

The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda](#)
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Sunday Services 10:30 am October 2023

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
Oct 1	Cheryl Taggart	<i>The Other Shoe - Caregiver Support</i>	Toni Janik
Oct 8	Rev. Debra Faulk & Rev. Danielle Webber (Zoom)	<i>Can We Give What We Get? - #1 in the Series Meaning Making in Liminal Times. Virtual Service, available in church or at home.</i>	
Oct 15	Karen Miller	<i>Places - Inspired by Spiritual Literacy: Reading The Sacred in Everyday Life by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat</i>	Baylis/ Stone Trio
Oct 22	Rev. Rosalind Mariconda	<i>Speak Peace in a World of Conflict - life work of Dr. Marshall Rosenberg</i>	Lorie Lyons
Oct 29	Sarah Wert	<i>Bread of Life - Day of the Dead Celebration. You are welcome to bring pictures or mementos of your loved one(s).</i>	Toni Janik
Nov. 5 1:30 pm	Rev. Brian Kiely (Zoom)	<i>In this polarized world...can we just talk?- #2 in the Series Meaning Making in Liminal Times. This service will be live from the Pacific Coast at 10:30 am their time.</i>	

The Olinda church building is open for in-person services. The services will also continue to be broadcast via Zoom. A link to the service is emailed to those interested on Saturday afternoons. If you would like to be included, email Bobbye Baylis at bbaylis@cogeco.ca.

Report from the Board

Welcome to Fall 2023! This season is usually my favorite time of the year, with sunny, warm but not hot days and beautiful foliage. This year, what with global warming and spates of weird weather, we probably have less confidence in such a forecast, but we need to celebrate whatever we can!

We will be adjusting to the tragic loss of our much beloved minister, the Reverend Rodrigo Emilio Solano Quesnel (our “Rev. Rod ESQ”) in an automobile crash in the early morning of July 11 for many months. The Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) joined us here in funeral and burial services for Rev. Rod, led by Rev. Linda Thomson and Rev. Debra Faulk, respectively, and the Neighbourhood Church of Toronto hosted a lovely memorial service just last week. Looking to the future, our Board has begun the search process for a new minister and our Sunday Services Committee has been arranging an interesting variety of services for the rest of the calendar year and beyond. We are taking advantage of a new program of the CUC to bring live and recorded services by 6 ministers over the coming months. The program, entitled *Meaning Making in Liminal Times*, starts on October 8 with a recorded service, “Can we give what we get?” by Rev. Debra Faulk, who retired in 2021 as a minister emerita of the Calgary Unitarians and also served in Vancouver and Victoria, and as Parish Minister in Alberta and Ontario, and Rev. Danielle Webber from Kelowna, BC, whose Master of Divinity thesis at the Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, IL, focused on building relationships between the Indigenous Peoples of South-Eastern Alberta and the Calgary Unitarian Church. Our second service in the *Meaning Making* program will be a live transmission on Nov. 5 (the day we move back to Eastern Standard Time!) by Rev. Brian Kiely from the Unitarian Church of Edmonton starting at 1:30 ET, online and in UUOlinda church. Its title is “In this polarized world, can we just talk?”

Our search committee for a future minister at UUOlinda has important work to do. It tentatively includes volunteers Toni Janik, Sue Markham and Michael Hoffman. In addition, Linda Upcott has also agreed to serve on the committee and others may be contacted. Bill Baylis as president can join meetings of the committee but has no vote. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Bill Baylis or other member of the Board. However, please be forewarned that the position will require a significant time commitment and the ability to work as part of a team, and that the Board has final say on the search committee composition. One of the first tasks of the committee will be to prepare a survey to get input from members and friends of the Church on the search process and on the character of the candidate we should be seeking.

