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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

April 26

Mr. Robin Cappuccino
"Keeping Up With Octogenarians"

Robin Cappuccino travels twice a year to visit 1,300 formerly destitute children now cared for in Child Haven International's Children's Homes in South Asia with his mother, Bonnie, Child Haven's International Director. His father, Fred, oversees Child Haven's office attached to Bonnie and Fred's home in Maxville, Ontario. Bonnie is 81 and Fred is 89. Robin will share some of the stories, challenges and inspirations he has encountered while trying to keep up with their antics.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Friday, May 1, 11:00 am

Louise Thibault & Jon Gearey
"Autumn Genius: The genius of Shirley Horn"

Another in a series of programmes consisting of a talk (in English this time) and mini concert focused on composer/musicians who flourished in their later years. Followed by a light lunch. Free for seniors over 60; a small charge for others. Series produced by Pauline Farrugia.

Service Leader: Pauline Farrugia

Musician: Thibault and Gearey

May 3

Rev. Carole Martignacco
"Beltane"

Beltane is the Gaelic May Day festival. Most commonly it is held on April 30, but sometimes on May 1st, or about halfway between the spring equinox and the summer solstice.

May 10

Members and Friends
"Reverence for Mothers"

Today is Mothers' Day. We invite any and all to bring a photo or other artifact representative of a mother figure dear to them, and share the story in some way.

Service Leader: Mary Lynn Ross

May 17

"Seeking Justice in a Changing Land"

Rev. Carole Martignacco

Rev. Carole will return during the conference to speak to the theme of the CUC Annual Conference and Meeting, May 15-17, in Ottawa that brings together Canadian Unitarians and Universalists of all ages to explore how we live out our faith as engaged and compassionate global citizens.

Monday, May 25, 9:45 am

Film : "Happy Endings: How to Die in Oregon"

Dying with Dignity recommended this documentary made in 2011, when it won the Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Award. The film follows a few families in Oregon who choose to end their lives. Oregon was the first state in the United States to legalize assisted dying.

This is the first in "Happy Endings," a series of five workshops at the **Uplands Cultural & Historical Centre**, 9 Speid St., Lennoxville. Free of charge. Suggested donation for refreshments: \$2. Info: 819-842-4146.

May 24 - TBA

May 31 - TBA

At press time we are still waiting for confirmation of an esteemed speaker and leader connected to the Unitarian Universalist Association, and hence the UU movement, in the U.S.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Monday, June 1, 9:45 am
Mr. Tim Leonard, Notary
“Wills, Living Wills, and End-of-Life
Legal Issues”

Me. Tim Leonard, notary in Lennoxville, will discuss wills, living wills, incapacity mandates, do-not-resuscitate orders, and related legal issues.

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Away from UU Estrie

Friday, June 5, 11:00 am
Ms. Claire Marchand
“Autumn Genius:
The genius of Bennett & Galway”

The final in a series of programmes consisting of a talk (in French this time) and mini concert focused on composer/musicians who flourished in their later years. William Bennett and James Galway are geniuses of the flute. Followed by a light lunch. Free for seniors over 60; a small charge for others. Series produced by Pauline Farrugia.

Service Leader: Pauline Farrugia
 Musician: Claire Marchand



Dr. Jack Eby's talk on April 10 was accompanied by excerpts from Verdi's opera Otello

400 Bells for Earth Day



Seven stalwart bell ringers participated in ringing our bell 400 times on Wednesday, April 22, to witness the urgent need need to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from 400 ppm to 350.



Three walked, two came by bicycle from Hatley, the other two had other activities that brought them to North Hatley, so no carbon used for this event.

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/>



Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

"Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy."

~ Norman Schwarzkopf

"People do not seem to realize that their opinion

of the world is also a confusion of character."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

CHARACTER is May's word in our theme-based ministry series. I'd define it as the spiritual ground on which we stand. A gestalt that is more than the sum of the many traits forged in the soul by the process of living. As Mother's Day approaches, I'm inclined to use the occasion to acknowledge changing patterns of family relatedness, extending appreciation and gratitude to include all who have a role in nurturing and character formation. Fathers, aunts, siblings, friends, neighbours, teachers, ancestors, and even strangers - all help shape that foundation of our human beingness we call character. Browse through the greeting card racks for Mother's Day messages, and you'll see tributes to those who have helped us develop the resources for living - not just surviving, but living lives that matter.

What qualities do you associate with character? Integrity, values, discipline, trust, kindness, reliability, loyalty, honesty, self-respect, commitment, passion, goodness, purpose, affection, motivation, humility, confidence, leadership, self-esteem, generosity, wisdom, compassion, moral courage, and more. Add what's missing from the list...

We are all "works in progress" and character-building is our lifelong project. From birth we learn from and with others, in turn mentoring others long before we know we are doing it. As life unfolds, circumstances, events, encounters with others, and not least of all, faced with our own limitations or weaknesses, we are challenged us continually grow and self-correct. We develop new traits or qualities as needs arise, filling in the gaps left by childhood experience. And passing what we've learned to others.

Years ago a wise prof in teacher training passed on his daily mantra: *Whatever the*

declared content of the course, we are always teaching being human. As a religious educator, I discovered in a book by Maria Harris a related concept. Underlying whatever is stated in the syllabus or program notes, we teach an implicit and explicit curriculum. Not just the children's coordinator, but the whole congregation is always modeling our values and principles - teaching the character of our faith and how to be human - by what we do and what we don't do, by what's present and what's missing, in our culture, our history, our vision, and our every interaction. What we put on the walls, the projects we engage in - everything teaches! And make no mistake, it's not just the young who are being educated or influenced. Character formation is what we do - consciously or not.

