

July-August 2013 Juliet-Août



Events this Month

All Sunday services start at 10:30 am unless otherwise specified.
We have an active children's program during our Sunday service, at which all children are warmly welcome

July 6, 10 a.m.

“Super Summer Silent Auction: Ice cream kick-off”

This silent auction of objets d'art, antiques and curiosities is a BENEFIT for the historic Unitarian Universalist church building, plus donations to the North Hatley Recreation Centre's summer program for youth, and to student Louba Gubbins-Fougère for her study trip to Peru.

Free Ice Cream Cones (while supplies last):

Saturday July 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - at UU Estrie

Silent Auction bidding is open:

July 6-7 & 13-14: Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday 12 to 2 p.m. & Thursday July 18, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Piggery's House & Garden Tour visits UUEstrie during the last day of the Silent Auction, Thursday July 18. The Grand Finale animated by Mead Baldwin is from 5 to 6 p.m. Stop by and make your bids at your leisure, then come back and seal your deals.

July 7, 10 a.m.

Ms. Susan-Lynn Johns “Being CommUnitarians” PICNIC SUNDAY

The word community doesn't mean the same thing today that it did even 20 years ago. As we move into an ever more virtual reality, what will happen to “real” reality and how we communicate within it? Susan-Lynn Johns is lay minister of our sister Universalist church in Derby Line. This will be her first visit to our pulpit. A university communications professor, Susan-Lynn has observed changing methods of making contact with each other for nearly 40 years, and is fascinated but perhaps a little frustrated by it all!

Annual Picnic Sunday ~ after our 10 am service, we adjourn to the Jensen farm on Bowen Rd. in Hatley, for a picnic lunch. Bring frisbees, a picnic lunch, outdoor games,, even bathing suits if you like (there is a pond). *All are welcome.*

ALSO: SUPER SUMMER SILENT AUCTION

Bidding continues until 2:00 p.m. today

Service Leader: Keith Baxter
Coffee Convenor: Mary Lynn Ross
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

SATURDAY July 13, 10 am - 2 pm

“SUPER SUMMER SILENT AUCTION”

(see July 6)

**~ BEGINNING JULY 14 ~
REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES
START PROMPTLY AT 10:30 A.M.**

July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Chris Buice

“Spirit: un certain je ne sais quoi”

What is this thing called Spirit? We say the word. We hear the word. Do we know what we mean? Does it matter? Rev. Chris Buice, pastor of Tennessee Valley UU Church, in Knoxville, and a regular visitor to Québec, pays his first visit to UU Estrie. Last summer he was 'Minister of the Week' at Ferry Beach, where he met our own RE Chair, Phyllis Baxter. He's also a friend of Rev. Ken MacLean, himself a loyal friend of UUEstrie, whose first parish was in Knoxville. (Ken MacLean takes our pulpit on Aug. 4.)

Service Leader: Rev. Carole Martignacco
 Coffee Convenor: Eva Bures
 Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunt

**SUPER SUMMER SILENT AUCTION
 Continues ~ bidding open from 10- 2:00 p.m.**

**Thursday July 18 FINALE
 “Super Summer Silent Auction /
 Piggery House & Garden Tour”**

Thursday July 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Piggery’s House & Garden Tour comes to UUEstrie!

Our historical Universalist church building will be part of this tour, with visitors arriving anytime from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Upstairs: An exquisite 19th century wood-panelled sanctuary and bell tower, with a tour guide researched and written by art historian Adele Ernstrom. At 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., she will also be available to explain the unique features of the building, and answer questions.

In the reception hall and downstairs: refreshments and a fascinating collection of items on silent auction for browsing and bidding.

THURSDAY ~ FINAL DAY OF BIDDING!

Super Summer Silent Auction ends with a Grand Finale, from 5 to 6 p.m.

The tolling of the bell will announce the grand finale of this auction of antiques, art objects and curiosities. Animated by Mead Baldwin, it promises excitement, fun and lots of good deals.

July 21, 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Lois Saucke

**“Animals Trapped in the Spiral
 of Family Violence”**

Family violence, spousal abuse, and child abuse are a tragedy in our society. As these situations spiral out of control, we may not often think of the other helpless victim--the family pet.

