

UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HALIFAX



Sunday Services for August, 2018

All services start at 10:30 am

Child care is available

Our Minister, the Reverend Norm Horofker, is on vacation during the month of August.

August 5

What Is a devout Universalist Unitarian?

Other people's perception of us as Universalist Unitarians and about some devout Universalist Unitarians: Are we a cult? Are we "the church that doesn't believe in anything?" Or are we a church full of individuals believing many different things?

Presenter: Dean White; Assistant: TBA

August 12

Green burials

Because synthetic elements like embalming fluids, caskets and liners place unnecessary strain on the natural environment, let's consider green burials. The elimination of these elements can also aid in the grieving process by bringing the living closer to the dead. "With death, as much as possible, we'd like to become food of the planet and return nutrients." The way we manage the dead is not sustainable.

Presenter: Hanna Longard; Service Leader: Dean White

August 19

A scientific perspective: A reflection on life, death and the interconnected web of our planet

Given a broad enough definition, reincarnation is a well-supported scientific reality. Not exactly as one might envision, perhaps, but many features and material elements of our selves will certainly persist long after the bodies we inhabit today stop working.

Presenter: Eric Galbraith; Service Leader: Margaret Galbraith

August 26

Outreach programs of UU Fellowship and its partners in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico

San Miguel de Allende in Mexico is a beautiful colonial city, now a World Heritage Site, with a large expatriate American/Canadian community. The UU Fellowship there is very active in social justice projects with the indigenous, refugee, and deportee communities.

Presenters: Karen Woolhouse, David Lewis; Service Leader: Marilyn Shinyei

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.

Values to Vision to Mission

You are invited to a
Congregational Conversation
about Who We Are
at the UUCH Annual Retreat
for members and friends
of the church.

**Saturday, August 25, 2018
10 am to 1 pm**

Come early for breakfast,
stay for lunch!

The Principal's Lodge
Atlantic School of Theology
660 Francklyn Street, Halifax

Deadline

The deadline for submissions
for the September newsletter
is 12 noon, Monday, August 27th.
Please send your submissions to
braeside@eastlink.ca
and
uuchurch@eastlink.ca

The Caring Column

Deborah Wiggins, now getting settled in Hamilton, was overjoyed to announce the birth of her new grandson, Darragh Corwin Gaylor Murphy, born on July 9th. Proud parents are Deborah's son Curtis Murphy and his wife Carly Gaylor.

Norm Sabowitz will be 80 years of age on Sunday, **August 19th**. We will celebrate his special day with a birthday cake and good wishes following the service—and most assuredly, humorous quips from Norm himself!

Michael Seary, longtime and beloved member of our congregation died peacefully in hospital on Friday July 13th with Mary Spurr and Alain Godbout at his side. Michael was an artist, involved in the art world for most of his life, and was director of our Ballroom Gallery for many years. A celebration of life service will be held on September 15th at 2:30 pm.

Sylvia Mattinson
Caring Committee Chair

Elapultiek, a play by Shalan Joudry, is about the growing relationship between a young Mi'kmaw teacher and a Euro-Nova Scotian biologist discussing their differing views of the world as they conduct a daily wildlife count. The play is presented by Two Planks and a Passion around a fireside stage at Ross Creek Centre for the Arts on the hill above Canning, NS, starting at 8 pm. The play runs Aug 23 - Sep 1, except for Tuesday, Aug 27. www.artscentre.ca. I intend to go on Thursday August 30th and can take two more people.

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Lunch and Blanket Exercise Sunday, September 9

Your Truth and Reconciliation Task Group is launching a series of reflection workshops this fall to explore the history of the Mi'kmaw People and our ongoing relationship with them as 'Settlers'.

This introductory event on September 9th, facilitated by a Native Elder, will be a Blanket Exercise held at the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre at 2158 Gottingen Street following our regular Sunday service at the UUCH. Lunch will be served at the Friendship Centre before the workshop. We hope to see you there. More details to follow.