



**All Sunday services are lay-led this month**

With reduced risk of COVID, everyone is welcome back in the sanctuary in-person.  
**JULY SERVICES WILL NOT BE OFFERED ON-LINE, ONLY IN-PERSON**  
The wearing of masks is encouraged. All services start at 10:30.

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Sunday services  
10:30 am  
  
All are welcome

**July 3 Coffee and conversation with Margaret Galbraith**

How does our *Seventh Principle* influence our reaction to the climate crisis? Let's discuss it.

**July 10 Coffee and conversation with Mary Lu MacDonald and Pam Griffin-Hody**

Bring your coffee mug into an open discussion of our *Fourth Principle*: The free and responsible search for truth and meaning. A pertinent subject for UUs in this world of many alternative truths.

**July 17 Coffee and conversation with K. Scott Wood**

***Heading Off a Cultural Schism in Canada's Political and Social Dialogue***

Key questions to be addressed include: What are the roots of discord in our society that increasingly make a dialogue on political and social issues difficult, if not impossible? What may be the global factors influencing this discord? How may Unitarian Universalists help to bridge these divides? The ultimate direction of the discussion will depend on the audience.

**July 24 Coffee and conversation with Doug Fevens and Hadi Saifi**

***Proud to Talk about Pride***

Doug Fevens, long time member, will talk about our church's long history in the Halifax Pride movement—while Hadi Saifi, newly arrived LGBTQ refugee, will tell us about his long journey from Afghanistan to Thailand to safety in Canada.

**July 31 Coffee and conversation with .....(who?)**

**This is your chance to lead a conversation about something dear to your heart. Contact Pam Griffin-Hody if you are interested.**



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.

# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Canada Day 	<b>2</b>
					<b>3</b> 10:30 am service 	<b>4</b>
<b>10</b> 10:30 am service 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> Eid ul-Adha ends at sundown	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Online gathering	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Pride Parade 
<b>17</b> 10:30 am service 	<b>18</b> 7 pm Worship Team meeting	<b>19</b> 7 pm Caring Team meeting	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm Online gathering	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30 am service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> New deck construction begins  Newsletter deadline	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Online gathering	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 
<b>31</b> 10:30 am service						

## July & August at UUCH

Our Sunday services are lay led; the RE Children & Youth program is suspended; the Music Director is on summer break; and most regular meetings are suspended. Sundays are not dull, however, as we normally have more visitors than usual, and the Buffardi family is soon to arrive. Let's put our best foot forward for them all. Enjoy your summer, including church!





## ***Goodbye (for now) Norm ...***

After ten years of Rev. Norm's ministry at UUCH, with full hearts and great emotion, we said goodbye to him at his last service on June 26th.

The weeks leading up to Norm's departure saw many people each week giving personal testimonials about Norm's ministry from weddings and celebrations of life, to pastoral care, music, his passion for our building, for the RE Children & Youth program, for Truth Reconciliation and Healing, Social Justice, and of course, the Saturday Brunch.

The many tributes to Norm and our celebrations of him as he leaves on his next adventures are proof of how loving and connected UUCH is as a blessed community. That we stand where we are, solidly strong after two years of the pandemic, is in no small part due to Norm's tenacity.

A word that Norm often uses is serendipity ... so at the AGM the Board announced that the UUCH Growth Fund was being renamed *the Norm Horofker Serendipity Fund* and that a plaque would be placed in the church signifying this.

Norm had asked that any party not take place after his last service and serendipitously, the timing was right to celebrate Norm in tandem with our annual church and RE picnic on the 19th, the first one since 2019. The weather was perfect, the After Choir set up one more time on the old deck (which didn't collapse!) and even with over 60 people present, the food held out! Thank you to the Saulniers for the cake decorations of chalices, sailboats, and ukuleles! The congregation was very generous in funding a farewell gift for Norm, with which he will acquire the ukulele of his dreams.



Days later, Norm and Janet planted a sugar maple tree in the back yard as a parting gift to the congregation. It is their hope that in ten years the RE children will tap this tree and make their own maple syrup in that great welcoming of the Nova Scotia spring. Norm and Janet are not leaving Halifax, however, so in ten years they may be the ones showing the children how to do it!

On his final day, with Janet by his side, out he went in grand style to the skirl of bagpipes played by a kilted lady piper who led them in his yellow jeep up Inglis Street, with wistful members waving him off from the church's front steps—much to the bemusement of a few passers-by.

So goodbye for now, Norm – with our heartfelt thanks for the vision, the inspiration, the work, and a lot of fun!

***Pam Griffin-Hody***  
***President***  
***UUCH Board of Directors***

*"... a grand little fellow. Clever, obedient, musical, capable, artistic, radiantly happy."*

Miss Irwin, Norman's kindergarten teacher, 1955



# Board Buzz

June saw the first meeting of the new board as well as Norm's last board meeting. We welcomed Page Wakarchuk and said goodbye to Margaret Galbraith (and Norm Horofker).

