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start at 10:30 am

All are welcome



## Welcome to our September Services

With September we start another UUCH programming year, beginning with our Ingathering Water Ceremony on September 7th. Join us in exploring what it means to live our deepest values out loud. We extend a special welcome to visitors and hope you will come again.

**The Zoom link** stays the same from week to week and can be found under Virtual - Zoom on our home page at [uuch.ca](http://uuch.ca). If needed: User ID 666 004 431, password 010670.

### Sept 7 — “We Are ...” (Ingathering Water Ceremony)

Bring water, from home or somewhere meaningful to you. In the water ceremony we combine our water as we launch the congregational year. We celebrate who we are, who we aspire to be, and our vision and visions for the world. **Ben Robins; Service Assistant: Laura Bain**

### Sept 14 — Writing the Book of Life

Everything that happens, everywhere in the universe, is written into the book of life. One day the book will come to an end, perhaps with no one left to read it. So what shall we write? **Ben Robins; Service Assistant TBD.**

### Sept 21 — Artificial Intelligence: What Gods are We Awakening?

The Unitarian Ray Kurzweil predicted in the 1990s that a convolution of exponential curves would lead to runaway growth in artificial brainpower in the late 2020s. He recently said that his timeline is still accurate. What gods are we awakening? **Ben Robins; Service Assistant TBD.**



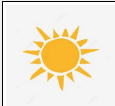









**Note:** We will have a new member ceremony during this service. If you would like to become a member, contact Ben by Sept 10th. [minister@uuch.ca](mailto:minister@uuch.ca)

### Sept 28 — The Path to Reconciliation: Doing Our Own Work

We frequently look to First Nation people to give us, the Settlers, guidance on how to pursue reconciliation for past injustices and trauma we have caused them. Often their retort is: Don't ask us to lead you down the path. You have to do your own work! What are they challenging us to do? What is our own work? **Presented by members of the Reconciliation and Dismantling Racism Committee. Service Leader: Pam Griffin-Hody; Service Assistant TBD.**

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

## September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day 	2	3	4	5	6 
7 10:30 Service Ingathering Water Ceremony 	8	9 7:00 Worship Committee meeting	10 6:30 pm Board meeting	11	12	13 10 – 11:30 am Brunch resumes 
14 10:30 Service 12 noon Congregational Retreat	15	16	17 7 pm Climate Crisis Meeting	18	19 1-5 pm Sign-making at St. Andrew's church hall for Draw the Line Rally	20 10 -11:30 Brunch 12 noon: Rally! 
21 10:30 Service 	22 First Day of Fall  Rosh Hashanah to 24th	23  Newsletter Deadline	24 7 pm Caring Committee meeting	25	26	27 10 -11:30 Brunch 
28 10:30 Service 	29	30 Nat.Day of Truth & Reconciliation. Orange Shirt Day	Oct 1 		Programming dates and times follow on the next page ...	

### The Canadian Unitarian Council: [cuc.ca](http://cuc.ca)

The CUC's fall line-up of online discussion series for UUs includes the much-loved Connect and Deepen; Congregational Conversations; and the new Dismantling Barriers: Engaging with Conciliation. These are but a few of the CUC's online events, with all registration details on the site. Read up on what the CUC stands for and how it serves as a valuable resource for UU congregations. Find insightful content on the social issues and movements of the day, and so much more. All to be found at [CUC.ca](http://CUC.ca)

## September Programming



### Congregational Retreat Sunday, Sept 14, 12–3 pm

In our Annual UUCH Retreat we look forward to having deep, vibrant conversations about who we are as a community

and how we might grow more fully into ourselves. Sandwiches and sweets will be provided.

### Youth Event: Capture the Flag – Sept 19, 6 pm

Email Ben for the location, [minister@uuch.ca](mailto:minister@uuch.ca). We might go for ice cream afterwards, depending on the weather. Youth meet the 3rd Friday of every month at 6 pm.

### Building Your Own Theology – Sept 21, 12 noon

This is an opportunity to develop your own personal credo – the fundamental beliefs, values and convictions that inform and direct your life. Come to any or all sessions, on **1st** and **3rd** Sundays at noon, beginning Sept 21st. In the first session we consider humanity's place in the universe.

