



LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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NOVEMBER 2016

NOVEMBER 6th - 10:30 am.

HOW DOES CHANGE HAPPEN?

Rev. Frances Deverell

In *Turning Point*, Frederic Muir tells us that Unitarian Universalism has to let go of its bad practices, and focus on building a culture of generosity, pluralism, and imagination if we are to reverse our decline and thrive again. In the *End of Protest*, Micah White explores how societal change happens and what we need to do to address big issues like climate change. In *EcoMind*, Frances Moore Lappé sees privately controlled government and a huge democratic deficit as the root of our problems. How do you believe change happens? What do UU's have to contribute? What role does *love* play?

Service Leader: Irene Hausknost

Hospitality: Christopher Thomson

Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz

Gary Spiller

POT LUCK LUNCH AND WORKSHOP TO FOLLOW

Please contribute to the lunch in your usual generous fashion

Pot Luck Crew: Chris Bassett, Kathy & Gabor Matyas, Timothy Byrnes and Gaetane Parent

NOVEMBER 13th – 10:30 am.

AFTER THE WAR WITH HANNELORE

G. Scott MacLeod

Film: Born in Berlin in 1945, Hannelore Scheiber grew to adulthood on the very front lines of the Cold War. From her family's struggle to survive, through the Russian blockade, the Berlin airlift, the partitioned city and the construction of the Berlin Wall, Hannelore gives her testimony to the events that shaped her world and indeed the world at large. Good news! - In addition to the film, Hannelore is hoping to attend.

Service Leader: Rob Lutes

Hospitality: Sara and Bob McDonald

Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz

NOVEMBER 20th – 10:30 am.

THE SIMONE de BEAUVOIR INSTITUTE: 40 YEARS OF FEMINIST INQUIRY AND ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Kimberley Manning

The Simone de Beauvoir Institute (SdBI) will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2018. As the oldest Women's College in Canada, the SdBI has been actively addressing gender and racial injustice since the late 1970s. In this talk, Kimberley Manning, Principal of the SdBI, will discuss some of the defining contributions the Institute has made to advancing social justice in Québec and the rest of Canada.

Service Leader: Christopher Thomson

Hospitality: Kathy Matyas

Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz

Gabor Matyas

NOVEMBER 27th – 10:30 am.

LANGUAGE, COMMUNITY AND LGBTQ PEOPLE

Samantha Lustig

The search for a sense of community and belonging is one of the main reasons we come together as Unitarian Universalists. The desire to "be in community" is an essential part of what makes us human, and language is the primary tool we use to build that sense of community. In support of our effort to continue to grow as an affirming congregation, Samantha will talk to us about how we can use language to clearly convey our acceptance and respect for all LGBTQ people.

Service Leader: Tim Byrnes

Hospitality: Jose van Amerongen

Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz

James Sisley

We will hold a Congregational Meeting immediately after the service to elect Chaplains Kerry-Anne Kutz and Paul Sullivan for the 2017 year

CHRISTMAS CAKE

Homemade Fruitcake with no fuss or muss!

This holiday season, you can serve homemade fruitcake (dark or light) to your family and friends – without having to spend hours making it yourself! **Sheila Laursen** and her “LUUC elves” will shop, chop, mix, blend and bake delicious cakes “to order” for your enjoyment, or to give as gifts!

All profits go to our LUUC fundraising efforts.

Prices: 1 lb - \$13.00 2 lb - \$22.00 3 lb - \$30.00

Please contact Sheila Laursen (514-697-4195 or sheila.laursen@bell.net) before November 9th to place your order for light or dark fruitcake in the size you prefer.

- Sheila Laursen

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group has resumed and is busy planning many Christmas events and, oh yes, maybe a bit of knitting here and there.

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Our Mini Christmas Bazaar this year will mainly be a food event, held on **DECEMBER 4TH** after Rev. Fred Cappuccino's service. This is a good chance to stock up on holiday baking. Everything will be home-made by the Ladies of the Church.

CHRISTMAS BASKET – Once again we will collect cash for a Christmas Basket and count on your generosity for this annual project. Contact **Peg Wooley** at 514-630-1512

MITTEN TREE – we already have a good start for the Tree - and ask that you kindly contribute scarves, mittens and toques for this event. These items will be donated to the Maple Grove School next door to LUUC – contact **Peg**.

