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February 4 - 10:30 a.m.

Sharing Songs in Winter

Kerry-Anne Kutz, Rob Lutes & Karine Deschamps

Winter, beautiful as it is, certainly brings challenges: ice, cold, wet, umpteen layers of clothing and boots, shovelling, cleaning off the car... If we have the time, we can cocoon and take advantage of the books we've wanted to read, music we've wanted to listen to and recipes we've wanted to try.

As musicians, Rob Lutes, Karine Deschamps and Kerry-Anne Kutz, all proud members of Lakeshore UU Congregation, use the snowy days to sing, practice, write songs, read and reflect. We hope you will come to share some of the music we love to sing and the poetry that resonates with us all.

Service Leader - Christopher Thomson

Hospitality - Sari and Philip

Musicians - Kerry-Anne and Rob

**** Join us after the service for a pasta bar lunch and square dancing, with caller Bert Lajoie. We will dance away the Winter Blues!**

February 11 - 10:30 a.m.

**Dancing in the Eye
Rev. Dr. Heather Fraser-Fawcett**

How do we, in these times of rapid acceleration and great change, not only cope, but actually thrive? We have the need to find and be in a lively, yet peaceful state, as individuals and communities, despite the complexity and chaos in the world around us.

Author, Thomas L. Friedman, writes that in the midst of all the change and accelerations, "we have to dive into them, take advantage of their energies and flows if possible, move with them, use them to learn faster, design smarter, and collaborate deeper -- all so we can build our own "eyes" in the Hurricane, to propel ourselves and our families confidentially forward." This service is about "dancing in the eye of the hurricane."

Service Leader - Susan Czarnocki

Hospitality - Dori and Peter Abbott

Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz

February 18 - 10:30 a.m.

**Community Markets - Building Community
Patti Murphy**

Guest speaker Patti Murphy was the Ste-Anne's Farmers Market Manager from 2011 to 2017. Over those 6 years, she began her personal journey of building a market community. Patti will share this journey as a contrast to the challenges of life in today's world as we deal with divisive politics and fast moving social media - to hopefully arrive at a place where we can understand what it means to be a real part of a real community.

Service Leader - Paul Sullivan

Hospitality - Gary and Offie Spiller

Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz

February 25 - 10:30 a.m.

**The Mile End Mission
Rev. Roslyn Macgregor & Mile Enders**

We welcome several members of the Mile End Mission to share how they are building community in our very diverse city. The Mission aims to create a safe and welcoming community which meets the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of those who need it the most in that area of Montreal. It

Not just a soup kitchen, the Mission serves as a community hub that allows members to connect and support one another by providing structure, purpose and meaning for its chronically poor, socially excluded and disadvantaged members.

Service Leader - Sheila Laursen

Hospitality - Selina and Michael Rooker

Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I am writing this message, we are experiencing a welcome respite from the deep, freezing cold temperatures that were the bane of our existence for the last several weeks. The break in the cold is timely, as it coincides with our February 4th service where we will banish away our winter blues with the musical service that the Sunday Service Committee has planned. Also that day, we will be having our Pasta Bar Luncheon and Square Dancing activity. It's going to be a lively Sunday, and I hope to see all of you there! More information on these activities can be found further down in the newsletter.

Did you know that we have a wonderful new website as of last fall? Both **Susan** and **Christopher** have spent oodles of their time and energy building this site and filling it with all sorts of interesting and relevant content. The new site is user-friendly and easy to navigate. It is our hope that you will all consult it regularly to keep up to date on LUUC news and activities, as information is updated on a regular basis. You can even comment on posts on the website, such as a commentary on a previous or upcoming Sunday Service, or on a blog article), which makes our website very dynamic and interesting to non-members visiting our site.

Yes, we can now blog feature on our new website! How cool is that! Members are invited to submit an article to the blog, and the blogs can cover a wide range of topics, from spiritual musings to social and environmental issues if you so choose. If you have an idea for a blog item and are not sure how to proceed, please contact either **Susan** or **Christopher** if you need any advice or assistance, and you can submit your finished piece to them for editorial review and eventual posting. We are always looking for fresh material, so please feel free to let your creative juices flow!

