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December 7, 10:30 am

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Sass Minard

Courage and Confrontation — As we prepare for another winter season, it seems appropriate to reflect on the theme of courage. Does confronting the impending season of frigid temperatures, cold winds, icy roads, drifting snow, etc. require courage? Norm will explore the idea that courage, in all areas of our lives, relates to our fear of confrontation, and that the best antidote to that fear is preparation.

December 14, 10:30 am

Presenters: Anne Knight-Gorman, Alison Chipman, Tracy Boyer-Morris, Angela VanAmberg;
Service Leader: Dean White

Four Women of Inspiration — Possessing unique, far-reaching gifts, many women are especially tuned to walking in both the spiritual and the mundane worlds. They are particularly adept at creating energy and change. Today's presenters will speak of the women who inspire them: Wangari Maathai, Fanny Farmer, Zita Cobb and Sylvia Plath. These women have harnessed their own power to help make the world a better place.

December 14, 6:00 pm

Our Third 'Blue Christmas' at Bearly's House of Blues — The Holiday Season, a joyous time for many, can also call forth sadness and memories of personal loss... the very heart of The Blues. We will honour those emotions and experiences with a service of poetry and prose readings, music, and song in the tradition of the Blues. Come early and order dinner and a beverage of your choice.

December 21, 10:30 am

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Marilyn Shinyei

A Message of Hope and Joy — Come and celebrate the spirit of hope on the Sunday before Christmas. There will be more than the usual opportunities for singing and fellowship. Children will stay in the main service. We will have a gap in Religious Exploration leadership for children before our interim RE director starts, but supervised activities will be arranged for all children.

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Our Mission is to provide a community which nurtures personal and spiritual growth, practices inclusiveness, celebrates diversity and affirms individual and collective commitment to community service and social justice.

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:30 am -3:30 pm Library	3 4:45-6:15 pm After Choir	4	5	6
7 9 am Chalice Singers Last day for Hampers donations Noon Worship Committee	8	9	10 4:45-6:15 pm After Choir 6:30 Board Meeting	11	12	13
14 9 am Chalice Singers 6 pm Blue Christmas @ Bearly's	15	16	17 4:45-6:15 pm After Choir	18	19	20
21 4:30 pm Candlelight Service, potluck finger foods	22	23	24 7:30 pm Readings & Carols Service	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27
28	29 10 am Newsletter Deadline	30	31	Jan 1 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast	Jan 2 Newsletter release, UUinfo	Jan 3

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December 21, 4:30 pm

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: TBD

Candlelight Service — Our annual candlelight service will be a multi-generational celebration of the season with song and dance, hot cider and Moravian buns. Note that the service will start and end later this year than last. **You are invited to bring potluck festive finger food** for the social gathering after the service. This is a “not to be missed tradition” at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax that will feed your body and your soul.



December 24, 7:30 pm

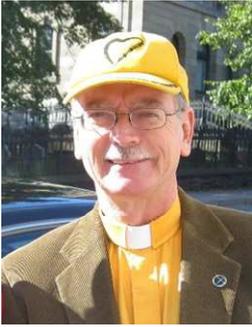
Co-presenters: Devin Murphy & Deborah Wiggins

Christmas Eve Readings and Carols — Again this year, join us to hear biblical accounts of the birth of Jesus, and to sing Christmas carols, both traditional favourites and new.

December 28, 10:30 am

Service Leaders: Rev. Norm Horofker, Deborah Wiggins; Service Assistant: Louise Malloch

Laid-back, End-of-2014 Musical Celebration and Hymn Sing — We’ll round up the year with many of your favourite hymns, framed with readings of thankfulness for the old, and hopeful musings for new beginnings. Again, we will experience a gap in Religious Exploration leadership for children before our interim RE director starts, but supervised activities will be arranged for all children.



Minister's Notes

Four things to pay attention to in December...

