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**May-June 2016 mai-juin**

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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

### **May 20, 10:00 am** **"How to Die in Oregon"**

Award-winning documentary film about persons having recourse to the "assisted dying" law in Oregon. Also, information about Quebec's new law. (en anglais)

This is session 4 in a series of five "Happy Endings" presentations on end-of-life issues, on Friday mornings at UUEstrie, 201 Main St., Magog, in Stoddard Hall (lower level). Free of charge. Suggested donation for refreshments: \$2. All are welcome. Please pre-register by leaving your name and phone number at 819-842-4146 or [info@uuestrie.ca](mailto:info@uuestrie.ca).

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Service Leader: Rachel Garber

### **May 22, 1:30 pm** **"Bolder Ways of Being"**

We shall be live-streaming the worship service from the Annual Conference and Meeting (the ACM) of the Canadian Unitarian Council, taking place at the Chan Center of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Join us and many hundreds of other Canadians from across the country for this first-time experience. Note the change in the time of the service, which is happening at 10:30 am Vancouver time, 1:30 pm chez nous.

Service Leader: Rachel Garber

### **May 25, 10:00 am** **Mr. Alain Lévesque**

#### **"Bequests: How to maximize your financial legacy"**

Alain Lévesque, financial advisor, will explain how to maximize giving to your favourite charity without diminishing too much from your estate. He is expert at simplifying financial concepts. Free booklet. (en anglais)

This is the last in a series of five "Happy Endings" presentations on end-of-life issues, on Wednesday mornings at the Memphremagog Community Learning Center in the Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 120 Bellevue, MAGOG. Please enter by door #3 from the parking lot and press the CLC Room buzzer.

Free of charge. Suggested donation for refreshments: \$2. All are welcome. Please pre-register at 819-238-1258 or 819-842-4146 or [info@uuestrie.ca](mailto:info@uuestrie.ca). Organized by UUEstrie (Unitarian Universalists in the Eastern Townships) & the Memphremagog Community Learning Centre.

**Away** from UU Estrie

Service Leader: Rachel Garber

### **May 27, 10:00 am** **Mr. Alain Lévesque**

#### **"Bequests - How to maximize your financial legacy; and The Blame-Free State"**

Alain Lévesque, financial advisor, explains how to maximize giving to your favourite charity without diminishing too much from your estate. En anglais. Suggested donation for refreshments: \$2. All welcome. Please pre-register with your name and phone number at 819-842-4146 or [info@uuestrie.ca](mailto:info@uuestrie.ca).

Also starting this evening: a training in Non-Violent Communication, in English, led by François Beausoleil, certified CNVC Trainer. Friday, 7 - 9:30pm. Continuing Sat, May 28 and Sun, May 29. Fee: \$200.

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Service Leader: Rachel Garber

**May 28**

**Mr. François Beausoleil**

**“The Blame-Free State Intensive”**

Day 2 of a weekend workshop in Non Violent Communication, in English, that began Fri May 27, led by M. François Beausoleil, a certified CNVC Trainer, and author of the Blame-Free State. Saturday, May 28, 10 am to 6pm, and continuing Sunday, May 29, 1:30 to 5:30pm. Charge for the entire training: \$200

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

**May 29**

**Mr. Royal Orr**

**“Children’s Rights and Children’s Health in Tanzania”**

Royal Orr is part of a youth education/school project in Tanzania with an emphasis on AIDS education. Born, raised and still living in the Eastern Townships he has been a community organizer, a journalist, and a communications trainer.

Also at UUEstrie this afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30, Day 3 of a weekend workshop in Non Violent Communication, in English, that began Fri May 27, led by M. François Beausoleil, a certified CNVC Trainer, and author of The Blame-Free State. Sunday, May 29, 1:30 to 5:30pm. Charge for the entire training: \$200

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Service Leader: Gudrun Brand

**June 4, 12:00 noon**

**Rev. Carole Martignacco**

**“memorial service for Nancy Pacaud”**

Nancy, our oldest member, and probably the only one of us who was born a Unitarian, passed away peacefully this spring just shy of her 103rd birthday. She was long-time convenor of the now defunct Women's Auxiliary, and tireless worker for all manner of our church needs, both

in our activities and in our meetinghouse. Our upstairs kitchen is named for her: Nancy's Kitchen.

**June 5**

**Rev. Brendan Hadash**

**“TBA”**

Brendan Hadash is a retired UU minister living in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and a frequent visitor to our pulpit. It is a pleasure to welcome him back.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

**June 12**

**Ms. Yanan Wang**

**“The How of Happiness”**

Yanan Wang is a friend of UUEstrie and a professor of marketing at Bishop's University. She and her smiling daughter May-Lann attended our Child Haven Dinner in April. Yanan recently gave a talk on "The Paradox of Choice" to the Senior Academy for Lifelong Learning.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

**June 19**

**Ms. Barbara Birks**

**“My Time in Uganda and How it has Changed my Life”**

Barbara (Bubby) Wybar will speak to us about her work in Bududa, Uganda. In 2003, Barbara travelled to Eastern Uganda with a Quaker group to help build a vocational school for orphans. Since then, she has established the Bududa Learning Centre, consisting of the Bududa Vocational Academy, The Children of Bududa Sponsorship Program, and the Women's Microfinance Initiative.

Service Leader: Joey Marosi





### Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

Rev. Carole is on leave until August 1st. Look for her next column in September.