### Humanist Group – Sept 28, 12 noon

Join our humanists for a thought-provoking, mind-expanding discussion on a topic chosen by the group. We also welcome those who just want to sit in and see what we're all about

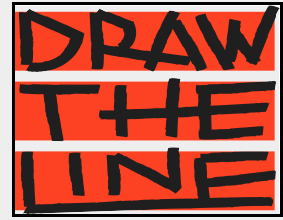
### Spirit Circle – Sept 28, 4–5 pm

A more informal service inviting openness, peace, reflection and connection to something larger.

### Bring-a-Friend Sunday – October 5

In the weeks leading up to Bring-a-Friend Sunday on October 5th, reflect on what you love about UUCH, and then bring a friend to the Sunday service; someone whose principles, vision and actions in the world resonate with our range of outlooks. Perhaps someone who would appreciate an open-minded place to reflect on the big questions and what matters most.

**Saturday  
Sept 20  
at noon**



On Saturday, September 20th, we're joining communities around the world in drawing the line—for People. For Peace. For the Planet. In Halifax, there will be a rally **at noon** to demand that Prime Minister Carney and the Canadian government stand for a just and safe future for all of us, a future that includes clean energy, protection of people affected, and accountability for those causing harm.

The location was not yet determined at the time of this printing but keep an eye on [drawtheline.world/canada](https://drawtheline.world/canada), and of course, we will be providing more information.

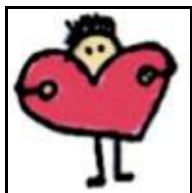
**And on Friday, September 19th, Seniors for Climate, *Later is Too Late***, will gather at St. Andrew's Church on Coburg Road at Robie from 1 to 5 pm. There will be speakers, displays and sign-making.

Two days of positive activity full of fun and promise! We hope to have a good group from this Community for both events!

We would welcome information on signs and banners that may be in existence to be used on the 20th.

Stay updated online at  
<https://drawtheline.world/canada>

## From the Caring Committee



**Etta Hamm** has shared that the celebration of life for her son Vaughn on August 22nd went very well. A good number of our members were present

including the Afterchoir whose performance was much appreciated by all. Etta expresses heartfelt thanks for the congregation's many kindnesses.

**What we do:** The Caring Committee offers help to individuals in our UU community in circumstances where our support might be helpful. Let us know if you or someone you know in our community could use a drive to medical or other appointments, home or hospital visits, grocery shopping, or other needs that arise. We also arrange the receptions following celebration of life services at UUCH.

### Can you help?

If you could occasionally meet a need, it would be a big help – perhaps phoning to check in on someone who is ill or home-bound.

Let us know your interest. Email Ben at [minister@uuch.ca](mailto:minister@uuch.ca)

We very much appreciate the help and support those in our community give to other UUCH members and friends.

**From the Caring Committee:**  
**Geoff, Shripad, Laura and Ben**

### Directory Update

*New email address:*

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Windsor, NS B0N 2T0  
[judithjohnson25@outlook.com](mailto:judithjohnson25@outlook.com)

## Dinners for Eight



Good news, we now have hosts to cover the fall season! Stay tuned for the details.

For now, there are still spaces for the Downton Abbey High Tea and Movie on Saturday, Sept 13th. Deadline to sign up is September 7th. Contact Marilyn.

And remember that in October we always have a potluck Thanksgiving dinner at the church on the Monday. The date this year is October 13th (mark your calendar). This is for the whole congregation – and feel free to bring a friend or two.

**Marilyn Shinyei**  
[marilyneshinyei@gmail.com](mailto:marilyneshinyei@gmail.com)



### UUCH Board of Directors June 2025 – May 2026

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**Marilyn and Faith, dirt busters at work!**

### **Are you potentially a UUCH member?**

A new member ceremony is planned for the Sunday, Sept 21st service.

If you would like to be a member, contact Ben by Sept 10th.

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### **Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for submissions for the October newsletter is

**midnight, Wednesday,  
September 24th.**

Please send your items to Etta at

[braeside@eastlink.ca](mailto:braeside@eastlink.ca)



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September 7th