Which brings me back to mothers. I don't know about you, but I grew up hearing frequently: What you do is more important than what you say. My own mother, fond as she was of the classics, was known to quote Aristotle, *"Character may almost be called the most effective means of persuasion."*

Let's spend a month together exploring what qualities make for greatness, what we hope to pass on as spiritual legacies to our young ones, what are we committed to cultivating in ourselves. It's never too late for this work, if we believe in the words of Unitarian A. Paul Davies, "Life is just a chance to grow a soul."



President's Report

Rachel is presently enjoying a well deserved vacation in Cuba, and we hope she returns rested and refreshed. Look for her column next month.

Special Thanks this Month

To Heather Lewis for the pictures in this issue.

All who participated in the two April Clean-up Days, esp. Mary Lynn and her son, Peter - who removed the warped linoleum in the downstairs kitchen - to reveal a quite serviceable pre-painted cement floor. Thanks Peter for taking the initiative and your gift of hours of hard labour. Thanks to all who washed windows, raked leaves, vacuumed, scrubbed, and polished our beautiful church home. And enjoyed good fellowship in the process.

Thanks to all who supported the Childhaven Dinner organized by Keith and Phyllis Baxter, and especially a hearty thank you to the Cappuccino family for travelling from Maxwell Ontario (Fred and Bonnie) and Vermont (Robin) to be with us. A very successful dinner and presentation was enjoyed by all.

Letter from Pat

While I was away this winter, my mail was not forwarded. Thus it was only at the end of March that I received with pleasure a long hand written letter, dated December 12, from Pat.

Dear Adele,

Thank you for your card and a merry Christmas to you! I am sorry that I go so seldom to the church because I do miss the friends we made there, and I cannot expect people to remember Tom and me if I never show up, or come only once a month when Keith asks me to play for a service. Old age and arthritis have made my playing even worse than before and I feel embarrassed about it but know that Keith does not have many people to call on.

The neglect of the plight of Aboriginal women is shameful, and I have written to Harper to that effect--thank you for reminding me to do it. And good for Amnesty. I feel that under Harper the country is going to hell and it is hard to know which evil to focus on. Our youngest son is now working out of the Canadian embassy. I don't know how he survives the ambiance. I guess he is hanging in waiting for better days. As the youngest of seven he learned to keep his mouth shut. Have you read "Harperism" by Donald Gutstein? My daughter brought me that one from the library where she works. The board members and head librarian do not favour such publications but she is able to sneak them onto the shelves from time to time as well as books by Naomi Klein and her ilk.

Tom is now in the long term ward in the hospital: dementia, kidney disease, anemia, possible colon cancer. I visit him nearly every day and he knows who I am and appreciates my visits though he forgets them immediately. He is kept quite free of pain and feels there is nothing

wrong with him and he should be able to stay at home. The nurses are very kind and also very efficient.

Our road here is very bad, rough and slippery at the same time, but once on the autoroute the driving is OK. But it looks to be a long cold winter, and I am lucky Tom is now closer by. Tom's hospitalization costs a lot and I was glad when the price of gas went down, though I wonder what will happen when the oil workers in Alberta begin to lose their jobs and come back to their home provinces.

Sorry that this note keeps getting focused on bad news' it is hard to be optimistic but I hope you have a happy holiday, maybe do some travelling to a warmer place. For my part I am looking forward to the Christmas visits of our family.

Love, Pat

Submitted by Adele Ernstrom





"Holy Fools" service, March 29

Sauvons le Journal de Rue de Sherbrooke

Le Journal de rue de Sherbrooke lançait récemment un cri du coeur afin de poursuivre ses activités et de lutter contre une précarité financière majeure. Grâce à la mobilisation de partenaires, une soirée bénéfice est organisée sous la présidence d'honneur du député de Sherbrooke, Pierre-Luc Dusseault.

Cette soirée propose un encan silencieux, la projection d'un extrait du documentaire La Femme en toi présenté par la réalisatrice Guylaine Cliche et le spectacle de l'ensemble vocal Musique à bouches. Le tout est animé par Valérie Guillemette. « Donnons la voix aux sans-voix »

Jeudi 30 avril à 18 h au Théâtre Granada

• 18 h : Encan silencieux • 19 h : Allocutions et projection • 20 h : Spectacle

Prix pour individus : Prévente : 20 \$/À la porte : 25 \$

Guylaine Cliche



An exchange of pictures – Sebastien gave Joyce this picture, she returned it – Quilted!

A UU Passover

... Was held on Easter Sunday, organized by Phyllis Baxter.



It featured a large table and ceremonial foods. Phyllis read the story surrounding Passover.



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Fred Cappuccino, co-founder of Child Haven, describing the nonviolent protests in Selma, during a benefit supper last week.

Calendar and Schedule

FRI 1 11:00AM SHIRLEY HORNE
 SUN 3 10:30AM SERVICE: BELTANE
 SUN 10 10:30AM SERVICE: MOTHER'S DAY
 15 - 17 CUC ANNUAL CONF.
 SUN 17 10:30AM SERVICE: REV. CAROLE
 SUN 24 10:30AM SERVICE:
 MON 25 9:45AM HAPPY ENDINGS
 SUN 31 10:30AM SERVICE:

Board of Trustees

You have elected this board to take care of business. The Board generally meets on the **third Tuesday** of each month at 1:30pm, but check for changes. Please discuss your hopes and concerns with any member:

Rachel Garber	President
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This is your newsletter !!!

Next issue of Newsletter is June 2015

Deadline: *May 24.*

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.



Scene from the Pledge Dinner

We gather frequently for meals. In March, a number of ghosts appeared. One cried: "Beware the **ice** of March!" -- before slipping on it. Expect "Ghost Tours" this summer.