We are still seeking someone to take the position of vice-president (and hopefully then president). No jokes about UUs always seeking!

The board was busy planning for Norm's goodbye party as well working on things needed by our new minister, Israel Buffardi arriving this month from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, starting official duties in August.

The building committee has been busy with the greatest excitement being the soon-to-be-built new deck—with demolition of the existing one to take place the week of July 4th, thanks to volunteers.

There will be some paint touch-up to the outside of the building and new flooring and paint for the minister's study. We want to make our face shiny and clean for Israel Buffardi. (The carpet in the minister's study looks like it might have been brought from Holy Redeemer—surely not, but *ugh*.)

There will also be some work done on the front yard, courtesy of a municipal grant as previously reported.

The last Saturday Brunch/Brown Bag & BBQ was held on June 25th. This program moved from a sit-down community meal to a brown bag take-out in the early days of the pandemic when public health restrictions did not permit a sit-down meal. With continued and ever-changing regulations and restrictions, and due to many volunteers, as well as funding from our community, we were able to extend the program for the 2020/21 church year as well as the 21/22 church year. There is a general hope that the brunch will move ahead next year in its traditional format but that is dependent on finding volunteers.

Many thanks to the many volunteers who, over the past two-and-a-half years have done the shopping,

## UUCH Board of Directors 2022 - 2023

### Officers

President	Pam Griffin-Hody
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Secretary	Molly Hurd
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### Members at large

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made sandwiches, counted bananas and juice boxes, made sweets, packed lunch bags—and manned the coffee urns and the fire pit—as well as monitoring the different levels of COVID restriction during cold winters when no one was allowed into the building. There are too many to name but huge thanks especially to Kathy Anthony, Michael Smith, Phil Silver and Jessica Freisen.

The board has decided to not hold the congregational retreat in August as was the tradition pre-COVID, but rather to wait for a Saturday in September when our new minister has settled in a bit. We are planning to hold it in our building, and hope for a sunny day so that we can enjoy the new deck!

The board does not meet in July and August, so our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14th.

By the way, did you know that members can attend board meetings as observers? Please feel free to do so.

**Pam Griffin-Hody**  
**President**  
**UUCH Board of Directors**



# PRIDE PARADE 2022

## Saturday, July 16



2019 photo

**THE EXCITEMENT MOUNTS!** The usual volunteers (and a few new ones) are putting their heads together to ensure that our 2022 UUCH Pride float will be as great as ever before—if not even better!

**THANK YOU to all our new volunteers for their help on Friday at the church!** We do still need more people **to be at the new start location (Ahern Avenue by Citadel High) from 10 am to noon on Parade Saturday to decorate the float—then walk in the parade.** AND we need people **at the church after the parade to disassemble the float.** Please contact Margaret or Janet to sign up.

We also invite anyone who is able (along with family and friends) to walk with us in the parade. Nothing is more fun!

**NEWS FLASH!** Our incoming minister, the Reverend Israel Buffardi (starting official duties in August) hopes to be in Halifax in time to join us for the parade! If you need an incentive to sign up for the Pride Team, this would be it!

### **NEW THIS YEAR**

**New time:** The parade will start at **12:00 noon.**

**New route:** Due to the Cogswell Interchange construction taking place this summer, **a new parade route will start at Citadel High on Ahern Avenue,** head East on Rainnie Drive, continue East on Duke Street to Barrington Street, turn South on Barrington, and then return to the old parade route ending on Bell Road next to the Garrison Grounds. Check out [halifaxpride.com](http://halifaxpride.com) for details, the route map, and all Pride events, July 14-24.

Thank you, all participants!

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**Margaret Galbraith**      [margalbraith@eastlink.ca](mailto:margalbraith@eastlink.ca)

## From the Caring Team

We were sorry to learn that Janet Horofker's younger brother, Dave Duncan, died suddenly on June 26th. Our sympathies go out to Janet and Norm and all the family.



June was a busy month with various activities. It was good to welcome new members on the 19th—and to have a happy event for people to come together for a picnic and in recognition of Rev Norm's retirement. It was one last time to mix and mingle with Norm and Janet and with all who attended. Unexpectedly, even the sun shone on that day!



Our committee had met only on Zoom for two years due to COVID, so we decided that after our first in-person meeting on June 21st we would treat ourselves to some extra time together over dinner at Bearly's House of Blues. This photo shows what a nice evening we had. Left to right: Sylvia, Faith, Mike, Norm and Shripad.

During the summer we communicate by phone and email when issues of concern arise. If you have a matter that we might be able to help with, please contact us.

***Sylvia Mattinson***  
***Chair, Caring Team***

## Child Dedication

One of the many notable events that took place at UUCH last month was an impressive child dedication ceremony on June 12th, open to all families in our congregation.

This was a time for families to express their hopes for their children with a special benediction while the congregation promised to support and nurture them.

With the rosebud ceremony, the children were invited to sign UUCH's historical record book, and to take home a piece of stone carved from the foundation of our building.

