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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

June 3

Rev. Shana Lyngood and friends
“Spiritual Smorgasbord”

Sooky Dunton will convene this service, to consist of some 'readings from the heart', plus a sermon from the Rev. Shana Lyngood called "In Praise of our Differences." The inspiration for this service comes from a recent Canadian Unitarian Council Symposium on 'Spiritual Leadership'.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Sooky Dunton
Musician: Pat Bird
Coffee Convenor: Heather Lewis
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

June 10

Ms. Joanna Bateman
“Occupy”

A young adult perspective on the Occupy movement and fundamental values. Joanna Bateman is a Bishop's graduate and a co-founder of Tierra del Fuego Lennoxville, a community resource center for young adults seeking a better way.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Lindsay-Jane Gowman
Coffee Convenor: Jensens
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

June 17

Mr. Jaime Dunton
“Fathers' Day”

Father's Day is an opportunity for every person to bring a photo or memento of their father or grandfather and tell us what memories it evokes.

“Preachers are us”.

Service Leader: Jaime Dunton
Coffee Convenor: Phyllis Baxter
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

June 24

Ms. Gabriella Brand
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Music soothes the soul and makes the world go round. This morning's service will feature a bilingual concert by members of the renowned Elm City Girls Choir, and reflections on the role of music in our lives by Gabriella Brand.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Gabriella Brand
Musician: Thomas Brand
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

July 1

Rev. Carole Martignacco
“Reaching for the Rainbow”

Note: UUUEstrie will be in two places this morning. There will be a short service in the sanctuary at the usual time, 10 am. Meanwhile, many of us will be in the village of Hatley, participating in the Canada Day parade at 11 am, as UUUEstrie. Look for our colourful rainbow float, and drop by and say hello after the parade.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

Dear members and friends of UUUEstrie,

You are hereby called to the **Annual General Meeting** of the Congregation to be held on **Thursday, June 28, at 7 pm**, upstairs in Avery Booth Hall. Minutes of the last general meeting will be received and approved,

and reports from various committees will be heard, including the financial report of the past fiscal year. A budget will be voted for the current fiscal year and election of new members to the Board of Trustees for the coming year will take place. Several documents that have been produced this year, including a new draft Vision Statement, will be proposed for congregational approval or ratification. In addition there will be time for discussion of projects upcoming at UUEstrie and any issues of concern to congregants. Following the business meeting, dessert will be served.

Minutes of last year's AGM, copies of the financial statements for fiscal 2009-10, the draft budget for 2010-11, the report of the Nominating Committee and copies of documents for approval will all be available for consultation at UUEstrie in advance of the meeting.

Keith Baxter, President.

SEE YOU AT THE SUPER SUMMER SALE !

WHEN- Fri July 20th 4-7pm

Sat." 21st 8-5pm

Sun " 22nd 12-2pm

WHERE - At our UU Church , Lower Level, Inside and Out (weather permitting)

PROCEEDS - for the ongoing repairs and upkeep of our church and manse, AND to help support the DIAMOND/(Clara)BIRD EXPEDITION.

Please continue to set aside quality items, large and small, to support this cause and encourage your friends to do so.

Drop off items at UUC the week before from 12-1pm on Sunday, July 15th, Tues and Wed. from 2:30-4:30pm and from 9 - 2pm on Fri. July 20th. Sign up sheets will soon be available for how and when to help with this important (ad)venture.

Carol McKinley

News from RE

The Waffle breakfast fundraiser was a success! Thank-you: Olivia, Sebastien, Merrick, Ashton and Charlotte who put their hearts, souls and creations into our delicious breakfast; Gudrun & Kevin for fruit sauces and whipping cream; Howard for setting up the tables and

leading the gang of men who took over kitchen clean up from the church kitchen goddesses; Keith who stuck around and helped clean up; Lucie for planting the flowers with us and all the people not mentioned, who helped make it a success. It is an event like this that helps us reflect upon the role of children and a functioning Sunday school program. The total raised was \$103 and was matched by Joyce Booth, who bent the rules and let us take part in her fundraising initiative.

