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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

### March 4

#### Ms. Paraskevi Mazarakiotis

##### “A Celebration of Women's Lives”

International Women's Day is March 8. To mark the occasion, we have invited Ms. Paraskevi Mazarakiotis to be our guest speaker on March 4. Paraskevi last spoke from our pulpit in December, on the topic of conjugal violence. You can read her talk from that date on our website.

Throughout history, women have shown courage and resiliency in front of many adversities. It is because of these "pioneer" women that, today, younger women have many life choices. Let's embrace our history and honor our role models who fought for our rights and equality!

Paraskevi Mazarakiotis is an English language arts high school teacher. She was born in Montreal and raised in the Eastern Townships. She studied at Bishop's University (Education, Drama/film studies & English).

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall ... *all month*

Service Leader: Rachel Garber  
Coffee Convenor: the Mathesons  
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

### March 11

#### Ms. Kim Prangley

##### “Birthing a Stone Circle”

NB: Don't be late!! Daylight Saving Time begins today! Turn your clocks forward one hour.

Many people will remember Kim Prangley as the director of the Haskell Free Library and Opera House in Stanstead. After 20 years there, she had a period of inner reflection and spiritual growth in a tiny Welsh cottage. Her experience of a quadruple labyrinth in Ireland in 2006 led her to a deep yearning for a

special sacred space in her own community. In Birthing a Stone Circle, she will explain how the Stanstead Stone Circle was conceived and constructed, its deep connection to the equinox and the synchronicities that helped bring it about.

Service Leader: Mary Lynn Ross  
Musician: Jaime Dunton  
Coffee Convenor: Phyllis Baxter  
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

### March 18

#### Rev. Carole Martignacco

##### “From Me to We - Let It Be A Dance”

Even as a minister, I could easily say - "Who needs church? The woods and sky are my cathedral." Private experiences of awe, wonder, beauty and gratitude are deeply spiritual. But we humans are social beings. Religion has to do with creating community, a relatedness grounded in shared joys and sorrows, hopes and dreams, doubts and wisdom. Collectively we pursue our passions and concerns for the world. Can it be a dance? Only if we step lightly, move to the beat, and remember that the patterns of distance and closeness keep changing.

Rev. Carole Martignacco is pastor of UUEstrie, returning this Sunday from a three-month working "sabbatical" in Montreal.

Coffee Convenor: Lucie Craft  
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

### March 25

#### Rev. Rich Forcier

##### “What is the Navel of our World?”

Writer Paul Theroux, while visiting Easter Island in the South Pacific, discovered that it lays claim to being "the navel of the world." Varied places around the globe make similar claims, thus asking adherents for

the allegiance of their hearts and minds. In this message Rich reflects on this vital matter of faith.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter  
 Musician: Pat Bird  
 Coffee Convenor: Eva Bures  
 Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

**March 30, 5:30 pm**  
**“Pledge Dinner”**

All members and friends are invited to an evening of song, comedy, and camaraderie, beginning with supper provided by our Board, spiced with down-home entertainment. Look for more details by mid-month.

**April 1**  
**Mr. Carleton Monk**  
**“Trouble with Death”**

Carleton Monk is a local lawyer whose practice has evolved to include a great deal of mediation. He has some experience dealing with the complications that arise around the death of a loved one. From estates, to wills, living wills, family conflicts, and depression, he has seen it all.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter  
 Coffee Convenor: Carol McKinley  
 Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

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**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>

As well, the monthly ENews is available at <http://www.cuc.ca/enews/>

Kelly McDowell has sent all members an announcement of upcoming events. If you missed it, see [www.cuc.ca](http://www.cuc.ca) Points to remember:

ACTIVE DEMOCRACY PROJECT – use the on line survey

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM  
 — May 18-20, 2012, Ottawa, ON  
 see Keith's column (next page) for description

CUUL SCHOOL — July 19-22, 2012

**RE Report**

The children enjoyed a lovely, sunny day at the skating rink at the beginning of February. Thank-you very very much Lucie Craft for joining us and supplying hot chocolate & cookies.