I'm looking forward to reading your blogs, and remember to mark your calendars for February 4th's special musical service and the Pasta Bar and Square Dancing to follow!

~ Irene

PASTA BAR LUNCHEON and SQUARE DANCING!!



Please join us on **February 4** for a fun family-orientated afternoon of a delicious luncheon and square dancing. We have experienced Square Dance caller, **Bert Lajoie**, on board!

Bert will remind us of the basics and bring a few experienced dancers to help us out. A few LUUCers have admitted to being pretty good square dancers as well! Kids 8 and up are welcome to join the squares if they are able to receive instruction. Younger kids can congregate in a square of their own and we ask that parents take turns keeping an eye on their little ones to ensure they don't get under foot.

The Pasta Bar Luncheon will be run as it has been for the last couple of years, i.e., 6 to 8 LUUC members will provide delicious sauces and we'll have salad, a variety of different pastas, baguettes and dessert.

**If you have an incredibly delicious, "award-winning" sauce you'd like to make, please let it be known! (Those providing a sauce will not pay for their lunch.)

Ticket prices for the combined Pasta Bar Luncheon and Square Dancing Event are:
Adults = \$15, Family=\$35 (2 adults, 2 kids), 8-18 years old=\$7, 7 years and under= \$2

If you provided a pasta sauce, you will only be required to pay \$7 for the event.

Dress: Please wear soft-soled shoes and it's preferable for ladies to wear a skirt/dress that flares, so the caller can better see who's who. Men typically wear button-down, long-sleeved shirts.

Proceeds from the event will go towards LUUC to support our various programs and activities.

Sheila Laursen's pot luck team of **Nancy Schmidt, Huntly McNiven, Phillip Prince, and Sari Kelen** will take care of the pasta luncheon.

~ Irene

2018-2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Last month, I had the pleasure of congratulating our community for the encouraging results that our recent fundraising activities produced, thanks to everyone pitching in and having a good time as we raised money for good causes, including our own congregation. And fundraising will continue in the coming months, just see the notice elsewhere in this Newsletter about the Pasta Bar Luncheon and Square Dancing.

So far this year, we have not had to draw upon our endowment fund to pay our bills, but the habitual annual withdrawal of \$ 5000 is likely before the end of April 2018. Part of the challenge the Board has faced this year has come from the reduction of other sources of income, both wedding and choir fees have produced much less revenue this year (approximately \$ 3000 less).

Nonetheless, it is the voluntary commitment of our members and of some very good friends that provides the mainstay of financial support to the life of our congregation. This year, both through post-dated cheques and Sunday plate donations, the monies given by you keep Lakeshore going. Average monthly contributions are running close to \$ 300 more per month this year as compared to last.

I hope that the conversation we had last year about Stewardship perhaps helped. I won't beat the drum as much this year as I did last, but I will continue to provide the congregation with some elements of information on our financial situation between now and the final Stewardship Presentation in April. Please contact me if you have any questions, or, if as a new member, you wish to start pledging before the end of the current Financial Year.

*~ Christopher Thomson, Treasurer, Finances & Fundraising
Chair*

Our Syrian Family - awaiting their airline tickets!

We were excited to learn last week that Bilal Kernazi and his family had been informed by the Canadian Embassy in Abu Dhabi that their passage to Canada and Montreal will be booked and they are now in the final stage of the long refugee application process.

While the exact date is still not known, we anticipate their arrival **within the next 4 weeks!** And so, our Summerlea Refugee Support Coalition has kicked into "high gear" to ensure that we will be ready to welcome Bilal, his wife and 4 children upon arrival. That means ensuring that we have enough warm jackets or coats, boots, hats, mitts and scarves, in the correct sizes, to keep them from freezing right away! We are grateful that Bilal's brother, Salman,

our co-sponsor, and his family are eager to host Bilal and family for the first few weeks in Montreal as a suitable apartment is found (in Ville St-Laurent) and the lease signed.

