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Events this Month

All Sunday services start at 10:00 am unless otherwise specified.
We have an active children's program during our Sunday service, at which all children are warmly welcome

March 30, 5:30 pm
Finance Committee
Pledge Dinner

All members and friends are invited to an evening of song, comedy, and camaraderie, beginning with supper provided by our Board, spiced with down-home entertainment. We look forward to seeing you.

April 1
Mr. Carleton Monk
"Trouble with Death"

Carleton Monk is a local lawyer whose practice has evolved to include a great deal of mediation. He has some experience dealing with the complications that arise around the death of a loved one. From estates, to wills, living wills, family conflicts, and depression, he has seen it all.

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Service Leader: Keith Baxter
Musician: Mike Matheson
Coffee Convenor: Carol McKinley
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

April 7, 9:30 - 3:30
Clean-up Day # 1

It's time to do a spring clean-up of our Building and Grounds. Pick a time that is convenient for you and plan to spend a couple hours alongside other members and friends as we clean up from winter, and prepare to move our worship services back up to the sanctuary for our spring-summer-fall season. A list of jobs needing doing will be posted in the lower level kitchen. If you cannot make it on this Saturday, no worries! You can come next Saturday, the 14th, for clean-up day #2!

April 8
Rev. Carole Martignacco
"More than Daffodils"

The universal message to be explored is that of renewal, resurrection and rejoicing.

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Musician: Jaime Dunton
Coffee Convenor: Joey Marosi
Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

April 15
Ms. Janet Cowan Weber
"Impressions of Cuba"

The people of Cuba exhibit a wonderful humanity that is hospitable, caring and privileging of humane values. Janet and husband Joe visited Cuba this past winter.

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Service Leader: Keith Baxter
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April 22
Mr. François Tanguay
"Earth Summit: Rio +20"

The Rio+20 Summit in early June could very well be a major turning point on how we manage our planet in the next generations. Twenty years after the Rio Conference, the agenda has substantially evolved beyond the climate debate towards what we should do to have a sustainable future. Over 40 000 attendees will try and come up with ways to change our economies and renew our social and environmental contract with nature.

Guest speaker François Tanguay will introduce us to this critical event. He is a consultant on energy, based in Montréal, and specializes in climate change issues.

This will be a bilingual service in English and French.

All are invited to an informal potluck lunch with M. Tanguay after the service.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: Keith Baxter

Musician: Laurent Hubert

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

April 29

Ms. Rachel Garber

“Our Community in Action”

How do we give expression to the seven Unitarian-Universalist principles?

A few months ago, the board of trustees asked members to take part in a survey about members' concerns and the issues they support, as well as what social causes they would like UUEstrie to support. This interactive service will present the results of the survey, and invite those present to take part in reviewing UUEstrie's social actions and our future direction. Come prepared for a stimulating, thoughtful encounter.

Downstairs, in Stoddard Hall

Service Leader: Rachel Garber

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton

May 6

Rev. Carole Martignacco

“Beltane”

Celebrate the spring equinox and honour the wisdom of earth religions with a traditional Maypole Dance. All are welcome to join in.

Upstairs, in the Sanctuary

Service Leader: members of UUEstrie

Flower Convenor: Sooky Dunton



Ottawa, May 26-27, 2012

BEYOND BORDERS: BREAKING BARRIERS OF RACE AND IMMIGRATION

The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office
Annual Intergenerational Spring Seminar

April 12-14, 2012

(Youth arrival on April 11)

The 2012 Symposium: Why You Should Come

Canadian UUs will gather at The Westin, Ottawa from May 18-20, 2012. If you can at all manage to attend, consider the importance of your presence at this year's national gathering of Canadian UUs, the 2012 Spiritual Leadership Symposium in Ottawa, from May 18-20.

This gathering is more than our usual annual conference. It's a new kind of event, more focused, creative and participatory. It's a joint effort of CUC and Canada's UU Ministers. Last year, on our 50th anniversary, we were invited to "Trust the Dawning Future." This year, that future begins.

The Symposium includes workshops, worship, music, arts and discussion that will engage our whole selves: head, heart and hands. Registration is open! The event is at The Westin, Ottawa, in the heart of the nation's capital, in the beauty of spring.

