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Sunday Services

October 3 Charles Leblanc - local activist and blogger will speak about his background and activities.

October 10 Josephine Savarese *The Tale of Bisclavret and the Cases of R. v. A. (2005) and R. v. B. (2008)*

October 17 The Reverend Kitsy Winthrop

October 24 Janice Ryan *Tides of Ministry* Janice will share again some stories of ministry; occasions where community, students, faculty, or staff have shaped her understanding of ministry.

October 31 Debi Skidmore *Samhein* Debi will speak to us about the Pagan New Year, in Celtic traditions called Samhein, celebrated at the end of October.

November 7 The Reverend Ray Drennan



Women's Pot Luck

The monthly women's pot luck dinner for October will be held October 22nd. We gather at 6 PM and eat at 6:30 PM. Further information about the location and discussion

topic will be made available in the Sunday bulletin and sent around the email circuit. For more information contact Joan Brewer 455-5169 or jebrewer@rogers.com



Note from Stephen Atkinson

From Stephen Atkinson, on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary, delivered on a hand painted card (perhaps painted by Stephen himself?):

Dear Friends,

I so enjoyed being with you on August 22nd, leading worship again. I hope your 50th Anniversary celebrations are rewarding spiritually and encouraging to your community.

Affectionately in faith,
Stephen Atkinson.



At the Anniversary Dinner



Note from Betty Gruffydd

From Betty Gruffydd, after having received an invitation to the 50th Anniversary banquet / gala dinner:

To the Board of Trustees and Fellow Unitarian Members:

Thank you so much for the invitation to your 50th Anniversary. I am sorry to decline your invitation, as I would love to attend and celebrate this awesome occasion with you. However, I hope to see you in October, when I'm in Fredericton for a two-week visit with my family. Things

are going well for me in Alberta, but I still miss the East coast, and Fredericton in particular.

I love your invitation and want to keep it. The photos on the invitation are superb—well done Janet and Genevieve!

I wish you all the very best as you celebrate your 50th Anniversary and look forward to seeing you in October.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!
Love,
Betty Gruffydd



Reformation Day

The 31st of October is the anniversary date of Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 Theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg in 1517, sparking the Reformation. Many Protestant Christians celebrate this event or Reformation Sunday, the Sunday before the 31st.



Martin Luther



Unitarian Anniversary Gala Exceeds Expectations

Eighty-nine members, former members and friends came together for the 50th anniversary gala dinner September 11, 2010. Ste Anne's Court played host to a full house of celebrants reminiscing about their times at the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton. "It was a like a high school reunion", said one, "It was a smashing event. Dinner was superb, musical entertainment delightful, and speeches short".

Another, from out of town, commented, "I thought it was fantastic. The meal was delicious". She continued: "The centre is very nice; the music was very enjoyable, especially the strings during dinner. We had a wonderful time reconnecting and catching up with 'old' friends and making new ones".

There were great comments over the memory book: "Betty and Allison did a wonderful production of the Memories booklet which we read out loud over coffee and tea on Sunday", said one, a writer herself.

The planning committee thanks everyone who contributed to this memorable event. We were especially pleased to see so many show up for the Sunday service the next day

to hear Rev. Charles Eddis' talk, "A Perspective of 65 Years".

The Committee is pleased to report that expenses for the event were within the budgeted guidelines given to us. In fact, we have a few Memory Books left over which are available at the Fellowship. Allison's Poppy Press did a wonderful job on these with very little notice. A freewill offering to cover her expenses would be much appreciated.

We had such a good time preparing for this celebration that we suggest the Fellowship consider holding a Gala reunion every fifth year. This event was a great bonding experience for all who participated.

As Chairman of the Committee, I thank everyone, especially those who wrote short stories for the Memory Book, who helped make this reunion such a success.

John van Abbema



Eastern Regional Fall Gathering

Embracing Change

The Eastern Region Fall Gathering is an opportunity to gather regionally to build and renew networks and friendships. The weekend also offers participants: a chance to learn more about other congregations and practical matters relating to congregational life, training, and personal spiritual enrichment opportunities.

This year's theme is Embracing Change. Workshops and activities that address issues related to change from a practical to a spiritual level including the support available to congregations engaged in change will be featured.

Activities for Children & Youth will also be featured.

This year will include a Youth Advisor Training and a Basic Lay Chaplaincy program (both involving some time commitment on Friday afternoon beyond the schedule of the basic Gathering).