An important colleague of the minister is the church chaplain, a role that Sue Markham has been filling for several years. She should have a backup and eventually a trained successor. The CUC offers chaplain training sessions, and these might serve as a way to gauge whether you might be interested and suited for the position. Please check the CUC website or contact a Board member for more information. **(Continued on Page 8.)**

Clergy Connection



Reverend Rodrigo ("Rod") Emilio Solano-Quesnel died suddenly at age 42 in a traffic accident early on the morning of Tuesday, July 11, 2023. His life partner Sarah Wert was with him at the time of the accident and suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Rod was born in Mexico City on February 27, 1981 to Leticia Rosana Quesnel and Luis Pastor Solano Flores. In 1991, he moved to Canada, settling into a new life in London, Ontario with his father and step-mother

Martha Patricia Rosas Arellano and later, Patty's niece Navil Astrid. While attending Carleton University he was introduced to Unitarian Universalism, a religion that resonated strongly with him. He became an active member of First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa and began feeling called to Unitarian Universalist ministry.

After attending seminary at the Montreal School of Theology (affiliated with McGill University), Rev. Solano-Quesnel served as Intern Minister at First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto. It was also in Toronto that Rod met his sweetheart Sarah Wert. Following his internship, Rod and Sarah joined Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation (NUUC), also in Toronto, which ordained him in 2016.

Rev. Rod then served as the half-time Developmental Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ottawa for two years, alternating weeks between both Toronto and Ottawa, and calling both places home. Rod moved to Leamington in Essex County in 2018, where he served as the settled minister of the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church of Olinda from August 2018 to July 2023.

Rod was a boundlessly loving human being who nurtured positive change in the lives, communities, and world which he was - and is - part of. He listened thoughtfully to all who sought his ear, was intensely intentional in his actions, and exuded both childlike joy and understanding beyond his years. Rod was very human and far from perfect, but he was divine in his embodiment of love, grace, and connection. Rod was relentlessly himself and passionately committed to others. He will be profoundly, profoundly missed. Rod is survived by his partner Sarah Wert, his mother Leticia, his father Pastor and step-mother Patricia, and many other loving relatives.

Important Dates

Committee meetings may either be in-person or via Zoom. Committee chairs need to notify their members how the meeting will be held when they send out meeting reminders.

Oct. 1 Noon
Sunday Services Meeting

Oct. 12 7 pm
Board Meeting

Oct. 15 Noon
Finance Committee Meeting

Oct. 22 Noon
Social Responsibility Committee Meeting

Oct. 23
November Newsletter Reports Due

Oct. 26 10 am
Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom

Membership & Publicity Report

I'm thrilled that we have a number of Community Building activities to start our year back together. The first was the Stone Soup Lunch on September 17th. We had a good turnout and we had an enjoyable lunch together with three varieties of soup. My thanks to Mariette for coordinating the sandwiches and dessert and the volunteers who helped with cleanup.

The first three of our Dinners for 6, 8, or 10 are scheduled for Saturday, September 30th. One is in the county and the other in Windsor. Joyse and Peter hosted a most enjoyable Greek Dinner for 6 people at their Kingsville Home Saturday and we all feasted on wonderful food and lively conversation.

Jane Innerd is hosting an Italian Dinner for 10 people in the Party Room at her Condo on Saturday October 14th. When you call to reserve your place at the table, connect with Jane regarding what dish you will be bringing.

Karen Miller is hosting a Dinner for 8 Plus on Saturday November 18th with a classical quartet concert. Connect with Karen by phone to sign up and let her know what dish you will be bringing. The meal will start with appetizers at 4 PM and the music promises to be delightful.

These Dinners for 6, 8, 10 are very popular so call your hosts early to join in on the fun. If you would like to host a Dinner please contact me no later than the 20th of the month before so I can announce this opportunity for our congregants in the next newsletter.

Toni Janik
Chair Membership and Publicity

Updated Church Directory in Progress

Please review your listing in the Olinda Church Directory and let Bobbye Baylis know before October 31st if you'd like your listing updated. Have you moved? Has your email address changed? Have you changed your phone number?

If you are not currently listed in our directory, but would like to be, please email your contact information to Bobbye Baylis at bbaylis@cogeco.ca

Thanks!

Note from the Treasurer

It is good to be back at church after the summer and meet with our church friends in person or online. Thanks to Toni and Mariette, and all others who also brought food, for our Stone Soup Lunch on September 17.

On Sunday, September 24 there was no electricity in church so our thoughts turned to our appreciation of usually having electricity.

