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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

May 5, 4 p.m.

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“10th Anniversary Celebration of Shared Ministry”

Milestones are important; we look back to remember in order to look forward and imagine. Visiting UU and interfaith clergy are our honoured guests, as is each of you who have contributed in countless ways to our past decade of ministry together. Come, let us celebrate with poetry, story and song!

A Festive Reception in Avery Booth Hall follows the service.

Musicians: Mike Matheson; Catherine Walker, cello
Coffee Convenor: Joey Marosi
Flower Convenor: David Turner and others

May 12

Ms. Mary Lynn Ross

“Mothers' Day”

A day honouring our foremothers, inviting testimony from anyone about mother figures in their lives.

Service Leader: Mary Lynn Ross
Musician: Pat Bird
Coffee Convenor: Chantal Michaud
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

May 19

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“Celebrating Our Diversity”

On this Sunday, the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) as a national religious movement comes together in Calgary for its Annual Conference and Meeting and a worship service attended by UUs from congregations all across Canada. Rev. Carole will share materials she helped develop for the Exploring

Our Theological Diversity full-day program stream, with opportunities for interactive participation.

Coffee Convenor: Carol McKinley
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

May 26, 4 p.m.

Rev. Mead Baldwin & Carole Martignacco

“Interfaith service at Huntingville Universalist Church”

Rev. Mead Baldwin, United Church of Canada (UCC) minister joins Rev. Carole Martignacco, in dialogue, to explore our two religious traditions for the common ground we share beneath the levels of difference.

Church is located on Route 147, Huntingville, Quebec.

No service today in North Hatley.

June 2

Dr. Patrick Labelle

“Wonders of the World at the Quantum Level”

It's not Quirks and Quarks, but pretty close. Patrick Labelle is a physicist who teaches at Champlain College and Bishop's University. He enjoys trying to translate Quantum Physics into terms that you and I can understand. And then trying to figure out what it all means.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter
Coffee Convenor: Reine Gagnon
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

*Imagine the time the particle you are returns
to where it came from. The family darling comes
home. Wine, contained in cups, is handed around. A
red glint appears in a granite outcrop, and suddenly
the whole cliff turns to ruby. - Rumi*



Minister's Message

“Tra-la, it’s May, the lusty month of May,” sings Guinevere in the musical *Camelot*. In much of the Northern Hemisphere

May is a time of bees buzzing, of plants flinging pollen with wild abandon, of life burgeoning in all directions.

What fills you with lust for life?

Today, May 1st, this brief message above was delivered to my email box thanks to the DAILY COMPASS – a relatively new project of the UUA Church of the Larger Fellowship. Every morning as I open my email cache, the first thing to greet me is an uplifting message. Not asking me to reply, schedule a meeting, submit more information, pay a bill or complete an ongoing task. Like a voice out of the blue, simply calling me to pause and attend to the gift of being alive and aware of something transcendent, infusing and informing the ordinariness of everyday. Just a line or two, an inspiring quote or observation, sometimes with a breathtaking image, wide-ranging in theme, followed by a focus question that catches my attention and brings the perception home, before I plunge headlong into the work at hand. It’s usually a thought from a wholly unexpected direction, not likely to arise from my life at this very moment.

Who knew that one of the newest spiritual teachers – miraculously – resides not in an ashram or monastery, holy temple or hermit’s hut, but inside the ethereal world of a computer screen! Disembodied spirits embedded within the latest technology – now that’s a remarkable 21st century take on an ancient theme! Besides the visual message, which takes mere moments to read, there is an audio file for more engaged reflection. When I have time I stop and listen – and after a brief, reflective pause, go on to start my day with fresher awareness of a reality that

renews my spirit and carries forward into the usual round of tasks and encounters.

Who is this modern guru? Whence comes the Daily Compass? It’s all part of a growing trend toward deepening our Unitarian Universalism as a uniquely spiritual as well as religious movement. Beyond our passionate discourse on social justice issues, or even our faithful commitment to freedom of belief and affiliation, there is this gathering energy toward claiming a many-faceted and distinctly non-dogmatic awareness of spirit at work in the world. Of course, the originators are not dis-embodied spirits. Behind the scenes - or computer screen - someone, busy as you and I, pauses to compose and post these words. Broadcasting out into the world generous seeds of contemplation to foster a deeper connection among a wider community that includes but reaches beyond those who identify as Unitarian Universalist. Some of whom may lack access to church or fellowship. So beyond the gift of these brief jewels of meditation, I revel in the sense of belonging to a vast and varied congregation with whom I share a commitment to living an awakened life.

