



## **LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION**

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### **APRIL 2018**

**April 1, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. Celebrating the (Vernal) Spring Equinox  
Susan Czarnocki and Sari Kelen**

The Spring Equinox arrived on March 21st. The days are lengthening, nature comes to life again, and there is hopefulness. We are reawakening ourselves after a long winter. Bring on the spring jackets and billy boots, the crocuses and snowdrops, the robins and the scent of sun-warmed earth!

As this will be a multi-generational service, we encourage the participation of everyone attending. Share with us your thoughts and reactions to the experience of the annual cycle of death and rebirth in nature.

**Service Leader - Sari Kelen  
Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz  
McNiven**

**Hospitality Team-  
Heather Falconer and Huntly**

**EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE LITTLE ONES -- SUNDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**



April 8, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

**Moving Ahead with Reconciliation  
Mohawk Chief Christine Zachary Deom**

For this third service in our 3 part series about justice for people of the First Nations, we have the privilege of welcoming Chief Christine Zachary Deom, who will speak about reconciliation. Specifically, she will share her work and role in changing the Montreal city flag as part of the reconciliation process.

**Service Leader – Karine Deschamps  
Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality Team- Christopher Thomson  
and Toni Smith**

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April 15, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

**The Community of Special Needs Families  
A representative of WIAIH**

The West Island Association for the Intellectually Handicapped (WIAIH) was created 60 years ago by a group of parents whose children had special needs. They needed mutual support, and wanted to find how to best help their children have full and happy lives. At that time, there were few, if any, resources or support for those families.

Over the ensuing years, WIAIH has grown in size and scope, and is one of the most respected community organizations in the West Island, and has become a caring and strong community 'hub' for these parents and their children.

**Service Leader - Sheila Laursen  
Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality Team- Dan Amstutz and  
Nica Feratero**

**\*\* NOTE - THIS SERVICE IS FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF STEWARDSHIP  
PRESENTATION BY THE TREASURER**

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April 22, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

**Judaism Unbound  
Rabbi Sherril Gilbert**

There is not "one" Judaism today – in fact, there are many. Jews who identify as Reform, Conservative, Orthodox or Ultra-Orthodox have made clear decisions about what their Judaism looks like, acts like, and feels like. These decisions create boundaries around the denominations that keeps people in or out.

In this presentation, Rabbi Sherril discusses her current thoughts on Jewish renewal, an evolving spiritual movement that is radically inclusive, superbly accessible, and deeply reverent. "Judaism Unbound" provides insights and suggestions for other progressive faith groups who wish to build communities incorporating these same values.

**Service Leader - Christopher Thomson  
Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality Team- Timothy Byrnes  
and Gaetane Parent**

**GOVERNANCE: ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The annual election in April to fill those **Board of Trustees** posts coming vacant in June. Board members are elected for two-year terms.

**\*\* NOTE - A POTLUCK LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW THIS SERVICE.**

**Please bring a main dish, salad, veggies, bread or dessert to contribute.  
Team - Heather Falconer, Chris Bassett, Selena Rooker and Michael  
Rooker**

**April 29 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Tales from a Book of Life, Part 1: Adventures  
Michael Rooker**

Michael will explore our collective spirituality through a few intriguing, international stories and reflections from his family's "book of life" that they've experienced over the years. He will start to go "bravely" on as a "free seeker" into areas that science has yet to fathom / to measure.

"In Part 1, I've selected a few key events and spun them into tales that I hope will resonate with you. They're factual so I've called them tales rather than fables. I'll look at them then as we go back in time together, typically as a young man but then I'll review their spiritual or hidden significance now with (hopefully) a wiser head.

In Part 2 (in the Fall) I will remind us that to better explore life's puzzles, seekers need to go beyond our traditional five senses and set out instead along new pathways of our individual imaginations.