DORA'S KNITTING - Perhaps you saw the large display of **Dora McNiven's** knitting last Sunday? We knitters discussed this at length – and will make most of those colourful strips of knitting into blankets and donate them to Chez Doris. Our imaginative **Jose van Amerongen** has several other ideas – which we will discuss at our next meeting.

SCARVES FOR THE CHOIR – We had a request from our choir director **Kerry-Anne Kutz** to knit red scarves for the choir members for use when singing outside. This is something we will be pleased to do – but will probably need a bit of extra help. If anyone out there can knit – can you help us?

- Heather Falconer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! What a weekend! I'm writing this report after a pretty exciting (and if I may say, triumphant!) weekend for LUUC. The Eastern Regional Gathering was a resounding success, and all our best laid plans went off without a hitch! I won't go into any description here about the Gathering, as more info will follow later in the newsletter. However, it would be very remiss of me to not express my gratitude to everyone who contributed in some way to the success of the event; from organizing the logistics and home hospitality, to baked goods and hands-on help... The success was truly the result of a concerted team effort and I couldn't be prouder of our congregation and what we achieved! Even the CUC was impressed with what we managed to pull together. High praise indeed!

October has been punctuated by another milestone event. On the second of the month, we celebrated the 100th birthday of our dear **Jean Merrifield!** We had a wonderful service, followed by some great food... and cake! Three cheers for Jean!

Looking ahead, there are a couple of activities to look forward to over the next month: a coffeehouse fundraiser by **Kerry-Anne** and her students on October 29 to raise funds for Suitcases for Africa and LUUC. (see page 15)

Also, on November 6th, Rev. Frances Deverell will be hosting another Service Leader workshop. If anyone is interested in becoming a service leader, or would like to hone their skills more, please contact **Christopher Thomson** for more info....

And in anticipation of the approaching holiday season (gasp! already?!), the choir is gearing up to perform in Pointe-Claire on November 26th for the tree lighting ceremony in the village. Mark your calendars and come support the choir in this fun activity!

- Irene

FUND RAISING CHAIR URGENTLY NEEDED

The Board is in urgent need of an imaginative and energetic person to head the Fund Raising Committee. Contact **Irene** for more information at 514-949-3333.

FOUR SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF LUUC

We had four large and significant events in early October - the Celebration of Life for **Dora McNiven**; the 100th Birthday celebration for **Jean Merrifield** (see page 8 and 9); the successful and colourful dinner for **Child Haven** (page 13) and the Fall Gathering Conference. (page 7) All events were well attended – with LUUCers coming out in droves.

Celebration of Life for Dora McNiven: Three of Dora’s children spoke affectionately and with humour of their Mother, while **Huntly** chose to read a rather lovely poem. They told us of her many achievements and successes in her long life, and even those of us who had known Dora for a long time were surprised with some of her accomplishments.

We heard that Dora was a child of privilege, about her love of the English language, the chinchilla escapade, her blanket knitting and also that she had taken up painting in the 1950s. A copy of one of her oil paintings was on the back of the memorial program. It was a picture of children playing in the snow – but what intrigued me most was that one of the figures depicted was a woman wearing a fur coat. Now there’s an historical detail for you. Who dares to wear a fur coat these days?

Dora had her own jam-making business called *Wild Thyme* and pickers gathered fruit from the land around her cottage in the Laurentians. The jam was always beautifully packaged, with cloth tops and unique sized jars. I believe she had a deal with the Queen Elizabeth Hotel where her jams were on their breakfast tables - she also sold her products at various craft shows all over Eastern Canada. The whole enterprise intrigued me and one day, I was invited to Dora’s kitchen when the jam-making was in progress. A huge gleaming stainless steel pot was on the stove - bubbling away – soon to be delicious wild blackberry jam.

To the end she did ‘*not go gently into that good night.*’ I admired her sheer will power and determination to get to Church every Sunday – come rain, snow or shine – despite the very obvious difficulty for her. I shall long remember and am in awe of her ‘never-give-up’ attitude.

The memorial service for Dora was both dignified and respectful, and in the good hands of chaplain **Paul Sullivan** and **Rev. Heather Fraser-Fawcett** with **Kerry-Anne Kutz** providing the lovely music.