There are pets in over half of homes where such violence occurs; these animals can become the target of abuse if the woman leaves. Threats are made in order to give the abuser psychological control over his victim, so that she is afraid to leave, for fear her pet may be hurt or killed.

Lois will discuss the situation of family pets in abusive households, statistics, options to protect these animals; and we will ask the question, where do we go from here?

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Joey Marosi
 Coffee Convenor: Sooky Dunton
 Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

July 25, 8 p.m.

“Dueling Pianos at The Piggery Theatre”

It’s 2 guys on 2 pianos having way 2 much fun. Randy Vancourt and Mark Kersey. All the way from 2ronto, 2 The Piggery.

And us 2. Our challenge: Raise funds for UUEstrie by giving yourself and your friends way 2 much fun.

Aha – gottcha. You saw “pianos” and you thought “concert.” But no – think comedy! It’s an evening of high fun by 2 seasoned comedians. Think being in stitches, and think music 2. Think 2 pianos, think 2 many laughs. Think a 1-of-a-kind show filled with all kinds of music, laughs, flashy piano pieces, singalongs, and even championship yo-yo tricks.

Think about paying \$5 less than the going rate for tickets for this 2 funny show. Only \$20. And \$8 of it comes right back to UUEstrie. Take a crowd with you!

Build your summer around That Special Moment, Thursday, July 25, at 8 p.m. And be there, with Randy and Mark, and their twin pianos 2, for The Original Canadian Dueling Pianos show.

Randy has performed all over North America, building up to this night. He co-created Radio Freaks. He has composed music for TV shows. Dudley the Dragon and Don’t Lick the Pig are just 2 of many. Check out www.randyvancourt.com.

Mark has pulled himself away from 6 years writing scripts and performing as Mark The Repairman on Mr. Dressup. He was the 1984 Canadian yo-yo champion, and recorded 5 albums with his children’s group The Stylamanders. Read all about it at 2pianos.homestead.com.

They're ready for us! Are we ready for them? Please join the fun and help raise funds for the UUEstrie 2. Get tickets for yourself and your friends. Get them now. From Rachel. Call 819-300-2374, email Rachel@uuestrie.ca or nab me next Sunday. Bless you x 2.

July 28, 10:30 am

Carole Martignacco

“Bridging the Secular Divide”

How can we engage in mutually respectful dialogue, find common cause, and collaborate across faith lines to effect meaningful change in the world? Rev. Carole will share insights from a fascinating 2-day conference held at McGill this past May, featuring presenters from federal and provincial levels of government, journalists and faith leaders from diverse religious traditions.

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

August 4, 10:30 am

Rev. Ken MacLean

“The Trouble with Religion”

When we consider religion, without creed or hierarchy, what are we really talking about? When people say they are "spiritual but not religious", what are they rejecting?

Service Leader: Joyce Booth

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

August 11, 10:30 am

Ms. Jane Cameron

“Understanding and Supporting a Grieving Child or Teen”

Jane Cameron worked as a Grief Counselor and director of curriculum for the Bereavement Center of Westchester, New York. She has published materials and led these groups for 17 years. Today she will share her reflections on how children grieve differently from adults; how their yearnings, needs and strengths can be honoured within both family-based and school-based support groups; as well as some of the art projects, writing exercises, games and readings that have been helpful.

Service Leader: Joey Marosi

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

August 18, 10:30 am

Ms. Gabriella Brand

“Good Grief!”

How do we cope with events that shock or horrify us? Do we use teddy bears or send care packages? Do we pick up a hammer, make art, make casseroles or hug strangers? Do we keep calm and carry on? Do we run toward the grief or away from it?

Service Leader: Jaime Dunton

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

August 25, 10:30 am

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“Interdependence Day”

Launched in 2003 in Philadelphia and celebrated on September 12 in the years since as a global holiday in response to acts of violence, the theme of Interdependence Day is regeneration, calling the world to reflect on our necessary solidarity and interconnectedness for survival. Today we invoke our own 7th UU Principle which affirms our place in the web of life.

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

September 1, 10:30 am

Ms. Jill Hertog

“Olive Oil”

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

Editorial: Of Time and Respect

The Annual General Meeting discussed the starting time of our services, and made the decision to change the time to 10:30, and *to start on time!* This decision was taken to respect the wishes of several who have difficulty arriving by 10:00, and also in order to show respect toward our invited speakers, who give us so generously of their time and gifts.