First: I have taken time in the services lately to thank everyone for attending and for being a part of the ministry of this congregation because our church is about you. Since September, I have been gradually moving toward the idea of “Themed Church” (along with a number of colleagues in congregations across Canada.) This involves setting a theme for each month of the year. Identifying a theme in advance allows for more in-depth reflection and participation by all of our members and friends. The theme for December is Courage, and the theme for January is Hope. If you have a poem, article or story that speaks to these themes, I invite you to share it with me. Doing so will help me to understand your perspective on these topics and it will help me to prepare a service that speaks to your needs. Your participation is what makes us a church.

Second: Christy-Lee Bojarski is taking maternity leave beginning this month. Everyone will miss her, especially our children, but we will be in close contact, as we wait to welcome a baby brother for Hawksley. Our RE Committee has recruited Emily Dodge as our interim director to fill in during Christy’s absence. Please be sure to introduce yourself and offer support.

Third: Your direct support has allowed us to replace our ancient oil furnace with a new state-of-the-art gas furnace, and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 13 tons per year. This was done in the same year that we painted our building and repaired a lot of damage to the exterior. All of this done under the direction of our tireless Property chair, Allyn Clarke.



The old ...



The new!

I would be happy to give anyone a personal tour of the remodelled furnace room.

Fourth: It is my wish for everyone reading this newsletter that you have a safe and happy holiday season, that you allow yourself time to reflect on the beauty of the world around you, the blessings we have shared over the past year, and especially the beautiful spirits of the people who make your life interesting and rewarding.

Rev. Norm Horofker

Caring



Aiming for a scent-free space:

It has been brought to my attention that we have people attending Sunday services who struggle with environmental sensitivities. This can be a very isolating experience as the effects can be quite

devastating and cause people to have to leave the room, and the building. There are many products that are scented: soaps, particularly laundry soaps, hand lotion, hair products, fabric softeners, perfume, shaving lotion and more. This is a reminder to **please come unscented** to keep our space safe and hospitable for everyone. It will be so appreciated.

We send our condolences to **Carol Anne Cox** whose mother Thelma Cox passed away in her home in Dartmouth on October 20th.



Mary Ellen Onno

Blue Christmas Service at Bearly's House of Blues and Ribs December 14, 6 pm

The Church has left the building! For a third year we are planning a "Blue Christmas" service at Bearly's, our neighbourhood blues pub. The musical genre of the blues can help us to get through the inevitable downside of holiday pressures, expectations and remembered loss.



The After Choir at Bearly's last December

Come out for a unique experience, sharing a church service, dinner and drinks, music, poetry and a memorial candle lighting service. Help us to expand a vision of church and take it to where the people are!

Rev. Norm Horofker

The Christmas Hamper Drive Continues

We are still collecting funds and food for the Christmas Hamper Drive, which delivers seasonal gifts to people in the Building Bridges program of the Canadian Mental Health Association.



For reasons that include mental health issues, social phobia, and anxiety, the Halifax residents who receive our gift bags have limited contact with others. Many of them have expressed how much our gifts mean to them over the Christmas period. Cheques made out to UUCH, clearly marked "Hamper Drive", can be given to Martha Wilson or Avarid Woolaver, or placed in the collection plate. Food donations for the hampers can be left at the church.

We would also love to include any free calendars you may not need—those that arrive from your insurance company or in your copy of Canadian Living.

We will be collecting through December 7th. Thanks for your support.

Martha Wilson & Avarid Woolaver

Ethiopian Refugees Settling In

Two Ethiopian refugees, Amin and Fatiya, arrived in Halifax on November 12th. We expect the other three to arrive on November 27th.



Jim, Amin and Fatiya

Warm thanks to all for your contributions both in kind and in cash—your assistance enabled them to acquire suitable winter wear. We have fully furnished two apartments for Amin and Fatiya on Main Avenue, and are okay for in-kind support for now. Financial donations are always welcome, of course.

To inquire about helping: James.Morrison@smu.ca
902-420-5512 (office) — 902-429 8094 (home)

Jim Morrison

Planned Giving Workshop Alert

Your Planned Giving/Endowment Trustees are planning a workshop for you, to take place in late January. This will be a two-hour session after church (12:30 to 2:30) with a lawyer and a financial planner.



