

nouvelles news

September-October 2017 septembre-octobre



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 17

Ms. Jan Draper

“Nature is not a place to visit. It is home”

Despite the fact that humans developed in a natural environment of forests, plains, shores and riverain landscapes, societies' visions of nature vary greatly: some choose to distance themselves from what they term, "the wilderness;" others deify nature and some want to asphalt over it. This presentation will look at our different and changing ways of seeing nature both through an examination of nature writing and other cultural expressions.

Service Leader: Camille Bouskela
Coffee Convenor: Mary Lynn Ross

September 24, 10:00 am

Ms. Gabriella Brand

Gabriella, a good friend of UUEstrie, will be speaking at our sister church, First Universalist Parish, in Derby Line VT on the 24th. That provides us with an extra incentive to invite our members, friends and visitors to join us in an annual visit to our Derby Line sisters and brothers. No worship service in our North Hatley meetinghouse on this day. The Derby Line meetinghouse is just across the U.S. border from Dufferin Street in Stanstead. Note the earlier time for the service.

Away from UU Estrie

Coffee Convenor: away in Derby Line

October 1

“Fall Hike and Picnic”

Today we plan to worship out of doors to close the summer season. We shall gather at the home of Joey Marosi, 750 ch. Katevale, Canton de Hatley, across

the lake from our meetinghouse, at 10:30 am. Those of us who are willing and able will take a beautiful hike down to Black Point and back, there will be a circle service on the lawn at some point, and a potluck picnic lunch around noon. All welcome; don't be shy. If the weather is inclement we shall gather indoors at Joey's.

Away from UU Estrie

October 8

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“Giving Thanks”

Our Service on this day will NOT be in North Hatley. We take our Thanksgiving Service to the historic Huntingville Universalist Church, Rte 147 in Huntingville, (just opposite the bridge). All welcome, as always.

Away from UU Estrie

Service Leader: Carole Martignacco

October 15

TBA

October 22

“Arm in Arm: Interfaith Action to Disarm our Planet”

Today we Celebrate United Nations Sunday, with our theme the Goal of World Peace. The focus will be the treaty agreeing to ban all nuclear weapons which has been negotiated without the participation of Canada and the nuclear-armed states. How to move forward with implementation of a ban is the imperative we seek to address.

Service Leaders: Charles Larson, Adele Ernstrom.
Rachel Garber will be organizing letter writing.

August 16, 2017

Dear Editor

The tragic killing of Heather Heyer, and the wounding of 19 others by a white supremacist in Charlottesville, Virginia brings back childhood memories of the Reverend James Reeb. James was my father’s colleague and fellow Unitarian-Universalist Minister in Washington D. C. He was among the many who heeded the call in the summer of 1965, to join a March for Voting Rights for blacks from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. The march was met with violent hostility and the marchers were blocked several times from leaving Selma. One evening as James left a restaurant there, he was set upon by a group of angry men who beat him mercilessly with 2X4’s, leaving him critically wounded. These men were blinded to James’ humanity by hatred and their fear of change. Hearing of James’ beating and hospitalization, my father and thousands of others from across the nation traveled to Selma to join the stalled March.

Our family at that time included four children of color (the first of 19 our parents would adopt over the subsequent years.) It was our privilege to learn and experience from an early age that all of us on this planet are one family. It made perfect sense that our father would travel south to join the march. After his departure, my older brother and sister and I went to join a picket-line in solidarity with the Selma marchers in front of the White House. Round and round we walked singing freedom songs and chanting the call and response: “What do you want? Freedom! When do you want it? Now! How ya gonna get it? Love!”

It was on one of these rounds that word came over a transistor radio that James Reeb had died. We gathered together in a circle on the sidewalk. Some people cried, some prayed. Several shared memories about James. He was 38 years old and left behind a wife and infant daughter. James possessed the wonderful ability to make people laugh. After these recollections someone said, “James would want us to keep marching”. That seemed to make sense and so we did – round and round – “What do you want? Freedom! When do you want it? Now! How ya gonna get

it? Love!” They kept marching in Selma as well, and what began as a march of 600 people, culminated in Montgomery with 50,000 people stepping in to join and welcome the march.

