



LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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JUNE 2016

June 5th, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.

FROM HORROR TO HAPPINESS
Alusine Bah

Alusine is a child soldier survivor from Sierra Leone, whose compelling life story was outlined in our March 2016 LUUC newsletter. Alusine will talk about his journey to Canada and his new life with his wife Aminata here in Montreal. The essence of his presentation is on hope and gratitude; what it really means to not lose hope despite many difficulties and struggles.

Service Leader: Sheila Lausen
Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz

Hospitality: Heather Falconer
Dan Amstutz

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER

June 12th, 2016 – 10:30 am LAKESHORE - A GREAT CONGREGATION
Rev. Fred Cappuccino

Rev. Fred says – “Here is a blurb, which will stand - unless the Holy Spirit tells me to speak on something different.”

The Rev. Fred Cappuccino, JBS, will remind us a little about the great history of this Congregation and will set out some mandates for our future as a congregation.

Service Leader: Dan Amstutz
Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz

Hospitality: Margot Barclay
Paul Sullivan

June 19th, 2016 – 10:30 am.

OUR CHILDREN

This is a must-attend service - the last of the year. Our talented children are putting together the Father’s Day service for us today.

Service Leader: Erin Berry
Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz

Hospitality: Nathalie Hainaut and Co

Please stay after the service to enjoy our end of year catered picnic – Mexican style! If you have any Mexican decorations – please let us know.

As this is for Father’s Day – the Ladies will be helping. Ladies only – please donate to the free–will ‘cover-the-cost’ box.

ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Change is in the air..... If I had had the time over the past two years, I think I would have enjoyed being the President of LUUC. It is a great feeling to put one's ideas into practice – and have some of them work out. I am aware that some members weren't happy with the change in leadership and did not have faith that things would work out well for LUUC or that the Board could accomplish much. All this was very challenging, as the last thing I wanted to do was send LUUC into a downward spiral.

I did believe that there were loads of Unitarians out there in the community and it was just a question of getting them inside the door – and thus fill our pews - and we have so many pews to fill! I further believed that LUUC should be able to pay for itself and not go into deficit every year. I worked on those two premises.

We did manage to pay our own way this year – with a generous surplus. Our average attendance over the past two years was up and our membership is now 51 members (from 33) - a 54% increase. We are getting there!

Of course I didn't do this alone – absolutely not - I had the help of many talented and hard-working Board people: ***Peg, Sari, Catherine, Susan, Margot, Monica, Irene and Rob*** - (not necessarily in that order) - to whom I am so grateful.

Unfortunately, I never got around to implementing several new programs: a monthly discussion group; a social evening of some sort, i.e. soup and cine and a youth group. There was never time to arrange them. As we have more people now, perhaps these ideas can come to fruition.

There are still Unitarians out there and the new Board has already indicated that they will continue to work on growth. All we have to do is get them through the doors.

I recently read a funny book called – “*The Woman Who Went to Bed for a Year*” – I think I'll do just that! Thank you all. With sincere gratitude to all those who believed in me.

Heather

Fini – the end – amen

LUUC'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday June 23rd, 2016 at LUUC, 5065 Sherbrooke, Lachine

Please find time to attend our AGM at **7:30pm** – to welcome in our new Board and question the out-going Board. When all business is finished, we will enjoy our traditional strawberry shortcake tea.

- *Outgoing Board*

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Sunday Services planning committee would like your feedback on the services you have attended at LUUC this year. A box to collect replies will be in the Greeting area each Sunday in June (5, 12 and 19th). Your comments and suggestions will help us with planning for the coming year.

1. What have you appreciated about our LUUC Sunday Services?
2. How could we improve our Sunday Services?
3. Do you have any suggestions for future Sunday Services (such as topics, speakers, or changes we could make)?

Thanks for your input!

- *Sunday Service Committee*

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BIRTHDAYS in JUNE

Let's give a big, big cheer on June 1st to celebrate the birthday of **Peg Wooley** – an original member – still serving on the Board, and this year she led the SE program. They don't make 'em like that any more! **Happy Birthday Peg!**

Hi there **Christopher Thomson** – Happy Birthday on June 10th – I do hope you had a wonderful time on Holiday – Europe in the springtime is divine.

We are so pleased that **Gabriel Shaar** has agreed to become a member of LUUC. We love to see his smiling face. Happy Birthday Gabriel on June 11th.

As the old song goes – “*Will she no come back again.....?*” You are always welcome. Happy Birthday **Monica Warren** on June 18th.

AND CARING

Sad to hear that **Allan Strong** is in hospital – he was very sleepy when **Sheila Laursen** and **Jose van Amerongen** visited – so they didn't stay too long. He's in the Lakeshore and would like to receive visitors.