We will explore the issues of estate planning and writing or updating a will. We will also look at how charitable giving might feature in your estate planning and what options

there are for leaving a lasting legacy to UUCH. More details will follow in the January newsletter.

Marilyn Shinyei

From Our UU-United Nations Office Envoy

Last month during our annual UN Sunday the offertory included several donations made specifically to the UU United Nations Office totalling \$220, which thrilled me. Thank you all very much.

We also received our second UU-UNO Blue Ribbon award for this past year (2013 to 2014). It will be placed next to our first Blue Ribbon award (2012) mounted beside the front door.



The UU-UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar for 2015 will be held from April 9th to 11th in New York City. The subject will be International Criminal Justice. More details will be forthcoming in the new year.

Anyone interested in attending, especially young people, please contact me. I'm in the directory.

Valerie Chapman

Here Come the Holidays!

It's time again to make our beautiful building look extra welcoming for the holidays.

As we have done each year for the past two winters, we will hang five large locally made fresh wreaths in the dormer windows, complete with red bow and one electric candle.



Each 24-inch wreath costs \$25. If you would like to sponsor a wreath, or a part thereof, please contact Allyn Clarke or myself (shown above, putting up the wreaths last December, with Janet's help).

If we are over-subscribed, any surplus money will go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund to help those less fortunate during the winter.

Also, if you would like a wreath for your own home (less the bow and candle), let me know and I can pick one up for you. You might even get a fully decorated one if you like.

Rev. Norm Horofker

Newsletter Deadline

Due to newsletter production week coinciding with Christmas week, the submission deadline for the **January** newsletter will be extended by one week to **10 am, Monday, December 29th**.

The newsletter will be released via uuinfo on Friday, January 2nd, and the paper version on Sunday, the 4th.

We will be sure to send out any important notices via uuinfo in the interim.

Please send your submissions to both:

Etta Hamm braeside@eastlink.ca
Sandra Jamieson uuchurch@eastlink.ca

Music Montage

*For harmony is a symphony,
and a symphony is an agreement...
and thus music, too,
is concerned with the principles of love.
~ Plato*



Celebrate With Music...

Would you like to help with December's celebrations, by joining in some extra music making this month? I'm looking for additional singers/players to rehearse some special music for the Candlelight Service, the afternoon of Sunday, December 21st, and also for the Christmas Eve service (7:30 pm). If you are available for one or both of these special services, and can attend a few Sunday rehearsals either before or after the service, please let me know. Together we can add to the celebrations, with our music!

December's 'Singing as We Gather'...

The Gathering Hymn for this month is #51 *Lady of the Seasons' Laughter*. This month not only heralds the beginning of winter and the longest day, but also the season of celebrations of all kinds, such as Christmas, Yule, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah, to name a few. Also, this month's theme is courage, so the lyrics of this hymn are *apropos* in many ways. "*Lady of the seasons' laughter, in the summer's warmth be near; when the winter follows after, teach our spirits not to fear. Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning year. Mother of the generations, in whose love all life is worth everlasting celebrations, bring our labours safe to birth. Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning earth.*"

The Chalice Singers...

The Chalice Singers are open to anyone who likes to sing, and contribute each month to the Sunday services. We rehearse each Sunday morning at 9:00 am this month. You do not need to be able to read music to join this welcoming choir.

The Family Singers...

The Family Singers are for all ages and all stages of singers, and offer music for services that is easy to learn and sing. *The Chalice Singers* provide a base of support for this group, so relax and join in.

qUUartet...

qUUartet is our 4-part singing group. This music ensemble provides opportunities for more advanced singers to use their skills at harmony and independent learning, with more challenging material. They also support *The Chalice Singers* now and then. *qUUartet* meet occasionally before services.

The After Choir...