Heather Falconer, editor

6TH NOVEMBER SERVICE LEADING WORKSHOP – “TRANSFORMING WORSHIP”

To continue reflecting on how to deepen the spiritual experience within our services, Rev. **Frances Deverell** is returning to hold a workshop **after the potluck on 6 November 2016**. While there will be some recap of techniques, her description promises new directions too:

"The last workshop we focused on the technical details of embedding more spirituality into our worship services. This time I'm going to explore the very different approach of our millennial leaders who are trying to move beyond the hymn sandwich at 10:30 on Sunday morning to deeper, more personally meaningful and more deeply connected community experiences. We will reflect on:

- What makes experiences spiritual for you?
- How do you get more deeply connected—to yourself? To other beings who share your vision? To all living beings? To the source of being, the transcendent? To the past and the future?
- How do you find your centre? A sense of wholeness? The courage to wake up and be fully present and aware?
- Can Music or Art be a transforming force if we allow ourselves to be creative?
- Active participation and personal reflection and sharing as opportunities for deeper connection.
- The possibilities of ritual to enhance our worship experience.

How can we bring these types of experiences into our Sunday morning worship? How else can we increase these type of experiences in our beloved community?"

-Christopher Thomson

GARAGE SALE

Early in September, LUUC held a garage sale at **Susan Czarnocki's** home. Many people helped with this endeavour – and we enjoyed ourselves – it was a pleasant day working there in Lachine by the river. Susan says we raised **\$264.25**. Thank you Susan for hosting this event.

THE CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL (CUC) COMES TO LAKESHORE

During the weekend of 21-23 October, LUUC hosted visitors from our denomination, both staff from Toronto and members of Fredericton, Estrie, UCM and Toronto and Ottawa churches, in a program of workshops and plenary sessions largely held in the Beaconsfield United Church, rented for the occasion. Ten youth from LUUC, UCM and Ottawa had a sleepover Friday night at LUUC, then joined the adult program at Beaconsfield on Saturday. Rev. Linda Thomson, in charge of Congregational Development for Eastern and Central Canada, led the program and also delivered the Sunday Service 23 October on the theme of *Finding Our Way*. All in all, 48 people participated in the official program Saturday, 14 of them from LUUC. All the Board members were present in one capacity or another and all of us have taken away new excitement and some good ideas from our weekend. The three morning workshops were rich in lessons for our congregation's own development.

Stream 1: Being a Unitarian Universalist – The workshop, led by Asha Philar, Carly Gaylor and Liz Roper, talked about how different people come to UU congregations for different reasons and with different understandings of what the community is and how they will engage with it. Through games and exercises, we explored the key elements of our UU identity and how being UU makes a difference in our life. We all shared from our own personal perspectives and realized that despite our differences (age, cultural backgrounds and religious upbringings, etc.), we still have much in common in our search for spiritual growth and what we hope to gain from being a part of a UU church.

Stream 2: Money and Meaning – This workshop led by Linda Thomson allowed us to take stock of the congregational culture of each participant's home church and to look at three basic questions that help us link money to our congregation's mission: Who are we? What is our purpose? And who are our neighbors? We can think positively about the purposes of our community when we seek to raise funds to do what we have come together to do.

Stream 3: Unitarian Universalists in the World - April Hope, the CUC's Social Responsibility Coordinator outlined the CUC's support role to congregations on diverse issues such as: giving voice to social concerns while respecting Canadian Revenue Agency rules; refugee sponsorship; climate change; affordable housing; welcoming diversity; and the criminal justice system, which led to spirited discussions among the participants. April then guided a very moving and powerful sharing session from the CUC's "Truth, Healing & Reconciliation Reflection Guide", which will support Canadian UUs' engagement, understanding, and connection in the process of healing and reconciliation with First Nations people.

– Irene, Christopher and Sheila

JEAN MERRIFIELD TURNS 100



Jean Merrifield's 100th birthday was on October 2nd – and we celebrated on that day at LUUC with a special service and a potluck luncheon. Jean has attended LUUC for many years – and in fact is a life long Unitarian – her father and grandfather being Unitarians in England

For several years we have marveled at her wisdom, her stamina and her vitality and the fact that she joins in LUUC life to the full – her years do not hold her back one bit. She frequently participates in the Sunday service – and often is our guest speaker. We are always fascinated with her stories and want to hear more.

Rev. Heather and **Paul Sullivan** cleverly constructed the service by dividing her life into five twenty-year segments – as they told of her life's journey. Her family were in attendance to complete the fun.

At the close of the service, young **Cormac Lutes** politely asked Jean if he could escort her to the lunch. She was tickled pink as he led her out of the sanctuary into the hall. Jean was asked not to contribute any food to the lunch, as this was our treat to her – but of course we are talking about Jean. She arrived at the church with not one but two of her famous speciality trifles.

