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Sunday service
10:30 am
All are welcome

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July 5

Presenter: Glenda Butt; Service Assistant: Allyn Clarke

Topic: TBA

July 12

Presenter: Joe Foy; Service Leader: Dean White

Francis and Sister Earth: the New Encyclical

Joe Foy's presentation last year, in which he offered his perspective on the current pope's thinking and actions, was a memorable service that people in our congregation are still talking about. Joe is back to give us a highly anticipated update. He says, "In a seismic shift in Rome, with an image of his namesake from Assisi nailed firmly to the mast, Francis charts a new course for his people in how to live on this planet."

July 19

Presenter: Rev. Helen McFadyen; Service Leader: Allyn Clarke

Love is Love

Rev. Helen will reflect on the seminal role our church and Unitarian Universalists across Canada and the United States have played over the decades in supporting and advocating on sexual justice issues like LGBTQ rights, same-sex unions, the ordination of LGBTQ clergy, and the development of iconic programs like Welcoming Congregation and OWL.

July 26

Presenter: Elizabeth Peirce; Service Leader: Wynne Jordan



Growing Productively and Avoiding Heartbreak: Successful Vegetable Gardening in Nova Scotia

Elizabeth Peirce, author of *Grow Organic: A Simple Guide to Nova Scotia Vegetable Gardening* (Nimbus), will offer insights on successful gardening within the parameters of Nova Scotia's specific climate and conditions, and in the larger context of the UU principle of the interdependent web of life.



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.

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day 	2	3	4
5 12 Noon Worship Committee D4\$ Sign-up	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 D4\$ Sign-up	13	14	15	16	17 7 pm Interfaith Pride Service Northwood Centre	18
19 12 Noon Humanist Group	20	21	22	23	24 1 pm Pride float decorating party	25 
26	27 10 am Newsletter Deadline	28	29	30	31	

UUCH in 2015 Pride Parade Saturday, July 25

Join UUs and friends to show your pride! UUCH members will once again show we can be Standing on the Side of Love, riding the wedding float, handing out pamphlets, and having a lot of fun doing it! Our parade float theme this year celebrates 40 years of same-sex marriage in Nova Scotia—the first one performed by your very own UUCH—so dust off those bell-bottoms and disco threads! Or wear your bright yellow SSL T-shirt, available to order ASAP from Janet: jdhoroker@gmail.com



The schedule:

Friday, July 24, 1 pm	Meet at the church for a float decorating party with pizza and snacks.
Saturday, July 25, 10 am	Meet at HMC Dockyard, 16 Valour Way, to march with us in the parade Enter by Barrington St. under the MacDonald Bridge.
After the parade, 3 pm	Come to the church for an after-parade BBQ festival with music, bouncy castle, burgers and fun!

Pride activities are fun for everyone—bring friends and family along to participate! Let's make this the best UUCH entry ever in Canada's 4th largest Pride Parade!

Andy Blair
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Minister's Notes

written as I begin my Study Month

What adjectives would you use to describe a good sermon? This is not a rhetorical question; I would love to hear from you! The adjectives that come to my mind are, in random order: challenging, stimulating, informative, moving, relevant, personal, profound, spiritual, playful and short! Of course, not all of these adjectives could apply to every sermon, or even any one sermon, (especially if it is short!)

In the past year, I hope you have noticed that I have grouped my sermon topics around a different theme each month. This is a direct result of exposure to the idea of “Themed Church” at the retreat for Canadian Ministers in May of 2014. Since that event, I have been in regular correspondence with ministers in Canada and in the United States to learn more about Themed Church, how it can be implemented, and how it can help to make my sermons match those adjectives!

The potential for Themed Church goes well beyond monthly sermon themes. The full concept incorporates the following, in addition to sermon themes:

- A monthly packet of information including readings, poems, music, movies, videos, web sites, spiritual exercises, images, etc. that is provided in advance of the month to every interested member of the congregation. The intent is to start members exploring and thinking about the theme.
- A Religious Exploration curriculum that is also based on the themes, so that parents and children are exposed to similar questions and challenges at church, with the expectation that it will stimulate discussion at home.
- Small Group Ministry where groups of up to 10 members of the congregation meet at least once per month to explore the theme at a deeper personal level, with a covenant between participants that ensures confidentiality.

In addition to these elements, themed church could include a monthly movie night open to the public where we would present a movie that explores the current theme. (We have purchased a license that will allow us to show a wide variety of commercial movies for the public.) You may think of other ideas to expand on Themed Church.

The intended effect of all of this is to provide a focus for thought and discussion among church members and friends where they can “go deeper” than they would otherwise be able to do on topics that affect the way we give meaning to our lives.

I tell you all of this, at the beginning of July, because it is my intention to use the month to study how UUCH might expand our implementation of Themed Church beginning in September.

Already, ministers in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Toronto, and Halifax have agreed to use these themes from 2015/16.

September	–	Promise
October	–	Grace
November	–	Integrity
December	–	Wonder
January	–	Integrity
February	–	Reconciliation
March	–	Resilience
April	–	Revelation
May	–	Tradition
June	–	Revelry

By sharing common themes we will be connected with UU congregations across the country, putting us in dialogue on important issues.