The After Choir (our folk/rock group) meets most Wednesdays, from approximately 4:45 to 6:15 pm. Contact James at jamesmorris@morrisbureau.com to confirm dates and times.

Deborah Wiggins

Music Director

uuchmusic@yahoo.ca

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Making History in Halifax: UUCH member to be ordained to the ministry – January 10



The ordination of a Unitarian Universalist minister definitely involves more hoopla than UUs normally indulge in, though perhaps we reserve our small affinity for pomp and ceremony for just such special moments.

Ordination is a rite that exists in many other traditions to give religious leaders authority. In Unitarian Universalism ordination is a ritual that happens in community to affirm a minister in their call and empower them in their religious leadership. The ceremony bestows the title “Reverend,” and marks the point when a minister will traditionally start wearing a stole.

Because of our democratic congregational polity, our ministers are ordained by UU congregations themselves, not by a national authority or by other ministers. Some UU ministers are ordained by the first congregation that calls them to serve, others by a congregation which helped them on their journey.

I am honoured that I will be ordained on January 10, 2015 by the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax where I have been a member for several years. I am especially thrilled to be ordained by a congregation that has loved, supported and challenged me as I pursued my ministerial call. It is humbling to know that I am a first; UUCH has never ordained one of its own. We get to make history together. My upcoming ordination is a distinction and a joy that I hope to share with the entire UUCH congregation, members and friends both present and past.

The ordination ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. on January 10th, 2015 at the Loyola Conference Hall of St. Mary’s University. I invite all to take in this celebration within a worship service. The service will include several traditional elements and offerings that capture the uniqueness of my journey and ministry. You can expect to see special guest ministers, friends, family, and colleagues from near and far in attendance. A let-your-hair-down “Kitchen Party” reception will take place back at the church afterward.

Hope to see you all at the ceremony and at the reception! (Please RSVP if you have not yet already done so.)

Helen McFadyen

(Writing from my temporary Edmonton home)

New! Spiritual Show and Tell with Potluck Dinner – January 15

Our mission statement calls us, amongst other things, to “provide a community that nurtures personal and spiritual growth, practices inclusiveness and celebrates diversity”. As members and committed friends, we can, I feel, do even more in the area of nurturing one’s spiritual growth, by learning more about the direction that each of us is taking. We can, I feel, also do more to provide a community that is inclusive of and celebrates the spiritual diversity we have in our midst, by becoming more aware of it, with more spiritual sharing between us.

To help us be more fully equipped to provide a community that lives up to these goals, I, along with my mom (Deborah Wiggins), am pleased to announce a new regular monthly evening; one we are calling “Spiritual Show and Tell”.

Spiritual Show and Tell will be your opportunity to hear up to six of your fellow church members and friends present on an aspect of their personal spirituality while everyone enjoys a hearty potluck dinner. Each presenter will have a minimum of 5 and up to a maximum of 15 minutes (including needed set-up and take-down time) to present on an aspect of their spirituality that is important to them, but one that for whatever reason, they have not had the opportunity to share with us. Presenters need not talk for the whole time. They can include a video clip, a piece of music, pass around a sacred object, read a meaningful passage from a book or really anything they can dream up to help us learn about the aspect of their spirituality that they want to share.



The first Spiritual Show and Tell will be on Thursday, January 15th, starting at **6:30** pm, and subsequent evenings on the third Thursday of the month from February up to and including May.

The evenings will begin with folks filling their plates with shared potluck offerings and getting a seat. At 7:00 pm the first of the presentations will begin. Following the presenters we will have a time for socializing before we leave by 9 pm at the latest.

If interested in being one of the presenters for the inaugural January evening, you can get in touch with me by e-mail at realm_dee@yahoo.ca or by phone at 902-463-0988.

Devin Murphy

Pancake Breakfast! **New Years Day, 10:30 am**

Our famous pancake breakfast will once again be a Pay-What-You-Can fundraiser (not a potluck).