**Service Leader - Sheila Laursen  
Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality Team- Paul Sullivan  
and Nancy Schmidt**

**Sunday April 29 beginning at 12:30 p.m.**

**WE ARE ALL INVITED TO A WELCOMING POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

**WHERE: Summerlea United Church, 225 – 50th Ave, Lachine (just a few blocks from LUUC)**

**TO MEET, AND GREET, BILAL AND FARAH KERNAZI AND THEIR 4 CHILDREN**

Our LUUC congregation, along with the members and friends of Summerlea United, Beaurepaire United, and Union Church worked for over 2 years with our co-sponsor, Salman Karnazi, to bring his brother and family to Canada as sponsored Syrian refugees. They arrived in Montreal on February 12th, and are settling in to their new community of Ville St-Laurent.

This is the chance for us all to celebrate their arrival in Canada together with the other members of their family! We hope you will join us too.

**Please bring something for the shared food table –  
Some Syrian delicacies will also be offered.**

**PLEASE RSVP to Sheila Laursen (514 697-4195 or [sheila.laursen@bell.net](mailto:sheila.laursen@bell.net)) by April 25<sup>th</sup> so we can be sure to have enough seating for everyone.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I know it's hard to believe, but the crocuses, daffodils and tulips will be poking their noses out of the ground soon! I promise!

Our Service Auction was another success. While the turnout wasn't what we had hoped it would be, the energy and enthusiasm was certainly present. I won't reveal the result here; you'll have to read on for the full report! However, I do want to express my gratitude to those who generously offered their services and to those who purchased them. As well, I would like to thank Sheila and Christopher, who both spear-headed this fundraising project. All in all, it was a group effort and it warms my heart to witness all that camaraderie and spirit of cooperation.

As usual, April promises to be another busy month. We will be having our annual stewardship campaign, and while we won't make as many presentations as we did last year, we do ask that you begin to think about LUUC and consider its importance in your life. I know that for myself, our little congregation has expanded to become my extended family. But for now, I'll let our Treasurer do the rest of the talking about stewardship.

Kerry-Anne is proposing to hold a concert on a Sunday afternoon in April with Sandra Hunt and Maider Martineau after one of our services. The exact date is still to be determined. The trio performed this concert at the UCM and are offering to do a repeat performance at LUUC. It promises to be a great activity and I hope to see you all there. Stay tuned for more info!

Other points of business this month include the electoral meeting near the end of April. Oh! and Men's Brigade... better make sure your aprons are cleaned and starched for Mother's Day (Yes, it's in May, but it never hurts to get a jump on things ;-)

Meanwhile, enjoy the warming weather, the longer days and keep an eye out for emerging spring flowers. If you need a little encouragement, I did see a small flock of geese flying northwards over NDG last week. Spring is coming!

~ Irene





## Treasurer Report

### CURRENT FUNDRAISING AND THE 2018-2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN, TAKE 2

Last month, we raised over \$ 1640 despite a relatively modest attendance at the March 18 Service Auction. Over a hundred items representing a wide variety of products and services were on offer under 28 different rubrics. There are now less than half a dozen items still available for purchase, see the listing elsewhere in this Newsletter or for more up-to-date information, check out the SERVICE AUCTION UPDATE in the Events listing on the Home page of [luuc.org](http://luuc.org).

The Service Auction is not only a fun way of raising additional funds for Lakeshore but also it permits us to get to know the talents and tastes of our fellow members, judging from the products they make or the services they offer. In its own way, this kind of sharing builds our beloved community as we gain in appreciation of what we can offer one another. And we give free reign to the spirit of generosity, a key element of spiritual approach to life, as the speaker that day, Bhaskar Goswami, pointed out in his presentation.



Looking forward to this coming month, which is the last month of Lakeshore's 2017-2018 Financial Year, the Treasurer will make a succinct presentation of the Financial Outlook of the Congregation on April 15 in the Sanctuary at the end of the service with guest speaker Franca Kesic. I will take questions and distribute our 'pledge' forms to members and friends to indicate in what measure they can contribute their talents, time and treasure to support our Lakeshore community's activities and programs during the 2018-2019 Financial Year. Then, we can go to our coffee and biscuits!