It has often happened that 10 o'clock has come and there are only a handful of people in the sanctuary, notably the speaker and a couple of bewildered guests.

Members, please, arrive ahead of time. You will be able to greet each other, and welcome our visitors.



Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

*Report from Minnesota:
An Inland Tsunami*

That's what the local newspaper called it. In the midst of the usual last minute preparations for our Martignacco version of "My Big Fat Italian Wedding" – the Super Storm rolled in, hitting the Twin Cities with near cyclone velocity winds. Vintage trees were uprooted in city parks and along quiet boulevards, often upending root balls with sidewalk slabs intact. Huge elms, maples, ash and oak crashed onto homes, businesses and vehicles, blocking city streets and creating traffic mazes that sent drivers in circles of "no exit" anywhere. Did I say traffic lights were down all over?

Hundreds of thousands were left without power, with hospitals on emergency power. The front page of the Star Tribune showed the trunk of a huge tree solidly pinning the trunk of a pick-up truck

We landed on Wednesday at MSP airport. David and I were staying at my daughter's house to help Anna and her fiancé Tim with last minute flower arrangements, table decorations and seating plans. When the lights flickered and went out on Thursday night during the rehearsal dinner at a restaurant in Saint Paul, we had no way of knowing it would be the following Wednesday before power could be restored to our lovely neighbourhood of Nokomis just west of the Mississippi on the Minneapolis side. Thanks to cell phones, we connected with family and determined that all were safe. All the next day we were calling ahead to arrange last-minute errands with businesses that were also without power, winding our way through tree-blocked streets, looking for places that were still serving meals to avoid opening the fridge. Late Friday night around the dining table, we sipped wine, told family stories, cut, pasted and stamped 102 placecards by candlelight. (Fortunately, my poet daughter Anna's romantic soul shares my passion for candles; her supplies lasted well into the following week.) We woke that night to the howling of another intense storm.

We not only got through the wedding – it was absolutely beautiful. I enjoyed the rare gift of being ministered to by a colleague, as Rev. Janne Eller-Isaacs, co-minister at Unity Church Unitarian, officiated a memorable ceremony. She and the groom had adapted the Flower Communion I'd sent on a few weeks before, into a lovely ritual with glowing bride and groom standing under an arch of greenery, and the congregation coming forward to adorn the arch with blossoms, symbolizing their unique love and support for the couple. What a treat to revisit this huge urban congregation and meet at the reception folks I'd worked with over a decade before. Among my delightful "mother-of-the-bride" tasks was walking my daughter down the aisle. We took a deep breath, smiled, joined hands and held on for "dear life."

Both cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul were hit hard, twice in 24 hours. Clean-up had just began in earnest, when more trees came down. The Twin Cities prides itself on its beautiful green urban forest, and people everywhere were in mourning for the loss of so many stately trees. People spoke of their trees as living beings. One woman at the coffee shop said: "My tree has been a presence for 35 years, shading my house and my life. Suddenly it's gone – irreplaceable. All day, sounds of sawing wood - there's a huge hole where it once was." Real grief was tempered with amazement and gratitude as no fatal injuries were reported, just devastating aesthetic, property and environmental damage. And the worst worry were not the trees that had fallen – but those weakened and about to fall – anywhere, anytime. Yet people everywhere regaled each other with the usual wry Minnesota humour: the man whose vehicle had been bent in two by a huge tree trunk posted a sign beside it: truck for sale, firewood included! In the act of clean-up, the disaster drew everyone together in ways only an "act of God" can do!

For dear life includes all that lives. The storms reminded us how trees are unique one-of-a-kind beings, alive and breathing. It reminded us of the fragile balance of nature and our dependence upon it. With all the extreme weather raging – tsunamis, cyclones, unprecedented droughts, floods and massive forest fires - we got a brief taste of what is being experienced in places all

over the globe, including Calgary! Climate change –whatever is driving it – is real! And it will become for us all a force to be reckoned with. Good to be back! – Rev. Carole



President's Report

This will be my third report this month, the monthly Board Meeting, the Annual General Meeting of all members, and this newsletter. It is very frustrating to have such diligent volunteers not only spending a lot of time working on committees and then summarizing their commitments in a yearly report, only to have less than a dozen show up for this once a year meeting. It can feel like all this time consuming work is for naught. What to do about this? I would love to have some feed back.