Look forward to a feast of pancakes, plain, buttermilk, blueberry, banana, gluten-free, etc. – served with butter or vegan spread, maple syrup or low-sugar syrup; also ham, fruit, juice, tea and coffee.

After breakfast, stay for Fun & Games! Bring a game that you enjoy playing and would enjoy playing with others. Let's eat and socialize in the grand old UU tradition! More details will follow closer to the event.



Marilyn Shinyei



Visual Story Telling Art Exhibit **Multi Media** **Ballroom Gallery, February-March 2015**

Why should a vase be an art object, but not your life?

- All Genius paints with the pigment of emotion. *1001 Ways to Creativity*
- The world is a canvas upon which we paint with our imaginations
- The thoughts we choose to think are the tools we use to paint the canvas of our lives. *Louise Hay*

All of us are storytellers eager to express our thoughts, feelings and experiences for ourselves as well as for others. We mine our own material for deeper meaning. What were those events in our lives all about, both the triumphant as well as the trying? We long to share our significant stories with family and friends just as we have hearing theirs, thus creating understanding and closer relations.

Have you noticed how deeply rewarding it is to record these ideas in visual form as we are creating as well as for future reference? Providing I can safely remove photographs from albums, I am into exploring several photographic stories including those of my grandparents. The latter's photos were done by a photographer of the past and it shows. That's OK too, providing we attempt to show original work in art shows and don't claim ownership for their creation. Just add the equivalent of a one-page poster done in big, bold letters, using few words.

Remember, like a genius, to paint with the pigment of emotion, using heart and soul, and everything will be all right and interesting!

Ella Wilson

Annual Winter Warm-Up Coffeehouse
Saturday, February 28, 7 -10 pm



This notice is your first nudge to record this evening in your calendars and to start 'getting your act together' for this special, annual, fun, fellowship event. Always warm and cozy, and always welcoming and uplifting, it's just what we'll all need to carry us through to spring!

If you know of someone you think would like to offer music, comedy, dance, poetry or anything else to entertain us on this special night, please encourage them to contact me. This event is open to all.

All performers, however, must let me know in advance to get into the **pre-scheduled line-up**.

I'm already looking forward to it!

Deborah Wiggins

UUUnclassifieds

Educational children's book available
Sat, Nov 29



Joanne Light, a published author, will be at the UUCH Bazaar on Saturday, November 29th, 11 am to 2 pm, to sell her latest children's book, the true story of *Suzie, an Orphan Orangutan*. The story brings awareness of the plight of the orangutan and other species who share a common habitat in Borneo's rain forest (Earth's lungs). See more online by Googling: Blurb/Suzie, an Orphan Orangutan. The book, priced at \$10, comes with an attractive gift envelope, convenient for mailing as a holiday gift. Joanne will donate \$2 to the bazaar for each book sold.

Meet a Fellow UU: Jean Lusk

By Barbara Harsanyi

Jean Lusk wears her hair white and her dark eyes reflect her black outfit, smartly accessorized with silver. She was born into a large family and had one brother and five sisters. Her dad had eleven siblings, all of whom had large families. Thus her earliest independent memory is that of a large, noisy family gathering when she was three years old, when she decided to quit the hubbub and hide in the granary, enjoying the quiet and her own company. This writer interprets her action as a typically Unitarian trait, in that she did not follow the mainstream, but decided on an independent course. "I still like my own company and appreciate solitude" she tells me today.

"The other part for me is service to the community and the social justice aspect" she says. Indeed, her career path has been in service to her fellow human beings, first as an early childhood educator, next as an elementary school teacher, then as a consultant to families who have children with disabilities and now as a clinical social worker; all this in addition to being a wife and raising three daughters.



Jean's place of birth and the town where she spent her first seven years was Fort William, Ontario, located on the Kaministiquia River at its entrance to Lake Superior. Together with Grand Portage, Fort William had been a place of the fur trade, *voyageurs*, the native Ojibwa tribe and the starting point for the canoe route from the Great Lakes to Western Canada. In 1970, Fort William was amalgamated with Port Arthur and other townships to form Thunder Bay.