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

#### **MARY WRITES...**



The Dorval Strathmore United Players present their 12th annual Murder Mystery Dinner Show, "The Beehive Mystery: a 1930s Detective Story," written and directed by Steve Gillam. Show dates: April 14, 21, 28, May 5 and 12. Reserve your tickets: [514 - 631 - 6171](tel:514-631-6171) or [dorvalstrathmoreunited.weebly.com](http://dorvalstrathmoreunited.weebly.com). The evening includes a 4 course meal and a 4 act play.

## SERVICE AUCTION UPDATE



With our Service Auction, we raised over \$ 1600 on Sunday 18 March.

If you still owe for your bids, please make payment (cash or cheque) to the Treasurer by **Sunday 25 March** if at all possible.

### **THANK YOU FOR HELPING RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CONGREGATION IN THIS FUN WAY!**

There are only **FIVE** items still available:

One place at **Karine's singalong**, (Saturday 2 or 9 June at 19 h – 21 h) – \$ 10.

One place at **Kerry-Anne's singalong**, (Saturday or Sunday afternoon in May) – \$ 15.

One crocheted woman's hat by **Margaret Godbeer** – only \$ 8.

One place for **Rev. Heather's Forks over Knives** dinner (no dairy, no meat) – only \$ 10.

One place at **Timothy and Gaetane's Summer Poolside BBQ**, everything included for \$ 20.

**To purchase an item, please** send an email to Christopher (see Directory) or phone him at 514 634 5916.

~ *Christopher Thomson*

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## SE NEWS



### **EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE LITTLE ONES – SUNDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

We will be continuing with the new curriculum that was introduced within all the SE groups last month. All the children seemed to enjoy the program and were happily engaged and involved in the activities and readings.

In general, for April, the Younger students will continue to bring home arts and crafts related to books and circle time activities involving friendship, family and self-concept. The Middle Group students will continue with the book Riddle and Mystery modules. They have been discussing the seven Unitarian Universalist principles and two Big Questions: where do we come from and what are we? The Youth Group are in the second module of the book Becoming. They have been analyzing different themes such as self-knowledge, passion and purpose in their adulthood life.

I want to thank Irene, Selina and Susan who oversaw SE lessons with the Middle and Youth Group in March. Also, I wanted to welcome two girls who are going to be joining the younger group each two weeks: Sarah and Maya. I am sure some of you have already met them.

**REMINDER:** *Bella and Olivia Gavanski* will be attending **CanUdle** in Hamilton this year and hope to see other friends from LUUC and UCM at this fun-filled, spiritual and life-affirming event. Any youth over 14-years-old wishing to attend, information, registration forms and subsidy info for the event can be found here: <http://cuc.ca/youth/youth-events/canuudle/>

CanUdle 2018 takes place over the May long weekend, from Friday, May 18 at 5:00 pm – Monday, May 21, 2018 at 12:30 pm, at the First Unitarian Church of Hamilton. The church address is 170 Dundurn St S, Hamilton, ON.

~ **Elsa C.**



April 13

Catherine Forbes

April 21

Rev. Heather Fraser-Fawcett

April 24

Gordon Koller

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### CARING COMMITTEE



A friendly hello to **Maud**, who we hope to see soon now that spring is on its way... And our thoughts are with you **John**, we understand that Jeanne is now at home, please let us know if you need anything. And **Catherine**, we hope all is well with your Mum in Vancouver – we miss you.

If you know of someone in the congregation who is ill, lonely, needs help or a drive, please call us. **For the month of April, Sheila Laursen** is the person to phone at 514 697-4195 or e-mail at [sheila.laursen@bell.net](mailto:sheila.laursen@bell.net)

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### **2018 Hugh MacLennan Lecture with Louise Penny Murder for a Living**

Thursday, April 19 at 5:30pm

New Residence Hall - Ballroom, McGill University |

[3625 avenue du Parc | Montreal, QC | H2X 3P8](#)

Get an inside look at the challenges and choices involved in writing the Inspector Gamache series of mystery novels with award-winning, world-renowned Quebec author, Louise Penny. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

"My books are about terror. That brooding terror curled deep down inside us. But more than that, more than murder, more than all the rancid emotions and actions, my books are about goodness. And kindness. About choices. About friendship and belonging. And love. Enduring love. If you take only one thing away from any of my books I'd like it to be this: goodness exists." -Louise Penny

The Lecture is presented by the [Friends of the McGill Library](#) in collaboration with [Blue Metropolis International Literary Festival](#).