One of our winners this month was **Kerry- Anne Kutz**. Everyone was so happy that she won the Mother's Day Raffle – a basket full of enticing girly-type things. Another winner was the **Native Woman's Shelter** – they won the paper products draw.

And we were all winners when **Cormac Lutes** sang a Happy Mothers' Day song to us all and to his own lovely Mum in particular. Thank you Cormac. And thanks to his Dad **Rob Lutes** for arranging the rest of the entertainment. Rob is away in Europe at present on tour.

Both **Jean Merrifield** and **Peter Abbott** are a bit under the weather – hope you both are feeling better and will soon be back to your normal cheerful selves.

Dora McNiven is still in hospital being assessed and taking physio. We miss you Dora – and hope you will be home soon. **- ed**

IT'S LUUC B. B. Q TIME

We have 3 BBQs lined up for you this summer – Come meet your friends – and enjoy a happy summer evening together. As usual bring food – enough to eat yourself and some to share. The hostess supplies the coffee and juice, plates, cutlery, serviettes and **BBQ**. It's advisable to bring your own garden chair.

July 9th – Jean Merrifield will host at her friend Barbara's house. Bring your bikinis everyone – there's a pool:

274 Castle,
Beaconsfield,
514-630-1499

July 23rd - at Nathalie Hainaut's house:

2130 Thorncliffe
St. Lazare, Qc. J7T 2G9
450-218-1881

August 9th – at Susan Czarnocki's house:

30, 52nd avenue,
Lachine, Qc. H8T 2W9
514-773-1117

A couple of days before hand – phone the hostess and let her know that you are coming.

EMPTY BOWLS FUND RAISER FOR HUNGER 2016

Saturday, June 11 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Villa Beaurepaire 23 Fieldfare Ave Beaconsfield (wheelchair accessible)

Tickets: \$25 - sold at the door for a hand-made ceramic bowl donated by a Quebec potter and one serving of soup and bread. Children \$5 (under age 12, meal only) Families: \$50. Beneficiary: 30 Syrian Refugee Children to spend time in the Summer Camp Cosmos sponsored by the Montreal City Mission.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Dorval Municipal Golf Course 2016

Gary Spiller has just told me that the City of Dorval is *suing* the federal Government over the cutting down of up to 1000 trees at the Dorval Municipal Golf Course!

Gary has been in contact with Don Hobus, whom we met at the April 13th demonstration protesting the cutting down of the trees. Don has been instrumental in the fight to save the Dorval Green Space.

The SAC believes that it would be a good cause to fight the use of a pesticide called neonicotinoids. Since Don Hobus also keeps bees, Gary sent him an article on this pesticide. One company that makes it is Bayer and it comes in a bottle (hypocritically) called "Merit".

"Neonicotinoids have contributed to a 30-40% reduction in small insect-eating, migratory birds during the past decade which is a major reason to call for long term protection of the green space in Dorval under the Migratory Birds protection act of 1994 since swallows, flycatchers and other migratory birds have been observed to nest there".

Here is information for your reference:

<http://sparrowworks.ca/wildlifing/downloads/a-guide-to-birding-on-the-west-island/>

Last week Don and Gary delivered the petitions that LUUC signed to Ottawa. I will let you know when they are read in Parliament. It was received by Francis Scarpaleggia's office. We hope he will read it in Parliament.

We are organizing a postcard campaign to get the PM's attention with before and after pictures. There are still 200 large trees left and 100 gone!

- Sari Kelen, SAC Chair

ISABELLA GAVANSKI: A UU-UNO YOUTH ENVOY FOR LUUC?

The UN-UNO Envoy Program has been developed to encourage UU congregations to follow UN issues and to promote awareness in their local areas of UN activities. For many years, Lakeshore UU designated a UU-UNO envoy, but it has not named one for quite a few years. Congregations are also encouraged to name Youth UN envoys.

Isabella Gavanski learned about the Youth Envoy program when she attended the UU-UNO Inter-generational Spring Seminar this April. She attended the Youth Envoy breakfast which provided a description of the purpose and possible activities of a Youth Envoy. She is enthusiastic about taking on this role for LUUC. The next step would be for LUUC to pass a motion at a Congregational Meeting naming Isabella to this role. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June 23rd, and such a motion could be included on the agenda for that meeting by the outgoing Board.

The passage of such a motion should be seen as a willingness of the part of the membership to devote some time, energy and resources to gaining greater familiarity with the work of the UU-UNO at the UN, hopefully leading to a greater willingness to support that work. Otherwise Isabella's enthusiasm to serve would really be for naught.

If you would like to encourage the inclusion of such an agenda item, naming Isabella as our Youth Envoy, register your opinion with any member of the Board.

