

# nouvelles estrie news

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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

**Wednesday, June 27, 7 pm**  
**Annual General meeting**

**July 1**  
**Rev. Carole Martignacco**

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

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

**July 8**  
**Rev. Ken MacLean**  
**"TBA"**

Reverend Ken MacLean, minister emeritus of Cedar Lane Unitarian Church in Bethesda Maryland, and current minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert in south-central California, is a veteran summer minister at UUEstrie, where he first preached in 1963 (!).

This Sunday is also the day of our annual July picnic, to take place at the Jensen farm in Hatley immediately following our worship service. All are welcome. Maps will be available at the meetinghouse for those who do not know the way. Because of the picnic, a special early 'coffee hour' will take place at 9:30 am in Avery Booth Hall next to the sanctuary, to welcome visitors from other UU churches joining us for this day.

Service Leader: Rev. Carole Martignacco  
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

**July 15**

**Mr. Graham Fraser**

**"Creating Community between French and English Speakers"**

"Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other" – Rainer Maria Rilke

"Communication leads to community – that is, to understanding, intimacy, and mutual valuing." – Rollo May

How can we better create community – understanding, intimacy, and mutual valuing – in a relatively small group where exists a communication "speed bump" comprised of language, culture, and generations?

Graham Fraser is Canada's Commissioner of Official Languages. He is a former journalist and author of several books in both English and French, notably "Sorry, I don't speak French: Confronting the Canadian crisis that won't go away." He is also adjunct professor of journalism at Carleton University.

Service Leader: Rachel Garber  
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

**July 22**

**Ms. Fiona Macaulay**

**"Youth Unemployment"**

Today's global youth population of 1.8 billion stands at a historical high and 1.5 billion live in developing countries. Millions of economically active youth are currently unemployed, which is the highest youth unemployment rate on record. What are the positive trends and opportunities necessary to channel the creativity and energy of this generation of young people so they can realize their potential and support stable families, regions and global community? We will travel from Kenya to Canada and Jordan to

Indonesia to discuss what the research and innovations are telling us we can and should be doing.

Service Leader: Joey Marosi

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

**July 29**

**Rev. Carole Martignacco**

**August 5, 12**

**TBA**

The programme committee works hard, and will finalize these dates soon. See [www.uuestrie.ca](http://www.uuestrie.ca)

**August 19**

**Rev. Carole Martignacco**

**August 26**

**Ms. Gabriella Brand**

**“Flan and Sushi: The pitfalls of comparison”**

What happens when we look at one experience through the lens of another? Do we lose the essence of each one? Do we fail to see what's under our nose? Taking as her point of departure two recent pilgrimage experiences (The Camino de Santiago and the 88 Temples of Shikoku) Gabriella Brand uncovers some questions about the role of comparison in our daily lives.

Gabriella is an old friend of UUEstrie. She spends her summers in North Hatley each year. This year she has undertaken a walking pilgrimage of sacred shrines in Japan, which she says is nothing like doing the Camino.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

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### RE News

Lindsay -Jane is starting maternity leave July 15. The RE committee is confident that a temporary replacement will be found before then. Some of the children and parents visited some goats recently, Thanks to Heather Davis for the photos..





### Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

Rev. Carole is currently on vacation, She returns July 1, and her column will resume in | September.

### 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.

An amazing variety of items has been  
donated including a kayak, a handcrafted quilt,a  
cashmere throw, a washer and dryer,an extra  
warm feather duvet, paintings and an exerciser  
bicycle complete with a fan.

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.

See you there !  
Carol McKinley

### 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/>

### Physician-assisted suicide

*This is hot news just out, which I have summarized  
from an e-letter of the CUC, in case no one else  
has.* -- Keith

Laws against physician-assisted suicide have  
been found unconstitutional, says the Supreme  
Court of British Columbia. They are unjustified  
and violate the Canadian Charter of Rights and  
Freedoms.

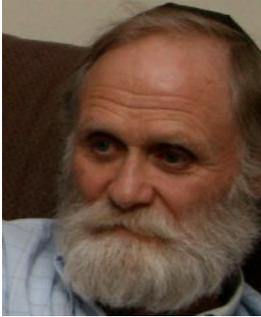
This is a landmark decision, which many  
Unitarians and Universalists applaud. The  
Canadian Unitarian Council was granted  
'intervenor status' in the case, on the strength of  
resolutions passed at CUC dating back to 1973.

Gloria Taylor, the plaintiff in the case, who  
suffers from ALS, has been exempted from  
criminal law in this matter, allowing her to go  
ahead and plan the time and manner of her death  
free from prosecution, while the federal  
government has been given one year to modify  
Canadian criminal law in light of this judgment.