We hope to make this an annual event!

The food basket has become the Sunday school's next little mission. For those of you who were here on the Sunday with Rachel for, "Our Community in Action," you noticed the children participating and contributing their ideas and solutions to the many problems society faces. Solving hunger was a big one and in order to work with the children on this, we will be asking everyone to bring a non-perishable food item to church in the coming weeks so we can watch the basket fill, which hasn't been filled in a significant amount of time. The children and I will help contact a local food bank and hopefully we can get a representative to come speak to the children and explain how this is a useful and necessary process working to make a difference in our little community. The basket is placed outside the children's RE room. Thank-you!

The bulletin board.....please do not post anything within the rainbow boarder as this space is intended for the RE program.

The big excitement is for the Canada Day parade on July 1st in Hatley and the UUEstrie float. Lin and Kevin Jensen are supplying the tractor and trailer. The children are eagerly awaiting the event. Please let me know if you are interested in helping prepare the float etc.... The theme is, "Then and Now."

There will be an official job posting available for those interested in spreading the word, as we are looking for a replacement Sunday school teacher starting in July until October.

Please feel free to come in and visit with the children and if you have any concerns, questions, ideas or a project you would like to do with the children, please contact me.

- *Lindsay-Jane Gowman*

Members' News – Entre nous

More from Shikoku

The other day I trudged across a high bridge in a torrential rain...the fierce wind whipped my BRIGHT GREEN poncho over my head. Imagine a wet and bedraggled Kermit the Frog. What a hoot!

Below me an inlet of the Pacific roared. I was afraid to look down.

(photo was taken in a light rain)



Can you imagine my gratitude when a few soggy kilometers later I walked into a lovely inn, with a hot ofuro (bath) waiting for me!

The ofuro routine - consists of vigorously soaping oneself while sitting on a little wooden stool. Then rinsing and easing yourself into very, very hot, deep water. You feel insanely content in body and soul. The other occupants of the ofuro have beatific looks on their faces.....imagine a bunch of naked nuns, if you dare.

I am now walking along the coast of Kochi prefecture, here in Shikoku near Temple 36 (There are 88 Temples..I've skipped many of the urban temples in favor of rural, mountain, and coastal ones.)

Holding everyone tight...

- Gabriella Brand

O-Henro stories...a bag of traveling mollusks

You know those children's stories where inanimate objects have adventures? Well, here's a true story about a bag of travelling mollusks! The old lady from Connecticut is walking down the street in a small Japanese seaside town when

a villager calls out "O-henro san!" (Pilgrim!) and hands her a HUGE plastic bag full of some kind of unidentified shellfish, vaguely resembling large barnacles.



The old lady thanks the giver and continues along the road, bent over by her backpack. Note she is also holding a walking stick, a bottle of water, and a map. She struggles to get a grip on the slippery bag of very fresh seafood (did she mention the bag had been kept on ice while presumably waiting to belong to someone?)

Fortunately, a little while later, the old lady meets several other O-Henro who eye the bag avidly and then demonstrate how to eat the contents with native skill. Crack 'em and swallow raw. Actually delicious!! But several hungry pilgrims barely make a dent in the bag.

The shellfish won't keep in the heat. So a little further along the road the bag of mollusks finds its way into the hands of a man who runs a small garden tool shop. The man opens the bag, smiles broadly, and thanks the old lady profusely.

Just then the man's cell phone rings (yes, this is Japan, so even rustic old men wearing overalls have slick cellphones). He places the bag of remaining mollusks on a chair outside his shop.

A plump, white Japanese cat is sitting under the chair.

I leave it to you to finish the story.

Lest you think this Shikoku pilgrimage is all fairy tales, I will briefly mention an infected blister, and a side trip into Japanese medical care and tons of new vocabulary! (Disinfectant, anyone?)

