

Spring 2018 printemps



## 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

*As of press time. The schedule is continuously evolving, so please consult [uuestrie.ca](http://uuestrie.ca) for the latest information.*

**March 18**  
**Phyllis Baxter**  
**“Traveling”**

Thoughts on traveling. If you are willing we invite you to come prepared to share a thought or two on traveling from your own reflection or experience. Part of it is surely gaining competence in other cultures, a step to bridging the culture divide, a step to peace in the world. But it's more than that, or can be.

Coffee Convenor: the Webers

**Tuesday, March 20, 7:30pm**  
**Rev. Carole Martignacco**  
**“12 Steps to a Compassionate Life:  
Steps 11 & 12”**

Six discussion sessions led by Rev. Carole Martignacco, based on the book and TED project, 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life, by leading scholar of religion Karen Armstrong. (In English) Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., at UUEstrie, 201 Main. All are welcome. Book: \$20. Suggested donation: \$5/session. Registration: Please contact 819-842-1387.

February 13: Steps 1 & 2: Learn about compassion; Look at your own world  
February 20: Steps 3 & 4: Compassion for yourself; Empathy  
February 27: Steps 5 & 6: Mindfulness; Action  
March 6: Steps 7 & 8: How little we know; How should we speak to one another?  
March 13: Steps 9 & 10: Concern for everybody; Knowledge  
March 20: Steps 11 & 12: Recognition; Love your enemies

Service Leader: Rev. Carole Martignacco

**March 25**

**Mr. Keith Baxter**  
**“Radical Hospitality 2”**

More thoughts on taking our welcome and hospitality to a deeper level, that changes us for the better.

Service Leader: Keith Baxter  
Coffee Convenor: H el ene Cunningham

**Friday, April 20, 2018, 6pm**  
**Annual Pledge Supper**

**April 22**  
**Les Voix du village**  
**“Thanks for the Earth”**

A music service with this village choir from Waterville, that happens to coincide with Earth Day, 2018

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary  
Service Leader: Keith Baxter  
Musicians: Les voix du village

**Tuesday, April 24**  
**“Child Haven Supper at Shalimar”**

Annual Fundraiser for Child Haven International.

**Away** from UU Estrie  
Service Leader: Keith Baxter

**President's Ponderings March 2018**

It's starting to feel like winter is winding down. The days are noticeably longer, especially with changing our clocks ahead an hour.

At UUestrie, I feel like there's a lot of spiraling energy taking place. Some things are winding down while others are being renewed or revitalized.

Our fiscal year is quickly coming to an close at the end of April. It's time to look at how we managed with our funds over the last twelve months. And time to decide how much each of us is willing and/or able to contribute to the coming year. Money is important and always needed, but so is time and energy and we, on the Board, appreciate all the tasks that friends and members do, big and small, that create the friendly, welcoming atmosphere most of us crave.

**PLEDGE DINNER:**

Every year our community gathers for a supper supplied by the Board. Here we have a chance to look at the Financial Statements, and start to plan what we can contribute to our congregation for the next 12 months. Members of the Board are dreaming up fun ways to deal with this serious subject.

You are invited to the  
**Annual Pledge Supper**  
Friday, April 20, 2018, 6pm  
At UUEstrie, Stoddard Hall.

As President, there are many tasks that I could have done but did not pursue. One thing I try to do is help create a community where all feel welcome, comfortable and supported. As we know, we are few in number, trying to do a lot. Sometimes we can feel frustrated because we don't want to ask the same people to perform the same tasks over and over. One example is coffee hour: some people have not been in charge of refreshments, but they might be on the Board or service leader or on a committee that takes much of their free time. There are individuals who need to have a quiet time Sunday Morning to reflect, relax and renew themselves.