Source: CUC e-letter, June 18, 2012

### UUEstrie to qualify as Northern Lights Chalice Lighter programme?

The Northern Lights Chalice Lighter  
programme is a new fund-raising initiative  
supporting growth projects in congregations  
across Canada. It is brought about by individual  
UUs who agree to become Chalice Lighters and  
agree to donate an amount they choose twice a  
year to go to selected projects. Recently, for  
example, the Universalist Unitarian Church of  
Halifax received a grant to enable strengthening  
of its religious education programme. Co-  
sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist  
Ministers of Canada and the Canadian Unitarian  
Council, the Chalice Lighters is conceived to  
respond to applications that may result in  
significant growth for congregations in the  
country. For a congregation to qualify as  
Northern Lighters, 20% of the members would  
need to make such a pledge. Given its potential  
to make a difference in growth, members of  
UUEstrie are encouraged to consider making  
such a pledge! For further information, go to the  
website of CUC.ca where you may also  
download a Northern Lights Chalice Lighter  
application. We should also have some available  
after service for your consideration.



### Keith's Capsule v3, #7

Greetings once again to all loyal UUEstriens.

Life at UUEstrie refuses to slow down. Hosting 30 members of Elm City girls' choir on St. John's Day, creating and peopling a float in

the Canada Day parade in Hatley, church picnic at the Jensens', hosting Canada's official languages commissioner, putting on a super summer sale over three days.... that's four all-church events in just the next four weeks! We'd better be having fun as we do everything.

Church leaders are scrambling to get reports ready for our AGM, which is but a week away as I write this. The Programme committee is scrambling to tie down our Sunday services through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are lots of possibilities, but scheduling services is like knocking down dominoes, and as of this writing, even when the speaker is certain, there is still missing information about some programmes. The no-name small group is in hiatus at the moment, but our Cercle gaulois continues to meet monthly at Bishop's.

Phyllis and Keith are still re-energizing after co-hosting the first-ever Canuudle wedding June 2. 'Canuudle' is the name of the Canadian national youth conference that happens each year at the CUC annual gathering in May. Sarah Baxter and Dale Brydon (from First Unitarian in Toronto) first met at Canuudle III in Winnipeg, 9 years ago, and were married here in North Hatley just two weeks after Canuudle XII. Both dads, myself and Peter Brydon from Toronto First, just happen to be UU lay chaplains, so we got to co-officiate the ceremony! It was all pretty special (what wedding isn't?); thanks to all for the many good wishes that have come our way.

The Board has overseen production of several documents of church policy this year. They are on display now: take a look. They include: the Pathway to Membership; the Intergenerational Community, the Privacy Policy and Privacy Guidelines, and the new Vision Statement, which has a new Mission statement attached.

The Vision is of a dynamic, multigenerational, spiritual community, committed to enhancing the reach of loving care in the world.

Kelly, our consultant in the Vision/Mission process that we conducted in 2011, also named the six areas where she sensed we want to particularly aim our intentionality and commitment in realizing this vision; these are: inherent worth and kindness, spiritual growth, ecological consciousness, heritage building, outreach to francophones, and peace and justice work. These complement very well our Principles and our Mission and Values statement from two years ago.

All of this makes quite a list, don't you think? Can we live up to it all? I am sure we can, as long as we remain patient and intentional on the way.

One of the several documents on display and up for ratification at the AGM has as its full name, "Envisioning a Healthy and Vibrant Intergenerational Community at UUEstrie." This particular intentionality is a commitment to generational inclusivity, so that in our little 'family' church, everyone knows everyone else, oldsters meet and speak with youngsters, and every age and stage has a voice. I find this delightful, and have encouraged those initiatives coming out of RE that empower kids and enhance inter-generational relationships.

In a similar vein, I enjoyed having young 20-something Joanna Bateman speak to us a couple of weeks back, trying to extract meaning and purpose out of Occupy, student protest, social change movements. I appreciated her maturity, her willingness to acknowledge that things have real costs that must be paid for, and her insistence that each person take more responsibility for what they do. It's unfortunate that she rambled on somewhat and, running out of time, cut herself off, depriving us of her conclusion, which was "Occupy your potential!" That makes for a nice mantra, don't you think?

Keep the faith,

Keith,  
President sortant

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1. Rev. Carole  
2. Sooky Dunton  
3. Joyce Booth

**NEW DATE**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**WEDNESDAY, June 27, 7 pm.**

## Calendar and Schedule

SUN 1 10:00AM SERVICE: HATLEY PARADE  
SUN 8 10:00AM SERVICE: KEN MACLEAN  
SUN 15 10:00AM SERVICE: GRAHAM FRASER  
SUN 22 10:00AM SERVICE: FIONA MACAULAY  
SUN 29 10:00AM SERVICE: REV. CAROLE

### AUGUST

SUN 5 10:00AM SERVICE: TBA  
SUN 12 10:00AM SERVICE: TBA  
SUN 19 10:00AM SERVICE: REV. CAROLE  
SUN 26 10:00AM SERV: GABRIELLA BRAND

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Next issue of Newsletter is  
September 2012

### Deadline: **August 20.**

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