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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 7, 10:30 am

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“Thanksgiving – Stand By This Faith”

Our traditional Thanksgiving worship will be held in the historic Huntingville Universalist Church, Rte 147 in Huntingville. No service in North Hatley this day. Please note the time of the service will be 10:30 am.

Away from UU Estrie

Coffee Convenor: Sooky Dunton

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

October 12

“Eastern Regional Gathering in Ottawa”

The ERG will happen at the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa from Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 14. The theme this year is RE and raising healthy UU kids.

Away from UU Estrie

October 14

Mike Matheson

“Celebration of Music”

Come for an entirely musical morning. Mike will teach rounds and part singing to some of our UU hymns. Multiple musicians from our community will share their talents, and the significance of music in their lives.

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Service Leader: Mike Matheson

Musician: Many

Coffee Convenor: Adele Ernstrom

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

October 21

Ms. Bethany Knight

“Why do the poor get poorer and the rich get richer?”

Writer Bethany Knight spent much of the summer examining this question. She found many players blaming each other: Is it the capitalist system? Is it the mindset of the poor? Is it poverty programs that promote dependency?

And perhaps most importantly, what can caring citizens do to truly help the poor?

Influenced by her long association working with the poor of India, Bethany brings a unique, creative slant to this compelling topic.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Coffee Convenor: Heather Lewis

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

October 28

Mr. Keith Baxter

“United Nations Sunday”

Each year, near the anniversary date of the founding of the United Nations, UUEstrie celebrates United Nations Sunday. The Plate collection this Sunday will be a special collection for the UU United Nations Office, which we as a congregation wish to support, as a means to further our covenant to affirm and promote a peaceful world with liberty and justice for all.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Coffee Convenor: Mike and Dona Matheson

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

November 4

Mr. Joe Weber

"Escape from Hungary in 1956"

in 1956, at the age of 17, Joe escaped from the totalitarian state that was Hungary, and came to Canada. Why? How? What did he live and learn through that experience? Joe is now retired from a career as a Professor at the University of Sherbrooke. He and wife Janet live in Lennoxville, when they are not at their cottage on the water, or travelling to Hungary or Argentina, or other places on the planet. Janet spoke at UUEstrie this past winter about their experience visiting Cuba last year.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

The Eastern Fall Gathering, held at First Unitarian Church in Ottawa Oct 12-14, is coming up at a gallop.

There are three concurrent programmes to choose from: A Time for All Ages, the UU Identity Renaissance module, and Wise Elder Circles facilitator training. There is also a concurrent youth 'con', and child care for smaller children on Saturday morning.

Home billets are available: email

ERFG-Billeting@cuc.ca.

More info and on-line registration is at cuc.ca.

Registration deadline is Oct. 9. \$100 **scholarships** are available from the CUC as well. (This is approximately the cost of the programmes.) *See also Sooky's column.*



... From Sooky's camera

United Church elects a gay moderator

The United Church of Canada has elected its first openly gay moderator. The moderator presides at meetings of the general council and is the main spokesperson for the United Church. **Rev. Gary Paterson** of Vancouver was elected at the meeting of the United Church general council in Ottawa and was formally installed on Aug. 18th for a term of three years. His election from a field of 15 candidates brought cheers from the 350 voting delegates.

Rev. Paterson is 63 and was born in the Yukon in a military family. He has served as minister in three United Church congregations in the Vancouver area.

The United Church was the first large church in Canada to ordain gay ministers, a policy it put into effect in 1998.

Source: The Fundy Wave, newsletter of the UUChurch of Saint John.

Keith

**Joy, Janet and Ann after Grannies bike ride**

Photo my friend Karin took of Janet, Joy and Ann at the end of the bike trip, a fundraiser by the Grannies for the Stephen Lewis Foundation
...Heather Keith

SPECIAL WELCOME

We warmly welcome Kassandra McAdams-Roy, a Bishops fourth year student, who has agreed to become our Interim Children's Program Coordinator while Jane Gowman is on maternity leave till November. Please give her all the support you can, and if possible, volunteer for a Sunday activity with the children.



Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

Frost on the deck – so soon! As leaves change colour and a chill creeps into the air, I scramble to savour and preserve the bounty of summer. Stuffing my miniature tomato harvest into freezer bags, making jam of the last berries of the season, I remember a time years ago as my girls were growing up, when my kitchen would become, come fall, a busy food factory where we'd all spend whole days together freezing, canning and drying produce from the backyard garden and town market. The apples from our two trees would ripen faster than we could keep saucing, cider-ing, baking or jellying them. The whole household was immersed in whatever the day's project – harvesting tomatoes or zucchini, husking corn, coring apples, washing pumpkins. We'd wake up asking: *What day is today? Plums, or is it beans?* The squares of the master calendar on the wall were named for our daily project.

Recently, I've been going back in time to relive those early fall days, mining them again for renewed joy, then sending off the memoirs to my daughters, expanding the pleasure by reminding them of our shared past. Writing as time travel – who would have thought? Yet that's what memoirs are all about. One of this summer's gifts has been treating myself to a creative writing class, which I've opted to carry over into fall with a follow-up course at the library. Of course, I'm not a stranger to creative writing – since little on, words have been my life. Whether as teacher or grad student, creative writing was a daily discipline, my primary means of processing life. The focus not just on completing a manuscript for my thesis., being a poet went beyond producing poems on the page. It was an orientation to live life freshly, celebrate the world through direct experience, and sometimes to distill that into words.

