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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

February 5
“Baraka:

The Thread that Weaves Life Together”

This is a 97-minute film that offers a wordless and transcendent global experience of sights and sounds of the human condition.

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall .. *until spring*

Service Leader: Rachel Garber
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

February 12
Rev. Carole Martignacco
“News from Beyond”

Every now and again, there is an upsurge in interest in whether life exists in the universe beyond the happenings on our small planet. Is this a spiritual concern? What does it tell us about the human spirit that we long for cosmic company?

This Sunday's plate collection will be a special collection for the Sharing Our Faith fund of the Canadian Unitarian Council. This fund is used to finance special projects in different UU churches in Canada. UUEstrie has benefited from a Sharing Our Faith grant on several occasions, most recently for our Communications Plan.

Service Leader: Katherine Pérusse
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

February 19
Children of UUEstrie
“Spirit of Play”

An intergenerational service featuring interactive games. Let's play!

Service Leader: Children's RE Committee
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

February 26
Rev. Rich Forcier
“Wiggle Room”

Rich writes: "This message is based on a line from W.C. Fields, who quipped when caught reading the Bible, "I was looking for a loophole." I want to examine our human propensity to act with guile even as I suggest that our goodness rests on our being as transparent as possible. Rich Forcier lives in Vermont where he served as pastor of First Church in Barre (VT), Universalist for a number of years. Now retired from full-time parish ministry, he is active in the teaching of English to immigrants and refugees. He is a regular, and popular, visitor to our pulpit.

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Service Leader: Keith Baxter
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

Many of our friends will be interested to know that the Jesse Jackson will be speaking at Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University in Lennoxville, on Wednesday **Feb 15**, 2012 at 7 pm. Tickets should be obtained in advance from the box office.

"We must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured."
~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Contributed by France Thibault

Religious & Spiritual Education Kids' Program

Happy New Year! I hope that people celebrated, rested and enjoyed.

Please keep Nyima & Sam in your thoughts and prayers as they are both on exciting journeys.

Nyima is travelling to Asia for 4 months with her mother and Sam has returned to Portland, Oregon with his father.



As usual the Christmas Pageant was a success and many thanks go out to all who helped make it that, especially Lin Jensen for the amazing Mole's End now in the RE room permanently, Mary Lynn Ross for her time and wonderful company as we made 16 pairs of mouse ears, Reine for the choir connection, Kevin for her final touches with the costumes & the children who practiced many hours to entertain us. If anyone would like to copy the dvd which was made of the event please stop by the RE room.

February, the coldest month of the year, the time to celebrate LOVE, the theme of the 2nd Annual Intergenerational Games Day on Sunday, February 19th. Please bring your favourite game, neighbours, friends, grandchildren and remember a community that plays together stays together.

This service will be followed by a chili potluck.

February 5th will be an outing to the North Hatley skating rink. We will leave after the story for all ages and children can be picked up at the rink after the service. Bring skates, hockey sticks and dress WARM.

February 12th is all about Valentine's Day, Love and heart crafts.

February 26th is a deeper journey into our Sources. How do we understand this UU concept?

I will be needing a volunteer in March. I am participating and learning with a local community-run Sunday school with Christian as well as Waldorf influence.

For those of you interested I am selling non-toxic beeswax candles from Ferme Liberte in Fitch Bay and will have them during coffee hour.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please stop by the RE room.

Lindsay-Jane Gowman



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>



**Minister's Reflection -
Carole's Column**

Reverend Carole will resume her regular column in April, when she returns from her Sabbatical Ministry.

**Who God Bless No One Curse,
Thank God I've got the verse**

I will have been going to Church at UU Estrie for five years this coming Easter, and during this time have been hearing things and researching God. I have recalled some basic practices from Grade Seven Moral and Religious Education that have given me great peace of mind during this time...

The first is the practice of reading Luke 10 [The Good Samaritan.] The Yoga of Devotion and the Bhagavad Gita can similarly be read on some regular basis. The Lord's Prayer, readings from the Koran, and the precepts of Buddhism [as found in Thich Nhat Hanh's *Living Buddha, Living Christ*] have similarly given me peace of mind.

Finally, Don Miguel Ruiz's book, "The Four Agreements", is a good read and I recommend it highly.

Thank you for your attention, and I hope these practices can help us all.

Dylan Togane

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Calendar and Schedule

- SUN 5 10:00AM SERVICE: BARAKA
- TUES 7 6:30PM BOARD MEETING
- SUN 12 10:00AM SERVICE: REV. CAROLE
- SUN 19 10:00AM SERVICE: SPIRIT OF PLAY
- SUN 26 10:00AM SERVICE: RICH FORCIER
- MARDI 28 19H30 CERCLE GAULOIS
- WED 29 7:00PM NO-NAME SMALL GROUP