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP](#)**

~ Sheila



## **COME TO THE MOVIES!**

**At the Pointe Claire Central Library (*no admission charge*)**

**Tuesday April 3 at 1:30 p.m. Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri**

A murdered girl's defiant mother boldly paints three local billboards, each with a controversial message, igniting a furious battle with a volatile cop and the town's covered chief of police. (115 min.) Directed by Martin McDonach  
*Winner of 100 prizes, including 2 Oscars, 4 Golden Globes and 5 BAFTA Film Awards.*

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**Tuesday April 17 at 1:30 p.m. Darkest Hour**

As Hitler's forces storm across the European landscape and close in on the United Kingdom, Winston Churchill is elected the new Prime Minister. It is up to him to lead his nation and protect them from the most dangerous threat ever seen. (125 min.) Directed by Joe Wright, Winner of 40 prizes, including 2 Oscars, 1 Golden Globe and 2 BAFTA Film Awards.

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**Wednesday April 25 at 7 p.m. Murder on the Orient Express**

In Agatha Christie's timeless classic, everyone is a suspect when a murder is committed on a lavish train ride, and a brilliant detective must race against time to solve the puzzle. (114 min.) Directed by Kenneth Branagh  
*Starring Judi Dench, Johnny Depp, Willem Dafoe.*

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**At the Soup Pot Cinema at Union Church in Ste Anne de Bellevue**

**Wednesday April 4 at 7 p.m. Loving Vincent**

In a story depicted in oil-painted animation resembling Vincent Van Gogh's actual paintings, a young man comes to the last hometown of Vincent's to deliver the troubled artist's final letter and ends up investigating his final days. Beautiful scenery, inspired by the colours and light of Provence.

Trailer: [http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3262342/videoplayer/vi1862449433?ref\\_=tt\\_ov\\_vi](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3262342/videoplayer/vi1862449433?ref_=tt_ov_vi)  
*Animation, Biography, Mystery (2017) 7.9 stars, 1h34min. PG13*  
*11 wins, 44 nominations*

**Soup-pot Cinema details:**

- We meet in Adair Hall (Union Church), 24 Maple, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue.
- Volunteers offer soup or bread. Come early 6:40 to set up or bring your soup or bread and chat with others.
- Soup line-up starts around 7:00. When everyone is seated, we give a short intro, and then start the movie.
- Washrooms are downstairs. Dirty dishes are to be put into the bins in the back. We appreciate everyone's efforts to wipe down and fold the tablecloths, put away tables and chairs, and wash dishes.
- Bringing your own water bottle and change of shoes is also appreciated.

**If you can volunteer soup or bread, please let Susan Hawker know at 514 457-1793**

**Suggested donation of \$7 (not if you volunteer part of the supper).**





***Don't miss this....***

## **WEST ISLAND EMPTY BOWLS EVENT**

***Help Spread Bread Basket's Mission to Fight Hunger***

You are invited to the **Bread Basket Lac St-Louis** fundraising activity "**Empty Bowls**". Profits from this event will be given to Bread Basket Lac St-Louis in order for them to help the West Island's vulnerable population by promoting and educating people about food security.



**WHAT :** Guests will be able to choose and enjoy a savoury homestyle soup served in a handmade ceramic bowl made by local potters. In exchange for the entrance fee, participants can keep their chosen bowl as a symbol of all the empty bowls throughout the world.

**WHEN:** Saturday April 14, 2018  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** St-Columba-By-The-Lake Church  
(11 rue Rodney, Pointe-Claire, H9S 4M4)

Tickets for this fundraising activity are on sale at the cost of \$25 per adult, which includes the meal and a handmade ceramic bowl. Kids can join the fun for \$5 for the meal only. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the event or through Bread Basket's Facebook page:

**<https://www.facebook.com/CorbeilleDePainBreadBasketLacSaintLouis/>**

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**AND HAPPY EASTER – APRIL 1st**