Save the Date

November 5-7, 2010, Montréal



Congregational Services Programmer / East

I'm more than happy to introduce the new Congregational Service Programmer for Eastern Region. Kelly McDowell has joined our team and will work with you to ensure congregational supports and services which promote community vitality are available. She'll also focus on fostering connections between congregations.

You'll have a chance to meet Kelly at some upcoming regional events.

Linda Thomson
Director of Congregational Services

Kelly McDowell

Congregational Services Programmer - Eastern Region
(kelly@cuc.ca)

Kelly McDowell is a mother of two currently living in Peterborough, Ontario and worshipping with the Unitarian Fellowship of Peterborough. She received her B.A. degree and pursued graduate studies in Sociology at the University of Toronto. For over twenty years, she has been a peace activist and has worked as a counsellor and facilitator with homeless women and young offenders. In 2007 she opened an interdisciplinary healing arts centre to provide accessible holistic health alternatives to a diverse range of clients. Kelly is an avid practitioner of yoga and a passionate explorer and aspiring catalyst for personal and social change.

"I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to more directly contribute to Canadian Unitarian Universalism and to be of service to the Eastern congregations of the CUC. I am very excited to meet with you, develop a vision for this service and implement empowering programs and services that will strengthen our congregations."



Dussehra

The festival of Dussehra (also spelled Dasara or Vijaya Dasami) marks the triumph of Lord Rama over Demon king Ravana. On this day, Rama killed Ravana. Dussehra marks the end of the nine days of Navratri, and is celebrated on the tenth day.



This year, this will be on the 17th of October.

On this festival, people decorate the house and shop entrances with flower studded strings called "Torans" (Floral Gateways). At night effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakaran and Meghanad are stuffed with firecrackers and set alight.



Bon Voyage Party for George and Allison



CUC ACM 2010 Toronto, ON

Call for concurrent Session Proposals

Trust the Dawning Future
S'ouvrir au monde à venir

editor's note: Anyone interested in submitting a session proposal may contact me for the form. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2010.



October Holy Days

A sampling of Holy days and holidays celebrated in October in addition to the two featured dates, Reformation Day and the festival of Dussehra.

October 1, Simchat Torah (rejoicing of the Torah) begins at sundown on September 30. Is the date when the last section of Deuteronomy and the first section of Genesis are read in succession and marks the end/beginning of the annual cycle of reading the Torah.

October 11, Thanksgiving is the North American harvest festival celebrated earlier in Canada because our harvest is earlier.

October 20, the birth of the Báb. One of eleven Holy Days in the Bahá'í calendar. The Báb's mission was to prepare the way for Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í faith.

October 28, Battle of the Milvian Bridge Day. Celebrated by some Christians as the beginning of the Emperor Constantine's conversion to Christianity. Chroniclers recount that Constantine and his soldiers had a vision that God promised victory if they daubed the sign of the cross on their shields, they did and the rest is history.

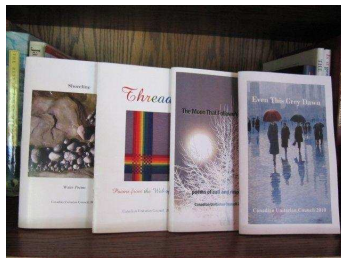
October 31 beginning at sundown, Samhein is the Celtic Pagan New Years. Tradition has it that the veil between this world and the next is thinnest on this day and communication with the departed is possible. The tradition has been adapted into the Christian calendar as All Saints' Day on November 1 and All Souls' Day on November 2, or celebrated by North American Hispanics as Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).



CUC Seeks Poetry for its Fifth Annual Chapbook

The Editorial board of the CUC Poetry Chapbook 2011 seeks submissions of poetry in English or French (maximum of five poems per submission, each poem 45 lines or less including title and blank lines), from Canadian Unitarian Universalists or UU residents of Canada, who are CUC congregational members, CUC members-at-large or self-identified Unitarians. The theme for this fifth annual chapbook is Trust the Dawning Future/S'Ouvrir au Monde a Venir, and will be launched at the 2011 ACM in Toronto (celebrating the CUC's 50th Anniversary).

The editors also seek submissions of artwork for the cover.



Please submit unpublished material to: CUC Chapbook Editors at keithwilkinson@telus.net or mail to Keith Wilkinson, #12-1820 Bayswater Street, Vancouver, BC V6k 4A4. If submitting by land mail include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please also include a 50 word bio.

Deadline for Submission is November 30, 2010

Acceptance or regret notification will be sent by March 21, 2011



Elm City Echoes at Anniversary Dinner

This space wants your material!