Jean received letters of congratulations from Queen Elizabeth 11, The Rt. Hon Justin Trudeau, David Johnston, The Governor General, our local M.P. Francis Scarpaleggia, the M.P. from her hometown of Preston, England and one from the County Council of Lancashire – (Jean's home county). She delights in reading the over 100 cards she received and enjoyed herself when 30 members of the Kirkland Over 55 club took her out to the Portofino restaurant for lunch.

We at LUUC are very proud of **Jean Merrifield**. She is an example to us all with her positive attitude and the way she enjoys life to the fullest. Well done Jean, well done!

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Paul said: Our congregation was treated to a wonderful service of celebration for the 100th birthday of our dear **Jean Merrifield** who turned a century old on Oct. 2. Jean, with her critical eye to make sure Rev. Heather and chaplain Paul Sullivan got the facts right about Jean's life both in England and later in Canada. I am sure that Jean's daughter Ann was proud of her mother and was impressed by the love and respect our congregation has for her and her many years as a Unitarian. It was also wonderful to see **Lois Reid** in attendance that day to help us celebrate.

Dori Said – Jean Merrifield's 100th birthday, October 2nd was a big event in our Church. Rev. Heather Fraser and Paul Sullivan both did a great job by reviewing Jean's life as a Unitarian over a Century. **Kerry-Ann** sang a beautiful song and had us sing some of the old songs. A nice touch was, when young **Cormac Lutes**, led Jean to her seat for our pot luck lunch. We all had a piece of Jean's trifle and birthday cake. It was a day to be remembered.

Kathy and Gabor said - We experienced a heart-warming tribute to **Jean**, who is so beloved by LUUC. Rev. Heather and Paul's recounting of her journey was very informative – it showed that they put in a lot of effort and love in preparing all that. And the musical pieces by Kerry-Anne were enjoyable and very appropriate to the occasion.

Kerry-Anne said: What an honour and thrill it was to celebrate **Jean Merrifield's** 100th birthday! During the service we sang several songs written in 1916 including "If You Were the Only Girl in the World", "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" (Jean is still beautiful!), and "Pretty Baby". Jean is a remarkable lady and an inspiration to so many. I feel very fortunate to know her and aspire to live life as well and as long as she!

Jean's Family say: Our family would like to express our appreciation to all those who made our Mother's 100th Birthday Celebration such a success. Of course we must convey thanks to **Rev. Heather** and **Paul** for taking the time to listen so carefully in order to encapsulate a series of episodes in Mum's life and to **Kerry-Ann** for her great musical gifts. We are grateful to all those who helped to prepare such a spread for the luncheon and to her friend **Cormac** who took her to Lunch! Jean is indeed fortunate to be part of such a caring and sustaining community, which has certainly helped to get her to such a milestone!

- *The Bernstein and Covall Family*

NOVEMBER 11TH



The Battle of the Somme was one of the largest battles of the First World War. Fought between July 1st and November 1st, 1916 – one hundred years ago - in France. It was also one of the bloodiest battles in history. On the first day alone, the Allies suffered more than 57,000 casualties and by the end of the campaign four months later, 1.5 million men all told were lost.

Following the horrific losses on the first day, the battle settled into a terrible war of attrition as the summer heat gave way to the autumn rains. An Australian soldier said, ...”We live in a world of Somme mud. We sleep in it, work in it, fight in it, wade in it and

many of us die in it. We see it, feel it, eat it and curse it, but we can’t escape it, not even by dying...”

It was a war where old men sent your men to die – and where 19th century thinking and methods were vainly fighting a 20th century war of modern weapons. Over the course of 141 days of battle, the Allies advanced a mere 5 miles.

Above: – a sea of 888,246 ceramic poppies planted in the dry moat of the Tower of London in 2014, commemorating the beginning of WW1. Each poppy represented a British or Commonwealth fatality. Later the delicate poppies were sold for 25 pound sterling each and the proceeds of 15 million pounds were given to six armed forces’ charities.

FUND RAISING CHAIR URGENTLY NEEDED

BIRTHDAYS AND CARING

A very Happy Birthday to **Justin Murphy** on November 4th. Justin recently helped out at the *Child Haven Dinner* by endlessly filling up jugs of iced water and taking them around to the dinner tables – it was much appreciated Justin.

November 5th is **Nancy Schmidt's** birthday. Nancy is instrumental in the Knitting group – and last season we all knitted little dolls for children in disaster areas - the dolls given to the children by trauma doctors. Happy Birthday Nancy!

