



August Services

It's summertime and the livin' is easy
~ George Gershwin

A very depleted Worship Committee met in mid-July to plan for August services. There will be services. Most will be traditional services. Some will follow the coffee and conversation format. There will be music! Some will be zoomed. Some will not. But please join us as you are able.

All services start at 10:30.

August 7 This one is the most exciting because at press time it is still a mystery! So come and be surprised or check your inbox for an email a day or so before.

August 14 Pam Berman

Our covenant says the quest for truth is a 'sacrament' and that we will 'support each other's dance with life'. So, keeping that in mind, how does retirement from a long-time job or career impact a person's purpose in life?

August 21 Heather Watts

Heather will take us on an illustrated tour of our 188-year-old building, the fourth in our church's history.

Why is it a provincially registered heritage property? Who lived here before? What advantages does it have for our church today? Bring your own questions for a lively discussion.

August 28 Molly Hurd

Public Education ...the Betrayal and Promise ?

Coffee and conversation with music! No Zoom.

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Sunday services
10:30 am

All are welcome



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.

Not Board Buzz ...

Just a brief note as the board does not meet in summer, so there is no point in "Board Buzz". Things are very busy around UUCH, however, and here you will see news about the deck, and find the Pride Parade photos in later pages.

Enjoy your summer; it will be over too soon.

Pam Griffin-Hody

President, UUCH Board of Directors

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Update on Deck Construction

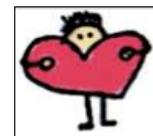


The old deck has finally 'bit the dust' many thanks to Gary Hillier having given four days of his time in dismantling it with the help of Amy Moonshadow, Doug Fevens and Stephen Butler, all pictured above. John and Faith Piccolo also helped but missed the photo shoot. We loved our old deck—to which many gravitated after services, coffee cup in hand, for fellowship in fine weather. The new deck now being built will be even larger and fully accessible, so good times on the deck will continue for many more years. A rare amenity for a church is our deck—we love it!

Etta Hamm

From the Caring Team

On June 13th Faith Piccolo, Elinor Egar-Reynolds and I visited with **Marie Davis** at Northwood. Marie seemed well and was in good spirits. It was a warm summer day and we very much enjoyed our time together outside on the patio.



Also in June, Rev. Norm, Irene Baros-Johnson and I recently went to Lunenburg to visit **Barbara Harsanyi** at the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital. She has been well cared for there for more than seven months but misses being near her Halifax friends. Having been told there are still no available beds for her in Halifax she asks that if anyone knows of available nursing home or clinic accommodations in or nearer Halifax she would like to hear from them. Barbara sends greetings to everyone at UUCH and would love to hear from us. You can reach her directly at 902-634-8801.

Sylvia Mattinson

August at UUCH

- Services are lay led by our own members.
- Mask wearing is encouraged to keep everyone safe.
- The RE & Youth Program is suspended.
- The Music Director is on vacation.
- Most regular committee meetings are suspended.
- Rev. Israel Buffardi starts official duties on the 15th.
- Worship Committee meets on Tuesday the 16th.
- Thursday 7 pm Zoom gatherings go on as usual.
- The September newsletter deadline is August 25th.
- We have more visitors than usual in the summer months and love to make them feel welcome!

Music and Joy

As most of you know, the congregation gave me a gift of \$1,500 to purchase a high quality ukulele on my retirement. I consulted with my ukulele teacher, (the best in Canada) Chalmers Doane. He owns a Mya-Moe ukulele as do his children (all musically talented). These ukes are custom made to order but found upon checking that they were out of my price range. And so, among other places I went looking at the Halifax Folklore Centre.



To my surprise, they had one tenor size Mya-Moe for sale on consignment. It was one year old, verified by serial number, and absolutely like new in every way. The body was “Chocolate Heart Myrtle Wood” with walnut binding and rosette. To order this uke today would cost \$2,565 Cdn. I asked what the price was and was told \$1,500! The exact amount gifted to me by the congregation... serendipity all around!



I took it to Chalmers the same day for my music lesson and he definitely approved. A picture of the uke taken in our backyard, and a selfie with Chalmers and our Maya-Moe's are included here. The Maya-Moe are recognizable by their unique headstock inlay pattern.

I am most grateful for this gift and for the many hours of music and joy it will bring to me.

Norm Horofker



From the Climate Crisis Team

HEAT WARNING!

Adapted from the Environment Canada website, July 25, 2022

“Maximum daytime temperatures: 29 to 33 degrees Celsius (Humidex 36 to 40), except cooler along parts of the coast.

Minimum overnight temperatures: 17 to 21 degrees Celsius.

Locations: Nova Scotia.

Remarks: A combination of very warm temperatures and elevated humidity will continue creating very high humidex values. Some relief can be expected near coastlines.

Heat warnings are issued when very high temperature or humidity conditions are expected to pose an elevated risk of heat illnesses, such as heat stroke or heat exhaustion. Watch for the effects of heat illness: swelling, rash, cramps, fainting, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and the worsening of some health conditions.”

I hate to say this, but this heat warning is a sign of things to come, a long range warning not an isolated incident. This is one example of global warming as even here, in our famously moderate climate we will be experiencing significant heat. Please consider how you have managed with the heat and humidity of this instance, and prepare yourselves for more heat in the future. You don't want to get caught parading down the middle of the street without a water bottle!

Instead reduce your outdoor activities, keep to the shade as much as possible if you are outdoors, wear a hat, drink water frequently. Look at ways to cool your home: closing windows and drapes on sunny days, installing air conditioning, heat pumps and/or fans, insulating attics, or find other locations to cool off: shopping malls, cooling centers.

Welcome to the future!

Margaret Galbraith
for the Climate Crisis Team

UUCH participates in Halifax Pride Parade after 2-year hiatus



It felt like all of Halifax was happy on July 16 as the Pride Parade made its way through Halifax streets for the first time since 2019. The change in the marshalling point also meant an iconic journey up Rainnie Drive around Citadel Hill under the watchful gaze of the Town Clock. You could feel the joy from the crowds as we spread the annual message that love is love.

Rev. Israel Buffardi and his family joined in the march so some of us had the pleasure of an early casual meeting—and between our walkers and those on our trailer float, around 20 people from UUCH participated.

This year's presence in the Pride Parade was particularly meaningful for UUCH since this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Board (then called Vestry) voting to give the Halifax Gay Alliance free meeting space in our building. UUCH was the first religious organization to openly support the local Queer Community. The anniversary of that meeting is in October and there are plans to mark it closer to that time.

But pictures are worth thousands of words, so enjoy some of the photos taken at Pride 2022!

Many thanks to Janet Horofker and Rev. Norm Horofker for the many years of ensuring that we have a significant presence in this parade. We will pick up your torch.

Pam Griffin-Hody

Photos are courtesy of Halifax Pride, Janet Horofker,
Doug Fevens, Kim Turner and Marilyn Shinyei

UUCH PRIDE PARADE 2022



Chief organizer Janet, assistant Faith



Norm & Szilard, a new UU friend



Janet, Marie-Claude & Marilyn`



Marie-Claude, Danielle & family



Doug, resting up before the long march



Norm & Israel Buffardi, our new minister



Norm & Phil, ready to roll



And they're off!



Sylvia, Jim & Susan



Irene, Pam & Michael



Coming down Rainnie Drive



Oh, the adoring crowds



Floating right along, Paul at the front



Doug marching on the left



Troy & friends, banner bearers



What fun, what a happy day!



Trellis over our former deck at 5500 Inglis Street