As approved at the annual meeting, our services will start at 10:30 am on Sundays beginning July 14th. We will reassess the starting time in mid September.

July 14th will be the 60th wedding anniversary of Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino. In case there are any of you who do not know this incredible, inspirational couple, here is a short summary. I first heard about this family years ago as I was living on the west island of Montreal and this couple were raising 21 children, 19 of whom were adopted from around the world. Reverend Fred was the minister of the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Church. Since then, they have nurtured and provided loving care for thousands of destitute children and women in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh. This outreach is called "Child Haven International." The Board that runs these orphanages have, until recently, had Bonnie and Fred as members and driving forces. Bonnie spends a great deal of her time travelling to these remote places to ensure the smooth running of it all. They now live on a farm in Maxville. Jaime and I meet Reverend Fred at all the CUC meetings that we attend. He not only remembers each and every person that he has ever met but is one of the most humorous persons that I have encountered. Their Board and friends have established a "CROAK FUND" which they hope to endow so that this

work will be carried on when they.....The hope is that people will give money to "the Jubilee Endowment Fund" by individual donations or by throwing a party for that end. Their event is being web cast from their Maxville Farm on Sunday, July 14th at 5pm. I will leave all this information at the church in Avery Booth Hall. Plus a quarterly newsletter which continues to be published regularly with copies available on the table with other literature in the downstairs hall or at www.childhaven.ca.

I wish everyone a happy summer and hope that you all have thoughtful moments to ruminate on how to have others join our community and make a difference in our world.

Sooky Dunton

Canada Day Parade

Lindsay-Jane Gowman deserves a pat on the back for her splendid organization of UUEstrie's float in the Hatley Canada Day Parade, and so do the others who helped.

The Parade itself has been going for 105 years strong. No individual member of our little church could match that, but the age of the tractor and hay wagon combined was just about as much, and the three most elderly riders on the float came out somewhere north of 240 total years.

The theme for our entry this year was "Everything I need to know I learned in kindergarten" - from the book with that title by UU minister Robert Fulgham. Each rider on the float got to hold up a sign with one of those K-commandments, such as "Don't hit", "Share", "Take a Nap". Your reporter's sign read "Warm Cookies and Milk" which was very popular and drew many waves from people in the crowd.

Keith Baxter kindly brought along his guitar and belted out songs that the rest of us could sing along as the float made its way along the parade route.

Jane herself had printed the theme in both languages on sheets fastened to the sides of the wagon, and the various principles on cardboard signs that were attached to cedar poles. Who else did what is not clear, but it seems that the others who helped included Keith and Phyllis Baxter, Lin and Kevin Jensen (suppliers in particular of the tractor and wagon), and Alex Brand.

- Jaime Dunton

Edson Warner, his ancestors, and the Huntingville Church

How come? Five weeks ago on May 26, 2013 the service was held at the Huntingville U-U Church. My “joy” then was that two of my great-grandfathers, their wives and some of their children who died young were buried up on the hill on the west side of the cemetery, in a good place.

Elam Warner, born 1778 in Somers, Connecticut, and his wife Elizabeth Blodgett came to Lennoxville and bought land on June 23, 1804. Cyrus, one of their twin sons born in 1802, his wife and their son Mortimer are in adjacent graves.

In 1845 the wooden St. James Church, measuring 51 x40’ with the capacity to seat 200 persons, needed repairs. Lennoxville then had about twenty houses and a population of around 120. The authorities planned a brick church twice as wide as the present St. George’s, twice as long and twice as high, with eight times the volume of space to be heated.

Elam Warner and his family had reserved seats (pews) in St. James wooden Church. He considered that the bigger brick church would be a terrible financial burden to inflict on such a small community. As it happened, a new church was under construction in Huntingville for the growing number of Unitarians and Universalists, as well as other non-conformists. You can read on the memorial plaque out on the lawn that the U-U Church was ready in time for Christmas in 1845.* About ten Lennoxville families and perhaps thirty previous Anglicans “voted with their feet” and bought pews there.

