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October 6 *Christian Unitarianism* Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes.

Sunday Services

Editor's Note: Often the Sunday services are in a state of flux when the Touchstone goes to print. The web site is updated as things stabilize and should be consulted for the most up to date information.

September 1 *Summer Service.* The doors will be open and the chalice lit. A few words will be said, perhaps a hymn sung and, as always, Joys and Sorrows. Where we go from there... we will see.

September 8 *Fall Ingathering* Members of the board will host the fall in-gathering of the fellowship, as well as our "water service." If you travel this summer, or if you have a pond nearby, or just a tap you are fond of, bring some water to mix with that already collected and yet to be shared. Corn will be shared, as well as a pot-luck (hopefully picnic) lunch.

September 15 *Healthy Congregations* In July, Tony and Sheila attended the Healthy Congregations workshop facilitated by the Reverend Linda Thomson in Kitchener Ontario. Sheila and Tony will do their best to present in 15-20 minutes some of the ideas presented over two days of workshop which might be useful to our congregation in moving towards "health."

September 22 Sylvia Hale *Missing Aboriginal Women* September 21 is "Take Back the Night" and this topic deals with a group particularly at risk.

September 29 To be Announced.

Special General Meeting

There will be a special general meeting of the membership after the September 22nd service. Please make every effort to attend since a quorum is required and proxy ballots do not count towards a quorum.

The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the filling of vacant positions on the board. The board approved in June had only six people filling seven positions. The bylaws define a quorum for board meetings to be six board members. Since June, two resignations have left the board unable to reach a quorum and so unable to conduct business on behalf of the congregation. Normally, the board has the authority granted by the bylaws to fill vacant positions, however, without a quorum, that authority can not be exercised.

We have identified several people who are willing to give of their time and talents to solve this dilemma and will be making their names available when finalized but at least a week prior to the special meeting.

Women's Pot Luck

The next women's pot luck will be held Friday, September 27th. Diane Reid will host the gathering at her home, 134 Woodmere Dr., Upper Kingsclear. Those interested in being on the water are invited to come at 5:00 PM. We eat at 6:30 PM. Topic for discussion - What works of art-visual, musical, literary, dramatic-move you? Have any of them inspired you to teach, to speak out, or to create something new? For further information contact Joan Brewer at 455-5169 or jebrewer@rogers.com.

Casual dress, please. Warm jackets advised for those who enjoy a Fall Colours cruise on the Creek and RSVP 363-5994 or diane.reid@rogers.com.



Community Kitchen

I have agreed to coordinate the stuffing of 2,000 envelopes for the Fredericton Community Kitchen's annual mail out campaign. The Fredericton Community Kitchen receives no government funding, and this mail out of 50,000 letters is their major fund raiser. They have contacted local churches to help with this. I think it is an honour to be invited to help, and I see this as an opportunity to establish a presence in the community and more importantly, help us work together as a fellowship to help others. I believe a project like this is just what we need to help us rebuild our sense of community.

There will be a potluck after the service on Sunday, September 22nd followed by letter folding and envelope stuffing. I see this as a family event so children and youth are encouraged to get involved. Please let me know if you are able to participate!!

Thank you,
Heidi O'Donnell



Youth Group

I'm thrilled to share the good news that we are going to have a Youth Group at the Fellowship! This group will focus on Youth from 14 to 18, but we will also include Junior Youth (ages 12 to 14) and bridging Youth up to 20 years of age.

This is a chance for young people to get together, to plan and participate in activities of their choice, to travel as a group, to meet youth from other Maritime congregations, and to take part in some of the Youth Cons organized by the CUC and UUA. For instance, the 2014 CanUUdle (Youth program at the Annual Conference and Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council) will be held in Montreal during the long weekend in May. I'll be going with my family, and can be a Youth Advisor for others in the congregation.

I've set up a Facebook group for us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FrederictonUUYouth/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

The plan right now is to have monthly get-togethers following the service, but we'll organize times that are convenient to the members. We'll use these times for planning, talking, doing activities... and maybe eating pizza. I hope lots of our youth will be interested in attending. You're welcome to bring friends who are not involved in the Fellowship, as well, and it's fine to just attend when you can. It's all good.

Our first meeting of the fall will be held on September 8. Come for the service and the Corn Boil, and join us

upstairs in the board room at about 12:30.

We'll talk about what activities and trips we would like to plan, and also choose other meeting dates, at that time.

If you can't come on September 8 but are interested in getting involved, please join the Facebook group or contact me by email.

Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes
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Calling Poets

The editor of the The Canadian Unitarian is beginning to plan the fall issue. There may be a focus on environmental action and autumn. If you have poems about either of, or inspired by, these two topics please could you send to poetry@cuc.ca by September 15th. Send no more than 3 poems in the body of the email.

Thank you for your time and talent.

best
Janet Vickers



Brain Fitness in Older Adults

Grace Memorial Baptist Church at 120 Connaught St. at 12:00PM on the 1st day of October.

Each year the Third Age celebrates the International Day of The Older Person by holding a luncheon with a speaker on an interesting topic, awards, and door prizes etc. This year's presentation deals with brain fitness. All are welcome. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please make reservations before September 25th by calling the 3rd Age at 452-0526 or E-mail. 3rdage@stu.ca

Betty Ponder



ClimateFast

September 21 to October 2, 2013

Are you concerned about climate change? Would you like to see our leaders take strong action to stop promoting oil, coal, gas, and nuclear and start planning a transition to a renewable energy economy? Can you help make that happen?

Canadian Unitarians For Social Justice are working with ClimateFast 2013 to promote action on Climate change. We invite you to join us. Choose a fast that will help you concentrate your attention on needed action. Take this time to take action by writing letters to politicians

and media. Talk to your friends. Hold a Sunday Service or a pot luck event, discussion, or vigil. Reflect on what you can do to contribute to the solutions in your own life. Get more ideas at <http://cusj.org/actions/> or <http://www.climatefast.ca/>

Join us on Parliament Hill October 2nd, 7pm Eastern or hold your own vigil in solidarity with us wherever you are.

When we talked with politicians on parliament hill last year, they told us that there is no priority on this file because Canadians are not asking for it. Lets change that. Lets make transforming our economy a top priority on the public agenda by 2015.

In faith together,
Rev. Frances Deverell,
President,
Canadian Unitarians For Social Justice (CUSJ)

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