We have also shared among the 4 partner churches a long list of household furnishings and items still needed to set up their apartment once it is found. LUUC has the Master bedroom and 2 children's bedrooms as our focus, but we will also be helping to find kitchen, bathroom, and living room items, as well as toiletries, a tool kit, household cleaning and laundry supplies. So we may be asking for help in the next few weeks about items being sought for this Syrian family's first Canadian "home"....

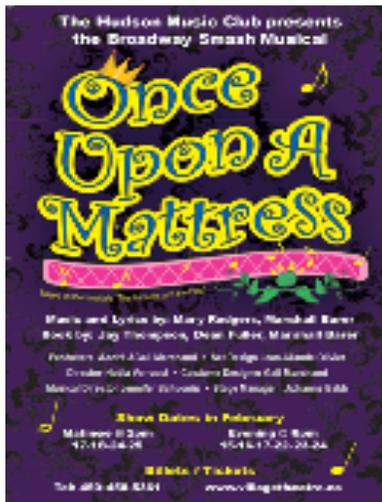
And please don't hesitate to speak to us if you think you can help with a donation of items, or money...

~ ***Sheila Laursen, Susan Czarnocki & Sari Kelen***

What's Happening



BELLA, OLIVIA AND CATHERINE TO PERFORM IN ONCE UPON A MATTRESS !



FEBRUARY 15th – 25th

Bella, Olivia and Catherine would love for you to come out to support them in their upcoming performance of ***Once Upon A Mattress***, a popular musical comedy with music by Mary Rodgers, loosely based on The Princess and the Pea story. The performance is produced by the award winning Hudson Music Club.

Bella is playing one of the lead roles of the Lady Larkin. Olivia and Catherine are chorus members.

“It would mean a lot to us all to see some of our LUUC friends in the audience!”

DATES: Feb 15 - 25th

TIMES: 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm (Matinee Performances on Saturdays and Sundays only)

WHERE: Hudson Village Theatre

COST: (\$28 regular price/\$23 for Students/Seniors) or \$20 each for performances on the 15th and 16th only (see note below).

This fun-filled production is appropriate for all ages!

Important ticket information: Catherine has arranged to get a special LUUC rate of \$20 per ticket, for the Feb 16th performance only. Let her know if you'd like to take advantage of this special rate and she'll get your tickets for you (catforbes@gmail.com). To get the best seats, reserve early! For all other ticket dates, please order them directly from the Hudson Village Theatre (use the dropdown menu for the Student/Senior rate). <https://tickets.villagetheatre.ca/TheatreManager/1/online?event=230>



VALENTINE'S CONCERT!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

2 PM

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF
MONTREAL

SUGGESTED ADMISSION \$25

SUGGESTED DONATION \$25

Sandra Hunt, piano

Kerry-Anne Kutz, voice

Maidier Martineau, voice and accordion

INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SATURDAY FILM SCREENING

“A Moonless Night”

- a film about the Vietnamese Boat People - 40 Years Later

Saturday February 10 at 7:30 p.m.

at LUUC, 5065 Sherbrooke St, Lachine

In collaboration with the Montreal Geography Teacher's Association, we are delighted to welcome Thi Be Nguyen and Director\Producer Marie-Hélène Panisset to LUUC for a special showing of their 86 minute film, “A Moonless Night”.

Thi Be Nguyen will speak about her life and experiences as well. She arrived in Montreal in December 1979 from Laos as one of the 13,000 Vietnamese Boat People who fled that country after the US pulled out of the Vietnam war. She has been awarded the Prix Mosai"que Award for excellence in promoting diversity in the province of Quebec.

Thi Be is a member of the Board of the Jeune Chambre de Commerce de Montréal, representing 13 different communities, and began a non-profit organization called Uni-Action that has culturally diverse people together to raise funds so people struggling with poverty have better access to health and education.