### President's Report

*Good News on the Fundraising Front*

The Fundraising Group - Phyllis Baxter, Rachel Garber, Kevin Jensen and Crystle Reid - and a whole host of allies raised a considerable sum between November 2015 and April 30, 2016. Of this amount, half went into our capital expenditures fund, and the rest was donated to Michele Murray's fundraising initiative to bring a family from Aleppo, Syria, to Sherbrooke. This included also donations at Rev. Carole's Soup for Syria initiative. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to these efforts!

Three projects are on the table for the summer. First, we received a grant to hire two drama students to create a Ghost Tour in our part of North Hatley, but only for 6 weeks instead of 11 weeks. We're still trying to ascertain if it will be feasible to do this project with this limited time.

Second, UUestrie will be sponsoring a show at The Piggery on Sunday evening, July 31st. On stage will be Douglas Gibson, recent author of his second book, *Across Canada by Story*. Two years ago, he entertained a full house at the Piggery, telling stories from his first memoir, *Stories about Storytellers*. That's after being one of Canada's leading editors and publishers for 40 years. Tickets are \$20, and a great big hug goes to Mary Lynn Ross for agreeing to coordinate ticket sales.

Third, a Solstice Supper and Silent Auction is in the planning stages for Saturday, June 25. We need people to take on different roles, so it's not such a huge job for a few. Please don't be shy to speak up if you're interested in coordination,

publicity, ticket sales, decorations and tables, preparing food, serving food, cleaning up, or the silent auction (soliciting gifts, organizing items, supervising bidding, receiving payments). Many hands make light work! Just speak to any of our Fundraising Group members.

And, saving the best for last, I am ecstatic to report that Crystle Reid has agreed to chair the Fundraising Group as of our next meeting, June 5th. Let's give her a big hand!

On Earth Day, April 22nd, ten intrepid ringers rang the bell in our church tower 400 times - that's once for each of the 400 parts per million of carbon dioxide now in our earth's atmosphere - a level which, scientists say, is not compatible with life on earth.

### Stand up, stand up, people of grace

Responding to a rap video on YouTube protesting against rights for transgendered persons, a UU youth, Anthony, and his mom, Liz James, produced a video that they in turn posted on YouTube. You can access it by searching for 'Stand up, stand up, people of grace.'

The video extends welcome and acceptance to all, including transgendered persons, and has had some 5,000 views. Liz James more recently put out a call to individual UUs and congregations for photos to be used in a second video. She is collecting images throughout May for a video to be released on YouTube in June. In her words: 'Religion is often associated with negative stances on LGBTQ issues, and with negative messages. What does your congregation or community have to say to trans kids (and adults)?'

If you would like to appear in a photo of members and friends of UUestrie to submit for the video, just show up in Avery Booth Hall after the service on May 29. Slogans or signs that could be held up to express sentiments on this issue would be all to the good! For more information, contact Rachel at 818-300-2374 or [Rachel@uuestrie.ca](mailto:Rachel@uuestrie.ca).

Rachel Garber/Adele Ernstrom

*Last page: Child Haven Dinner organizers:  
Debra Hartt, Robin Capuccino, Keith Baxter*



### Jane Gowman, UU-UNO Envoy

Great news! Jane Gowman has agreed to be our new envoy to the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO). She will be giving us reports on the important work of this office, and keeping them informed about UUEstrie as a Blue Ribbon supporter. Thank you, Jane! And thanks to your assistant, Anna Beth!



Jane Gowman, UUEstrie's UU-UNO Envoy



Anna Beth, Assistant Envoy

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### UU-UNO: New Envoy, New Blue Ribbon

UUEstrie has earned a Blue Ribbon for its contributions to the Unitarian Universalist - United Nations Office (UU-UNO) in 2015-

2016. This is the second consecutive year. Let's keep up the good work. Our delegates to the Canadian Unitarian Council conference this month, Ryan Frizzell and Crystle Reid, will receive the blue ribbon award on behalf of UUEstrie.

### Nursery Roll plaque



At the April 24th service were present two persons whose names appeared on the UUEstrie "Nursery Roll 1944 - 19..." They are Gordon Stoddard and Janet Ann Allen, and here they are, holding the plaque, which has been bequeathed to Gordon. The fine calligraphy and design were most likely done by Gordon's mother, Margaret Stoddard. Photos of the plaque will be archived at the Eastern Townships Research Centre.

### 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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### Minister's Office Hours

Rev. Carole is on leave until August 1st. For pastoral care or ceremonies, please contact [info@uuestrie.ca](mailto:info@uuestrie.ca), or 819-842-4146, and Rachel will ask someone to get back to you just as soon as possible.



## Calendar and Schedule

FRI 20 10:00AM HowTo Die IN OREGON  
 SUN 22 1:30PM SERVICE: FROM CUC ACM  
 WED 25 10:00AM BEQUESTS  
 FRI 27 10:00AM BEQUESTS  
 SUN 29 10:30AM SERVICE: ROYAL ORR

### JUNE

SAT 4 NOON MEMOR: NANCY PACAUD  
 SUN 5 10:30AM SERV: BRENDAN HADASH  
 SUN 12 10:30AM SERVICE: YANAN WANG  
 SUN 19 10:30AM SERVICE: UGANDA  
 SUN 26 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 of Newsletter is July-August 2016

Deadline: ***June 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](mailto:newsletter@uuestrie.ca).*

