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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

September 6, 11:00 am

“Hike and picnic with an informal worship on the lawn”

Once again, as summer begins to close, we take 'church' into the great outdoors. Join us for a hike at 11 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch at noon. Bring bathing suits to enjoy the lake. It has been perfect swimming weather. It's all at the Cowan-Weber cottage, 590 Descente 14, off Cedarville Rd. in Ogden. Phone 819-349-8569 for details, or if you find yourself lost. Car pooling departure from UUEstrie at 10:05. Maps available at UUEstrie. If you need a ride, or can offer one, please email info@uuestrie.ca or call 819-842-4146 as soon as possible.

Away from UU Estrie

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.

“Special Meeting of Members”

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Discussion on proposed capital expenditures, including (1) Roof, tower, and front door, (2) Attic insulation, attic window repairs, ceiling fan and lighting in attic, and (3) Hand railing leading from street to church door at lower level. Item (1) is proposed to be deferred until next year, decision wanted on (2) and (3). The meeting should be happy and short! Upstairs, in Avery Booth Hall. Full details are available from info@uuestrie.ca or 819-842-4146, or on a flyer available in Avery Booth Hall.

Leader: Rachel Garber

Friday, September 11, 5:30 p.m.

Carole Martignacco

“Potluck night for families with young children”

Join us for an evening of food, friends and fun together. Beverages will be provided - coffee, tea, juice. Please bring a dish to share. Afterward, we will have a discussion on a parenting topic. Child care will be provided. This will be part of a series which we

would like to have once per month. All are welcome! Please RSVP and send your suggestion for a topic to Amanda Hillenburg (amanda.hillenburg@gmail.com), Rev. Carole Martignacco (revcarole@uuestrie.ca) or Jane Gowman (wildflowersgrowing@hotmail.com) Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

September 13

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“Water Communion”

An invitation to all to participate in sharing a bit of water (collected in a small bottle this summer) which represents a place or a memory of significance.

September 20

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“Slow Church in a Quickie Culture”

Back in Minnesota, a favourite restaurant called itself "Polly's Slow Food." Countering the growing demand for "fast food", they advertised as a welcoming place to take a break, come in out of the rush and relax, savour the flavours of a meal carefully prepared in good company. Out of the rush of living, how do we make meaning and find a deep sense of belonging?

September 27

Ms. Angela Leuck

“The Way of Haiku”

Haiku is a Japanese form of short poetry. Angela Leuck will speak about her healing journey with haiku.

Service Leader: Kevin Jensen

Music: Kevin Jensen

October 4

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“Sukkot”

An interfaith service celebrating the harvest season, drawing from the Jewish tradition, with guests from Montreal and elsewhere.

October 11**Rev. Carole Martignacco
“Thanksgiving”**

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving service at the historic Huntingville Universalist Church, Rte 147, in Huntingville. The plate collection will go towards the maintenance of the Huntingville Universalist Church building.

Away from UU Estrie

October 18**Rev. Richard Forcier**

Rev. Rich Forcier lives in Portland, Maine. He is former minister at the First Church in Barre (VT,) Universalist and a frequent and favourite visitor to our pulpit.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Welcoming Congregations

In 2005, we at UUEstrie became an official welcoming congregation, having completed the Welcoming Congregation program and voted to affirm that we welcome the membership and active participation of the LGBTQ community.. We have two plaques, one in English and one in French documenting our Welcoming Congregation status.

Ten years later, we thought it was time we refresh our understanding and commitment to the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, and to invite once again some personal testimony from folks living in the sex and gender minorities. Hence the invitation to Lisa McDonald-Jensen and her eldest son Tadhg, to speak at the worship service on June 28 just past.

Could we have timed this service any more perfectly?

In May, the United Nations launched a video spotlighting LGBT diversity, and in June released a report presenting recommendations on protecting LGBT persons

The month of June has been particularly full of debate about gender diversity as former Olympic athlete Bruce Jenner came out as Caitlin Jenner. And on Friday, June 26, 2015, the U. S. Supreme Court made gay marriage legal across the country.

Keith, with thanks to Lisa McDonald-Jensen

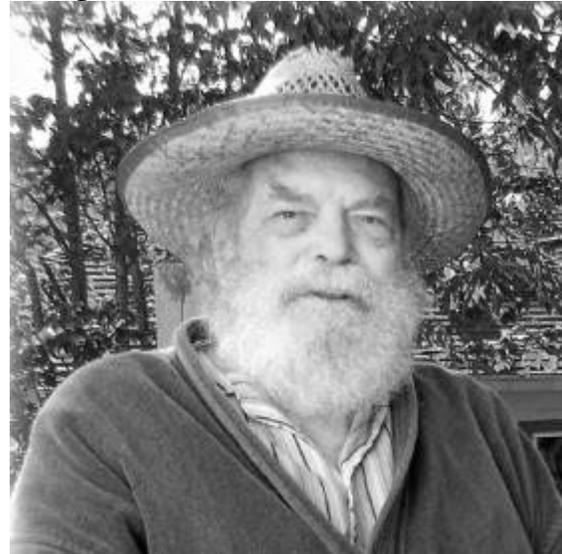
See longer post at:

