

nouvelles news

July - August 2016 Juillet - 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

June 26, 5 p.m.

“Summer Solstice Celebration & Silent Auction”

Celebrate the solstice, enjoy a southern BBQ supper with hors d'oeuvres, BYO-wine if you wish, and place bids in a silent auction of services, experiences and intriguing items. All for a great cause - to help repair and re-roof our bell tower, and help support the David Suzuki Foundation. Vegetarian/gluten-free options. \$25/person. Space is limited. Get tickets now at 819-842-4146 or info@uuestrie.ca. All are welcome!

Note: No morning service this Sunday. Come to Solstice Celebration, instead!
Service Leader: Crystle Reid

June 29, 7 p.m.

“Annual General Meeting of Members”

The board of trustees invites you to UUEstrie's Annual General Meeting of Members. UUEstrie has 34 voting members at present. All are welcome! Members will receive an agenda and supporting documents two weeks in advance of the meeting. (Upstairs, in the Avery Booth Hall)

Your trusty board, Rachel Garber (president), Heather Lewis (vice-president), Adele Ernstrom (secretary), Michael Grayson (member-at-large).
Service Leader: Rachel Garber

July 1

“Hatley Day!”

Once a year, in the village of Hatley, a community festival with a country parade is held in this village, a hop and a skip South and East of our home in North Hatley. Will UUEstrie be there? What will we look like? You'll have to come and see now, won't you?

July 3, 10:45 am

“Picnic Sunday”

This Sunday is Picnic Sunday; all are invited to meet at Joey Marosi's (780 ch North Hatley, Katevale--past Hovey Manor on the east side of Lake Massawippi) at 10:45 am. Hike at 11am, followed by a circle service on the lawn at 11:45, and picnic lunch at noon, in turn followed by swimming and games and hanging out. All welcome: bring your swimsuit and towels as well as your picnic. No service in our sanctuary on this Sunday.

Away from UU Estrie

July 10

Prof. Murray Johnston

“Wrinkles in the Beginning: reflecting on Genesis 1 to 3”

Murray Johnston is a humanities and philosophy professor at Champlain Regional College. He has a particular interest in the Hebrew Bible, and the need and possibilities for a modern interpretation of these sacred texts. He spoke to us last fall about Redeeming Religion by making it more inclusive and respectful of other traditions, and thereby more authentic.
Service Leader: Keith Baxter

July 17

Dr. Harvey White

“On Goodness”

Harvey White teaches Religion at Bishop's University. St. Augustine and other writers have addressed the question of goodness'. What does it mean? What is its importance? Is there a 'How' for being good? Harvey

last spoke to us several years ago on Spirituality,
and again on 'God Is Not'.
Service Leader: Keith Baxter

July 24
Ms. Gabriella Brand
“Intolerant? Who? Me?”

Gabriella is a long time friend of this congregation whose home base is in New Haven CT. She writes: "What does it mean to be really tolerant? In the past year I have participated in an Interfaith Round Table of women of Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Unitarian, Quaker and other backgrounds. The experience has left me at times baffled, challenged, ticked off, and delighted."

Service Leader: Gabriella

July 31
Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen
“Relationships Through the Lifespan”

Stine Linden-Andersen teaches in the Psychology Department at Bishop's University, and is concerned with people's well-being. She is a 'local' living in Hatley Canton.

Service Leader: Joey Marosi

August 7
Rev. Carole Martignacco
“TBA”

Reverend Carole begins her new role as our consulting Minister. She will be delivering one Sunday service each month, normally on the first Sunday of the month, starting this Sunday.

August 14
Ryan, Crystle, Phyllis, Keith
“Singing the CUC”

This fearless foursome attended the national conference of Unitarians and Universalists held at UBC in May. Each was thrilled and moved by different events they attended while there including an exciting new vision for our national movement, a stirring talk on getting each of us to a deeper open-heartedness, original music, a moving 'bridging service for youth moving into young adulthood, and more.

August 21
Writers from the Writers' Festival
“TBA”

A weekend-long festival for local and visiting writers is taking place this weekend in our Stoddard Hall. Organizers Angela Leuck and Steve Luxton promise us an inspiring collection of original thought and poetry for our Sunday morning service from among the participants in the festival .

August 28
Mr. Jonathan Ellison
“TBA”

Jonathan has recently returned from travels in Africa and elsewhere, clowning for human rights. Join us for a first hand report of impacts of his work on the people he's met, and on himself.