I am completing my second year on the Board of Trustees. I agreed to be on the Board because

I could see that there was no line-up of members anxious to take on these responsibilities. I have been a member of this congregation since the early 1980s, been in charge of the children for a 15 year period, and had a turn on the Board. I am a person who doesn't like conflict. I will take long detours to avoid having blow-ups. I was hoping the whole community would participate in Non-Violent Communication training so that all of us would be better to communicate our needs and wishes and better hear others of a different point of view. My efforts have not gotten beyond a couple of introductory presentations by 2 different trainers. Rev. Carole and I are planning on taking an on-line course and hope that many of you will join us. Details will be available soon.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is coming up in June and we need to appoint a nominating committee who will be looking for volunteers to fill board vacancies. Please consider joining us. The past 2 years have been very positive for me. I've had such a terrific dedicated group to work with.

Thank you Camille (VP), Amanda(sec), Rachel(treas), Ryan(at large), Reine(at large) and Rev.Carole(consulting minister).

Amanda Hillenburg has been secretary for the past 2 years. She dived into this position, worked hard to figure out her role, and in spite of having 2 young children and a full time job and other life challenges, she has been a dependable, consistent presence that we will dearly miss. Amanda has to take time off to spend with her new baby coming in July. Thank you Amanda for all you do and have done!

Rachel Garber has been Past President and Treasurer for the past two years. She is supposed to leave the Board for a year as she has now served for 5 years in different capacities. According to our By-Laws, she needs a break. The job of Treasurer is challenging. However we hire a bookkeeper to help and whoever takes this on will get help and support. Rachel, we will all miss you and can't imagine how things will work without you. Thank you for everything.

**CUC AGM**

The Canadian Unitarian Council will have an Annual General Meeting and conference on May 18, 2018, in Hamilton, Ontario. UUEstrie can send 2 delegates to vote and attend the meeting. You can be a delegate from the comfort of your own home by live streaming the meeting on your computer. Camille is planning on attending the meeting and conference. Is there anyone else who is interested? Please, let me know.

**VQUUC**

The Vermont Quebec Convention is happening the same weekend as the CUCAGM. We need a delegate to attend in order to receive our money. This year it takes place Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 10am in Woodstock, Vermont. Let me know if you are interested.

**STUDENT SUPPER**

UUEstrie is hosting the Bishop's University Student Supper on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at St. Georges Church in Lennoxville. The numbers of students have been high this year. We expect to serve around 70 students plus 10 volunteers. If you want to participate by either preparing food or serving and helping with clean-up, let me or Joey Marosi know.

**CHILD HAVEN DINNER**

We are hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Child Haven Dinner on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Shalimar Restaurant in Lennoxville. Robin Cappuccino and his wife Sharon will be there with an interesting variety of items for the Silent Auction. We are selling tickets on a sliding scale starting at \$50. Tax receipts will be sent for any amount over \$28 per ticket. This excellent cause supports over 1300 children, women and elderly. Plan on attending, knowing that you will enjoy scrumptious Indian food, have a chance to purchase a one-of-a-kind treasure while supporting a very worthwhile project.

Hope to see you at some of these,  
*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.

As well, the monthly ENews is available at <http://cuc.ca/enews/>



50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – more photos on last page. *Photos by Heather Lewis*



All set for the turkey supper, Dec. 11.

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In October, Gudrun and Wilhelm celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us. Thanks to Heather Lewis, who recorded this joyous occasion.



## Calendar and Schedule

SUN	18	10:30AM	SERVICE: TRAVELING
TUE	20	7:30PM	COMPASSIONATE LIFE
SUN	25	10:30AM	RADICAL HOSPITALITY
<b>APRIL</b>			
FRI	6		STUDENT SUPPER
FRI	20	6:00PM	PLEDGE SUPPER
SUN	22	10:30AM	SERVICE: VOIX DU VILLAGE
TUE	24		CHILD HAVEN SUPPER

### 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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Rachel Garber	Past President/Treasurer
Amanda Hillenburg	Secretary
Ryan Frizzell	Member at large
Reine Gagnon	

### This is your newsletter !!!

Next issue of Newsletter is June 2018

Deadline: **June 10.**

*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).*