- Susan Czarnocki

FIRES IN FORT MC.

On May 8th, the Sunday Plate was donated to the Red Cross for the Albertans caught in the dreadful fires in Fort McMurray. I recently sent a cheque to the Red Cross for \$175.00.

- Heather, President

NEW BOARD FOR THE 2016/2017 CHURCH YEAR

On May 1st LUUC members elected a new Board for the coming year:

Irene Hausknost – President
Paul Sullivan – Vice President
Christopher Thomson – Treasurer (appointed)
Susan Czarnocki – Board Secretary
Sari Kelen – Director A
Rob Lutes – Director B.

We wish them all good luck and a successful LUUC year

WHERE DID THE ICE CREAM SUNDAE GET IT'S NAME

Various sites claim to be the birthplace of this treat. But one of the most popular stories said it was created in Ithaca, New York.

On a hot sunny afternoon in 1892 the pastor of the local **Unitarian Church** went to a parishioner's drugstore after services to discuss his sermon. The parishioner got two dishes of ice cream, plopped a cheery on top of each and then, on a whim poured cherry syrup on the ice cream.

The pastor suggested, 'Cherry Sunday'- a gesture towards the Lord's Day –

From then on, the soda fountain at the drugstore featured 'Cherry Sundays'.

The new discovery quickly caught on – and began to spread – and the flavours changed as did the spelling it its name.

- Submitted by Jean Merrifield

READ ALL ABOUT IT - THIEF ON THE LOOSE

VANCOUVER -- A notorious character with prior run-ins with Vancouver Police briefly snatched a knife from a crime scene, but the cops aren't recommending charges.

That's because the knife thief is believed to be Canuck the Crow, an infamous bird with a dedicated social media following and more than 12,000 Facebook fans.

The incident unfolded after police shot and wounded a man in East Vancouver on Tuesday, prompting media including Vancouver Courier reporter Mike Howell to race to the scene.

Howell says he saw a crow swoop into an area taped off by police and pick up something, and then he watched an officer chase the bird for several metres before it dropped the object.

He says the crow had a red tag on its leg, as does Canuck, and Vancouver Const. Brian Montague confirms it's not the first time the department has encountered the feathered foe.

Montague says an officer took a photo of the crow when it flew into a police cruiser and stole a button from the keyboard of an on-board computer.

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IT'S JUST A SUGGESTION.....

As we have several new members joining the congregation, I propose that no woman over 80 should have to work in the kitchen on refreshments any more. Our octogenarians, many of whom have put in 30, 40 and even 50 years' service, deserve the luxury of just relaxing and enjoying their after-the-service coffee. All those in favour.....

- ed

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

A big thank you to all the men of LUUC who cooked and served us such a wonderful brunch on Mother's Day. We felt so pampered. Thanks to **James Sisley**, who co-ordinated the brunch, **Rob Lutes**, who entertained us and also to **Cormac** – who sang us a happy Mother's Day Song. We all appreciated your efforts men!

The Ladies of LUUC

Mary writes:

It was such a pleasure to see Wendy and Richard Buchanan again. Wendy told the children's story and presented a slide show. The family choir entertained us. Kerry-Anne sang 'True Love' during the offering and some of us sang along. Afterwards, we were treated to a delicious luncheon, presented by the men and the men's choir sang to us. **Cormac** and **Rob Lutes** sang a song for the mothers. It was great to see **Kerry-Anne's** daughter, **Andrea**, there and her son, **Simon**.

~ Mary Hunter

NEW MEMBERS

We have a plethora of new members joining this year – to be welcomed during the Sunday Service on May 29th.

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| Karine Deschamps | Erin Berry | Karli Warren |
| Selina Rooker-Sanchez | Michael Rooker | Gabriel Shaar |
| Tim Byrnes | Gaétane Parent | Olivia Gavanski |
| Annelise Ogle | Huntly McNiven | Talia Rooker-Sanchez |
| Jose van Amerongen | Samantha Lustig | |

We are thrilled that the youth group want to join as junior members – and our little LUUC will be so enriched with these multi-talented newcomers.

- Heather Falconer, President

BELIEVE IN GOOD

The Mission Statement of **New Unity** Unitarian, Upper Street, Newington Green, Islington, London, England – a church built in the 1700s, is:

“Believe in Good: We are a radically inclusive community of diverse minds and hearts. Our study is rooted in the Enlightenment Spirit of dissent, activism and equality.”

The Mission Statement of the **Unitarian Church of Hamilton** is:

“To nurture each other, serve the community and inspire action that heals the world.”

LUUC’s Mission Statement goes:

“Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Congregation is committed to maintaining a liberal, inquiring religious community in the West Island.