The Welcome Families monthly potluck

... is on a summer vacation. We hope to see you in September! We are considering a summer activity such as a picnic on a weekend afternoon. If you have any suggestions or feedback on the Welcome Families outreach, please contact Amanda at amanda.hillenburg@gmail.com.

Editor's note:

Apologies for the lateness of the last newsletter. In spite of delays, it was incomplete anyway. This issue , coincidentally at the Solstice, is on time and probably also incomplete, Up-to-date information can always be found at www.uuestrie.ca.



Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

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



President's Message

Dear Friends,

Thanks are due to some secret heroes. I'll just mention some of them at random.

Thanks to Michael Grayson who is overseeing the re-roofing of our bell tower this summer, and various improvements bringing our premises very close to snuff in terms of safety regulations. Improvements such as reversing the swings of doors so they open out, installing emergency lighting in the stairway, exit sign and lever handles or crash bar on the outside doors. One impetus for this work is the Canton de Hatley summer camp that will be using our downstairs level from June 27 to August 19. Thank you, Michael!

Thanks to our secretary, Adele Ernstom, for keeping her eye on the prize – democracy in action, in all we do. And whose fountain pen has quietly and steadily recorded the minutes of our meetings. Thanks to everyone who came to said meetings!

Thanks to our VP, Heather Lewis. I am grateful for her considered contributions to board discussions and for her vital work as gratitude convener – to say nothing of welcoming people at the church door and creating get well and other gorgeous cards.

Thanks to Mary Lynn Ross who has laboured many hours maintaining cleanliness and order inside our building. Most recently for the new coat of paint and three coats of wax covering the downstairs kitchen floor. Did I mention she's resigning her position as of June 29? Any takers...?

Thanks to Keith Baxter and Joyce Booth for their mighty work carrying forward the

treasuring work this past year, in the absence of a treasurer on the board. And thanks to Keith for chairing the program committee and keeping the parsonage in running order.

Thanks to Crystle Reid and all the others in the fundraising group who have done such a smashing job this past year! In the fiscal year 2015-2016, we raised \$8,959 – perhaps more than ever before.

Thanks to Camille Bouskêla for taking on a chunk of communications – making posters and purchasing and setting up our new printer.

Thanks to Amanda Hillenburg for her moving and shaking on two fronts – the Welcome Families project, and enlivening our Facebook page – just look for UUEstrie. And to Jane Gowman, from whose brain the Welcome Families project sprang, and who is our new UU-UNO Envoy.

Thanks to Gordon Stoddard, who keeps an eye on us from up the hill, and keeps our sound system and recordings of services on a professional footing. He and I have bonded over sorting through the minutes books and church records!

Thanks to Ryan Frizzell, whose skillful trumpet belies his quiet demeanor, and who always says “sure, no problem” when I call him in an hour of need.

Thanks to all those who made the Happy Endings series happen in Magog and North Hatley, especially our partner Pervana Mladenof at the Memphremagog Community Learning Centre. She was so impressed by the quality and importance of the end-of-life sessions that she has spoken to CLCs across Quebec about replicating the series in their communities.

Thanks to our newsletter team – Lin Jensen, who is also godfather of our website, and Amanda and Adele.

And then there is a really secret hero, who is just everywhere, making creative contributions behind the scenes. And her name is Kevin.

I am grateful to have worked with all of you, and learned from you.

Love is the Spirit,
Rachel

Solstice Celebration

It raises both fun and funds – the now traditional Summer Solstice Celebration, with a sit-down dinner and silent auction. And it's this Sunday, June 26, at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to the party!

The menu features Southern BBQ-style Pork Ribs and Pulled Pork, with a variety of salads, and Crystle's famous pies for desert – blueberry, strawberry, pecan and more. Also offered will be pork-free, gluten-free and vegan options, as well as hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages.

It's a bring-your-own-wine event, with background music and a silent auction of services, experiences, and some intriguing objects. Amanda Hillenburg is in charge of the auction.

Here are some examples of things up for bid. Experiences such as kayaking or paddle-boating at the North Hatley Marina. An authentic Indian Dinner in the home of Uma Nigam. A week in a cottage on Prince Edward Island.

Two hours of computer help by Ryan Frizzell. A crocheting class for up to four people, with Amanda Hillenburg, materials included. A custom-sewn garment by Joyce Booth, if you provide the pattern and the material.

A private Alexander Technique session with Philippe Bouskela. An Energy Medicine session with Phyllis Baxter. High tea for up to 12 people, at Rev. Carole Martignacco's home.

