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10:30 am
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Theme for June - Revelry

June 7

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Wynne Jordan

The importance of revelry in The Good Life

After a slow start to spring, revelry seemed like an overdue theme for June. Today Norm explores the connection between a theology of connection and the role of humour in our lives.

June 14

Presenters: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Mary Spurr

Play as a way to improve your Spiritual Fitness

Most of us at least think about our physical fitness. What would it mean to cultivate spiritual fitness and what role might play have in such a project.

June 21

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Louise Malloch

Annual Flower Communion, Year-End Picnic, and Father's Day Celebration!

Today we will reaffirm our commitment to diversity and the sacred joy of otherness, in all of its forms. If you remember to do so, please bring a flower that speaks to you personally. It may be a dandelion, a thistle, a rose or a complete surprise at the last minute.

June 28

Presenters: To be advised; Service Assistant: Margaret Galbraith

To be Advised

Unforeseen circumstances have affected plans for this service. Details will be announced in church and on the UUuinfo list as soon as they are finalized.



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.

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax

Compassion is the doctrine of our church, the quest for truth its Sacrament, and Justice its prayer. To grow in understanding through dialogue and freedom, to support each other's dance with life, to engage the Earth in peace, to the end that we speak ourselves into Community and her each other into being. Thus do we covenant with each other and with the Universe.

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:45-6:15 pm After Choir	4 9:30-11:30 am Parents & Tots	5	6
7 9 am Chalice Singers Noon: Dying with Dignity - Advance Care Planning Workshop (by reservation - Andy) Noon Worship Committee	8	9 11:30-3:30 Library Meeting	10 4:30 pm Social Responsibility Meeting 4:45-6:15 pm After Choir 6:30 Board Meeting	11 9:30-11:30 am Parents & Tots	12	13
14 R.E. Field Trip to Point Pleasant Park 12:30 pm New Friends Potluck	15	16	17 4:45-6:15 pm After Choir	18 9:30-11:30 am Parents & Tots	19	20 Duncan's Cove Hike See p. 6
21 Noon Annual Church Picnic Noon Humanist Group	22 10 am Newsletter Deadline	23	24 4:45-6:15 pm After Choir	25 9:30-11:30 am Parents & Tots	26	27
28 Deadline to submit D4\$ offerings	29	30				



Annual Church Picnic, June 21

The UUCH spring picnic will take place in our lovely, welcoming back yard on Sunday June 21st, following the service.

Expect good food, great music from the After Choir, fun and games for children of all ages, all with revelry and love and joy abounding. Fingers crossed for warm sunshine.

Please bring food and beverages to share if you can, and volunteer if you are able. Speak with, or contact **Emily Dodge**. See also p. 7.



Minister's Notes

written between months of
Beauty and Revelry

*Unitarian Universalism...
What makes us unique?*

We are a church without creed or dogma! Individual freedom of belief is fundamental to our Unitarian Universalist heritage. This makes us unique as a church. We believe that people with very different religious and ideological views grown in spirit when we unite to create religious community, respecting one another and learning from one another.

This simple idea was brought home to me in at least three different ways during the week I spent in Ottawa at the Canadian Unitarian Council Annual Meeting and Conference and at the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association Meeting and retreat that followed the ACM.

One theme that ran throughout both meetings was a concern for the chilling effect that strict interpretation of tax regulation on religious organizations was having. Were UU churches being prevented from exercising their prophetic role in public policy debates by fear of losing our charitable tax status?

I came away from the meetings convinced that the Canadian Revenue Agency attention would in the end be a good thing for us, requiring that we live into our theology of diversity and inclusion. Our UU theology, for example, is not fundamentally opposed to oil pipelines, neither is it opposed to fighting terrorism. Our theology is grounded in our principles and sources as interpreted by free thinking individuals liberated from religious, ideological and political shackles.

A second reminder of our diversity was eloquently delivered in the Confluence Lecture by the Reverend Stephen Atkinson. The Confluence Lecture is a lecture series sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada. It is delivered each year at the conclusion of the ACM and frequently sets the tone for important discussions in the coming year within our faith community.