But the experience remains magical and blessed. Including a bumpy ride in a pick-up truck and another thrilling ride on the back of a Kawazaki motor cycle right up to a temple gate. Monks did not flinch.

I am still overwhelmed by the sheer kindness of strangers who have invited me to sleep in their houses, and brought me home for tea and sweets. They ask only for my simple prayers in return.

So at the next temple this weary pilgrim will always bow her Unitarian agnostic head. Holding YOU in my thoughts as well.
- Gabriella

By Kayak to the Arctic Circle

Lucie Craft's daughter, Clara Bird is presently in Iceland and has been there since January finishing her Bachelor's degree in Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism. As part of her degree she has undertaken a long and arduous expedition in Iceland's northern most fjords. She has sought sponsorship mostly in Iceland and mostly for equipment and such. In order to get to her starting point she must kayak a whole extra day as there was no sponsor for that leg of the trip (boat charter). As Clara said, "It's only one day extra of kayaking, across a huge open bay..." She is not the scared type.

The trip will also include mountain biking for 9 days. When Clara and Mekan (partner) get back they are planning to edit a film and present their trip to different community, environmental and adventure groups.

This will require funds above and beyond their capacity to furnish. Their aim is to educate about "Leave no trace" Ecotourism and to donate extra funds to different environmental projects in Iceland and Quebec.

We have decided (the families) to promote Clara and Mekan's expedition and to seek extra funds to enable them to follow through. All sponsors will be noted as per the sponsorship plan and no help will be ignored for when they get back to Quebec.

Part of the proceeds of our Summer Sale will go to this project. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution may write a cheque to the Church, and we will give it to them.

Lucie writes (May 29):

Last night I spoke to Clara and she was safe and sound in REYKJAVÍK. She is absolutely thrilled with the idea of the church sponsoring the post-trip work.

Black Out, Speak Out – June 4th

On June 4th, www.uuestrie.ca will be blacked out, along with hundreds of other websites in Canada, to protest against efforts to silence our voices.

Margaret Atwood, who just signed on to the Black Out Speak Out campaign said, "Whatever your political affiliations, if you believe in free and open democracy, now is the time to speak out."

Thanks to Laurent for making us aware of this action, started by the David Suzuki Foundation and others because our voices simply are simply not being heard on so many levels, in particular when we speak out for the environment.

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/>

Vyda Ng is CUC's New Interim Executive Director

The CUC BOARD of Trustees is delighted to announce that Vyda Ng has accepted its offer to take on the position of Interim Executive Director.

Vyda has had long involvement with the CUC, as a Board member, President, chair of two national CUC task forces, and in other volunteer roles — the Board describes her "uniquely qualified" for her new position.

(From CUC eNews)



Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

Unpacking, unpacking,
unpacking –

seems to be a dominant theme of my life these days. Last month by this time, I'd just finished unpacking my bags and car trunk from a three months sabbatical ministry in Montreal. Shifting household items from Montreal to North Hatley, and restoring books to my library. Unpacking the learning bags from that time away will take a lot longer. One project that I will continue to work on over the summer is a Sabbatical Ministry Manual to share with colleagues in Canada and the US.

The unpacking continues, having just returned from an extended week away for the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) Symposium in Ottawa, followed by a week of intense business meeting, retreat and professional development work with the UU Ministers of Canada (UUMOC). During the Annual Meeting, I served, along with Keith Baxter, as one of your official delegates, representing UU Estrie in the voting on resolutions and changes to our national protocols. Always a privilege – and always a challenge, how to bring this home and make it come alive for you in a way that helps us all feel connected to the shifts and trends in our larger Canadian UU movement.