Thanks for your ongoing donations in July, August and September and the donations in memory of Rev. Rod which continue to arrive.

Helen Moore—Treasurer

Contact Information

Minister: While we are between ministers and seek our next minister, you can contact:

President: Bill Baylis: baylis@uwindsor.ca or (519)738-2118 or Cell phone 519-980-2431

Chaplain: Sue Markham: worthysole4u@hotmail.com or (226)350-2879

Membership Chair: Toni Janik: djanik1@cogeco.ca or (519)966-6434

Caring Committee Report

It must be October; the trees are falling away and showing their true colors. It's a reminder that we should appreciate and love the beauty of all things while they last.

Special thinking-of-you thoughts to Gord Taylor as he recovers from heart surgery and also to Leona Crowder as she recovers from knee surgery. Wishing you both well.

The congregation extends our deepest sympathies to Mary Tiner in the passing of Joan Tinkess. Both of these ladies were friends of our church and friends to each other for over 60 yrs. Happy to report that Carabel Ringrose has returned to Southgate Residence and feeling somewhat stronger after being in the hospital.

A cheery autumn hello to all our friends in retirement homes and nursing home and just at home. Wishing all a wonderful Thanksgiving and a reminder to all of us to give thanks and count our blessings.

Submitted by: Linda Upcott

Caring Committee Members

Carol Hylton

Carmen Smith

Anne Purtell

Linda Upcott

Adult Religious Education

Adult Religious Education The Sacred in Everyday Life

Dates: Mondays at 7:00 p.m., Via Zoom

October 30: Animals

November 20: Leisure

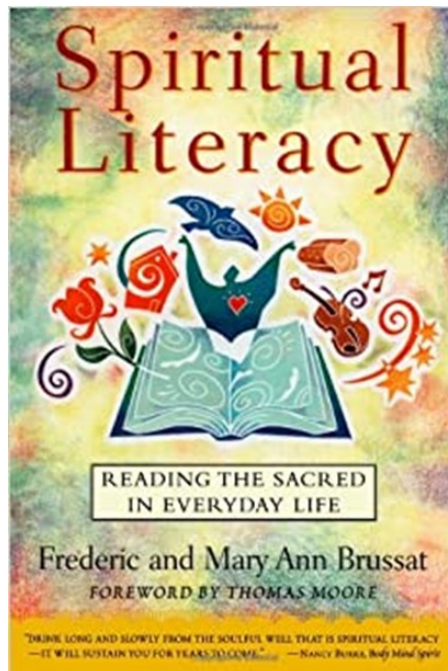
December 4: Creativity

Participants will be reading *Spiritual Literacy: Reading The Sacred in Everyday Life* by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat. If you do not have it yet, the book may be purchased through Chapters Indigo in Windsor or your favorite bookstore in the area. It sells for \$48.00 Canadian for the soft cover edition.

Led by Karen Andersen Miller, Chair, Lifespan Learning Committee

To register or for questions e-mail

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Social Responsibility Committee Report

Third National Truth and Reconciliation Day
September 30th



Canada has implemented one of the 94 calls to action as a result of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission set up to examine the horrific abuses of the residential school system with the 2021 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Two years before the establishment of the commission, Saskatchewan MP Georgina Jolibois introduced a private member's bill to make a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation an official holiday.

Finally, a federal statutory holiday was passed into law by Parliament days after the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation confirmed the discovery of roughly 200 potential burial sites, likely of children from a residential school in Kamloops B.C. Only weeks later the Cowessess First Nation announced a preliminary finding of 751 unmarked graves at a cemetery near the former Marieval Indian Residential School close to Regina. Since then, more than 300 other potential burial sites across Canada have been identified and are being searched or excavated.

This annual September 30th commemoration honours the over 150,000 First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who were forced to attend the 139 church-run, government funded residential schools between 1870's and 1997. Even more tragic were the uncounted deaths of so many of these children, estimated to be over 4,100. The survivors, families and communities affected by the misguided directive to remove Indigenous children from their families and culture are still traumatically affected by this terrible legacy.