Now in my life as minister, words are again the primary tools with which I work. So much gets filtered through language, weaving together daily reading, internet research, personal

experience and global happenings, deepen it all into some kind of search for truth and meaning, to further share and explore these insights and ideas with others. Just this morning, I answer the phone and someone asks, as an aside to the day's planning: *"By the way – how do you describe the role of faith and reason in religion?"** Imagine how rich – I get to start my day with such questions! So intrinsic to my work is this life of words, so focused am I on the task of communicating effectively, whether through daily email or Sunday sermon, monthly Board reports, meeting agendas or even newsletter columns, to say nothing of the pastoral visit or phone call – it's easy to forget to schedule time for the liberating power of just playing with words as an art form.

The lessons of a course in memoir writing go far beyond renewed creativity and playfulness with words. The goal of preserving the past is to keep its flavor and nutrition over time; we take the jar or the book off the shelf and taste them anew and are filled. Beyond this, the daily writing prompts are useful metaphors for jump-starting my playfulness with the present, as well as the past. Finding a way to celebrate, savour and cherish the significant moments so fleeting, that move and change before we've grasped their true importance. Not just reliving, reviewing, but mining the seemingly commonplace *as it happens* – reflecting upon the now for its hidden kernels of meaning and joy. Whether you freeze, can or write, or find other ways of preserving your present and distilling your life – I wish you an abundant harvest, a fall brimming over with ripe goodness, and gifts of the season, gathered to warm and nurture you in all seasons. Blessings – Rev. Carole

*The brief response: *In our liberal tradition, reason and faith are one and the same, inseparable. To expand on this, we could convene a group discussion, or design a workshop.*

A "Quote of the day"

"Renew, release, let go. Yesterday's gone. There's nothing you can do to bring it back. You can't 'should've' done something. You can only DO something. Renew yourself. Release that attachment. Today is a new day!" (Steve Maraboli) – contributed by Lisa McDonald-Jensen



President's Report

It seems to me that seasons change at an ever accelerating rate and one's activities go with the flow. Gone in a flash are the leisurely times at home or away on the patio with family and friends discussing the weather, world events, politics and the state of other meaningful issues. We return to school, work and other endeavours. I used to fanticise (when I had time) that when I retired I would have lots of time to relax and contemplate while smelling the roses. And of course I do. But old habits die hard and one finds oneself with deadlines and a crowded schedule of meetings, book reviews, grandmother's groups with lots of handwork to be done in the evenings, gardens to be put to bed and usual housekeeping things to do. Of course I would have it no other way but I wonder sometimes that I may need another life to fit in all these things,

The lovely picnic that we had at the Jensens' in September is the beginning of our fall season. A glorious way to kick-start our church season with a perfect day including a hike that was with awesome views of our beautiful countryside. Along with a full, interesting Sunday church schedule, that includes planning for the Christmas pageant and supper.

The other big event is THE EASTERN FALL GATHERING being held in Ottawa from Friday, October 12th to Sunday, October 14th. This yearly weekend is always filled with interesting workshops and familiar faces that enhance our belonging to a larger community of dynamic people. We are always interested in having people other than the usual ones wishing to go to this celebration. The web site of the CUC gives information on this event, so have a look. One can have a sponsorship from our group and billets are available as well as a lift to and from. Just ask any of your Board if you are interested.

Sooky Dunton

Caring Corner

Family and friends of Martha Ham, long time member of Choromondo Choir, who died of a sudden infection in Bhutan while teaching there. Martha's lively spirit and lovely voice will be

long remembered by all who knew her.



New Addition in Avery Booth Hall

An elegant Edwardian sofa designed by Edwin Holgate (1877-1977) has been loaned to the Church by Donnie Rittenhouse and now adds interest to furnishings in Avery Booth Hall. Edwin Holgate was a distinguished Canadian painter to whose work the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts dedicated a solo exhibition some five years ago. Donnie acquired the sofa in 1977 by descent from Frances Holgate, the aunt of David and Donnie Rittenhouse. Along with his practice as painter of landscape, portraits and nudes, the many-sided Edwin Holgate produced rugs, upholstery, lamps and furniture for home and studio. Donnie's sofa is one Edwin Holgate designed for his wife Frances, who trained as a concert pianist. In its design he allowed for its placement in a small living room and provided built-in drawers for storage of her sheet music. Since its acquisition by Donnie, the sofa has been reupholstered in its original colour. We wish to express our appreciation to Donnie for this opportunity to enjoy a piece of furniture that is exceptional in its design and through its associations.

-- Adele Ernstrom

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Calendar and Schedule

TUES 2 9:30AM GRANNIES WORKSHOP
WED 3 5:00PM BOARD VISIONING DINNER
SUN 7 10:30AM HUNTINGVILLE SERVICE
TUES 9 9:30AM PREOGRAMME CMTE.
SUN 14 10:00AM CELEBRATION OF MUSIC

SUN 21 10:00AM BETHANY KNIGHT
THUR 25 9:30AM NEWSLETTER CMTE.
SUN 28 10:00AM UNITED NATIONS SUNDAY
MARDI TBA 19H30 CERCLE GAULOIS
TUES 30 7:00PM ANGLO SMALL GROUP
TBA 6:30PM BOARD MEETING

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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 Newsletter is November 2012

Deadline: **October 20.**

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Denominational affairs

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