That exhortation to keep on marching, keep on speaking out, in the face of injustice and tragedy has never felt more imperative. Deadly flames of fear and intolerance are being fanned by a billionaire-laden White House. It acts by distracting the American people with fear of immigrants, inter-racial hatred and religious intolerance while quietly robbing the treasury, stripping the least amongst us of health-care and life support, pillaging our newly de-regulated planet, and re-writing the tax code to make billions more. I know this is not what the good people among my friends and neighbors who voted for this administration were intending when they cast their ballots. It is now incumbent upon all of us to act to ensure the loving, healthy, just and harmonious world our children so rightly deserve.

Robin Cappuccino
West Wheelock

More Picnic pictures

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Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

Dear Members and
Friends of UU Estrie,

I am on leave for the
summer from July 1 to
August 31, and will
resume my contract for
consulting ministry as of

September 1st.

Please, everyone, enjoy a safe and happy
summer!

Blessings and love,
Rev. Carole

President's Report

September 13, 2017

Summer is winding down and the fall season
brings with it new beginnings. Classes start,
clubs reunite and plans are reformulated for a
new year.

Summer was a busy season here at UUEstrie.
We enjoyed the company of seasonal friends
who spend time in North Hatley and enrich our
community. Please visit us as often as you can.
Our region is spectacular in the fall and lovely
in winter too.

We've had the privilege of getting to know
Laura Wells, a student at Séminaire Salisien.
Laura has been accompanying our children on
their Religious Explorations.

Our building finally has a new roof on the
north side. The much needed work was
completed in less than two weeks in August.

The board has prepared a short survey asking
for your feedback on a few programming issues.
Please take time to reflect on these and let us
know what you think. Each and everyone of you
is important to this community, and we will take
into consideration your thoughts and wishes,
though we cannot promise to do everything.

Thanks to Ryan for setting up a new mic for
Sunday services. Several members and friends
find this very helpful.

Welcome to Reine Gagnon on the part of the
board of trustees. She joins our team;
Camille Bouskela, vice president
Amanda Hillenburg, secretary
Rachel Garber, treasurer
Ryan Frissell, member at large
Rev. Carole Martignacco, consulting minister
And myself Phyllis Baxter, your President

Ryan and Amanda are on the ministerial
relations committee. Please feel free to
communicate with any of us any concerns you
may need to voice. We're all trying our best to
create a loving, supportive community.

It is very unusual that for three consecutive
weeks our Sunday morning services will happen
outside our building: Sept. 24th in Derby Line;
Oct. 1st at Joey Marosi's place; and Oct. 8th,
Thanksgiving in Huntingville. I look forward to
seeing you all back in our beautiful sanctuary on
Oct. 15th.

Student Suppers

Every Friday during the school semester,
Bishop's and Champlain students are invited to a
free supper in Lennoxville. Six different area
churches take turns putting on the event. We at
UUEstrie will once again provide a much
appreciated meal this fall. Joey Marosi has
agreed to coordinate our group of volunteers.
Thanks Joey!

On November 17th at St. George's Anglican
Church in Lennoxville, we will once again feed
the hungry young folks. Volunteers are needed to
cook, set up, serve, visit with students and help
clean up afterwards. Let Joey or me know if you
are available to help.

Thanks, Phyllis

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.

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Caring Corner

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Calendar and Schedule

SUN 17 10:30AM SERVICE: NATURE
 SUN 24 10:30AM SERV: GABRIELLA BRAND
OCTOBER
 SUN 1 10:30AM FALL HIKE & PICNIC
 SUN 8 10:30AM SERVICE: THANKSGIVING
 WED 11 7:15PM SPIRIT GROUP
 SUN 15 10:30AM SERVICE: TBA
 SUN 22 10:30AM SERVICE: DISARM!
 SUN 29 10:30AM SERVICE: TBA

Board of Trustees

You have elected this board to take care of business. Please discuss your hopes and concerns with any member:

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This is your newsletter !!!

Next issue of Newsletter is November-December 2017

Deadline: **October 22.**

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.



Picnic in July at Uma's – photos: Janet Cowan-Weber



Thank you, Uma.