For details of registration, hotel costs, etc, see Keith.

Gay marriage in the United States

On February 13th, 2012, the State of Washington on the Pacific coast became the seventh US state to approve gay marriage when the governor, Christine Gregory, signed a bill approved by the legislature. The measure is to take effect in June. Other states allowing gay marriage are Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Iowa, New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as the District of Columbia.

A few days earlier in California, a federal court of appeal struck down a state ban on gay marriage when it ruled that the ban, known as Proposition 8, violated the constitution of the United States. This ruling is likely to be contested before the Supreme Court in Washington D.C.

Reported in *The Fundy Wave*, Feb 21, 2012



Minister's Reflection - Carole's Column

Reverend Carole will resume her regular column when she returns from her Sabbatical Ministry in April.

Keith's Capsule v3 #4



*Keith speaking at the 2011 meeting in Toronto.
(from the CUC)*

What do you know about Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ)? If the answer is "Not much" or "Nothing at all", then let me commend them to you. They are a collection of Social Justice-minded UUs from across Canada, who promote a UU response to Canadian Social Justice issues. They put out a very interesting newsletter, copies of which are available at 201 Main, North Hatley. Pick one up and take a look. Send in your \$40 if you are so inclined and join them at their annual meeting Monday, May 21, in Ottawa. I don't think you will regret it.

Speaking of that weekend in Ottawa May 18-21, I hope many of us are budgeting both time and money to take part in the Symposium happening there that weekend. Speak to Carole or Sooky or Jaime or Keith and seek out the info on the Web and on display in Stoddard Hall. It's all about Spirituality, and isn't that what we are all about, really?

In the meantime, closer to home, I call your attention to a number of all-church events coming up in the next few months:

...Starting with the annual Pledge dinner on March 30 at 5:30, a fun evening with supper provided, for all our members and friends. The theme is '99', find out why.

Then come Spring Clean-up days on Saturdays April 7 and April 14, from 9:30 to 3:30, where each of us just show up for 2 or 3 hours of cleaning and straightening and raking and the like, during either or both of those days. It's great fellowship, shining up our old ship for another year of worship services and communitarian events. Tools and tasks are all organized; we just need you.

June 24, we will host a number of girls from Thomas Brand's girls' choirs in Connecticut, for a music service in our meetinghouse. July 1 we plan to cancel the worship service in North Hatley and meet over to Hatley Day in East Hatley, where we hope to put together a float in the parade. July 8 we follow with our own annual church picnic, after the worship service. On that occasion we will welcome back visiting minister the Reverend Ken MacLean, who has been visiting North Hatley since 1963! This picnic is also a time to renew acquaintances from the two Montreal UU congregations, and the Derby Line congregation as well.

Finally, our fundraising team is aiming for a big yard sale at UUEstrie in later July. Details to follow, but get it on your mental agenda right now, as this will take the cooperation of many of us to be successful, and fun, too.

I thank the coffee convenors who have been taking good care of compostable material from our kitchens. And the Programme Committee for a continuing dynamic weekly programme that keeps UUEstrie on the map and rewards everyone who visits us on a Sunday. And I thank the Sun God for this rash summer weather that has my golf urges raging.

See you in church, Keith

Denominational affairs

If you are a member, you get the Canadian Unitarian newsletter. On-line readers can access current and past issues at <http://www.cuc.ca/newsletter/canu.htm>

As well, the monthly E-News is available at <http://www.cuc.ca/enews/>

You may well have received an email, asking you to fill out a survey for the CUC. Apparently, it refers to 3 resolutions to come up in May. The survey has meanwhile closed.

Keith has written to the CUC as follows:
Dear CUC resolutions team,

I know this is late, but local affairs have to take priority. I have now carefully read the three proposed resolutions, and complement the framers on the logic, the persuasiveness and the values depicted therein.

I do decry, however the exclusionism rampant in referring to all human being (sic) members of the CUC as 'Unitarians'. How simple, inclusive, and beautiful it would be to everywhere say, "Unitarians and Universalists". That is my constructive criticism and proposed amendment.