<http://cs.ubishops.ca/~ljensen/uuestrie/2015/09/welcoming-congregation/>

Art Exhibit

Tristan Matheson invites us to an art exhibition in downtown Montreal that features some of his work as a medical illustrator. He has created colourful paintings and environments depicting the microscopic level of cells, in which the viewer is immersed in work “applied to pathogenic worlds recreated in large format.”

The vernissage is on November 5, and the show continues until December 11, at 1515 Ste-Catherine St West. Admission is free.

Caring Corner

Our sympathy to Pat Bird and all the Bird family on the death of Tom Bird, August 18.

His memorial service on Saturday the 23 opened with a prelude played by Pat, and included many tearful memories. It closed on a celebratory note, as we all sang Tom's favourite song, “Green Grow the Rushes, O,” and Nils played a ragtime postlude.

Tom, a lifelong Unitarian, served several years as our President and Vice-president, including the stressful year of 2003, when we sheltered two refugees from Colombia.

Special Thanks this Month

To Joey Marosi, for masterminding the highly successful summer solstice dinner and auction, that raised over \$4000 for the church.



Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

August was Rev. Carole's vacation month. Her column will resume in the next newsletter.

She did put in an appearance on August 9, and announced that she and David had eloped! We provided a wedding cake, and sent them off in style, with even tin cans tied to the back of the car.



President's Message

Dear Friends,

Your new little board of trustees is working hard, even during the hot summer months. We are four - myself, Heather Lewis, Vice-President; Adele Ernstrom, Secretary; Michael Grayson, Member-at-large and responsible for capital improvements. If you were at Linda Thomson's workshop in July, you will have gained new insight into why it might be so difficult to find a treasurer among our midst.

But time moves on! We mourn the loss of Tom Bird, and send loving thoughts to Pat and the whole family. We said good-bye to Rev. Ken MacLean, after 50 summers of coming to North Hatley for a visit or longer. We said farewell to Debra Fougère who moved to Vancouver. We celebrated the marriage of our Rev. Carole Martignacco and Major David Turner.

And we are saying hello to a new generation of friends and members. For example, Amanda Hillenburg, who is now piloting our Facebook page (UU Estrie). Check out the photos! She and Jane Gowman are also instrumental in organizing the new monthly Friday potluck evening for parents with young children.

Then there's Chris Gill, our new coordinator of the children's program. Ryan Fizzel, trumpeter, and Crystle Reid, seconding Chris for the children's program. A pair of poets, Steve Luxton and Angela Leuck - Angela is to speak about Haiku poetry on September 27. Gordon Stoddard is working with me to get our official records in order and up to date, has given the doors new locks that work like a dream, and is organizing the keys. Mary Lynn Ross is overseeing the maintenance of the church interior - what a beautiful new paint job on the downstairs kitchen floor! Keith Baxter is working on the parsonage and grounds, chairing the program committee, and, with Joyce Booth, still conscientiously doing the treasuring job. And many more people contribute in so many ways, often so quietly they're not noticed. We are so grateful!

Back around the table of the board of trustees, we have begun to look at board priorities for 2015-2016, as well as long-range planning. We have devised a plan for improvements to the church building and grounds, and are bringing our recommendations to the members at an upcoming special meeting. We hope you can come!

Love is the Spirit,
Rachel

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/>

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Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Please respect the Minister's sabbath, Sunday afternoon and Monday.
For emergency pastoral care, phone:
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Calendar and Schedule

SUN	6	11:00AM	HIKE & PICNIC
TUES	8	7:00PM	SPECIAL MEETING
FRI	11	5:00PM	POTLUCK NIGHT
SUN	13	10:30AM	SERVICE: WATER COMM.
TUES	15	1:30PM	BOARD MEETING
SUN	20	10:30AM	SERVICE: SLOW CHURCH
SUN	27	10:30AM	SERVICE: WAY OF HAIKU
OCTOBER			
SUN	4	10:30AM	SERVICE: SUKKOT
SUN	11	10:30AM	SERVICE: AT HUNTINGVILLE
SUN	18	10:30AM	SERVICE: RICH FORCIER
TUES	20	9:00AM	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SUN	25	10:30AM	SERVICE: TBA

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
Heather Lewis	Vice-President
Adele Ernstrom	Secretary
	Treasurer
Michael Grayson	Member at large

This is your newsletter !!!
Next issue is November 2015
Deadline: **October 20.**

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.