The Huntingville Church was about two miles distant by horse and buggy from the huge brick church to be called St. George’s in honour of Bishop George J. Mountain, son of Bishop Jacob Mountain and himself the third Bishop of Quebec. The Mountains were previously French Huguenots and their name originally “LaMontagne”.

So I was happy to recall this history on that Sunday in May.

- Edson Warner

NOTE: Edson offers this sequel to his account: Elam Warner had to sell his land in Lennoxville in 1852 so the railway could come through. His land went from the white line between the stumps on Queen Street, just about where St. George’s is now, to the Provigo

grocery store, down to the Massawippi River and to the St. Francis River. The sad part is that the tracks went through a half-mile horse racing track.

*[Editor’s note: Strictly, the plaque identifies the church only as Universalist; the denomination joined Unitarians only in the 1960s.]

Knitting Group

During the past winter and spring months, almost every Tuesday afternoon, an enthusiastic group of knitters met downstairs in the Children’s room. We spent many pleasant hours working on our individual projects, helping, encouraging and getting to know one another better. Tea and snacks were shared by everyone present. Our youngest knitter was 8 years old and the elder was in his eighties. In the picture two proud members of our knitting circle model completed neck warmer and scarf. The Knitting Circle will reconvene as Fall approaches; watch for our announcement and plan to bring your own project.



Kevin and Uriel model knitted neckwear.

Denominational affairs

If you are a member, you probably get the Canadian Unitarian newsletter by email. Current and past issues can be found on-line at <http://cuc.ca/the-canadian-unitarian/>. You can also request a paper copy there.

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

Workshops at the Eaton Corner museum

The Eaton Corner Museum is offering a series of gardening workshops as part of our Heritage Garden initiative. The early settlers knew how to garden sustainably, and we are trying to provide this kind of information to the community today. *We ask that people please contact the Museum to get information on cost and to reserve a place for these workshops, as space is limited.*

Workshops are given in English or French as indicated, but everyone is welcome and translation help is available.

Saturday, **July 13** 10 - 12 a.m. Building and maintaining soil Fertility in the garden, with Brian Creelman.

Saturday **July 20** 9 -12 a.m. les secrets d'un bon compost /secrets of making good compost, with Dominique St- Laurent, présenté en français

Saturday **August 10** 9 – 12 initiation aux plantes médicinales with Chantal Parent

Saturday **August 24** 9 – 12 fabrication d'onguents avec plantes médicinales with Chantal Parent.

OLD FASHIONED DAY / Journée d'Antan at the Cookshire Fairgrounds

Sunday **August 4** 1 – 5 pm

Demonstrations and Exhibits of Héritage Crafts, Antique Tools and Machinery, Horse & Wagon rides, and more, including Heritage Gardening Demonstrations :

Medicinal Plants / Herboristerie-pratique, with Chantal Parent

Preserving your own seeds : the Importance of maintaining biodiversity / L'importance de la biodiversité des semences with Christina Pagola

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Special Thanks for the YEAR

The President's report to the AGM:

Summarizing a year of life at UUESTRIE is a monumental task. For such a relatively small group of volunteers plus a ½ time minister, we seem to accomplish a lot, as evidenced from our various reports. The program committee has provided us with very thoughtful speakers, the RE program which has a small but steady members led by Jane and Cassandra when Jane was on maternity leave have effected happy and behaved children who join us after the service for a snack. The newsletter committee provides us with a must read, thoughtful information. The caring committee is diligent, the communication's team with very eye catching posters buildings and grounds, membership, fundraising, committee on ministry, rites of passage, small group ministry plus the weekly wayside pulpit renewal and the coffee hour schedule cajoled by Joey, are all working on our behalf. A very special thanks we owe to Mary Lynn who has cleaned cupboards, waxed floors and all of those yucky jobs, to Gordon who provided us with a sound system that works well and to the finance committee who meet more than most and do a job nobody wants to do. And to Reine who scrubs everything not moving. Thank you all. Without paid cleaners, secretaries and that ilk, we would not survive without all this generous care.