From her "Gateway to the West" city of birth, her family took her westward, to the Okanagan Valley in BC, where they lived for the next seven years. Then they moved to Glendon, Alberta, where her father did farming.

After high school, Jean moved to Edmonton on her own to study and work. There she met and married her husband Greg and inherited two daughters, Becky and Jennifer. Jean and Greg's daughter Adrienne completed their family. Greg's career path took them to Dartmouth, NS. From there, Greg followed his work to Regina alone, leaving Jean and Adrienne to stay in their Dartmouth home so that Adrienne could complete her high school here and not have to move

in her last year. Today, Adrienne is an *au pair* in Germany; her boyfriend lives in the Dartmouth home with Jean, who also maintains a place in the valley, closer to second stepdaughter Jennifer, who is home schooling her own five-year-old son. The oldest, stepdaughter Becky, lives in Victoria and has three daughters of her own.

Although Jean has always worked and/or studied to develop a career for herself, including a degree from Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax in addition to being a mother and homemaker, it wasn't until her youngest was on her own that Jean could finally put her own career first. She has recently returned from a rather lengthy sojourn in Kitchener-Waterloo with a Master's degree in Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University, ready to put down roots here in the Maritimes.

As a teen and young adult, Jean had become indifferent to the United Church in which she was raised. Her life's path, particularly an episode of her husband's and one of her daughter's illnesses, made her search for a new spiritual home and a supportive spiritual community. She had always been attracted to native, earth-based spirituality; this was a recurring theme throughout our interview, so much so that I wondered whether she possibly had First Nation, maybe Ojibwa ancestors. Well, her direct, known lineage does not include Canadian First Nation ancestors. Her father's parents came to Canada in the first wave of Ukrainian migration in the late 1800s. Her maternal grandmother was born in Scotland and came to Canada in 1903 or 1904. Her maternal grandfather's people were Irish and arrived in the very late 1700s. However, she does have aboriginal friends who very much believe in reincarnation to complete the spiritual work they believe we all must do. They have told her that she and they have shared their paths in previous lifetimes.

As far as our Universalist Unitarian church, Jean drove by our building daily on her route to work without paying much attention to our congregation for a good and long time until friends of hers advised her to check us out.

"Pivotal events bringing me to this UU church, other than my own life's path, was a radio broadcast I heard reviewing Elaine Pagels' book on the gospels of Saint Thomas, which of course are not included in the Bible, and the first service I attended at the UU Church of Halifax, which dealt with the Tibetan singing bowl" she recounts. "I felt like WOW! Here was a community where this spiritual exploration was possible, where it was OK for me to celebrate humanity and our connection to the universe, and to

explore how we connect to the earth and each other" she states with enthusiasm. I do hope that Jean's enthusiasm will last throughout the years and not be extinguished or dampened by anything some of us do or say or fail to do or say. For even though we all have common "Unitarian" traits, and are a small congregation, we are a heterogeneous group of individuals. So welcome, again, Jean! Let us grow, change and keep on exploring together. To quote from T.S. Eliot's *The Wasteland*: "We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." Perhaps we shall know not just "the place", but ourselves and our fellow human beings as well, a little better than we do today.

UUCH Featured in National Media

If you subscribe to the electronic option of *The Canadian Unitarian* you were among the first few Canadians to see Avard's panoramic photo of UUCH Pride Parade participants emblazoned across the fall issue's first two pages in full living colour. What a visual impact!



Farther on, under *Across Canada*, is Margaret Galbraith's contribution: *Halifax: See and Be Seen* which details UUCH's participation in the Pride Parade, the People's Climate March, the Dying with Dignity Rally demonstration at the Provincial Legislature and the Eastern Regional Fall Conference hosted by UUCH. And thanks to Rev. Norm, there is also a picture of the UUCH children's highlight of the year: the bouncy castle at the Open House!

Also featured is an important piece by our own Glenda Butt, national CUC President, titled *Change in Direction—In Search of a New Vision*—a vision in which UU congregations will be asked for input.

