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Sunday Services

January 5 *Carolyn McDade* and "Spirit of Life" Heather Lunergan will speak. One of the best known "songs" within UUism is "Spirit of Life." I will explore the music and activism of author Carolyn McDade, who "describes herself simply as a woman of faith seeking with others to touch what matters."

January 12 *T.B.A.*

January 19 Lorna Drew

January 26 Bernie Riordon *The Beaverbrook Art Gallery*



January Board Meeting

Will be held following the service on January 12. Board meetings are open to all members of the Fellowship.



Congregational Budget Meeting

The annual budget meeting will be held following the January 26 service. The main purpose of this meeting is to establish a budget for 2014. Please make every effort to attend.



CUC Annual Conference and Meeting

The CUC ACM will be held in Montreal over the weekend of May 16 through 18. The theme for this year's conference is "Building Beloved CommUunities: Sacred Spaces Beyond the Walls." The UFF is entitled to send two voting delegates to the ACM on May 16. Please speak to George DeMille if you are interested in being a delegate.

More information is available from the the ACM web site. For your convenience, a link to the ACM web site may be found in the item about the CUC Annual Conference and Meeting on the UFF Timely News web page.



Children's RE Positions to Fill

Dear members and friends of the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton,

On behalf of the Religious Education Committee, I'm writing to ask for your assistance with the immediate recruitment of a facilitator for Children's RE. Our current facilitator, Michelle Walker, has recently resigned her position due to the demands of her course of study at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design. We are looking for someone to replace Michelle as of this month, requesting that applications be submitted by January 24, 2014.

Currently, there are several children spanning a fairly wide age range attending during services on Sunday; in order to meet the needs of this lively group, and the demands of our safe congregation policies, we also require an Assistant Facilitator.

Following are a job description of each of these two positions: RE Facilitator, and RE Assistant Facilitator. If you know someone who may be interested, please have her/him contact Darcie Dunbar, chair, and Sylvia Hale, secretary: halemill@stu.ca / 457-1146. Before beginning the interview process, we will need from the applicant, a resume, a couple of references, and, should they be 18 years or older, a willingness to undergo a police check. We appreciate your support in sending our way, anybody you feel might be appropriate for either of these two positions.

Job Description for Children’s Religious Education Facilitator:

The Religious Education Facilitator:

- Should be familiar with Unitarian Universalism.
- Prepares and teaches lessons on Sundays according to the curriculum chosen by the Religious Education Committee.
- Cares, nurtures, and supervises a class of approximately 3 to 8 children, supported by the RE facilitator assistant.
- Participates in RE planning and special events such as apple picking, Christmas party, picnics, etc.
- Commits to a minimum of 1 hour of preparation for the class; 2 hours at the fellowship on Sundays with the children, monthly RE committee meetings, and occasional special events.
- Reports to RE committee monthly and may engage with parents on lesson plan updates in person or via eMail.
- Receives an honorarium of \$50 per Sunday for the service.

Job Description for Children’s Religious Education Assistant Facilitator:

The Religious Education Assistant Facilitator:

- Should be familiar with Unitarian Universalism.
- Works with the Facilitator in order to become familiar with preparing lessons and delivering parts thereof in support of the Facilitator.
- Supports the care and nurturing of the children in the class; helps with secondary items, such as taking a child to the bathroom while the lesson is going on.
- Is prepared to give a lesson should the Facilitator be unable to attend a class.

- Commits to 2 hours at the fellowship on Sundays with the children, and occasional special events, such as apple picking, Christmas party, picnics, etc.
- Receives an honorarium of \$20 per Sunday for the service.

Suitable candidates should have experience working with children and be able to commit to the end of June 2014. Teaching and/or leadership experience or related coursework are assets, especially for the Facilitator position. First aid/CPR training and completion of a babysitting course are assets. A criminal records check is required for those over the age of 18. The RE committee is interested in qualified individuals who understand and support our seven principles, in particular, number four: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

To ensure mutual suitability, there will be a two-month mutual evaluation period during which feedback from facilitators, children, parents, and RE committee members will be considered.