We strive to provide an atmosphere of mutual acceptance, openness and friendship, which encourages individuals of all ages to explore and develop intellectually, ethically and spiritually together.

We affirm our respect for others, which empowers us to act on our beliefs to improve our community and work towards social justice.”

I find our Statement just a tad too wordy. Is there any interest in re-writing and updating our Mission Statement?

Heather Falconer, editor

A LETTER FROM CHARLES AND NANCY

Last Sunday April 24th was a most memorable day for Charles and Nancy Eddis.

Kerry-Anne provided her usual expertise at the piano and the choir delighted us with their singing. Michael's trumpeting of Armstrong's *Wonderful World* was thoroughly enjoyed.

Heather's entertaining tales of weddings conducted then and now and the different numbers of acts of civil status performed was interesting.

Paul's tribute to Charles was much appreciated. It must have taken much time to plough through past sermons and create such a presentation, challenged I believe by computer problems.

The flowers you gave us still brighten our rooms.

Then there was the feast provided with such a variety of offerings including delicious trifle WOW! It was fun too to look at all the photos from church days past.

Many thanks to all who participated in making this such a joyful day.

Charles and Nancy Eddis

Mary writes...

It was such a pleasure to see Charles and Nancy Eddis this morning. Charles quoted from the Grapes of Wrath. We were also entertained by the family choir followed by a delicious potluck luncheon. Charles walks with a walker now, but is sharp as a tack. Nancy entertained us with the children's story. I was present at the sod turning when the church on Cedar Avenue was expanded: I must have been about four years old at the time.

~ Mary

THE MILLENNIALS

By almost unanimous consent the service by Judy Nagy on May 15th, *Compassion and Millennials*, was a huge hit. Judy, a lecturer at the Molson School of Business, agreed that yes, Millennials do appear to be self centred and uncommunicative, stuck in their phones so much of the time – but went on to point out that this is only part of the truth.

By being self centred - and looking after themselves, the Millennials care how their food is grown and about the air they breath. Uncommunicative? Not really. In fact they have a huge network of friends and acquaintances through social media. They are very concerned about poverty and those who live in substandard conditions – and are willing to volunteer. Judy showed us pictures that her students had drawn depicting their future dreams – and most involved working to improve life for others.

I have a better understanding of my Millennial Granddaughters now. Judy said one more thing that really struck a chord. She said that these Millennials are the best-educated generation of all time – and that for the first time in history, the younger generation can teach their elders – oh dear – what a scary thought!

- ed

JUDY WROTE US A LETTER

Hi Sari and Heather,

Thank you ladies and to all the church members for such a wonderful morning. So many great comments and new friends. I really enjoy coming to your services and hope to do more visits in the future!

Thanks also for the card and cheque. How nice, though payment is of course not necessary. I will fold it into a charity... I will look for something related to Millennials (maybe a student support fund).

Hugs to all,
Judy

SYRIAN REFUGEE UPDATE

Raising Funds:

The recent LUUC Benefit Concert for our Summerlea Refugee Support Coalition was a wonderful musical event, and a financial success. While we had hoped more people would attend, everyone who did enjoyed the music, the welcoming ambience, and the refreshments, and contributed \$745 to the Coalition's refugee support fund.

Special thanks to Rob Lutes and Kerry-Anne Kutz, who shared their amazing talents and voices as performers, and to members of the Lakeshore Community Choir for offering their presence and songs for the cause. Thanks also to Mark Cartile, who created the beautiful poster for the concert, to Susan Czarnocki, who coordinated logistics, to volunteers Wendy & Richard Buchanan, Paul Sullivan & Susan Hawker, Sari Kelen, Heather Falconer, and Christopher Thomson, for helping LUUC host this event, and to everyone who attended!

With gratitude,

Making Connections:

The West Island Refugee Network recently learned about **Camp Cosmos**, a special summer daycamp that will be offered in Dollard-des-Ormeaux this summer for the first time. Lisa Byer de Wever, a student United Church minister serving part time at Kahnawake and at the Montreal City Mission, described how a multi-faith team from churches, synagogues, temples and mosques are making this special camp happen.

The six week West Island camp is for children from 7-12 years of age who have been in Montreal less than 6 months, many of whom are refugees. Its aim is to help those children re-learn how to play and interact with others of various cultures. Offered at two sites; Ste Genevieve United Church and the Mosque near Riverdale High School, the program includes sports, gardening, swimming, culture, farm visits and other excursions. Refugee children will be able to attend for only \$40 per week, thanks to donations by churches and individuals. For more information, or to contribute to this wonderful camp, please go to:

<http://www.montrealcitymission.org/en/programs/youth/camp-cosmos>

- Sheila Laursen

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