Stephen Atkinson spoke about our need to recognize our diversity. The take-away line for me was: ***We need to spend less time determining who is right and more time connecting with one another.*** This was spoken within the context of a discussion about our process for passing resolutions at our annual meetings.

There is a growing feeling that our tradition of debating and trying to pass resolutions at our annual meetings is at odds with our theology of inclusion and diversity, the very thing that makes us unique. If we manage to pass a resolution on a controversial issue, even with 80% support, what message have we given to the 20% in opposition? Should we be surprised if we lose more members than we attract by such a process?

A third reminder of our diversity and our greatest strength came during the minister's retreat. During the retreat there is opportunity for ministers to share problems they have encountered in congregational life. In more than one such conversation I heard from fellow ministers how a visiting speaker in a service had presented one side only in a controversial social issue. Rather than stimulating deep listening and constructive dialogue, the speaker had provoked knee jerk responses that led to division, discord, and in some cases, public misrepresentation of Unitarian Universalism.

All of this leads me to a renewal of my commitment to work toward building a beloved community at UUCH motivated by our ideal of diverse theologies and ideologies that respectfully learns from one another.

James Fowler (a Methodist by the way), called those who attained the highest stage of faith "Universalizers" and he described them in this way: "... they are contagious in the sense that they create zones of liberation from the social, political, economic and ideological shackles we place and endure on human futurity. Living with felt participation in a power that unifies and transforms the world..." How is that for a vision of Unitarian Universalism? May it be so.

Rev. Norm Horofker



Our President's Year-end Report

(Copied from Reports to the UUCH AGM, May 24)

As the 2014-2015 church year draws to a close, it is a perfect time to reflect on all that we have done over the past year, and on what may be awaiting us in the 2015-2016 church year.

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax continues to be an exciting and vibrant place to be.

Our membership is stable, and starting to grow. Our Board is engaged, forward thinking and working hard to balance financial realities with the many programs and activities which would benefit the congregation, and our Minister, Norm Horofker, is continually demonstrating his leadership in multiple areas including outreach, interfaith work, social justice, worship and community building. Skillful musicians and singers round out our experience, and the enthusiasm of the children and families involved in the Religious Exploration Program is evident. Our association with Helen McFadyen, our UU Community Minister, is a new adventure which brings with it all sorts of exciting possibilities—and church members and friends continue to represent us in the community in countless ways. Their activism is an ongoing manifestation of our UU Principles.

Resources, both money and people are sometimes scarce, but when the going gets tough, our generosity truly shines though (as evidenced by our recent Close the Gap campaign). Still, there is work to do.

As I have said in recent congregational meetings, I think we are in a really great place right now, and this is an opportune time to mindfully build towards our future. The Board will soon be launching a visioning process to explore what we want this UU community to become, how it can best nourish us and others, and what our view is of our role in the larger community. Part of this discussion will be about our space and how that fits within our collective vision.

We have flirted on and off with these questions over the past few years, but it has been a long time since we have really focused on our vision and mission and figured out a plan for working towards those goals.

Kim Turner

New Friends Potluck Lunch, June 14

After the Sunday service on June 14, your Membership Committee is organizing an event for friends of the congregation who would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. The plan is to have a lively discussion over lunch with friends who may be new



to the congregation and others who may be considering membership in our congregation. The discussion will be led by our minister and a few long-time members.

Full-family participation is encouraged and we will have supervised arrangements for toddlers, children and youth. Children of all ages will be welcome to participate in the meal and discussion.

We are planning a potluck meal and will welcome contributions of food—although we recognize that bringing food may not be convenient for everyone, so you may rest assured that there will be enough for all.

In order to keep the conversation focussed, attendance will be limited to those who are new, wanting to learn more about our congregation or are considering membership. If that sounds like you, please be certain that Martha Wilson, our Membership chair, and/or Norm Horofker, our minister, are aware of your interest. You can do that by email at logicalprocess@gmail.com for Martha, or nhorofker@aol.com for Norm. You can also contact Norm at 902-229-9239.

As we make contacts to determine who will be able to attend, we will work out the details for any contributions of food.

Looking forward to an enjoyable, informative and all-round good time together.

Martha Wilson, Membership Chair
Norm Horofker, Minister



Dining for Dollars in June



Alison Chipman's Belmont Stakes Dinner Saturday, June 6

Alison will host her Belmont Stakes Dinner, offering short ribs, green and potato salads, wine

or beer, and a fabulous dessert.

You'll also watch, live, every thrilling moment of the Belmont on the telly. Will American Pharoah win the Triple Crown? (Not won since '78.) Regardless, if *your* favourite horse wins, you get another piece of dessert. So much excitement for only \$25! There are four spots left. Contact Alison or me to book your place at the table, and possibly (vicariously) the winner's circle.

Kay & Kath's Open House Sat-Sun, June 27-28



Kath and I are opening our home and inviting you to enjoy hot and cold appetizers including foie gras from Le

Tour d'Argent Restaurant in Paris (*la-dee-dah*), sangria, wine, other libations, and sweets. This will be your big chance to closely examine and (hopefully) be entertained by our many collections of stuff we've collected from far and wide over the years: tchotchkes, oddities, amazing and/or weird things from the sublime to the ridiculous. All this for only \$20 for adults and \$10 for those under 16. 2-4 pm.

Or come the next day, conveniently after church, from 12:30-3:30 for half the price! Contact me to book your place.

Kay Smith

The Great Success of Dining for Dollars

D4\$ consistently proves to be the most successful of all UUCH fundraisers. The winter-spring series of dinners, so far, has brought in \$2,767.

What a great way to help our church: members and friends gathering around food and wine, enjoying fellowship and having fun. Our hosts' creativity for coming up with themes and ways to provide diners with great experiences knows no bounds. They are awesome!

Dining for Dollars, July to November 2015



Many thanks to all who hosted "D4\$" events so far this year (including Joanne Light's Korean dinner, above), and do feel free to host another! I know some people already have ideas for summer and fall, so now is the time to give me the information! The sign-up sheets will be put out in early July to cover late July to November events. Please get the info to me **by June 28th** in any of the following ways:

- email kay.kathy@ns.sympatico.ca
- or phone me at 902-429-9665
- or simply fill in the form below and give it to me at church.

Optimistically thanking you in advance,

Kay Smith

My Dining for Dollars Offering

Name of event: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

Host(s) _____

Max # of guests: _____

Cost: _____

Description: _____

Duncan's Cove Hike, Saturday, June 20

Approaching Halifax Harbour from the sea, your eyes are drawn to the high white granite cliffs guarding the harbour entrance. The hike along these outcrops from Duncan's Cove to Ketch Harbour is one of the greatest shoreline walks anywhere.



UU hikers on this trail in June 2014

This hike usually includes watching seals basking on the offshore rocks, listening to the sound of waves forcing themselves into narrow sea caves 10 metres below your feet, views of harbour pilots boarding or leaving ships as they enter and leave the harbour. This trail is generally dry but involves several steep slopes. We can pause at the top of each height to admire the view.

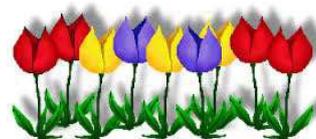
Meet at the church at 12:30, or at the corner of Withrod Drive and Herring Cove Road at 12:40, or at the trail head in the village of Duncan's Cove at 1:10 pm. To get to the trailhead, follow Herring Cove Road past Herring Cove and Portuguese Cove. Take a left on Chebucto Head Road then a right on the gravel road to Duncan's Cove. Park at the entrance to the village.

You can call me at 902-483-4731 if you are lost or are running late.

Allyn Clarke



Fall Bulbs, Spring Flowers!



Hello, happy fall bulb planters! Remember all those bulbs you bought in our Vesey's Fall Bulb fundraiser last September? I hope you are now enjoying brilliant daffodils and glorious tulips. Perhaps you are even inspired to buy more this fall?

Since most of our customers last year were church members, I thought I would ask if people are satisfied with their flowers now, and whether you think we should do this fundraiser again—or better yet, sell beyond our congregation!

Please let me know what you think. The fundraiser did bring in about \$350 for the church.

Margaret Galbraith

Good News about our UU Church Lawn

The snow actually disappeared and out came a luxurious, fully-grown, vibrant green lawn. Like any other year our good old UU church friend Doug Fevens stepped forward to get the lawn mowing started (thank you, Doug!).

But what we usually do here at Inglis Street is to have a line-up of enough people so that each one of us gets a chance to turn our lofty dreams into deeds: to commune with the glorious outdoors, to spend quality time with one or both of the lawn mowers, the whipper snipper and whatever else you need (we have it all!)—and truly become one with the nature part of our spiritual home.



If you would revel in the opportunity of participating in this wonderful outdoor activity, maybe even while your children enjoy playing in the play area, please do talk to me. I will be delighted to hear from you, and will assign you a day in the line-up. Otherwise, you may hear from me anyway! Enjoy, enjoy ...

Wietske Gradstein



Music Montage

Stay close to any sounds that make you glad you are alive. ~ Hafiz

June's 'Singing as We Gather'

The Gathering Hymn for this month is #122 *Sound Over All Waters*. June's theme is 'revelry', and this hymn's boisterous, upbeat lyrics and music fit well. Also, this month we will take great delight in the fullness of spring in its warmth and bloom, and of course, the heralding of summer. "*Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands the chorus of voices, the clasping of hands! Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun, all speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!*"

Music Director's absence

I will be on holiday the last three weeks of June (June 10-30), travelling to Ontario for a family wedding, and visiting many family and friends. I am thankful that Allison Bolton will again be playing the piano on Sunday mornings.

Exciting New Music programs for 2015-2016 Church Year

I will be working over the summer on a new approach to music participation for the new church year, which will be linked to the monthly themes that Rev Horofker will be using. Stay tuned for the many ways in which you can contribute, to help make our collective music experience the best it can be. I thank all those who contributed to the Music Program since the autumn. You are so very appreciated!

Deborah Wiggins

Music Director
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Religious Exploration

I believe the world is incomprehensively beautiful – an endless prospect of magic and wonder.

~ Ansel Adams



Our RE program is wrapping up for the year! It's been a great winter and spring, focusing on our connection to nature. We've been fortunate to be able to spend many Sundays outside during our program.

The RE year will wrap up with a field trip to Point Pleasant park on June 14th, to be a finale to our nature-centered program this season.

The end-of-program picnic will happen on June 21st this year to give the kids (and adults) some fun time to celebrate another successful year.

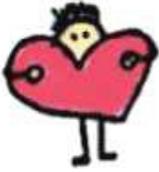
If you are interested in helping out, or volunteering a skill (face painting, etc.) for the picnic, please contact me!

As many will have heard, I will be on the move to Ottawa this summer, and Christy Lee is returning as RE Director. The RE committee has already been discussing ideas for the upcoming year, including more field trips for the kids and the congregation.

I also want to say a big thank you to everyone for being so warm and welcoming this past year. It's been a pleasure to get to know many of you and lead the RE program for such a wonderful congregation. Hopefully we will meet again. Thanks, and have a lovely summer!

Emily Dodge

Interim RE Director
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The Caring Column

Welcome back, **Ella Wilson**, after your long medical leave. It was good to see you in church this past Sunday.

Martha Wilson and **Avard Woolaver** and their daughters Lia and Jane are in Georgia as Martha's mother is very ill.

Darla Muzzarall and **Robin Humphrey** are in the UK as Robin's mother is ill.

We send our thoughts and best wishes to **Marilyn Shinyei** and her family. Marilyn just returned from giving support to her sister Diane as she went through multiple medical tests.

We miss **Elizabeth Greenhavens** who has not been well enough to come to church. She would welcome visitors. Please call ahead.

Cynthia Davis is still in the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre and appreciates notes and cards. Please send them to her home address: 1093 Belmont-on-the-Arm, Halifax, NS B3H 1J2.

Mary Ellen Onno

The Knight Award

The Victor and Nancy Knight Living Tribute Award is presented at the CUC Annual Meeting each year. Funds were received in 1996 for the purpose of establishing a perpetual fund to honour the ideals exemplified by the lives and work of Nancy and Victor Knight in furthering the principles of Unitarianism in Canada. As an encouragement for others to follow their example, an award is made annually from the income of the fund to a living person who has made a notable contribution to the furthering of liberal religious principles in Canada.

The Halifax congregation will be pleased to know that this year the award was presented to **Barbara and John Taylor**, still members of UUCH, although they have lived and are very active in the Vancouver area for some years. Barbara and John join the other distinguished members of our congregation who have received the award: Mary Lu MacDonald 1997; Heather Watts 2006; and Kim Turner 2011.

Margaret Galbraith

Halifax UU Humanists

A free and open humanist group that meets every third Sunday of the month at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax.



What is Humanism?

Modern humanism is the result of a long tradition of free thought that has inspired many of the world's great philosophers, creative artists and scientists. It is a democratic and ethical life stance that affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives in a spirit of reason and free inquiry.

Why do we have monthly discussions?

As Unitarians we believe that people with very different points of view can explore ideas together thus, in a spirit of free discussion and interchange, we tackle questions of current interest as well as examining long-term major topics such as justice and peace. We have studied books like those of Hitchens and Dawkins, considered the mathematics of random selection, and delved into the working of the human brain. In the past year, among other topics, we have discussed restorative justice, the morality of space colonization and the existence, or non-existence, of national characteristics.

How we function?

We meet at noon on the third Sunday of the month for one hour. The topic is chosen in advance and one person volunteers to prepare background information to lead the discussion and be moderator for the day. The opening presentation is not to exceed ten minutes. The ensuing discussion is open to all and can become lively. We meet next on June 21st.

Mary Lu MacDonald

Humanists recognize that it is only when people feel free to think for themselves, using reason as their guide, that they are best capable of developing values that succeed in satisfying human needs and serving human interests. ~ Isaac Asimov

Report from the CUC's 2015 Annual General Meeting & Conference

Ottawa was the host city to the Canadian Unitarian Council's AGM and Conference this year, where UUs from across Canada gathered to celebrate successes and chart the future of UUism. The 4-day conference (May 15-17th) featured workshops, information sessions, lectures and special speakers, music and dancing and an open mic, multi-generational activities, and a wonderful Sunday service, all on top of an all-day business meeting.



Ancillary events around the live-streamed AGM and Conference included the 3-day long CanUuddle Youth Conference attended by close to 100 Canadian UU youths; AGMs of the Canadian UU Historical Society (CUUHS), the Canadian UU Women's Association (CUUWA), and the Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ); the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU) dinner, and the reception for the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO).

For the first two days there were also CUC Board meetings and training workshops for Lay Chaplains and UU musicians, and afterwards a mini-con for young adults and retreats for the Universalist Unitarian Ministers of Canada (UUMoC) and the Religious Educators (CUURE). An incredibly busy week.

The theme of the conference was "Seeking Justice in a Changing Land". There were variations on this topic in the choice of sessions on Saturday and with the three featured speakers: Matt Meyer at the Opening; Wanda Morris, CEO of Dying with Dignity Canada at the Sunday banquet; and the Rev. Stephen Atkinson with an inspiring Confluence Lecture: "Spirit: The Necessary Foundation of Social Justice".

The AGM was also on theme, with four motions passed without amendment:

1. Equitable Abortion Rights
2. Right to Clean Air, Water and Soil
3. Fossil Fuel Divestment
4. Truth and Reconciliation between Aboriginals and Non-Aboriginals. (Details are posted on the UUCH entrance notice board.)

The CUC Board priorities for the upcoming year will continue to be:

1. A focus on networking and connecting, and developing a repository of resources for the benefit of our shared ministry
2. To develop a flexible communications system (tools, platforms, strategies)
3. To foster innovation in the growth and development of UU communities

Other highlights of the AGM: The CUC recently moved its main office to the Centre for Social Innovation on Spadina Ave in Toronto. A major topic of information and discussion was the Canada Revenue Agency's current audit of the CUC (for political activity), and how recent changes to enforcement of the rules could impact charities such as UU congregations. The CUC's asset position improved over last year (due to strong investments) while income from congregations (the Annual Program Contributions or APC) decreased. A task force studying the options for the APC has suggested a different model which will be discussed with congregations over the next year. Next year's AGM and conference will be in Vancouver; future conferences will be held every second year only.

Delegates to the AGM for UUCH were Andy Blair and Devin Murphy. Also attending were Rev. Norm Horofker and Margaret Galbraith, coordinator of the Social Responsibility Committee. Valerie Chapman attended as our UU-UNO Envoy for the Sunday events, particularly the UU-UNO reception, where she received the plaque for the Blue Ribbon Award, presented to UUCH for the third year in a row. Our own Glenda Butt is entering the second year of her term as President of the CUC Board.

Co-written by Margaret Galbraith and Andy Blair



Support Efficiency & Climate Justice Public hearing, June 15



The following article is by UUCH member, Brian Gifford. The Social Responsibility Committee recognizes that his request for support for Efficiency Nova Scotia's work lies well within the scope of UU principles of respect for our environment

*and the inherent worth of every person. With the limitations of the newsletter format his article is brief, but the situation he describes is complicated, so he will be available after church on **May 31st** for further information. The Social Responsibility Committee encourages you to come out to hear him, and then take action if you wish. – Margaret Galbraith*

Funding for 3 years of Energy Efficiency services paid for by Nova Scotia Power will be determined in June. The decision will affect the promotion of energy efficiency in Nova Scotia for years to come under a new funding system adopted by the Nova Scotia government a year ago. Now is the time to speak up for energy efficiency which is one of the best ways to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.

The higher budget will also support climate justice in a practical way by funding a program to cut electricity bills for low-income renters through substantial efficiency upgrades. Such funding is currently available for low-income homeowners but almost non-existent for renters.

The problem: Efficiency One (Efficiency Nova Scotia franchise holder under the new system) has requested \$40 million/year. Nova Scotia Power wants to slash that to \$22 million/year, which will **reduce effective efficiency efforts substantially** and make it very difficult to provide significant support for low-income renters, a program being researched now by Efficiency Nova Scotia.

The opportunity to participate: Monday June 15 the UARB (Utility & Review Board) will conduct a hearing to decide how much funding to approve.

Did You Know?

The volume of energy used to heat and cool our homes represents a significant amount of total carbon dioxide emissions in Canada?

Actions to consider:

- Write letters to the editor, social media posts, etc in favour of Efficiency One's request for \$40 million funding in the lead-up to the hearing (sample letters will be available later).
- Register by 2 pm, June 9, and then speak to the UARB on the evening of June 15, or ...
- Attend the June 15 hearing to support others who make presentations.

You can find out more by contacting me at brian.gifford@eastlink.ca or 902-454-1656, or attend the information session on Sunday May 31st. There is also information on the energy page of the Ecology Action Centre's website:

www.ecologyaction.ca/issue-area/energy-action-team

Nova Scotia is a national leader in energy efficiency. This is our chance to keep this good record going.

Brian Gifford

Social Responsibility Meeting Wednesday, June 10, 4:30 pm

The June meeting of the Social Responsibility Committee has been changed from June 14th to Wednesday, June 10th at 4:30 pm at UUCH. All are welcome. An agenda will be circulated closer to the date.

Margaret Galbraith



Supporting the Green Energy Option, a Climate Action Team Initiative

Our appreciation of the interconnected web of life inspires and motivates us to care for our 'blue boat home' by adopting environmentally friendly approaches toward sustaining our lives and our communities.



The UUCH Board has approved an initiative from the Climate Action Team (an offshoot of the Social Responsibility Committee) to fundraise so that the church can become Bullfrogpowered® with green energy! Becoming a green electricity consumer is easy: no special equipment is required, just the signing of a Bullfrog Power (BP) contract. BP customers pay a premium above and beyond their normal power bills so that BP, Canada's leading green energy supplier, can ensure that electricity generated from clean renewable sources, such as wind and low-impact hydro power, is put onto the grid which supplies us all.

We are hoping a number of congregants will be keen to support this initiative on an ongoing basis. Moving with our values in this way will cost an additional \$33.55 per month, or \$403 per year (based on the church's average annual usage of 14,000 kilowatt hours and BP's 2.5 cents per kWh premium charge, plus applicable taxes.)

Our goal at present is to gauge the congregation's interest in 'going green' by fundraising \$202, or sufficient monies to cover BP bills for the remainder of 2015.

Anyone interested in supporting this initiative is invited to advise the UUCH Treasurer or church office of their willingness to increase their 2015 annual pledge specifically for this cause. Cheques specifying the '**Bullfrog Fund**' may be mailed to the church, and identified donations can be included in the Sunday morning offering. We will also have a '**Bullfrog Fund**' donation basket available for contributions during the upcoming church picnic on Sunday, June 21st.

In making this commitment we will be helping others lead the way to a sustainable future by supporting community-based renewable energy projects in our

region and across Canada, and partnering with other faith communities in caring for our planet, including the following:

- The First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa
- The Unitarian Congregation of Niagara,
- EDGE—United Church of Canada, department of new initiatives,
- Church of the Ascension, Ottawa
- Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Edmonton
- Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Calgary
- Newtonbrook United Church, North York
- Society of Friends
- Mennonite groups
- A number of synagogues
- Many other community minded organizations and individuals 'seeing the light'

Contact me, or for more information, check out Bullfrog's engaging and informative website at www.bullfrogpower.com.

Kathy Spencer



Our Mission

"Our mission is to provide practical energy choices that enable people to create a sustainable world for future generations.

At Bullfrog Power, we believe businesses can serve a vital function as community leaders in promoting and fostering responsible environmental action.

We are a "double bottom line" company that maintains a dual focus on environmental responsibility and profitability.

The company has pledged that 10% of profits will be donated to causes that support long-term sustainability."

www.bullfrogpower.com

Sunday Service Volunteers

June 7

Greeting Kathy Anthony
Anne Knight-Gorman
Ushering Andy Blair (e), Janet Horofker (l)
Kitchen TBF (set-up)
Anne Knight-Gorman (clean-up)
Audio Ryan Kemp
Library

June 14

Greeting Tracy Boyer & young helper
Sass Minard
Ushering Kay Smith, Kathy Anthony (e)
Sylvia Mattinson (l)
Kitchen TBF (set-up), Sass Minard (clean-up)
Audio Avard Woolaver
Library

June 21

Greeting Michael Seary, Mary Spurr
Ushering Eileen Ross (e)
Paul Galbraith, Margaret Galbraith (l)
Kitchen TBF (set-up)
Stephen Butler (clean-up)
Audio Paul Galbraith
Library Alison Chipman

June 28

Greeting Sandra Clarke, Sylvia Mattinson
Ushering Kay Smith, Kathy Anthony (e)
Dean White (l)
Kitchen TBF (set-up)
Kathy Spencer (clean-up)
Audio Nick Baros-Johnson
Library Alison Chipman



To join the team,
please contact:
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902- 835-9272



Food for the Hungry

(Copied from Reports to the UUCH AGM, May 24)

Our 'Food for the Hungry' initiative is focusing primarily on encouraging members and friends to keep the food boxes

located near our front entrance door well-stocked with non-perishable foods.

Ready-to-eat, easy-to-prepare, shelf-stable foods, such as canned meats, fish, soups, evaporated milk, fruits, and vegetables; breakfast cereal, instant coffee, peanut butter and granola bars are great items for the food box. Our efforts are much appreciated by those who stop by hoping to find something to nourish themselves and possibly other loved ones.

Anyone wanting to support this caring outreach who finds it difficult to shop or can sponsor the purchasing of Food Box items by contributing money to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Kathy Spencer

DEADLINE

The deadline for the
July newsletter is
Monday, June 22nd.

Please send your
submissions to both
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and
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Thank you,
Paul Galbraith and Devin Murphy
for hours of excellent work.

“Unitarian Universalists have said for centuries that there is room in our religion for all seekers. Skeptics and poets and scientists are welcome here, as are nonconformists and shy and uncertain folk. We believe that restlessness and doubts are a sign of grace, that the love of truth is the holiest of gifts.”

—Rev. Barbara Merritt