Interested? You can subscribe to the DAILY COMPASS by clicking on the link below. Just to tempt you further, here’s another installment from the last day of April. Wishing you all the blessings of Spring!
- Rev. Carole

[Opening](#) ~ Magnolias bloom in a vast profusion, curling open petals to the sun, exhaling sweetness into the warmth of the day.

What opens your heart and allows you to bloom?

The Daily Compass offers words and images to inspire spiritual reflection and encourage the creation of a more loving, inclusive and just world. Produced by [The Church of the Larger Fellowship](#), the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Without Walls.



President's Message

The first day of spring has come and gone and at this writing, a few weeks later, there are not many signs of it, including ice still in Lake Massawippi in mid April. Despite cooler weather than expected we did have a lovely Easter service and flower communion by Reverend Carole Martingnac. To celebrate Nancy Pacaud's one hundred years birthday, her daughter Jill invited our members to a tea at la Desserte, a lovely restaurant in Richmond, Qc. Several of us journeyed there to be with Nancy, Jill, Jeremy, her son and daughter-in-law, Gail. The family gave us buttons with a photo of Nancy and inscribed with her record milestone. The spread of goodies was extravagant with the guest of honour enjoying an individual chat with her fellow celebrants.

Spring cleaning was held on two Saturdays. Our sanctuary and the whole building was scrubbed, vacuumed, dusted, waxed and organized, including the upstairs cupboard by a capable and talented bunch of volunteers. Mary Lynn, Reine, Joey, Gordon, Jaime, Joe, Janet, Carole, Edson, Keith, Chantel, and Carol. An amazing turn-out and an impressive effort. Janitors are us is certainly taken seriously. Thank you. Our heritage building is not only beautiful but sparkling clean.

As a contrast in talent and humour, our Jaime, Carole, Keith and Joyce presented a humorous skit for all to enjoy as a highlight of our annual pledge dinner. Not to be outdone by the dinner, courtesy of the Board but convened by Mary Lynn with very special and lovingly arranged tables with centerpieces, matching napkins and delicious food. She had great assistants with Joey supplying a mass of tulips and most everyone supplying food, drink and cleaning up services. One can marvel at the effort and *joi de vivre* that is this small but mighty community. And in the last two days, spring with warmth, bird song and green things sprouting has arrived, In all my many years, winter seems to drag on and I think that it will never come. That is resurrection to me !

- Sooky Dunton

Works In Progress VII: Project Peru Saturday, May 4

---Open for refreshments at 6.00 p.m. Show beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Now in it's 7th year, Works In Progress provides an opportunity for artists in various lines wishing to perform in a casual and friendly, space. It offers entertainment while helping to support social and environmental causes.

From 2006, Works in Progress has taken place at UUEstrie. Some of its members thus renewed an earlier "Café 'Wippi" tradition, creating an occasion in 2006 to help three CEGEP students raise funds for their trip to Peru.

The event was well received and Works in Progress now offers to support two Montcalm students in an intercultural exchange trip to Peru. These two students, Lu Gubbins and Sita Payette, are talented dancers who will be performing a *baladi* at Works in Progress.

Other participants returning from previous occasions: Jason Krpan, Michèle Bourque and partner/bassist Sasha Prévost, as well as Jude Clotier and Benoît Héguy. Some first timers are Maeve Prevost, Mylène Turcotte, Alizée Jutras, Aurélie Gagnon and Jaya-Lilas Payette, joined by David Zapata and Habib-Louis Sidibe from Juene Musiciens du Mond. Sarah Laliberté, who has performed with Kent Nagano, also figures in the program, as does Joe Weberès will do a Hungarian dance. Matthew McCullyès music will be a further attraction.

This year La Caravane will be hosting and invites you to what promises to be a rich and memorable evening.

La Caravane is located at 4500 Ch. De Capleton, North Hatley. Come early for food offered as part of the fundraising effort. The show will start at 7:00 pm. With suggested admission of \$ 8.00 per person and \$ 15.00 for 2 adults and one or two children. Greater or lesser donations will be gratefully accepted. For further information call Debra Fougère at 819-300-1265.