Pick up a copy of *CanU* at the church, or subscribe to receive the electronic, technicolour version in your very own Inbox. www.cuc.ca

Etta Hamm, editor

The Story of the Wayside Pulpit

Abridged, with permission from www.uua.org—



The roadside bulletin board was introduced to North American churches in 1919 by Henry Hallam Saunderson, minister of the First Parish (Unitarian) Church of Brighton, Massachusetts. Inspired by the local wayside shrines he had seen in Europe, he decided to create short “wayside sermons” that would make people stop, read, and search their conscience.

He posted brief quotations on the bulletin board outside his church and hundreds of people stopped by to read them. That gave him an idea. He polled the clergy in the area and 100 ministers subscribed to his new wayside message service. They erected bulletin boards of the same size and proportion on their church grounds and shared the expense of having weekly messages printed on 32 x 44-inch sheets that would be readable from across the street.

At one point, twelve different Christian denominations subscribed to the service. The message boards came to be known as the Wayside Community Pulpit and reached up to three million readers according to a 1924 poll.

When the American Unitarian Association picked up on Saunderson's idea, it culled quotations from world literature, and in 1956 started including contributions from ministers and lay people.

The Wayside tradition continued under the Unitarian Universalist Association created in 1961 when the Unitarian and the Universalist churches of America merged.

The Wayside Pulpit later struggled to survive. Many non-Unitarian Universalist churches liked the idea of the service, but didn't always agree with the liberal content of the quotations. Rising costs were a challenge for some churches. The number of subscribers later dwindled to 220.

By 1982 the frequency of the publication decreased from one quotation per week to one every ten days. By 1989, the service was reduced to a set of 24 new quotations available every two years. [The UUA no longer publishes Wayside Pulpit posters but] ...the messages are [nevertheless] the essence of Saunderson's legacy, a hope to find the divine in ourselves.

On behalf of the congregation, many thanks to Alain Godbout for changing the UUCH Wayside Pulpit message bi-weekly. It is appreciated by members and friends, and no doubt by many a passer-by.

Etta Hamm, Editor

Sunday Service Volunteers

Dec 7

Greeting Kathy Anthony
Anne Knight-Gorman
Ushering Andy Blair (e) Janet Horofker (l)
Kitchen Norm Sabowitz (set-up)
Anne Knight-Gorman (clean-up)
Audio Devin Murphy
Library Alison Chipman

Dec 14

Greeting Margaret Galbraith, Sass Minard
Ushering Valerie Chapman (e)
Margaret and Paul Galbraith (l)
Kitchen Norm Sabowitz (set-up)
Sass Minard (clean-up)
Audio Paul Galbraith
Library Anne Knight-Gorman

Dec 21

Morning Service
Greeting Michael Seary, Alison Chipman
Ushering Kay Smith, Kathy Anthony (e),
Sylvia Mattinson (l)
Kitchen Norm Sabowitz (set-up)
Stephen Butler (clean-up)
Audio Nick Baros-Johnson
Library Alison Chipman

Also Dec 21

Candlelight Service, 4:30 pm
Greeting Sandra Clarke, Sylvia Mattinson
Ushering Kathy Spencer (e)
Sylvia Mattinson (l)
Kitchen Norm Sabowitz (set-up)
Sandra C., Stephen B. (clean-up)
Audio Avard Woolaver

Dec 28

Greeting Alison Chipman, Sass Minard
Ushering Wendy Ozon (e), Dean White (l)
Kitchen Norm Sabowitz (set-up)
Dean White (clean-up)
Audio Nick Baros-Johnson
Library Alison Chipman

To join the Sunday Service Support Team
please contact **Wietske Gradstein**
902-835-9272.

Winter Trees

*All the complicated details
of the attiring and
the disattiring are completed!*

*A liquid moon
moves gently among
the long branches.*

*Thus having prepared their buds
against a sure winter
the wise trees
stand sleeping in the cold.*

~ William Carlos Williams