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Events this Month

All Sunday services start at 10:00 am unless otherwise specified.
We have an active children's program during our Sunday service, at which all children are warmly welcome

October 3

Prof. Hafid Agourram
“About Islam”

Hafid Agourram, a professor in the Williams School of Business at Bishop's University, is originally from Morocco. He has been in Canada for fifteen years and lives in Sherbrooke with his wife and their three daughters. He is a practicing Muslim and an active member of the Islamic Association in l'Estrie, of which he is a past-president.

He will share some of his thoughts of the teachings of Islam, and particularly its emphasis on human relationships and social justice. One of the most important gifts of Islam to the human family is to the cause of justice in the world and respect for human rights.

Children's theme: A Peaceful and Fair World
Activity: Magnet Making

Service Leader: Keith Baxter
Musician: Mary-Ann McCarron
Coffee Convenor: Rachel Garber
Flower Convenor: Ann Rothfels

October 10, 10:30

Rev. Carole Martignacco
“A World of Thanksgiving”

Ken MacLean reminded us this year once again that the first and foremost prayer, according to Meister Eckhart, is "Thank You". This year we link gratitude for life to our response-ability for our Earthly home.

This service will take place off-site at the historic Huntingville Universalist Church, Rte 147 in Huntingville, just south of Lennoxville.

No service in North Hatley this Sunday.

Children's theme: Caring for the Earth. Please bring a cereal box and some photos of your pets and family.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter
Musician: Glenn Coates
Coffee Convenor: the Skeats
Flower Convenor: Ann Rothfels

October 17

Ms. Jill Pacaud

“Ancient and Modern Turkey”

An illustrated talk of the sights, the culture and the life of Turkey.

Children's theme: The Colours of Our UU Principles

Service Leader: Sooky Dunton
Musician: Pat Bird
Coffee Convenor: Richard Faubert
Flower Convenor: Ann Rothfels

October 24

Mr. William Hogg

“United Nations Sunday”

Once a year, a worship service recalls us to the goal of world peace with liberty and justice for all, and why we fly the UN flag in our sanctuary.

Bill Hogg has taught the Model UN course in the Political Studies department at Bishop's University several times. (He is also the candidate for the Liberal Party in the federal riding of Compton Stanstead, which includes both Lennoxville and North Hatley.) We hope to have some students join us to share their experience at the UN, and their views about what the UN means to them.

Children's theme: Forgiveness

Service Leader: Keith Baxter
 Musician: France Thibault
 Coffee Convenor: Mary Lynn Ross
 Flower Convenor: Ann Rothfels

October 31
Rev. Carole Martignacco
“Samhain”

Pronounced “sow-en or sow-een”, this is the Celtic New Year. Also called Last Harvest or Summer's End, it's a time to celebrate the colourful turning of a season, with reverence for the spirits of those who have passed into the other world.

Assisting in this service: Lin Jensen, Jane Pankovitch, Howard Hale.

Children: Halloween Surprise- wear your costume.

Service Leader: Lin Jensen/Carole Martignacco
 Musician: Laurent Hubert
 Coffee Convenor: Howard Hale
 Flower Convenor: Ann Rothfels

November 5
“Eastern Region Fall Gathering”

Friday, Nov. 5 to Sunday Nov. 7, at the Unitarian Church of Montreal, 5035 deMaisonneuve Ouest, there will be a gathering of UUs from Kingston to St. John's, for learning, networking, and fine fellowship. Save the dates! Billets available.

November 7
“NO SERVICE IN NORTH HATLEY”

Take note: There will be **no service in North Hatley** this Sunday. All are invited to join our UU friends at the Unitarian Church of Montreal, where the Sunday Service on 'Embracing Change' will be the closing event in what is called the Eastern Fall Gathering of the 11 UU Congregations in the Eastern part of Canada, from Kingston to St. John's.

Members and Friends of UUEstrie are encouraged to plan on attending all or part of the EFG in Montreal. Lots of good ideas, workshops, and fellowship with UUs from other Eastern congregations. An ingathering on the Friday night, activities all day Saturday, and the Sunday worship. Come, enjoy, and learn with us. Billets available.

Children's Corner:

September has brought the beautiful return of summer adventures. Our community gathered in St.Etienne to celebrate water at Pat and Tom Birds home. Kids enjoyed a forest walk and kayaking. This is an annual event and first time for me.

Together we have learned some of the roots of Unitarianism Universalism and Quakers. Candleholders were created and back to school stories are being shared. There is a sign up sheet for helpers with RE program. I invite visiting helpers as a way to mix our generations and share our wisdom. Sign up at coffee hour.

There will be an RE program at the Eastern Region Fall Gathering in Montreal.

This is a really great opportunity for our children to be visitors. Located in North Hatley we have a children's program unique because we have regular visiting children. Could families please let me know if they would like to go and carpool arrangements can be made if needed.