We have had concerts, weddings, a vigil, funerals, workshops and small group ministry on our premises which hopefully gives us a visible profile in our community. Plus, in Lennoxville a regular program for Bishop's students called Soulful Sundown led by Keith and his guitar. We also have had pulpit exchanges and joint services thanks to Reverend Carole initiation of that out-reach.

We have had members at various out of town events such as The Eastern Fall Gathering, in Ottawa, the Canadian Unitarian Annual Meeting, both as parliamentarian and delegates, in Calgary, an installation of a new minister in Halifax, a McGill conference on "Bridging the Religious and the Secular" in Montreal, and in Derby Line for a workshop of "Harvest the Power".

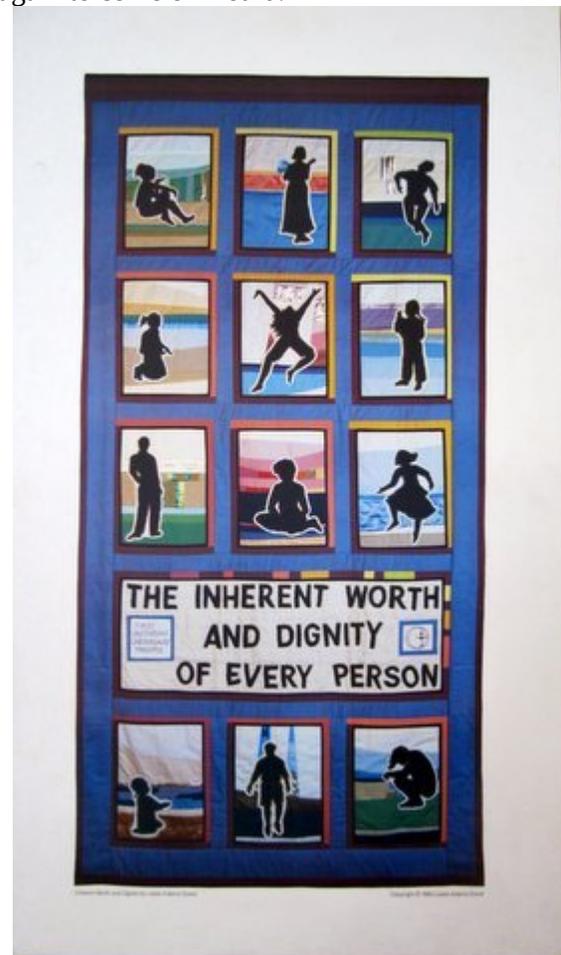
As individuals, we have attended UU churches out of town and our country such as

Arizona and California, Vancouver and Ottawa so we get a taste of belonging to a much larger community.

This year we have applied for Grants from three sources which have been successful and plan to apply to two more. This is our effort to join with other religious and secular communities to be a common voice to survive the very real decline in our English speaking population as well as boost our french services to that population.

I hope that I have not left anyone out and give our heartfelt thanks to all in our community and a special one to those who have contributed above and beyond to our beloved community.

And lastly a most heartfelt thank you to Lin and Keith who are going off the Board and will be sorely missed. And a welcome to Carol McKinley and Rachel for volunteering once again to come on Board.



- and thanks to Heather Lewis for pictures

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Calendar and Schedule

JULY

SAT 6 10:00AM AUCTION, ICE CREAM
 SUN 7 10:00AM SERVICE: COMMUNITARIAN PICNIC
 SUN 14 10:30AM SERVICE: CHRIS BUICE
 THUR 18 9-6PM AUCTION FINALE
 SUN 21 10:30AM SERVICE: LOIS SAUCKE
 THURS 25 8:00PM DUELING PIANOS
 SUN 28 10:30AM SERVICE: SECULAR DIVIDE

AUGUST

SUN 4 10:30AM SERVICE: KEN MACLEAN
 SUN 11 10:30AM SERVICE: JANE CAMRON
 SUN 18 10:30AM SERVICE: GABRIELLA BRAND
 SUN 25 10:30AM S: INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

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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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Next issue of Newsletter is September 2013

Deadline: August 25.

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.

*“Blessed are you who know that the work of the church is transformation of society, who have a vision of Beloved Community transcending the present, and who do not shrink from controversy, sacrifice, or change. Blessed are you indeed.”
- John Buehrens, UU minister*