Shown left to right: Ivy, Destiny, Tristan, Jason, Kyla, Miranda, and Abigail at the front.



***Marie-Claude Leroux***  
***Director***  
***RE Children & Youth Program***



## From the Climate Crisis Team

### *The connection between the interdependent web and eating local*

We usually think of the climate as something to do with the weather, and usually with sun, rain and wind—things that are up in the air. Even global warming has to do with the increased levels of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide in the atmosphere—up in the air. However there is the interdependent web of all existence—and what is in the air affects all life on the earth and under the sea. As it is changing, so its effects change all around us.

For a number of interlinked reasons this will affect our food supply in Nova Scotia. On June 5th the Climate Crisis team hosted a guest speaker, Lil MacPherson, co-owner of the restaurant The Wooden Monkey, and trained in climate activism by Al Gore. She spoke knowledgeably about the connection between the changing climate and supporting local growers in our province. Her energy and enthusiasm were quite inspiring. You can hear this talk on UUCH's YouTube channel (although it ends before there were any questions, as those were not recorded)

Here are some resources to seek out if you want to learn more about the importance of supporting local farmers and using local foods. Most of these come from our speaker, Lil MacPherson.

#### **Lil's top book on climate change**

*Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*  
edited by Paul Hawken

#### **Two books by Mark Anielski**

*The Economics of Happiness: Building Genuine Wealth*

*An Economy of Well-Being: Common Sense Tools for Building Genuine Wealth and Happiness*

#### **An interview with Mark Anielski by Silver Donald Cameron**

<https://thegreeninterview.com/interview/mark-anielski-an-economy-of-love/>

(This link also lists the whole series of green interviews done by the late Silver Donald Cameron.)

#### **By Michael Shuman**

*The Local Economy Solution*

#### **By Nova Scotia's own Ron Coleman**

*What Really Counts: the Case for a Sustainable and Equitable Economy*

#### **By Niki Jabbour, a Nova Scotia gardener, local gardening books:**

*The Year-round Vegetable Gardener*

*Growing Under Cover*

#### **A list of local farmers and vendors, maintained by the Ecology Action Centre**

*Accessing Local Food in Nova Scotia* <https://ecologyaction.ca/nsfooddelivery>

Happy reading, gardening and eating--and doing your bit to save the planet!

**Margaret Galbraith**

**Chair, Climate Crisis Team**

## UUCH SAH NEWS

*Four pictures worth four thousand words!*



A CELEBRATION – This Congolese family, Plagene and her four adult children, Chaima, Shadia, Prince and Yassein, received their Canadian citizenship in June. UUCH partnered with First Baptist to support them in 2017/18.



The UBUNTU GROUP was very happy to welcome their very first newcomers, Hasti and Rozhal (in the middle), originally from Iran, in April. You may recognize Tracy Boyer and Andy Blair here.



Andy Blair, part of our UUCH SAH Team has also been very active in recruiting Unitarians across the country to sponsor refugees. The London Unitarian Fellowship sponsored the Ahmadi family, Afghans who arrived in June.



Andy also recruited the Unitarian Fellowship of Mississauga to sponsor the Sultan family, Syrians who arrived in London this June.

There is good news all around. People are finally starting to arrive in greater numbers. We have already welcomed over 30 people this year with more expected in July. Our very first Operation Afghan Safety Family arrives on June 30th!

**Marilyn Shinyei**  
**Refugee Program Coordinator**

## Chuch Directory Updates

Five people were recently welcomed as new UUCH members! Here are their names and contact information:

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Directories are available to members  
either as PDF or paper booklet.  
Contact Etta at braeside@eastlink.ca

## Weekly Online Gatherings



Our small, friendly Thursday night online gatherings will continue uninterrupted throughout the summer months.

Any UUCH member or friend is welcome to join the conversation. There is no pre-set organized format; we embrace whatever comes up, we become better acquainted, we chat, we share, and often have a chuckle or two.

Our start time is 7 pm and you are invited!

The Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85223268277?pwd=QTRrcTQ3eC9qbXdHMDJMUdZuMFJFZz09>

Contact me if you have any questions or need help signing in.

**Doug Fevens**  
[dgfevens@gmail.com](mailto:dgfevens@gmail.com)

## All Hands on Deck

**Can you help?** Construction of our fabulous new deck is soon coming up. To contribute to this project (no contribution too small) you can e-transfer to [treasurer@uuch.ca](mailto:treasurer@uuch.ca) -- or you can send a cheque (noting "Deck" on the memo line) to the church at 5500 Inglis St., Halifax, NS B3H 1J8.

**The fun stuff:** Volunteer labour will be needed starting July 5th for 4-5 days to demolish the old deck. Stay tuned.

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for contributions for the August newsletter is

**Tuesday, July 26.**



Please send your items to Etta at  
[braeside@eastlink.ca](mailto:braeside@eastlink.ca)



*A little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about.*  
John Mayer