Big day on November 6th, when two of our special gents have birthdays - Happy Birthday to **Rob Lutes** who is a musician extraordinaire and a Director of our Board – and Happy Birthday to **Luc LaPierre** – so good to see you and **Jessica** at church last Sunday.

Happy, happy Birthday to dear **Dori Abbott** - who was born on Poppy Day – November 11th. Dori is a mover-and-shaker in the Caring Committee and Knitting group – and makes sure we meet on a regular basis.

Another of our helpers at the *Child Haven Dinner* was **Ariel Amstutz**, whose birthday is on November 13th. Ariel is a leading light in the soprano section of our choir. Happy Birthday Ariel.

Also on November 13th young **Emalyn Frost** has a birthday. We haven't seen too much of Emalyn lately – hope to see you soon. Happy Birthday.

November 24th is **Jose van Amerogen's** special day. Jose, together with Dori is the Caring Committee – and they would probably like some help in that department. Happy Birthday Jose -

Jasmine Murphy's birthday is on November 16th. Jasmine helped out at the *Child Haven Dinner* too – and has done so for many years. She is a talented singer, photographer and guitarist – Happy Birthday Jasmine.

Happy Birthday to **Paul Sullivan**, whose birthday is on November 25th. Paul is the Vice-Chairman of the Board – and he spent much of his summer at LUUC painting the office and bathroom, rearranging the furniture and reshuffling the stuff in our dungeon, as well as attending to our sound system. Thank you Paul and Happy Birthday.

Also – a Happy 50th Birthday to the Montreal Metro system!

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BIRTHDAYS continued/...

*** **Jose van Amerongen** has invited us all to her Birthday Bash on Saturday November 19th at LUUC. Reserve that date!

Talking of Birthdays - many people didn't know that on October 9th when we all sang an encore happy Birthday to **Jean Merrifield** – it was actually **James Sisley's** birthday on that day – and we didn't sing HB to him. Sorry about that James – we still love you.

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FALL BACK, FALL BACK, FALL BACK

On the night of **November 5th – November 6th** – put your clocks back 1 hour. Then you will be in time to hear **Rev. Frances Deverell's** service, enjoy the **pot-luck luncheon** and attend the **Service Leaders' workshop**.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES KITS

Thanks to Margot Barclay and Sheila Laursen, who filled 15 school kit bags for the Mennonite Central Committee. These kits are given to families who struggle to afford basic school supplies, and to refugee and displaced children, helping students and teachers add some normalcy to disrupted lives in various countries including Afghanistan, Jordan and Kenya.

- Sheila

CHRISTMAS BAKING?

If you are planning to do some holiday baking, be sure to pick up a "Fruits and Nuts" order form on display at our church. November 13 is the deadline to place your order through Union United Church in Ste Anne de Bellevue for a wide variety of high quality fruit, nuts, baking chocolate and other supplies at reasonable prices.

- **Sheila Laursen**

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Please note that Margot Barclay's e-mail is margotasmus@yahoo.com

JUNE 2016 SUNDAY SERVICE MINI-SURVEY

Last June the Sunday Service Committee carried out a mini-survey of our congregation to see what we appreciate, what should be improved and generally what suggestions we have to offer. A dozen people gave us feedback. There is a broad consensus that our services are good and the music and youth programs are key elements. There is also an interest in having more spiritual services, but a few definitely don't like overtly Christian references. Some people would like more systematic use of a question or discussion period after the presentations while a few prefer discussion to take place in the coffee hour.

I would suggest to our members that ideas about services, content and approach, can at any time be made to the Sunday Service Committee members, Dori, Timothy, Susan, Heather, Sheila, Paul, Christopher and Peg. As services are planned weeks ahead of time, new ideas will take a wee while before being applied. – **Christopher Thomson**

CHILD HAVEN DINNER

We all enjoyed a successful Child Haven Dinner. It was a happy and colourful soirée – and it was just great to see our youth group participate and to hear our choir sing. Many thanks go to **Sheila Laursen** for once again co-ordinating this huge event. Sheila writes:

With Gratitude..... Thanks go out to all the volunteers - young and older, who helped to make our Montreal Child Haven fundraising dinner so festive, so much fun, and so successful! 142 people enjoyed the delicious Indian buffet meal, entertainment, and learning more about Child Haven. We celebrated **Heather Falconer** and **Stéphane Miron**, on their 30th anniversary of being Child Haven volunteers in India. Many of us went home with treasures from the Silent Auction, and the Eastern Bazaar, and we raised **\$17,967** to support Child Haven's Homes for destitute children.