The day has been marked in the past years as Orange Shirt Day originally started in 2013. Author Phyllis Webstad, a residential school survivor had her orange shirt, honouring her culture, taken from her by the staff at the residential school she was attending. She started the Orange Shirt Day. So, if you have an orange shirt, please wear it September 30th to honour the survivors and their families but also to remind us never to allow such atrocities. **(Continued on next page.)**

Social Responsibility Committee Report (Cont'd)

Third National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Cont'd)

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has also unveiled a flag to honour residential school survivors-The Survivor's Flag. It has nine design elements selected by over 30 residential survivors.



Submitted by Sue Markham, Chair, Social Responsibility Committee

Report from the Board (Cont'd)

As you probably know, the technical arm of our Sunday Service Committee has faced challenges during some internet broadcasts of our services. However, our experience for the service on September 24 was exceptional: we lost hydro to the building because of reconnections to the power grid related to the installation of new, taller, hydro poles. Our faithful property committee had already raised our mail box to accommodate new pavement on Road 5, but when we drove to the church on Sunday, the service trucks of Ontario Hydro warned us of new problems: no electrical service! The tech committee created a local hotspot on one of the cell phones, and it gave us an internet connection, but we could not turn on lights or project images on the wall, and the Clavinova was nonfunctional! Our guest minister, Rev. Dr. Janet Brigham-Turowski gave a marvelous talk for both online and in-house participants, and we thank all of you who were able to bear with us through the service. We learned some lessons that we hope we won't need again anytime soon!

Bill Baylis, Board President

Finance Report

Once again it is time to plan for the coming year. We will start the process of creating an Operating Budget for 2024 in October. 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
Oct. 15	After church, including via Zoom	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 Committee members are requested to attend to answer questions.
Nov. 5	After Church, also Zoom	Meeting of the Finance Committee to approve the Budget.
Nov. 9	7 pm, Zoom	Board Meeting at which Budget will be presented for approval.
Nov. 19	Before Church	Copies of the budget will be available to the congregation for review.
Dec. 3	After Church	Congregational Budget meeting.

See you there!

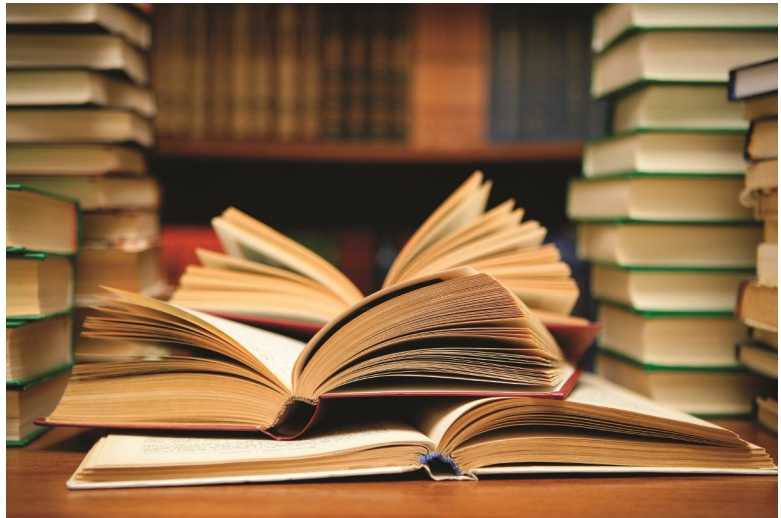
Bobbye Baylis, Finance Chair

Book Club

Want to discuss interesting books and possibly contribute to a Sunday Service?

Missing the Book Club??

Contact Bobbye Baylis if you are interested.



Sunday Services Notice

“Everyone has at least one sermon in them!” Consider presenting a talk to your good friends at Olinda. We would all like to learn more about topic(s) of interest to you. Let a member of the Sunday Services Committee know if you are interested.

Presenting multi-platform services requires a number of volunteers, such as Chalice Lighter, Service Leader, and Tech Support of various types. If you are willing to help, please contact Bobbye Baylis, Helen Moore, or Sarah Wert.

Committee: Sarah Wert (Chair), Jane Innerd, Helen Moore, Ray Stone, Mariette Preyde, Karen Miller, Bobbye and Bill Baylis.