I will spend the month of July assembling our packets for at least September and October.

I am very excited about my Study Month and the potential that Themed Church offers to make our church life even more meaningful and fulfilling. I look forward to the adventure.

Although July is my Study Month I will be around all month and available to church members and friends who would like to meet with me or otherwise contact me.

I hope you all have as wonderful a month as I am anticipating.

Rev. Norm Horofker

The Caring Column



Loran Peppard Morrison, **Jim Morrison's** younger brother, died suddenly in Truro on May 30th. We send our condolences to Jim and his family.

Jim and Sheila Morrison were blessed with their fifth grandchild, firstborn for their son James. James

(V) Levi Meregrinio Morrison was born June 1st and is happy and healthy.

Paul and Margaret Galbraith have a new granddaughter, and grandson Thomas has a new baby sister: Aitana Galbraith-Pastor, born June 8th in Montreal.

Deborah Wiggins' brother Derek recently underwent surgery. We send our thoughts and prayers for healing.

Darla Muzzerall and **Robin Humphrey** have returned from their trip to the UK, with Robin's mother's health having much improved.

Jessy Matthews, Pam Berman's daughter, plays the lead role of Kate in "She Stoops to Conquer" running until July 4th at the Pond Playhouse. Congratulations, Jessy!

If you have a caring need, or know of someone who has, please contact me, Faith Piccolo, Laura Hody, Sylvia Mattinson or Alison Chipman.

Mary Ellen Onno



UUCH Welcomes a New Member

New UUCH member **Rose Shin** signs the membership book on Sunday June 21st, with Rev. Norm Horofker. Rose has come to Halifax from Korea via Cape Breton, with spouse Greg MacPhee and their son and daughter. The congregation is happy to welcome them.

Movin' on Down the Road

Laura Hody and **Eileen Ross** are moving to their Martin's River home, approx. 75 km (less than an hour) from Halifax. We wish them much happiness in Martin's River for many years to come. Please update your church directories:



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Mahone Bay, NS BOJ 2E0

Summertime Fundraising



Some of us may enjoy a bit of fundraising activity even in the summer months. Here are a few ways to keep the green stuff coming in, and keep the good times rolling at UUCH:

Dining for Dollars Partake in a D4\$ event or two. They are all enjoyable. Watch for sign-up sheets on **July 5th and 12th**—or contact coordinator Kay Smith: kay.kathy@ns.sympatico.ca or 902-429-9665.

Fundraising with Food during Coffee Hour One or two people bring sandwiches and sweets to offer for donations after the Sunday service. This enhances conviviality—and helps the church you love.

Refundables Recycling Bring your **refundable** beverage containers from home; we redeem them for cash. See the list of qualifying items posted above the blue bin in the back entry next to the kitchen.

Quickie-Mini Auction Bring in your old rocking chair or any good, manageable item of value. Make your own sign and bid sheet. Watch the bidding go up and up over a Sunday or two!

Touching Base with the CUC Board of Trustees

There is no doubt that AGM's and ACM's are a connecting time for Unitarians across the country—youth, young adults, and adults alike. With “Seeking Justice in a Changing Land” wafting across the two days of programs, the biggest individual problem was the inability to clone oneself.

The CUC Board had about two days of face-to-face meetings—a huge boost to productive thought and action compared to our monthly electronic meetings.

The Annual Program Contribution (APC) Task Force and the Vision Process are ongoing.

Three task forces emerged from the May Board meetings:

- Alignment of part of the Executive Director's (ED) role with the Board Priorities and the staff Areas of Engagement Plan. All segments must align with Board Policy;
- Fundraising: to develop clear revenue generating strategies;
- Youth task force: to look at youth network options.

I can also report that ED Vyda Ng and her staff managed the CRA audit visit well. The visit lasted three days the last week in May. The audit committee which the Board appointed to support Vyda deserves a huge vote of thanks as well. Now we are in a “waiting” mode with no sense of a timeline.

I shall note that the advised precautionary tone the Board is taking while “in the audit” is not an indication of a change in past practice toward social responsibility. April Hope is full-time staff devoted to social responsibility, april@cuc.ca.

Many comments at the ACM and since have expressed concern that part of our UU essence is being eroded due to fears expressed about the potential loss of charitable status—much too early, (before we see the outcome), to speculate in that direction.

I'll end with thoughts projected forward to next ACM in Vancouver at the UBC campus. See cuc.ca under Events. For 2015 ACM Reports see Governance menu, under Annual General Meetings. It is across the country but let's start planning to get more UUCH folks there!



In UU commitment,
Glenda Butt, President
CUC Board of Trustees

UUCH Staff Summer Schedule

Rev Norm Horofker will not be in the pulpit on Sundays in July during his study month and will be on vacation in August. For urgent matters he can be reached by cell phone.



Sandra Jamieson, Office Administrator, is on summer hours until the end of August. She is in most Fridays, 11 am to 3 pm, to perform certain necessary tasks including the printing of the Sunday order of service. (Remember to submit your announcements on time!)