- **Sheila Laursen**

WHAT'S ON AT THE MOVIES – SOUP-POT CINE \$7.00

Mustang is a drama set in a remote Turkish village and depicts the lives of five young orphaned sisters and the challenges they face growing up as girls. When the sisters are seen innocently playing with boys on a beach, their scandalized conservative guardians confine them while forced marriages are arranged.

Tuesday November 15th @ 7:00 pm.

Union United Church, St. Anne's

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REV. FRED AT THE POINTE CLAIRE LIBRARY

Several LUUCers attended the talk that **Rev. Fred Cappuccino** gave at the Pointe Claire Library on his book, *Bonnie and Her Twenty-one Children*. We all had a pleasant afternoon, listening to Fred as he read from his book and enjoying his unique style of self-deprecating humour.

To add to the pleasure, **Bonnie** was there in a beautiful red sari. **Cormac Lutes**, who had enjoyed working at the Child Haven Dinner a couple of nights previously, had insisted on attending with his Mum **Monique** and sister **Simone**. He sat quietly throughout the whole afternoon listening intently – and at question time, he asked Fred –

... “What it was like to have 21 kids?” A very good question indeed! Fred's response was that it was hard at the time, but that he misses it now.

- ed

THE SUMMERLEA REFUGEE SUPPORT COALITION

(Summerlea United Church, Merging Waters of Beaurepaire United and Union Church, and Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Congregation)

**invites you to join us for a soup luncheon
Saturday November 5, 2016 from noon to 2 p.m.**

**St. Andrew's Hall at Summerlea United Church
225 - 50th Avenue, Lachine, QC H8T 2T7**

We will provide a variety of homemade soup and bread. If you would like to contribute something to share, a salad, veggies, or dessert would be welcomed.

We will have a special guest - Salman Karnazi, the brother of Bilal, whose family we are jointly sponsoring to come to Montreal. Salman will speak about Bilal and his wife and 4 children, who are currently living in Saudi Arabia after fleeing from Syria.

The Coalition committee members thank all of you who have donated to this cause, either financially or through the offer of goods or services. Together, we will learn more about our family, the sponsorship process and results to date.

All ages are welcome to attend. Please let us know you are coming! **RSVP by November 1 to Sari Kelen (450 458-6644)** **- Sari**

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE? Let's get together!

Our liberal religious faith and principles challenge us to be aware of, and respond to, the social issues of our time. In her recent sermon, **Dorothy Latta** noted the words of James Luther Adams, "Religious liberalism affirms the moral obligation to direct one's effort toward the establishment of a just and loving community."

The Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Congregation has a long history of working actively for social justice. In the 1960s, our congregation submitted a brief against the James Bay Hydro Project, and voted to disobey the law to provide a Family Planning Clinic. We sponsored refugee families from Yugoslavia and from Vietnam.

Over the past year, several of us met to discuss a variety of local and global issues, and to determine how we could have an engaged response. We formed a coalition of four churches to sponsor a Syrian refugee family. We took action by signing a petition against the cutting down of 1,000 trees on the Dorval Municipal Golf Course, attending Town Hall meetings on the Trans-Pacific Partnership proposed free trade deal, and sharing our concerns about Climate Change with our Member of Parliament.

Members of our congregation are the key organizers and volunteers of the annual Montreal fundraising dinner to support Child Haven International's home for orphaned or abandoned children in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh. Collectively, LUUCers collect non-perishable food every week for a local food bank, contribute needed items for the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal, and raise funds to sponsor the school expenses for two children in Kenya through Suitcases for Africa.

Are you interested in being part of the Lakeshore UU Congregation discussions and actions on social justice issues? Contact Sheila Laursen at 514 697-4195 or sheila.laursen@bell.net . Change is possible - let's get working together!

- Sheila Laursen

COFFEE HOUSE FUNDRAISER FOR SUITCASES FOR AFRICA and LUUC!

Presented by Voice Students of **Kerry-Anne Kutz**

Saturday Theme: Songs from DISNEY!

October 29th, 7:30 p.m. at 5065 Sherbrooke, Lachine

Refreshments and baking, to be served right after the concert

There will be a suggested donation of \$10.00, free for children 12 years and under.

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**“Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness”
Ode to Autumn, John Keats**