~ Sheila

Enjoy an afternoon film (free!) at Pointe Claire Central Library....here is what is showing in February

Tuesday Feb 6 - 1:30 p.m. (English). Victoria and Abdul

The extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's remarkable rule. When a young clerk travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself, and the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance. Starring Judy Dench.

Monday February 19 - 1:30 p.m. (English). Wind River

When wildlife officer Cory Lambert discovers the body of a young woman in Wyoming's Wind Rive Native American reservation, rookie FBI agent Jane Banner is sent to investigate.

Banner hires Lambert as her tracker and the two must brave the isolated winter terrain and local criminal underworld in order to crack the case.

Wednesday February 28 - 7 p.m. (English). Dunkirk

~ Sheila

NOTES ON CREATIVE WRITING AND PUBLISHING

From Michael Rooker

As you will recall, I delivered the January 7th service presentation on “Creative Writing and Publishing” with able help and collaboration from Rob and Christopher (despite the deep freeze that we all endured that day). Presently, I’m happy to report that “the power of the pen” continues to be at work on that project. Here’s a little update and recap:

Both books that I’ve authored have generated some ongoing interest within our congregation. As a result, I’ve consigned a duly inscribed copy of each book to our little LUUC library and both are in use as I write. Moreover, I’m providing an additional (non-library) copy of each book as “extras” to be passed around by friends and colleagues. (The extra of Book 1 is being printed & the extra of Book 2 is already loaned out temporarily).

Book 1 – “On the Mind” is essentially a locally produced treatise that sets down systematically a lot of personal research on what mankind has experienced and what he continues to seek spiritually. It has three chapters: 1 “Taking Stock”; 2 “Pursuit of Wisdom” and 3 “Towards Enlightenment”. It’s an impartial omnibus including a grid questionnaire for the reader to verify his/her position anywhere in the range from atheist to agnostic to theist to Pantheist. It’s entertaining and immediately readable but challenging. It also has the long term potential for each of us to know the other better. Some early readers are already chewing on the questions that it poses – Hah, the pen is at work!

Book 2 – “A Brush with Extinction” is a recently published novel that looks forward to what our grandchildren may experience. It crosses several genres and has multiple motivations including that it’s a cautionary tale. Yes, our collective stewardship of our fabulous “Blue Planet” continues to be “deplorable”! Although I’ve written it to be enjoyable to read due to its adventure and humanity, some of the spiritual challenge from Book 1 actually emerges in different ways in the novel. (This book is also available internationally in E-book and paperback formats from major distribution sources).

If anyone wants to know a little more, I can send you a 1-page synopsis of either book by Email.

Looking ahead, I remain flexible to participate in and to help with wherever this literary “food for seekers” initiative may lead to. It could be simply from some post-service coffee discussions or possibly something more – time will tell.

Kind Best wishes to all.

~ *Michael*



Feb 19. Michael Rooker (Our creative writer)

CARING COMMITTEE

If you know of someone in the congregation who is ill, lonely needs a helping or a drive, please call us. For the month of February, Conny Belanger is the person to phone at 514-542-3381 or e-mail at belanger.constance@videotron.ca

A NOTE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This year's Nominating Committee is about to start looking for 3 members for the 2018/2019 LUUC Board. We need a new President, Secretary and Director.

Should you be willing yourself - OR – if you would like to nominate someone you feel is suitable for any of these Board positions – kindly let me know.

The Board meets once a month – so the obligation is 12 meetings a year. If you have ideas and can make the time, please consider serving on our Board. The main requisite is a desire to help LUUC prosper and grow.

***~ Heather Falconer
For the Nominating Committee***

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~ Ed

CAR FOR SALE

3-door fiesta-red Hyundai hatch back for sale – 2009 with 120,000 kms. on the clock. Book value \$2,500-\$3,000. Works well and nice looking condition. For all details and to view – call **Heather @ 514-630-4206**.



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