Deborah Wiggins, Music Director, was on vacation in June, and is back keeping the music alive at 5500 Inglis Street throughout the summer.

Christy Lee Bojarski, Religious Exploration Director, will return from maternity leave on November 1st. There will be no organized program over the summer months. Childcare, comprising indoor or outdoor play depending on weather, will be available.

UUCH Board of Management
June 2015 - May 2016



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Andy Blair	Mia Huh
Jim Morrison	Faith Piccolo

Music Montage



May July be harmonious for you and your loved ones, in all its aspects!

The Canadian Oxford dictionary definition of 'harmonious': **1** *sweet sounding; tuneful.* **2** *forming a pleasing or consistent whole; concordant.* **3** *free from disagreement or dissent.*

July's 'Singing as We Gather'

The Gathering Hymn for this month is #163: *For the Earth Forever Turning*. In July, most of us are either going on some holiday, planning a holiday, or at least slowing down and taking some time to 'smell the roses'. May whatever you choose to do in this first full month of summer include getting out into the "*mountains, hills and pastures in their silent majesty*". May this month bring you peace, and a calmer, more joyful heart. And may you include some form of music in your recreational time. "*For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth; in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.*"

New Music Programs for 2015-2016 Church Year

I will be working over the summer months on a new approach to music participation for the upcoming church year, consisting of music projects linked to the monthly themes that Rev Horofker and many other Canadian UU churches are now using. I will outline planned music projects for the fall in the August newsletter.

So, stay tuned for the many ways in which you can contribute to help make our collective music experience the best it can be.

Have a wonderful summer!

Deborah Wiggins

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Just Love

INTERFAITH PRIDE SERVICE

7:00 PM FRIDAY, JULY 17


SHIRLEY BURNSTEIN HALL, MAIN FLOOR, NORTHWOOD CENTRE
(2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax B3K 3S5)



LGBTQ people, friends & allies of all faiths and spiritual expressions are invited to this special time of celebration, music, and reflection marking Halifax Pride 2015

*Don't miss the Rainbow Ice Cream Social after the service
with entertainment by the North End Ukulele Ensemble!!!*



 The small print, above ...

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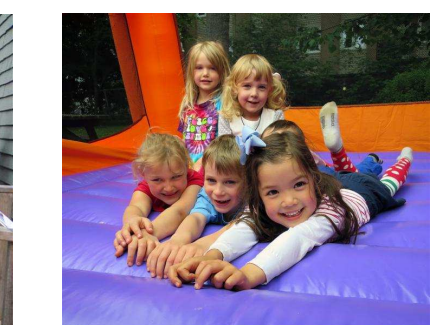
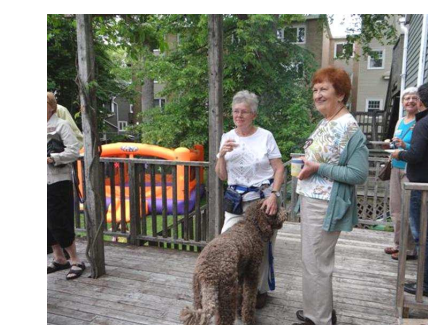
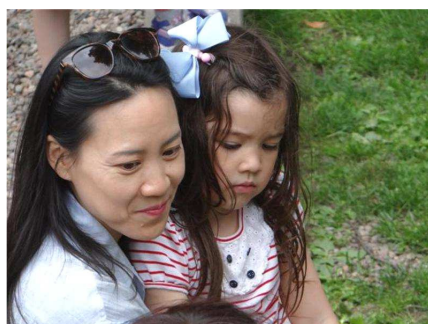


***Ice cream and ukulele music;
what a combination!***

For more information, or to
get posters to put up, contact:

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Sunday Service Volunteers

July 5

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

July 12

Greeting Tracy Boyer, young helper
Sass Minard
Ushering Wendy Ozon (e)
Sylvia Mattinson (l)
Kitchen TBF (set-up)
Sass Minard (clean-up)
Audio Avarad Woolaver
Library Anne Knight-Gorman

July 19

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

July 26

Greeting Sandra Clarke, Sylvia Mattinson
Ushering Andy Blair (e) Dean White (l)
Kitchen TBF (set-up)
Kathy Spencer (clean-up)
Audio Nick Baros-Johnson
Library Stephen Butler


To join the Sunday Service Support Team,
please contact Wietske Gradstein:
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The look is vibrant and colourful, and boldly proclaims that UUCH is
A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY LIKE NO OTHER!



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The deadline for submissions for the August newsletter is
Monday, July 27th.
Please submit to both
braeside@eastlink.ca
and
uuchurch@eastlink.ca

BLENDING OF THE WATERS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015



As you go about your summer activities, watch for an opportunity to gather a small amount of water that you can bring to our fall Ingathering Service on September 13th.

In the long-standing UU tradition of “The Blending of Waters” when we return in the fall, we invite every member of the congregation to add a small amount of water to a communal vessel to symbolize the beginning of the church year—and our uniting of many talents, gifts and experiences. You may bring water from your backyard, your birdbath or from any place of meaning for you.

Rev. Norm Horofker