“We think we have no theology. But we have the only theology worth preaching in a multicultural world.” - Diana Eck, UU Theologian

The Life of Others – Denise Levertov

Their high pitched braying
 as if in prayer's unison
 remote, undistracted, given over
 utterly to belief,

the skein of geese
 voyages south,
 hierarchic arrow of its convegrece toward
 the point of grace
 swinging and rippling, ribbon tail
 of a kite, loftily
 over lakes where they have not
 elected to rest,
 over men who suppose
 earth is man's, over golden earth
 preparing itself
 for night and winter.

We humans
 are smaller than they, and crawl
 unnoticed
 about and about the smoky map.



Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

"It's time for us to roll up our sleeves..." - Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General

Fall is a good time for clean-up, indoors and out. We go through closets and exchange wardrobes with the change of season. Our gardens need special attention to ready them for the long, cold season to come.

On the global scene, October is becoming Climate Change month - time to focus on cleaning up the larger garden of the planet. The UN Secretary General is calling above for a collective "rolling up of our sleeves" - all over the world, asking individuals and organizations to join in the global work party scheduled for October 10th. This "work party" is an internet-organized event that presently includes 35 countries and is part of the growing 350.org climate change initiative.

You may remember that 350.org was featured in my newsletter column last year at this time. It's an independent, not-for-profit project, an international grassroots campaign to mobilize global climate movement united by a common call to action. Why 350? Because 350 ppm is "the number that leading scientists say is the safe upper limit for carbon dioxide in our atmosphere." (Quoted from the 350.org website; for more info, visit the site.)

In 2009 UU Estrie participated by organizing an interfaith bell-ringing in the village, and I represented you by joining 350.org and voicing my concerns prior to the subsequently somewhat disappointing UN Climate Talks in Copenhagen. Rallies and educational events took place in major cities and remote corners of the globe, and even North Hatley - and were reported in at least 181 countries. People everywhere mobilized themselves in all sorts of creative ways, with local projects and calling for national leaders to address climate change with urgent and significant legislative protocols. Called by CNN "the most widespread day of political action in the planet's history," it had a powerful effect: 112 countries adopted the 350

target goal at the Copenhagen climate change conference. This year there is so much yet to do: of 192 member UN nations, 157 have answered the call - 35 countries yet to involve!

We are again being asked to "roll up our sleeves" and come up with a symbolic event for October 10th that will highlight the need for local and global climate change activism.

On Sunday, October 10, we will hold our traditional Thanksgiving service at the historic Universalist church at Huntingville. My sermon on that day will focus on the link between a profound sense of gratitude for the planet and our response-ability to the urgent issue of climate change, with a nod to the simpler lifestyle of our ancestors whose church we borrow for the morning.

Let's show our gratitude writ large, for the gift of life itself, our Earth Garden, remembering our sense of total "interdependence with all of nature, of which we are a part" (to quote our 7th UU Principle).

Worship can be defined as "the work of the religious community." I am challenging each one of us, therefore, to do some homework.

Please bring to our Oct. 10 Thanksgiving service a two-fold written statement - of gratitude for life, and commitment to responsibly care for the gift of our Earth. Something that you, personally, can commit to doing to insure the well-being of all. We'll share these statements, and I will collect and submit them to the 350.org website.

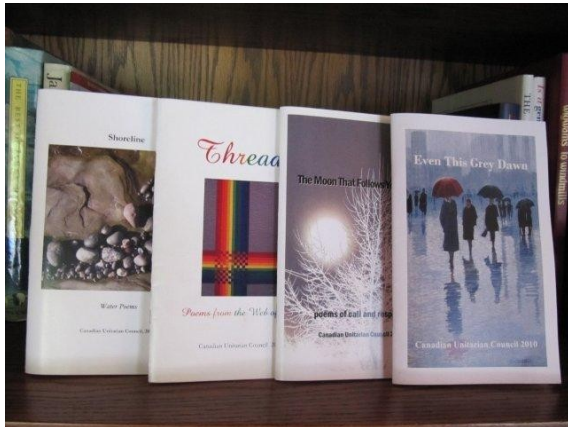
Our worship will be our work that day. We'll join the October 10th Global Work Party as a religious community committed to caring action on behalf of the planet, grounded in the spiritual power of our principles. Let's make it a joyous and heartfelt statement of solidarity with all who share the gift of life.

And may all be blessed! - Rev. Carole

CUC Seeks Poetry for its Fifth Annual Chapbook

The Editorial board of the CUC Poetry Chapbook 2011 seeks submissions of poetry in English or French (maximum of five poems per submission, each poem 45 lines or less including title and blank lines), from Canadian Unitarian Universalists or UU residents of Canada, who are CUC congregational members, CUC members-at-large or self-identified Unitarians. The theme for this fifth annual chapbook is **Trust the Dawning Future/S'Ouvrir au Monde a Venir**, and will be launched at the 2011 ACM in Toronto (celebrating the CUC's 50th Anniversary).

The editors also seek submissions of artwork for the cover.