See you there! - Debra Fougere

Parish Portrait: Margaret Stoddard

Originally the property of Alice Colt of Stanstead County, poet and member of the Universalist Church of North Hatley, a scrapbook that was acquired and, it seems, mainly continued by Margaret Stoddard is now preserved in Archives of the Eastern Townships Research Centre at Bishop's University. It contains a book plate bearing the name of Alice Colt, surmounted by the date 1916, though the scrapbook mainly presents newspaper clippings ranging in date from the early 1930s to mid-'70s. The material contains much of interest relative to the church, as well as notices of cultural events in the region and activities of women's groups in and outside of the church such as the Women's Institute. Gordon Stoddard is exploring the possibility of scanning the scrapbook, a project that would make it far more accessible. In the meantime, I selected for the Newsletter a sample entitled "Parish Portrait" from an unidentified publication that includes a photograph of Margaret Stoddard:

"Back in 1946 she and her husband were shopping around for a 'suitable' church in North Hatley, Quebec. Fortunately there was a Universalist Church in the community, and their 'shopping' was over.

"Four years later Margaret R. Stoddard had organized a church school, and for three years was its superintendent and a teacher. She has been one of the most active members of the Women's Alliance, and participated in establishing a Gift Shop in the church hall. She has been secretary to the church's Board of Trustees since 1953.

"Born June 1, 1910, in Torphins, twenty miles west of Aberdeen, Scotland, Margaret spent the first 36 years of her life in Great Britain. She was educated at the Torphins Higher Grade School, Webster's Business College in Aberdeen and at Gray's School of Art in that city.

"In 1935 she went to Newcastle-on-Tyne to study at the Royal Victoria Hospital School of Physiotherapy and graduated as a Chartered Physiotherapist, after which she worked in hospitals and in private practice.

"She was married to Albert H. Stoddard, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Overseas, in 1945, and the following year they came to Canada. The couple have a son who is a

video-tape recording engineer for Channel 12 TV, Montreal, and a daughter who is a radiographer.

"In Scotland, Margaret was Captain of Girl Guides and leader of Brownies for 16 years, and in Canada was the Commissioner of the Sherbrooke Division of Girl Guides for six years.

"She has kept up her physiotherapy work—for three years at the Sherbrooke Hospital, and now takes occasional private patients. Her training in art has led to her present hobbies of drawing and painting and a variety of creative art projects. She also enjoys gardening.

"I was formerly a Presbyterian,' she says, 'and my husband of no abode, churchwise, but a Unitarian-Universalist without knowing that such existed.' Since making their church discovery 23 years ago, they have both been dedicated to Unitarian Universalism ever since."

Adele Ernstrom

Drawings by Margret Stoddard, 1936



"Before the Exam" (before surgery)
(Thank you to Rose-Marie Bolger, long-time caregiver and loving friend of Margaret Stoddard in the last years of her life.)



After Surgery

At the Pledge Dinner...



At Coffee Hour



Doug Peary, Chaplain of the Senate for the day, in prayer



THE SHIRK ETHIC

- Rev. Dr. Richard S. Gilbert
UU Minister

*O God of Work and Leisure,
Teach me to shirk upon occasion,
Not only that I may work more effectively,
But also that I may enjoy
life more abundantly.
Enable me to understand that the earth
Magically continues spinning on its axis
Even when I am not
tending thy vineyards.
Permit me to breathe more easily
Knowing the destiny of the race
Rests not on my shoulders alone.*

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

Calendar and Schedule

WED	1	1:30PM	BOARD MEETING
SAT	4	7:00PM	WORKS IN PROGRESS
SUN	5	4:00PM	10 TH ANNIVERSARY CELB.
MON	6	9:30AM	PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
TUES	7	9:30AM	GRANNIES WORKSHOP
SUN	12	10:00AM	SERVICE: MOTHER'S DAY
SUN	19	10:00AM	SERVICE: DIVERSITY
SUN	26	4:00PM	INTERFAITH SERVICE
WED	29	7:00PM	SMALL GROUP

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This is your newsletter !!!

Next issue of Newsletter is June 2013

Deadline: *May 25.*

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