Baked goods from Lucie Craft and Nils Bird. A gift certificate from Le Cartier Restaurant. One large Dominos pizza per month for six months. An original watercolour by Frances Charlevoix, 26 x 20 inches, professionally framed. A tea set, a 3-piece wall art ensemble, a large wooden airplane. And more!

All proceeds are for the benefit of the historical bell tower's new roof at UUEstrie (90%), and the David Suzuki Foundation (10%). Tickets are \$25 per adult; \$10 per child.

For information or to get tickets, act quickly! Space is limited. Contact Camille if you'd like tickets for yourself and your friends: 819-943-1215, or camille93ca@hotmail.com.

Would you like to contribute a service or experience, or small desirable item, to the silent auction? Contact Amanda at 819-933-7543 or Amanda.hillenburg@gmail.com.

This will be our worship this Sunday. No morning service is planned.

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/>

Poetry

Inspired by readings by poets Angela Leuck and Steve Luxton, and April being National Poetry Month, an interest in creative writing has invaded UUEstrie. First, 19 brave scribblers took part in a Poetry Party on April 10, composing a Renga. That's a collective Japanese style poem with a series of short verses.



Then on April 15 at a fundraising Coffee House, 10 poets read a few of their poems. Now a local writing group is organizing a Writers' Festival at UUEstrie on August 12-14, to be followed by a Fall Reading Series in September to November. Our gratitude to the Quebec Writers' Federation who offers honoraria to the readers. Questions? Contact Rev. Carole or Angela Leuck.

Assisted Dying

A new poll commissioned by Dying with Dignity and carried out by Ipsos-Reid explores the issue of advance consent for assisted dying. This would permit someone with a degenerative disease such as dementia to decide in advance how they wish to die. The results indicate that 8 in 10 Canadians support the right to advance consent.

That information and more was provided at information sessions in May on assisted dying. Participants viewed a prize-winning documentary, *How to Die in Oregon*, received a chart comparing the main features of the assisted dying laws in Oregon, Quebec, and the proposed law in Canada, as well as other such laws elsewhere.

We are grateful to the Canadian Unitarian Council for their support for this series, through a Sharing Our Faith grant.



Me. Tim Leonard explained the ins and outs of end-of-life legal issues at UUEstrie on May 4, as part of the current Happy Endings workshop series.

Thank You for your contributions

..to all who bought cookies and contributed to the Lake Brompton Protection Association at the Beltane Service on May 1st. We were able to send them \$60 (Cheque from UUEstrie) to help them reconstruct their amphibian tunnels under a busy road – they have written back to thank us.



Maypole at the Beltane celebration

Other recent donations to worthy causes: One half of the collection from Royal Orr's service on May 29th to his program to combat Aids in Tansania. Also one half of the collection from Barbar Birks service on June 19th will go towards her vocational school in Uganda.

-Kevin

Summer Camp at UUEstrie

The Canton de Hatley is renting the downstairs space at UUEstrie for their summer camp. There will be 20 to 30 children, supervised by 4 camp counsellors present during the daytime only, Monday to Friday, from June 27 to August 19. Weather permitting, the camp will be away on day trips on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

They will also have access to the bathroom upstairs. The door to the Avery Booth Hall will be locked during their presence, as will the door to the downstairs office. They will be using their own equipment, and have committed to clean up after themselves.

JOB AD

The Canton de Hatley is looking for a "cleaning person" to clean up the space the camp will be using on Friday afternoons or Saturdays, the weeks of June 27 to August 19. This is a PAYING position, for a half-day of work. If you are interested in this job, please contact Lucie Lavasseur at the Canton de Hatley, at 819-842-2977 (cell 819-342-6687), or loisirs@cantondehatley.ca. Do it quickly!



Bell ringing on Earth Day

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This is the photo we sent to be part of a new "Stand Up" video for the rights of transgendered persons.

Calendar and Schedule

SUN 3 10:45AM PICNIC
SUN 10 10:30AM SERVI: MURRAY JOHNSTON
SUN 17 10:30AM SERVICE: HARVEY WHITE
SUN 24 10:30AM SERVI: GABRIELLA BRAND
SUN 31 10:30AM STINE LINDEN-ANDERSEN

AUGUST

SUN 7 10:30AM SERVICE: REV. CAROLE
SUN 14 10:30AM SERVICE: SINGING CUC
SUN 21 10:30AM SERVICE: WRITERS
SUN 28 10:30AM SERVI: JONAETHAN ELLISON

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 September-October 2016

Deadline: August 21.

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.



French lessons for Syrians – Chantal's sister teaching.