words

even when unintentional

Allow space for grace

Make space for those who haven't spoken

Leave room for unfinished conversations



## Caring Committee Report

March is all about winter ending and spring starting, beginning with March 13<sup>th</sup> as being day light savings time, March 17<sup>th</sup> St.Patrick's Day and March 20<sup>th</sup> being the first day of spring. May this month bring everyone peace, love, and other goodies that comes with it.

It is with great sadness we report the passing of John Haynes on Feb. 11, 2022. He found great joy in his art and many of us are fortunate to have some of his works in our collections. He was an active member of our church family and spent a great many hours taking care of the gardens in front of the church. I recall him donating a delicious cheesecake at our church auction made from the blueberries from his home town of Sudbury. Our deepest condolence to his wife Pat and family.

It's with immense joy that we welcome home Laurie Stone after a lengthy stay at the Hamilton Hospital. So great to have her and her dedicated care-giver husband Ray back amongst us. Wishing them both well.

I discovered that the Covid restrictions are somewhat lifted in the retirement and nursing homes and am looking forward for some face to face visits soon.

Stay safe, and stay warm everyone, and hoping for an early spring.

Submitted by: Linda Upcott

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Vote on the Annual Report  
Election of 2022 Board of Directors  
and Nominating & Auditing Committees  
March 6, 2022

At noon following the Zoom Service  
Please attend! We need a Quorum!

The Annual Report was distributed to all Members on the Weekend of February 23, 2022. Please check this document over in order to be able to vote on the reports.

### **Caring Committee Members**

Carol Hylton

Carmen Smith

Anne Purtell

Linda Upcott

## Report from the Committee on Shared Ministry

It has been a busy last three months for the Committee on Shared Ministry (CoSM). We have been engaged in the selection process for our newest member necessitated by the completion of Carol Hylton's three year term of service. This involves the bringing on of the committee's newest member, Michael Hoffman, and the restructuring of the committee to move forward into this new year.

Coming into 2022, the CoSM's membership is as follows:

Stephen Brennan, Chairperson (Term ends Jan 1, 2023)

Mariette Preyde, (Term ends Jan 1, 2024)

Michael Hoffman, (Term ends Jan 1, 2025)

Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel, Minister

The current committee wishes to sincerely thank Carol Hylton for her leadership as Chairperson these last two years as the committee worked to establish itself again with the start of our new minister. According to protocol and church guidelines, the last COSM was officially disbanded at the time of Rev. Hillman's death, only to be established again with the installment of the new called minister, Rev. Rodrigo Solano-Quesnel (a five year process).

Due to the revised church policies approved last year, a significant change for the CoSM is the non-voting status that the Chairperson now holds on the Board of Directors (BoD). This was a decision made by the CoSM and supported by the BoD in order to create a clearer perception of transparency and lack of bias to the consultant status that the CoSM now holds.

We on the committee look forward to working closely with the members of the Congregation and all of the ministerial committees in this coming year. A major project that is being undertaken by the CoSM in the coming months is the commencement of the next review of all ministerial services provided to the congregation. More information on how this survey process will occur will be forth coming. With the convening of the CoSM in its current format, we once again invite any and all inquiries as to how we might be of service to individual congregants, the different ministerial committees, the congregational membership and the church community as a whole.

Respectfully,  
Stephen Brennan,  
Mariette Preyde,  
Michael Hoffman,  
Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel