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Sunday service
10:30 am

All are welcome

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Theme for June 2018 – Revelry

June 3 “Playing for Change”: Today’s service is inspired by *Playing for Change*, a movement founded on the belief that music has the power to break down boundaries and overcome distances between people. Guest speaker Rev. Helen McFadyen joins UUCH musical friends in a celebration of the Unitarian Universalist spiritual journey through word and song. Presenter: Rev. Helen McFadyen; Service Assistant: Margaret Galbraith

Religious Exploration for Children: Gratitude, Appreciation and Presenting Gifts.
Tanya Bilsbury, Jim Morrison.

June 10 Flower Communion Sunday: This intergenerational service marks the beginning of the summer break for our children’s Religious Exploration Program featuring our ritual of Flower Communion. You are invited to bring one flower to represent yourself in the bouquet of our congregation, or you may select one from our ample bouquet. **Our outdoor church picnic will follow.** Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Anne Knight-Gorman

Religious Exploration for Children: The last RE program of the year is an intergenerational service celebrating community and expressing appreciation for our Religious Exploration volunteers.

June 17

Father’s Day Service: This service will be a celebration of fathers, living and departed, during a month where our theme is revelry. Fathers often have a special sense of humour that helps to bridge the space that lies between the role of authority figure and the reality of a vulnerable human being. Come with your stories of your father and revelry. Contact Norm in advance if you can, and send him a photo of your Dad via email if possible. Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Carole McCarville

June 24 A Service Celebrating Deborah’s long service to UUCH as Director of Music: This will be a fun, music-filled service, a true celebration of Deborah’s work and her long association with our congregation. Come prepared to revel in the music and memories and to send Deborah off to Ontario with our love. Presenter: Kathy Spencer; Service Assistant: Margaret Galbraith

During July and August we suspend our use of monthly themes.

Our Mission

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



June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10–noon UU Brunch 6:30-9:30 Rev. Helen's dance & social Event
3 9:30 am Choir Rev. Helen presenting 12 pm Worship Committee	4 8 pm “9 to 5, The Musical” Arrive early!	5	6 4:45-6:15 pm Afterchoir	7 9:30-11:30 am Parents & Tots Noon Tai Chi	8	9 10–noon UU Brunch Dances of Universal Peace, starting with Potluck at 5:30 pm
10 9:30 am Choir Flower Communion Sunday Annual Church Picnic following the service	11 7 pm Devin's Gathering	12 7-9 pm Young Adult Meeting	13 4:45-6:15 pm Afterchoir	14 9:30-11:30 am Parents & Tots Noon Tai Chi	15	16 10–noon UU Brunch 1 pm Picnic at the Shaws, Chester Basin
17 No Choir Father's Day Intro to UUism w. Rev. Norm following service 12 pm Humanists	18	19	20 4:45-6:15 pm Afterchoir	21 9:30-11:30 am Parents & Tots Noon Tai Chi 6:30 pm Board Mtg.	22	23 10–noon UU Brunch Hike: Prospect High Head
24 No Choir Farewell to Deborah & Devin	25 10 am Newsletter Deadline	26	27 4:45-6:15 pm Afterchoir	28 9:30-11:30 am Parents & Tots	29 	30 10–noon UU Brunch, last one till Sept 8.

Annual UUCH Picnic Sunday, June 10th 11:30 am to 2 pm

PICNIC'S COMING UP!

We'll need organizers for games for kids (and adults) and someone to set up the thrilling bouncy castle. We expect the super-talented Afterchoir to entertain us—and the sun to shine.

As usual, it's POTLUCK, so we'll be looking for delicious dishes, snacks, treats and beverages.

Volunteers will be needed to serve food, set up in the backyard, and clean up all evidence afterwards. What a team. See or contact me to volunteer or suggest any new ideas.

Tanya tanya.bilsbury@gmail.com



Minister's Notes for June

May 18 Epiphany

I've experienced an epiphany. Not the "Epiphany" in Christian tradition... the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi arriving after Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, (Matthew 2:1–12), celebrated annually on January 6. (Never miss a teachable moment.) The word epiphany can also be used to describe any powerful religious experience, and here I am getting closer to how I intend the word for these notes.

The word has its roots in the Greek *epiphainein* 'to reveal'. In the more common sense, an epiphany is a moment when you suddenly feel that you understand, or suddenly become conscious of, something that is very important to you. As I sat in the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council in Hamilton on Friday May 18 at 1:06, I made a note to myself... It suddenly was clear to me that it was time to re-focus my role as minister. I wrote that if my ministry was about me, then it was a 24-hour, 7 day project. If my ministry was about the congregation, I needed some boundaries.

As I reflect on the past six years of my ministry, I realize that I have spent those six years trying to be the best minister that I can possibly be. That isn't a bad thing. It has been important to me to discover my own gifts in ministry and to explore my interests. It has been good for me, and I think good as well for the congregation. I have tried to model the best in UU behaviour, especially care for one another, intentional living, living with joy, generosity, and a sense of abundance... always

with an openness to the wonder of life and the possibilities of serendipity.

But going into my seventh year, I realize that this congregation has lived Universalism and Unitarianism over its 181 years of history, long before I got here. My ministry should never be about my ministry. My ministry should be, and will be from this point on... about helping the congregation to discover and to live out what it means to be Unitarian Universalist, and to strengthen the institutional structures that will help to ensure that the congregation will flourish in the years ahead. My role will be to help the congregation, the members and friends of the church, the board, all of our committees and task forces and volunteers, to create meaning in their lives through Unitarian Universalism... to build on the strengths that we have, to create a robust and flourishing community centred on our Principles and Sources and the awesome power of love.

I suppose a true moment of epiphany can only be validated in hindsight. I don't know yet what living into this epiphany will look like in detail. But, I look forward to the coming year and a new phase of ministry with your love and support.

With love... Norm

It's not too late! Tickets are still available!

Online: www.ticketpro.ca

Box office: Alderney Landing Theatre, 902-461-8401

Kathy Spencer: At UUCH, Sunday, June 3. Cash only.

Dartmouth Players Charity Night benefiting the UUCH.

This is a great opportunity: Have fun! Laugh!

Be entertained while donating to the UUCH!

Monday, June 4th - 8 pm



All profit from tickets to this full-production dress rehearsal of the Dartmouth Players' upcoming *9 to 5—the Musical* will be gifted to the UUCH by this vibrant volunteer-led community theatre.

With upbeat music by Dolly Parton, *9 to 5—the Musical*, is based on the 1980 hit movie and book by Patricia Resnick. This hilarious story of friendship and revenge set in the 1970s "Rolodex era" is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic. Pushed to the boiling point, three co-workers concoct a plan to get even with their sexist, egotistical, bigoted boss. Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy—giving their office a dream makeover and their boss the boot.

General admission \$19. Seniors & students \$17.

Bring your friends & family!

Location & parking:

33 Crichton Ave. across from Sullivan's Pond.

Main entrance stairs: To the right of Churchill Academy at 5 Crichton Ave.

Parking: In the lot of St. Peter's Church and Churchill Academy.

Some parking on one side of Crichton Ave.

Accessible entrance: Details at dartmouthplayers.ns.ca/find-us/

Allow ample time.

Next Hike: Prospect High Head Nature Reserve Saturday, June 23



The trail to the new Nature Reserve at Prospect High Head allows us to view eight different habitats as well as spectacular views over Shad Bay.

The Nature Conservatory has built boardwalks over muddy sections from the trail head to the Prospect High Head. The trail beyond still has muddy stretches but the views are worth it.

We will meet at the church at 12:15. We can carpool at the Park n' Ride lot at the intersection of the Prospect and St. Margaret's Bay Roads at 12:30.

Otherwise meet at the end of Hages Lane in Prospect Village. To get to Hages Lane, follow Prospect Road and turn left on the Prospect Bay Road in the direction of Prospect. Enter the Prospect Village subdivision by turning right on Seligs Road, left on Jamils Road, then right on Hages Lane.

Call me at 902-483-4731 if you are lost or running late.

Allyn Clarke

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions for the July newsletter is 10 am, Monday, **June 25th.**

Please submit to both
braeside@eastlink.ca
and uuchurch@eastlink.ca

Summer picnic at Shaw Island



We are inviting the congregation to a picnic at our summer home on Shaw Island, 107 Eisnor Drive, Chester Basin, at **1 pm on Saturday June 16th.** It will be a potluck but a barbecue grill will be available, as will hot dogs, hamburgers, salad and coffee.

All are welcome (the brave ones) to swim or kayak, **but we STRESS that parents are responsible for their children! No child should be on the wharf or on the waterfront without supervision—and life jackets must always be worn by anyone in any type of boat or on the wharf.**

Members and friends customarily arrange carpooling or gladly take people needing lifts.

In this newsletter you will find a **map** and **directions** to help you find your way. Please take these **with you** if you're not familiar with the route.

We look forward to a wonderful and safe afternoon with you!

Leslie and Allan Shaw

An invitation...

*Church members and friends
are invited to a ceremony and social gathering
in acknowledgment and honour
of **Devin Kira Murphy's**
past, present and future life journeys*

at UUCH on Monday, June 11th, 7 pm

*There will be music, original poetry, rituals,
a time for sharing, reflection on traumatic times,
thankfulness and appreciation.*

Light snacks and refreshments will follow.

Dances of Universal Peace, June 9, 5:30 pm

All are welcome to participate in Dances of Universal Peace
at the church on Saturday, June 9th.

We start with a potluck meal at 5:30,
followed by the Dances of Universal Peace circle.

Kathy Spencer



Celebrating two friends before they go ...

This is your invitation to revel in remembering special moments involving Devin Kira Murphy and/or our (rarely) retiring Music Director, Deborah Wiggins who will be moving to Hamilton Ontario in July.

Write a poem or a haiku
a wee short story
just a line or two
Three or four, not much more
will be perfect for our goal
to celebrate two friends we know
before they need to go

It needn't be fancy
nor as eloquent as this 😊
as long as readers can manage the gist

With a smile and a song
put your thinking cap(s) on
figure out what to convey
for the day draws near
when our friends so dear
will be moving far away

Anecdotes highlighting moments of joy, spiritual insight or the pleasure of 'hearing each other into being' will be especially appreciated, and may be selected for sharing during our **June 24th** worship service celebration.

Please send your creative writings to me by June 20 (latest). All reflections received before this date will be compiled and given to Deborah and Devin before they leave.

Kathy Spencer
kathy.spencer@dal.ca



UUCH Granted Sponsorship Agreement Holder Status

Church becomes Nova Scotia's 4th federally-mandated refugee sponsorship organization

Unitarian Universalists have a history of helping refugees. For UUs, who believe in the 'inherent worth and dignity of every person,' "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations' and "The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all' as basic Principles, aiding those fleeing persecution and violence is often a religious imperative.

In North America, we have been helping refugees reach safety in Canada since at least the time of the Underground Railroad, when former slaves fled North to freedom in the 1840s to 1860s. In Europe, Unitarians have been aiding those fleeing persecution since at least the 1600s.

In more modern times, UUCH has been involved in sponsoring families during successive refugee waves, such as the Vietnamese Boat People in the early 1980s, Kosovars in the late 1990s, and Afghans in the 2000s. We helped local Quakers and the Ethiopian Association to settle Ethiopians here in 2014. Since 2015, we have continued that tradition, striking a permanent Refugee Sponsorship Committee to work with community groups and members of the public, helping Syrian families find a new life and opportunity in Nova Scotia.

But this is just the beginning.

This month, UUCH's application to become a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) with the federal government was approved. Until now there were only three SAHs based in Nova Scotia: the provincial Anglican Diocese, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese, and the Immigrant Services Association of NS (ISANS). UUCH is now the fourth. We are only the second Unitarian SAH in the country, after the Canadian Unitarian Council itself.

As the country's newest refugee settlement organization, UUCH will be allocated an annual refugee sponsorship quota right from the federal government... enabling us to select refugees to be



Some members of the Althyab family, sponsored by UUCH, 2016.

sponsored directly from abroad. While we can (and will) still sponsor and settle our own newcomer families as a church ourselves, as a SAH our work will shift towards enabling and guiding many more sponsorships, via community groups than we could possibly have done on our own. Indeed, we are already managing three such groups to settle families in Halifax and Mahone Bay, and have found UU sponsors enabling others to settle in Ontario and British Columbia. Our network continues to grow.

We are very proud of UUCH's longstanding efforts to welcome those in need - over the generations countless UUCH members and friends in the wider community contributed their money, their time, and their efforts. However the need remains great: the world is still facing the largest refugee crisis in human history, with numbers topping a record 65 million worldwide.

Jean-Marc Gionet, Director of IRCC's Resettlement Operations Division, said "We are very pleased to welcome the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax as a SAH in Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. We wish to thank you for your efforts in offering protection to some of the world's most vulnerable people."

We welcome anyone interested in helping a little (or a lot) with the ongoing refugee sponsorship work of the Refugee Sponsorship Committee.

Andy Blair
on behalf of the Refugee Sponsorship Committee

BOARD BUZZ

May 17, 2018 meeting

As usual, it was a very engaged board meeting with lots of lively discussion. The meeting took place just before the CUC AGM in Hamilton, where we were well represented by Margaret and Shripad as delegates and Norm as our minister.

Much of the meeting was spent in discussing the way forward for music for the congregation. Deborah's talents as our Music Director will be truly missed. It was decided to take Deborah's advice, and rather than rushing to make an immediate replacement, to take this time to review our requirements and direction. To this end, a Music Task Force has been established.

Discussion also focused on the growth of the RE program and the strong support it is receiving.

The CUC 2020 AGM Halifax will surely be a regular part of our board meetings from now on. The support shown by the congregation during the special meeting on May 6th was an indication of the willingness for us to take on such an exciting endeavour! We are also looking forward to gleaning any knowledge or tips we can from this year's host congregation (Hamilton), and also from our own members' previous experience.

The work on the front porch has not been started yet as we are still awaiting the delivery of the doors. It is anticipated that this may be another 6 weeks. Our hard working Building Committee are keeping on top of this and following up with the contractor. A capital campaign will soon be announced with funds being met by the Cynthia Davis Building Reserve Fund and additional funding from grants.

Brief discussion also took place on reviewing results from the 2017 Annual Retreat, and thinking ahead to this year's retreat in August.

UUCH Board of Directors June 2018 - May 2019 (As of the AGM, May 27, 2018)

Officers

President	Margaret Galbraith
Vice-President	Troy Saulnier
Past President	Kim Turner
Secretary	Shripad Pendse
Treasurer	Marilyn Shinyei

Members at Large

Mia Huh	Shripad Pendse
Ginny Girard	Pam Griffin-Hody

On May 15th several board members met with representatives of the Young Adults group. This was a very informative meeting for both parties and gave us all an opportunity to express ideas and concerns. It was apparent that we must do a better job of identifying new young adults, and in our communications. The meeting was a productive step towards helping to engage the Young Adults of our congregation.

It also became evident from this meeting that we need to review our governance and reporting structure, especially in relationship to committees. Kim has volunteered to do this as part of her Past President role this coming year.

We are now all ready to enjoy the summer and revel in the colours of the blossom trees!



Ginny Girard
Member at Large,
UUCH Board of Directors

Religious Exploration

I would like to acknowledge the following folks for teaching RE in May and June: Jesse Robson, Danielle Saulnier, and Pam Berman. We were (or soon will be) joined by congregational volunteers Scott Wood, Marilyn Shinyei, Shripad Pendse, and Jim Morrison.

We worked in the garden, made bath bombs, wrote affirmations in chalk for people passing in front of the church, and did yoga and sun salutations. In June we'll celebrate Father's Day and will make cards and gifts to recognize RE volunteers in the Flower Communion service on June 10th which will be intergenerational.

Thank you to Jesse Robson for coordinating our monthly excursions. The kids greatly enjoyed the neighbourhood garbage cleanup in May. June's outing will be to the Shaw's summer home in Chester Basin on Saturday June 16th—and I will be working with Norm to coordinate a trip to Blue Beach later in the summer for a guided tour of the fascinating rocks and fossils along the shoreline; date TBA, to be announced via UU-info.

We will celebrate the last day of RE on June 10th at our summer picnic featuring a barbecue, the bouncy castle, and children's activities including face painting.

Childcare will be available for kids over the summer, when the focus will be unstructured outdoor fun in the sun in our garden, on our playground, and maybe even in the bouncy castle.

The visits from congregational volunteers have been highly successful and much appreciated by the kids. This has been a great way to deepen connections and forge relationships across age groups at our church.

I hope you will consider joining us as a congregational volunteer for one Sunday in the period from June 17th to September 3rd (inclusive). Please let me know if you are interested, and if you have any supplies or ideas for fun outdoor games. (Anyone for croquet?)

I am very pleased that Norm has made a commitment to join RE once a month in his capacity as minister. This will help the kids get to know him and feel comfortable approaching him. It was great to have him for his first official minister's visit on May 27th, doing yoga and sun salutations with Shripad and the kids.

Since the spring, RE has been offering a monthly 'art day'. This has been led by Agne Kibiliute, a professional artist associated with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, and generously funded by Norm from the Minster's Discretionary Fund.



Learning the sun salutation.



The neighbourhood clean-up.

Starting in September we are moving to a model led by volunteers from the congregation. We look forward to making sugar skulls with Andy Blair in the fall.

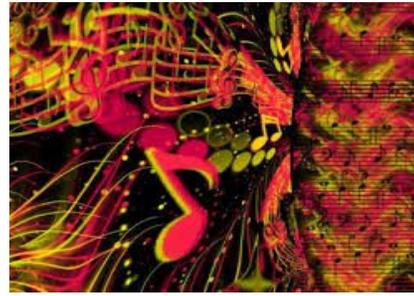
We are looking for volunteers like you to lead such a class for one Sunday between September and June in the 2018-19 academic year. We are taking a wide view of art including music and dance, and you would be well-supported by RE committee members in managing the classroom and to help clean up. RE has many supplies at its disposal in addition to a budget for new supplies as necessary and reasonable.

I will end by acknowledging the tremendous support for RE from the congregation, the board, the minister, and our fine RE committee chaired by Danielle Saulnier and consisting of members Pam Berman, Janet Horofker, Jesse Robson, Heather Ritchie, and Troy Saulnier. The development and flourishing of RE has been an amazing thing to witness and I am moved with gratitude.

Tanya Bilsbury
Director of Religious Exploration

Music Montage

"The created realm is not an artifact but an instrument through which the divine life becomes perceptible to itself. It's the way the score gets transformed into the music." Cynthia Bourgeault



June's 'Singing as we Gather'

The Gathering Hymn for June is #19 *The Sun That Shines*. June's theme is *Revelry*. Let us revel in all the things that this hymn outlines, and so much more!

*The sun that shines across the sea, the wind that whispers in the tree,
The lark that carols in the sky, the fleecy clouds a-sailing by,
Oh, I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me!*

*The raindrops which refresh the earth, the springtime mantle of rebirth,
The summer days when all things grow, the autumn mist and winter snow,
Oh, I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me!*

*The task well done, the fun of play, the wise who guide me on my way,
The balm of sleep when each day ends, the joy of family and friends,
Oh, I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me!*

Monthly Music Projects

June's Music Project will be on Sunday, June 10th
The remaining rehearsal opportunities for this are:

Sunday, June 3rd, at 9:30 am
Sunday, June 10th, at 9:30 am

There will be no UU Singers' rehearsals or music projects during the summer months.

Time to say farewell

Most of you know by now that I have tendered my resignation as Music Director. I will be playing in services until the end of June. I will take my vacation the first half of July at which time Devin and I will be living in Hamilton, Ontario, close to my son Curtis, my daughter-in-law Carly and their baby, my first grandchild, due around the second week of July.

Halifax has been my home again these past 10 and a-half years. Although I grew up in Ottawa, I was born here and also studied at Dalhousie in my 20s. It has been an absolute treasure for me to be back here in this wonderful province. I will greatly miss all the dear folks I have come to care so much about and expect to be popping in for a visit now and then.

Meanwhile, let's make more wonderful music together!

Deborah Wiggins

Notes on the National CUC Conference

McMaster University, Hamilton, May 18-20



I attended this bi-annual conference as a delegate of UUCH, partly out of curiosity and partly as a way of learning the ropes when we host in 2020. Margaret Galbraith was the other UUCH delegate and Rev. Norm attended in his ministerial role. I found the conference theme 'Love and Justice' to be somewhat of an oxymoron, especially from a Universalist perspective, but will leave that for a later discussion.

The conference was quite intense, with an AGM Friday afternoon, a lecture Friday night, and sessions starting at 8:30 on Saturday and Sunday and going well into the night. The AGM was told that the CUC investments earned about 11% last year—something for UUCH to consider. Saturday's sessions were organized in 'streams' of about 4 hours each; concurrent Sunday sessions were an hour each. Margaret, Norm and I often attended different sessions to compare notes later. Some 85 young people met separately in their own sessions at the local UU church 4 km away. They attended the inspiring Sunday service on campus with the rest of us.

The most interesting session I attended was presented by the Hamilton UU Church. It described their process of developing and implementing a vision. They had hired a separate part-time minister to lead them in this process. They started with 110 'good ideas' and whittled them down to three action projects. The process began in 2012 and concluded about five years later with both mistakes and successes along the way. One of their three projects is on working with homeless people. Their detailed presentation earned them a national CUC award. Although Hamilton has about the same size of population as Halifax, they have 225 members, and their growth seemed to be derived in part from the process they undertook.

Hamilton also presented an amazing "UUs Got Talent" program Saturday night, with some 20 acts, setting a high bar for us for 2020.

Shripad Pendse
UUCH Board of Directors



The congregation continues to respond generously to the **Share-the-Plate initiative**. The Saturday Brunch has received \$1,733 since January, with \$1,711 going to other charities for a total of \$3,444. By way of comparison, in 2017 when the plate was just going to our own coffers, the total for the whole year was \$2,014.

Recipients to date (other than Saturday Brunch):

World Food Programme	\$114
Phoenix House	166
Canadian Unitarian Council	253
The Ark, Bridgewater	258
Barry House	160
YWCA Halifax	147
Dartmouth Family Centre	120
Unitarian Service Committee	162
Hospice Halifax	104
Red Cross	152
Dress for Success	75

We thank the congregation members who have suggested charities so far, but more suggestions are always welcome. Charities that relate in some way to the themes that Rev. Norm uses for each month are preferred. The June theme is Revelry. As a church we can support only registered Canadian charities, and their purposes must fit with our Seven Principles. We give preference to local charities but all suggestions are welcome. Please send your ideas to us at ...

ggirard@bellaliant.net
margalbraith@eastlink.ca

Thank you!

Maps in the Ballroom



The maps displayed on the wall in the Ballroom, I put there because I feel that we need to be aware of the history of Nova Scotia, the Canadian province most of us call our own.

Mi'kma'ki the Map (as named), the largest of the grouping, is an artistic depiction of the "Traditional Ancestral Homeland" of the Mi'kmaq People. It was originally created in 1993 by Mi'kmaq artist Michael Martin from Tatamagouche, NS. One of our congregation members asked me, "Where does that long island in the Bay of Fundy come from?" Since I had seen the map before in other places and had had the same thought, I placed the tongue-in-cheek remark above it: "A Long Island? In the Bay of Fundy? WRONG! It is a Whale!"

Taking a closer look, you'll see that all the creatures depicted have Mi'kmaq names. I have a copy of this map next to my desk at home. It makes me feel I would really like to learn the Mi'kmaq language. Apparently this can be done at the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre at 2158 Gottingen Street.

The map is the updated 2016 edition by Mi'kmaq artist and graphic designer, Anna Nibby Woods. All information and Mi'kmaq names for places and wildlife are based on extensive research done for the Micmac Language Program, Native Council of Nova Scotia, in co-operation with The Museum of Natural History and especially Saint Mary's University. The program maintains a continuously updated web site at mikmaqplacenames.ca/.

On this website are the results of considerable research on Mi'kmaq place names. As part of the research, the scholars are **recording Mi'kmaq people speaking about the place names in the Mi'kmaq language**. The website provides links to these interviews. Sometimes I just let them play in the background. It provides me with an aspect of Nova Scotia History I looked for in the past when I volunteered at the Nova Scotia Museum (now called Museum of Natural History). Pictures of many of the former displays in the museum appear on the website. The map includes Newfoundland in a smaller scale. You can compare the Mi'kma'ki map with the modern map of the Atlantic Provinces as we know them today, which I downloaded off the internet and placed at the bottom right of the grouping.

The map of Nouvelle France (as the Acadians called it) is the one in the middle in the right-hand grouping. According to what I know of Nova Scotia history, the French were the first Europeans to settle here. They were fishermen and farmers, and lived peaceably with the Indigenous people they found here. To see how the first Acadians viewed our province, I downloaded this map of Nouvelle France from a website that indicates that the map was extracted from a composite atlas of early 18th century maps, the latest of which was dated c1754. The link: www.antiquemapsandprints.com/ekmps/shops/richben90/images/Partie-orientale-de-la-Nouvelle-France-ou-Canada--St-Lawrence--BELLIN-1745-map-252503-p.jpg,

This map shows the province as quite a bit shorter on the SW side. This is not a geological phenomenon. The French cartographer of the time must have become confused in the woodlands of what we now call Queens and Yarmouth counties; the Acadians named only the fishing harbours along the shore. The Mi'kmaq name for the area was Kesputwitk.

UU's in the first half of the twentieth century apparently used Mi'kmaq guides for their canoe trips in this densely wooded area, so rich in rivers and lakes. I believe the connection between the Mi'kmaq of Bear River and our church stems from this time.

Wietske Gradstein

**Directions to Leslie & Allan's place
107 Eisnor Drive, Chester Basin**

Take Highway 103 in the direction of Chester, West-South-West **to Exit 8**.
Off Exit 8 ramp, turn **left** towards the ocean (not inland to Windsor).

Proceed about 1 mile to the old **Route 3**. Turn **right** onto Route 3.
(Notice Oceanview Plant Center on your right).

Go about 1 mile **to Eisnor Road**. (*Unfortunately, the Eisnor Road sign appears immediately AFTER you have passed Eisnor Road and it is facing in the other direction! So your cue is the Nova Scotia Highways Depot (large metal building, paved surface in front) **directly opposite Eisnor Road**.*)

Turn **left** on Eisnor Road at the **T** intersection (you can only turn left).

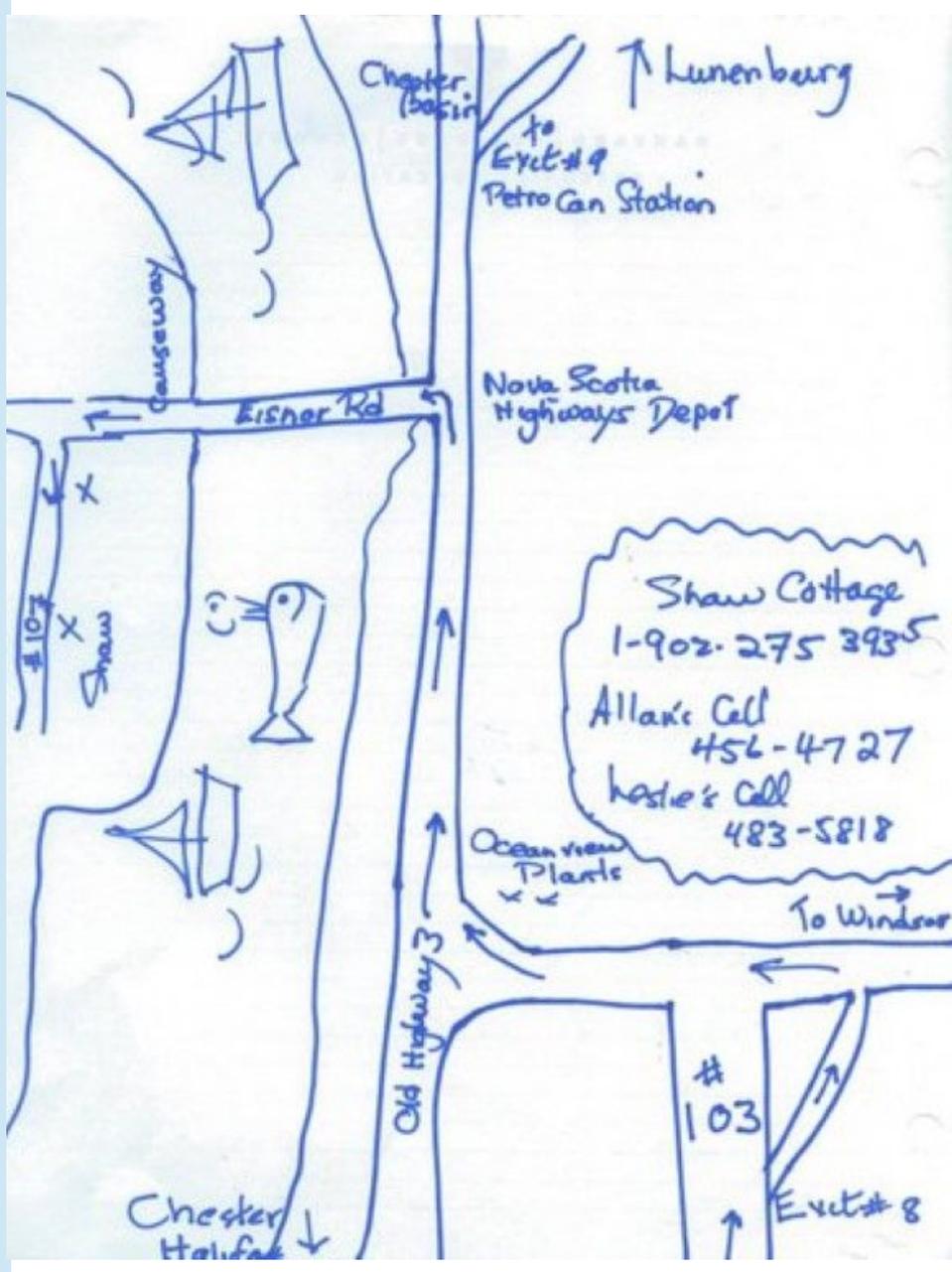
Follow the road about a mile until you come to the causeway and bridge.

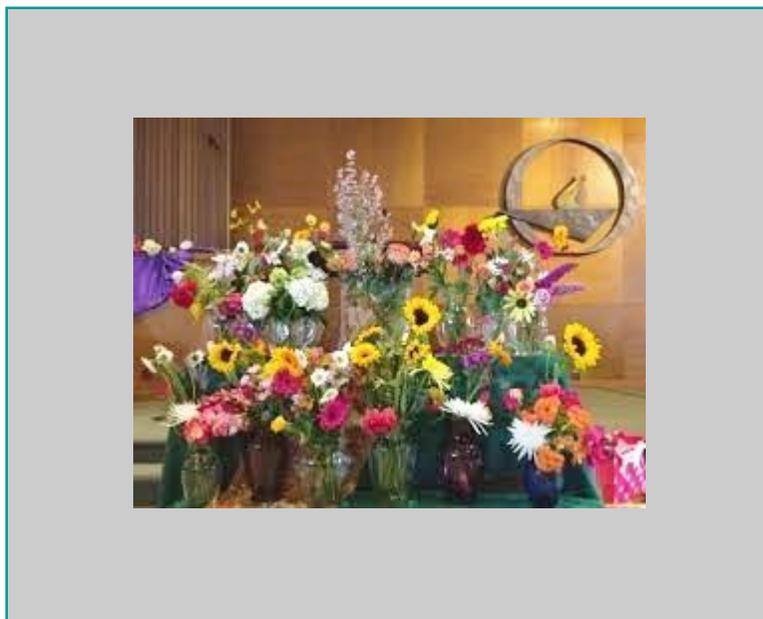
Drive across the causeway and continue to the **first left turn**.

We are the **2nd house on the left**, # 107, with the circular red brick driveway.

Please park on the side of the road — and welcome to our place!

House phone: 902-275-3935





*Flower Communion Sunday
June 10*