If you are interested in the position, please send your cover letter and resume with references to halemill@stu.ca, or to Darcie Dunbar, c/o The Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton, 874 York Street, Fredericton, NB, E3B 3R8. We thank all applicants for their interest. Those chosen for interview will be contacted.

Darcie Dunbar
 Chair of RE committee
 Sylvia Hale
 Secretary of RE committee



Joy Belyea

E. Joy Belyea died in Fredericton on December 26, 2013, at age 84. She was predeceased by her husband, Kevin G. Belyea, and her parents, Suzie (Bell) Carruthers, and Colonel Walter J Carruthers Sr. She is survived by her children, Susan E. Belyea, Andrew A. C. Belyea (Gisele), and Penny J. Belyea (George), grandchildren Amanda Morrison, Jared Morrison, Danielle J. G. Belyea, Kevin A. C. Belyea. A celebration of life will follow in the spring. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Salvation Army or to the donor’s charity of choice.





A Happy Ending to the Year

Seven weeks ago, on Tuesday, November 12, I “lost” my wallet somewhere between Sobeys and home – almost an impossible task but I did it.

Last evening, a taxi driver brought my wallet back to me – with everything, even the cash, intact!

What appears to have happened is that when I stopped at Sobeys, that is, while the driver waited for me, I took my air miles card and cash into the store to grab a barbecued chicken. I left my purse in the taxi (yes, I trust taxi drivers since I have known many of them for years). The problem of the missing wallet became really strange, since when I discovered it was missing, I did not have my air miles card in my pocket with the change from my chicken. And when the store manager and I reviewed the tape, my wallet did not appear to be on the checkout counter. Obviously, no one tried to use my cards or took the cash from my wallet – so it was not stolen. On the other hand, I didn’t have it, and no driver at the taxi company found it before the car was being cleaned for the next shift.

What actually happened is this: when I got back in the taxi, apparently, I put my card back in my wallet but kept out the change from a \$20 bill to pay the cab fare. Somehow, rather than getting back into my purse, my wallet must have fallen on the floor of the cab. The cabbie (who came after his shift was over on NYE to bring me back the wallet) said he had found it in the glove box of the cab. He found it by accident while looking for the owners’ manual of the car. The manual and the wallet are both black, so it was not obvious which was what.

It appears that someone (perhaps a cleaner or mechanic) found the wallet and put it in the glove box, where it stayed for 7 weeks.

What a great end to the year. Now, what to do with two of everything, lol.

Hope your new year is a good one.

In fellowship
Heather Lunergan



Countenance

ever so often she comes
a song
A rupture with pretention,
she walks out of the heart,
its fold of hills,
its damp persistent marshes,
its long perfect curve
It is her countenance that names her,
her lack of detour
from fields of fear and danger
In a fastened world
she comes not clinging
In all the rush to understand
she is patient with meanings
In the clamor for hope
she says but one thing
This life, in all
its ache and beauty,
is worthy, my friend, of living

Carolyn McDade
from *Through the Moons of Autumn*
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Journey to Jerusalem

Take a Mindful Journey with UUs to Jerusalem to experience a city that captivates the imagination of billions of people, and is home to a mosaic of cultures and beliefs. We’ll also go to Jordan and restore our bodies and souls at the Dead Sea, and walk through the awesome pathways of Petra. Join Rev. Wayne Walder in October/November, 2014. Email beverlz@me.com

Beverly Carr
Neighbourhood UU Congregation in Toronto



Thoughts for the New Year

The columnist Jeanne Phillips in her New Year's "Dear Abbey" column used an item received from a reader from New Delhi, India, I.J. Bhatia, who suggested that rather than resolutions, consider only some guidelines.

The Holy Vedas say: "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature."

The prayer of St. Francis (of which there are several versions) contains a powerful message. *Editorial note, since there are many versions, I have taken the liberty of modifying this to speak to me.*

May I have the discipline and fortitude to be an
instrument of peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is blind faith, healthy skepticism;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal peace.

May this new year bring with it good health, peace and joy to all of you.

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