Ashton, Merrick & Sebastien put their creativity to work and made beautiful Valentines Day cards for their families.

The big event in February was the, Intergenerational Games Day and a success it was. Fun was had by all, especially for Phylis's 'Fruit Salad' game. We all learned a little more about each other in a different more playful context. This service was followed by a delicious chili potluck. Thanks Howard for the vegetarian chili and everyone who contributed to the feast. We sure do know how to eat well in this congregation.

Spring is around the corner & the month of March in the children's RE program will be focused on welcoming light, growth & signs of spring.

Making candles, planting seeds and writing a story about winter and spring are on the agenda.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact me or stop by the RE room.

*Lindsay-Jane*

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

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



### Keith's Capsule v3 #3

Have you met the mouse(s) that seem(s) to have moved into the lower level kitchen this winter? Better watch where you put your fingers till we manage to get rid of the little fellers. Anybody good with mouse traps? I think maybe our meetinghouse needs a resident cat.

Some of you may not have noticed that the Internet server that reads our domain name (uuestrie.ca) has been 'down' a lot. Well, we have just changed to another server and hope it will be fine now. Thanks to Scott Stoddard, our volunteer IT administrator for such things.

Let me put in another plug for the Canadian Unitarian Universalist **Symposium** happening in Ottawa on Victoria Day weekend in May. I hope most of you have received in the mail the special issue of The Canadian Unitarian that talked about it. (If you didn't receive it, please let me know.) If you can possibly make it there, do. You won't regret it.

Did you manage to catch Jesse Jackson at Bishop's Centennial theatre on February 15<sup>th</sup>? At 71 years of age he is still doing his thing, and able to impress an audience of mostly white young adults with numerous catch-phrases that continue to move the spirit. An unabashed Democrat, he praised Obama's civility in the face of incivility, and described the religious right, i.e. conservative Christians, as a contradiction in terms. The secret to a sane society? "Self-control and otherness concern." I wonder what it would be like to have someone like that preach in our meetinghouse?

Not that we don't have a slate of speakers to be proud of. In March, Rev. Rich Forcier will be back, as will Paraskevi Mazarakiotis, and Rev. Carole Martignacco. Kim Prangle will talk about the Stanstead Stone Circle. And the crowning event of the month: our annual Pledge dinner on Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Put it on your agenda now. Along with spring cleanup days on the first two Saturdays in April. And, oh, François Tanguay, whom some of you will know as an environmentalist editorial writer in

the *Record*, will be visiting UUEstrie on Earth Day! M. Tanguay has attended all the earth summits held around the world since the first one in Rio de Janeiro 20 years ago.

UUEstrie is where it's at! See you there.

*Keith*

### Special Thanks this Month

Congratulations to Jane and the RE Committee for another successful 'alternative' intergenerational worship service celebrating the spirit of play. A little music, lots of popcorn, chili con carne, and plenty of games, seems like a winning formula, good for the soul.



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## Calendar and Schedule

SUN 4 10:00AM SERVICE: WOMEN'S LIVES  
THURS 8 6:00PM BOARD MEETING  
SUN 11 10:00AM SERVICE: STONE CIRCLE  
SUN 18 10:00AM SERVICE: REV. CAROLE  
SUN 25 10:00AM SERVICE: RICH FORCIER  
FRI 30 5:30PM PLEDGE DINNER

*Note: Small groups will meet when they meet, We can't inform you unless they commit to a date.*

### Board of Trustees

You have elected this board to take care of business, please discuss your hopes and concerns with any member:

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## This is your newsletter !!!

Next issue of the Newsletter is April 2012

Deadline: **March 20.**

*Please send photos, or write your contribution on paper, parchment, or computer. Give to the newsletter committee in person or send by email to **newsletter@uuestrie.ca**.*

Dear Contributors to Newsletter:

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*Your Newsletter Committee*