Please submit unpublished material to: CUC Chapbook Editors at keithwilkinson@telus.net or mail to Keith Wilkinson, #12-1820 Bayswater Street, Vancouver, BC V6k 4A4. If submitting by land mail include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please also include a 50 word bio.
Deadline for Submission is Nov. 30, 2010
Acceptance or regret notification will be sent by March 21, 2011

Debra wrote this reflection to be read at the first anniversary of Judith's death, in July. My apologies for forgetting to put it in the previous newsletter. - Lin

Alive and Well

Dear Family and Friends of Judith,

After experiencing the death of my father 3 years ago and recently my close friend Judith

Koritar, I have come to realize how the death of a loved one is completely devastating at first. The loss of their physical presence in our lives is difficult to get used to, but just like when someone loses their sense of sight or hearing and other senses are sharpened and enhanced, so too death can be appreciated rather than mourned.

This is how it has been for me over the past year. I have lost a dear friend whom I have appreciated so much, and depended on a lot for her wisdom, kind heartedness, sweet nurturing and courageous light-hearted way. These and many other rare qualities that Judith possessed filled me with inspiration and hope. The day she died cut me to the bone and it was like losing a part of myself.

Over the last year I have stumbled and cried out in pain but all the while this tragic loss was developing a sense of knowing in me that the beauty of life is found all around, in all people and things and cannot be ended. Life is indivisible, open and spacious, vibrantly present, without change and eternal. I think Judith would agree.

Judith is everywhere: driving in her car, walking down the street, in the voice that is spoken softly and sweetly, in anyone who is doing something to help others, in the memory of our adventures and intimate sharing, in animals like dogs and birds, in gardens filled with plants and herbs for tea. She is with me when I walk in the forest, go for a skate, cook a meal like turkey or Hungarian goulash, sip a cup of tea...

My sense of Judith's life has not been dulled by her death but rather has been sharpened and broadened by the many appearances (sights, sounds, feeling states, and memories) that have blossomed and grown into a Judith Garden with many colours and perfumes, filling my senses with the aliveness of it all. So, for me, though it will never be the way it was and I would if I could bring my friend back, the essence of this beautiful being with all her qualities of lightness, generosity, compassion, and humility is and always will be alive and well.

My deep love and compassion to all who embrace Judith's memory as I do at this time and always,

Debra* Fougere

Denominational affairs

If you are a member, you get the Canadian Unitarian newsletter. On-line readers can access current and past issues at <http://www.cuc.ca/newsletter/canu.htm>

Canadian Unitarian Council News:

We have a new Congregational Services Programmer for the Eastern region. She is Kelly McDowell (kelly@cuc.ca). She will be available to provide congregational workshops and trainings upon request.

Kelly is a mother of two currently living in Peterborough, Ontario and worshipping with the Unitarian Fellowship of Peterborough. She received her B.A. degree and pursued graduate studies in Sociology at the University of Toronto. For over twenty years, she has been a peace activist and has worked as a counselor and facilitator with homeless women and young offenders. In 2007 she opened an interdisciplinary healing arts centre to provide accessible holistic health alternatives to a diverse range of clients. Kelly is an avid practitioner of yoga and a passionate explorer and aspiring catalyst for personal and social change.

“I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to more directly contribute to Canadian Unitarian Universalism and to be of service to the Eastern congregations of the CUC. I am very excited to meet with you, develop a vision for this service and implement empowering programs and services that will strengthen our congregations.”

The CUC Board has a new president. At the September Board meeting in Toronto, Calvin Drake resigned as CUC President, and John Hopewell was elected to replace him until the next ACM, May 2011 in Toronto.

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<p>Minister's Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday, 2:30 – 4:30 pm Please respect the Minister's sabbath, Sunday afternoon and Monday. <i>For emergency pastoral care, phone:</i> 1. The Minister 2. Sooky Dunton 3. Joyce Booth</p>

Eastern Region Fall Gathering

-Embracing Change

Save the Date

November, 5—7, 2010, Montreal

The Eastern Region Fall Gathering is an opportunity to gather regionally to build and renew networks and friendships. The weekend also offers participants: a chance to learn more about other congregations and practical matters relating to congregational life, training, and personal spiritual enrichment opportunities.

This year's theme is Embracing Change. Workshops and activities that address issues related to change from a practical to a spiritual level including the support available to congregations engaged in change will be featured.

Activities for Children & Youth will also be featured.

Note that we have cancelled Sunday services in North Hatley for that Sunday Nov. 7.

Calendar and Schedule

SUN 3 10:00AM SERVICE: ABOUT ISLAM
 TUES 5 9:30AM GRANNIES WORKSHOP
 SUN 10 10:00AM SERVICE IN HUNTINGVILLE
 MARDI 12 19H30 CERCLE GAULOIS
 SUN 17 10:00AM SERVICE: JILL PACAUD
 SUN 24 10:00AM SERVICE: UN SUNDAY
 WED 27 7:00PM NO-NAME SMALL GROUP
 THUR 28 9:30AM NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
 SUN 31 10:00AM SERVICE: SAMHAIN

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Deadline: October 19.

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