Thanks for all you do,
In Faith, Keith Baxter

The 3 resolutions, on Lay Chaplaincy, Responsible investing, and criminal justice, can be found (With Keith Baxter photo) at <http://cuc.ca/category/governance/cuc-resolutions/>

UUEstrie – 2012 Summer Fundraisers

An impromptu fundraising meeting took place following our service on March 18th with lots of enthusiasm and decisions to report.

A SUPER SUMMER SALE featuring a potpourri of donations is planned for a mid to late July weekend. The sale will be held at UUEstrie, both inside and outside to make it weatherproof. So don't forget to continue to save items in good shape to donate closer to the time and to encourage friends and family to do so also.

Remember, "One person's trash can be another's treasure."

A PIGGERY THEATRE BENEFIT EVENING
Our successful initiative last summer in partnering with The Piggery to help sell tickets to a selected performance was very successful. So, plans are underway to repeat this win-win fundraiser and our choice and date should be reported in our next Newsletter.

Here's to two profitable (ad)ventures !
Cheers, Carol McKinley

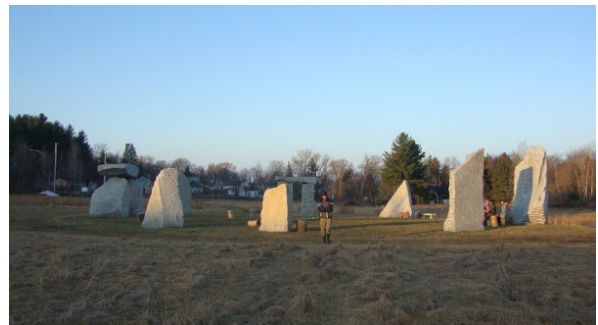
The Spirit of Play

IN the ancient scriptures, the highest wisdom is to see the Universe from God's perspective. Not as a machine, or work of art, or testing ground for Karma, or a vast theatre. Life certainly has all those qualities, but ultimately, the ancient sages said, **life is Leela**—a game.

Leela doesn't mean a fierce combat. The divine game isn't a competition, but **play for the sheer joy of it**. Such play has the total innocence that comes naturally to young children. Without *Leela*, without innocence, the stress of life will take its toll. Frustration and suffering will occur, because we have failed to accept the divine gift that makes heaven out of life on earth.

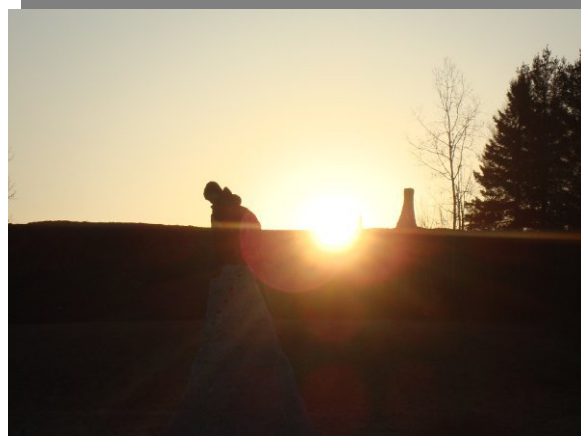
Deepak Chopra (adapted)

Stanstead Stone Circle, Equinox 2012



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Calendar and Schedule

SUN 1 10:00AM SERV: CARLETON MONK
 SAT 7 9:30AM CLEAN-UP DAY #1
 SUN 8 10:00AM SERVICE: REV. CAROLE
 SAT 15 9:30AM CLEAN-UP DAY #2
 SUN 15 10:00AM SERVICE: CUBA
 SUN 22 10:00AM SERVICE: RIO +20
 SUN 29 10:00AM SERVICE: RACHEL
 GARBER

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 May 2012

Deadline: ***April 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@uuestrrie.ca**.*

Dear Contributors to Newsletter:

The Newsletter Committee frequently receives texts forwarded wholesale from one or another worthy publication or website. As such, they are not useful. When members come across material of interest that they would like to share, they are cordially invited to digest the texts they find valuable, reframing them in succinct form. Websites or links can be cited for those seeking further information.

Your Newsletter Committee

On March 20 at dawn, several of our congregation carpoled to the Stanstead Stone Circle to observe the spring equinox.