Easiest are the concrete aspects of unpacking, reordering and restoring things to their rightful places – personal belongings, as well as all the paraphernalia that goes with being intensely involved in these UU gatherings. One of my tasks for the past few years has been to set up a Meditation Quiet Room during the CUC conference, so I've been putting meditation books back on the shelf, returning chalice and stoles and scarves and all the worship items. Then there's the unpacking and charting of expenses. The careful tracking of new contacts made, from congregations all over Canada, new relationships to deepen and nurture. Conversations that need to be continued...

Finally, there's the unpacking of all the information gathered along the way, at

workshops given and attended, meetings where significant issues and resolutions have been presented, ideas that are only surface deep and need to be explored more thoroughly over time, proposals for new projects that will require planning over the next year. At the top of my mind is the work done during two days at our ministers' gathering in d'Youville with Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, unpacking (again) racism, classism, and multiculturalism in Canada, making the ideological personal, comparing differences here with the US and other parts of the world. This is a bag that will take years to unpack!

What a rich life! Along with gratitude and joy in this work, I have a deep longing to share these sparks of inspiration with all of you. In our final worship service for May, on the theme of "Serving with Grace" I was able to highlight some principles explored in our first ever CUC/UUMOC sponsored Symposium on Spiritual Leadership – sharing some insights about the winds of renewal blowing through our liberal faith. A renewal that helps us answer the spiritual longings of many seeking meaning in our age.

A renewal that, if welcomed and encouraged like the Great Revival that gave rise to Universalism in the 19th century, could shift the patterns of growth in our congregations into positive mode, and help us connect with those thousands of people in Canada who already, according to recent census data, identify as Unitarian, but are not yet part of our churches.

With the month of June designated as vacation time, you know what I'll be doing – more unpacking! *With warm wishes for a safe and spirited summer* - Rev. Carole

"In his classic *Everyday Spiritual Practice*, Scott Alexander boldly asserts that the purpose of spiritual practice is to 'examine, shape, and care for your life – and the life around you – to achieve more wholeness, satisfaction, depth, and meaning.' Whether sitting in meditation and prayer in your room or chopping carrots and washing dishes in the kitchen – anything can be used as a tool for deepening our connection with life." - Erik Walker Wikstrom, in *Serving with Grace*

United Church, Emergency Resolution on current civil unrest in Quebec

The United Church of Canada's Montreal and Ottawa conference has passed the following resolution, which Rev. Diane Rollert of the Unitarian Church of Montreal forwarded to their members, to our minister and to us. It seems The Gazette mis-credited the "Unitarian Conference" as the author. She is asking her members what action to take. We ask you the same. Should we support this is the question:

"CONSIDERING ... that Amnesty International has asked that Act 78 be withdrawn; and

CONSIDERING that this special legislation has not restored peace and order but has in fact thrown oil on the flames,

IT IS PROPOSED THAT Montreal and Ottawa Conference

- condemns all resort to violence both by a minority of protesters and by some police
- demands the withdrawal or annulment of Act 78, the validity of which is highly questionable and controversial
- condemns any resort to disproportionate special legislation which would have a counterproductive effect and would hinder resolution of the situation
- favours a negotiated settlement to end the conflict and demands that both parties return to the negotiating table as soon as possible, and
- calls on both parties in the dispute to approach the search for a negotiated settlement in the spirit of flexibility and compromise."

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Calendar and Schedule

SUN 3 10:00AM SERVICE: SOOKY DUNTON
 MON 4 BLACKOUT, SPEAK OUT
 SUN 10 10:00AM SERVICE: OCCUPY
 SUN 17 10:00AM SERVICE: FATHER'S DAY
 TUES 19 6:30PM BOARD MEETING
 SUN 24 10:00AM SERVICE: GABRIELLA BRAND
 THUR 28 7:00PM ANNUAL GEN. MEETING

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Next issue of Newsletter is July-August 2012

Deadline: **June 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**.*

Calling all Photographers

We would love to have more photos in this newsletter. At the recent Waffle Breakfast, many people were shooting away. But alas, nobody has sent us a picture.

Your Newsletter Committee

