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## **FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

### **LIVING UU PRINCIPLES AND VALUES**

The LUUC Sunday Services Committee enthusiastically embraced **Paul Sullivan's** suggestion of highlighting the UUA's monthly Worship themes for 2020-2021.

As we begin the second month of 2021, which is Black History Month. the themes for February are Beloved Community, Mercy, Love and Risk. We hope you will find those themes reflected in our Sunday Services.

*~ Sheila Laursen*

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.**

**SOIL, SOUL AND SOCIETY**  
**Rev. Curtis Murphy**

What does it mean to be human in our place and time?

This doesn't feel like an easy question to answer. One place to start is with our relationship with the earth - not so much the earth as a planet in space, but as the literal ground beneath our feet.

Curtis is based in Port Bruce, Ontario. Last spring he finished a placement in hospice chaplaincy, and reports "my current main gig is Dad."

**Service Leader - Sari Kelen**

**Hospitality - Nancy Schmidt & Dori Abbott**

**Joys and Concerns - Nancy Schmidt**

**Musicians - Kerry-Anne Kutz & Michael Cartile**

**\*\*JOIN UUs FROM ACROSS CANADA FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE\*\***

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Sharing Our Faith National Service**

### **A FAITH WORTH FALLING FOR**



We often talk about Unitarian Universalism as a transformational faith – and yet to be transformed means to take a risk. How is it that we are averse to taking such risks when it comes to widening the circle of who we are as a community? Join Revs. Shana Lynngood and Samaya Oakley for a service that explores mistakes we've made and how we can learn from them to become the transformational faith we proclaim to be.

**In 2021, we invite all congregations and people to this national service.**

The virtual collection taken during the service will be allocated to successful congregational applicants for growth initiatives. The fund consists of these monies, supplemented by a Foundation Fund administered by the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto.

Free event! No registration is required.

**Zoom link: [http://bit.ly/SOF\\_2021](http://bit.ly/SOF_2021)**

The service will also be viewable on the [CUC YouTube channel](#).

For those who are accessing the service on their telephones (landlines without computer screens or smartphones), we suggest a buddy system where someone in your congregation or community registers at the Zoom link above and then shares the meeting ID and passcode.



**FEBRUARY 14, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.**

**SHARING LOVE IN THESE HARD TIMES**

On this Valentine's Day, nearing the end of a year of pandemic, with so many lives lost and our own lives so constrained, let's chase the blues away and share our love and our loves through song and poetry.

**Kerry-Anne, Rob, Karine** and her **girls**, and **Ariel** will sing to us and we'll all sing together to lift our spirits. **Paul, Christopher** and **Selina** will also share favourite poems with our community.

**Service Leader - Christopher Thomson**

**Hospitality - Nancy Schmidt & Dori Abbott**

**Joys and Concerns - Dori Abbott**

**Musicians - Kerry-Anne Kutz & Michael Cartile**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.**

**EXTREME EMPATHY  
Federico Sanchez**

A talk to put us, for a few “sinister” minutes, in the shoes of those who really, truly don’t think like us. Can we empathize with a white suprematism, or an anti-semite, or perhaps those people who stormed Capitol Hill?

In this presentation, **Fede Sanchez** proposes that we might not be facing a political dilemma, but an existential information problem that causes citizens to believe in different realities.

Fede is the Director of Communications and Hospitality for Golden Square Mile Hospitality, a restaurant and hotel company. He was Senior Communications Advisor for Four Seasons Hotel Montreal and regularly works as a freelance public relations and media writer. Propagating information is his business.

**Service Leader - Paul Sullivan**  
**Hospitality - Nancy Schmidt & Christopher Thomson**  
**Joys and Concerns - Nancy Schmidt**  
**Musicians - Kerry-Anne Kutz & Michael Cartile**



**FEBRUARY 28, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.**

**CANADIAN UU YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS  
Casey Stainsby**

Many of our children and adults alike fondly remember Casey as our RE Director several years ago, while she was studying at Concordia University. She is now the Youth (ages 14-19) and Young Adult (ages 18-35) Ministry Program and Events Coordinator for the Canadian Unitarian Council, and that keeps her very busy, especially with the challenges that Covid-19 has created. It will be a great joy to welcome Casey back to LUUC to share those challenges with us.

“How have the national YaYA (Youth and Young Adult) communities shown resilience and adaptability through the pandemic? This has been quite a challenging year for us all. I wouldn’t say that these communities are thriving... but the paring down that has been necessary has shown some of what is most essential to them, and some really creative ideas have emerged.”

**Service Leader - TBA**  
**Hospitality - Nancy Schmidt & Christopher Thomson**  
**Joys and Concerns - Christopher Thomson**  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As 2020 drew to a close, most of the end-of-year commentaries focused on the relief at seeing “the back of it”. But for LUUC, I think it was a year of astonishing achievement! At first, we flapped and fluttered a bit, but with **Gary Spiller** and **Christopher Thomson** leading the way, we undertook a crash-course in connecting via ZOOM. We benefited also from the fact that the CUC and the UUA had been using ZOOM to hold Annual Meetings and teleconferences, and had experience and advice to offer. ‘Normalcy’ ended on Friday the 13th – [almost the Ides of March] – and we launched our first Zoom service on March 29th.

We felt pretty good about our first effort, and have just kept going from strength to strength. We were suddenly joined by people that we hadn’t seen in a great long time – and we could reach out to invite speakers in distant locations. No closures due to snow days – all of us ensconced safely in our warm, comfortable homes. This success does raise a number of challenging questions for the future, which you are all invited to help us answer. [See last month’s column...]

But one aspect of our Sunday Services did not easily fit into a ZOOM service format: Spiritual Exploration for the junior group. The seniors were already accustomed to having their meeting via ZOOM and continued to do so through the fall. While the senior group’s focus last year was exploring ethical values we strive to maintain, this year their focus was outward. Working with Youth Group Leader, **Catherine Forbes**, the senior youth attended online conferences and workshops. They participated in CUC Events with Unitarian youth from across Canada and attended Climate-Change and Equity/BLM meetings. This blossomed into the senior youth regularly participating in our Sunday Services, by leading services and presenting powerful talks that were well-attended.

The ‘juniors’ presented other challenges. ZOOM was not really their idea of something engaging. During the summer, **Catherine** contacted all the junior youth parents and drew up a plan, which began with the junior group’s invitation to all LUUCers to join them on a trip to the Morgan Arboretum. With **Karine’s** help, a ‘COVID compliant’ Halloween party was organized at the church. Both the junior and the senior groups were interacting and a further plan emerged to do a video that could involve all the youth, and provide LUUC with another youth-led holiday pageant. What emerged after hours of script-writing, prop-collecting, rehearsing, filming and editing was “What the Dickens! A Christmas Carol” – a bravura production – one of the finest collaborative creative achievements produced by LUUC in recent memory. I think it will be hard for anything we do in 2021 to top that!

*LUUC’s production of What the Dickens! can now be found on the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist YouTube channel.*

*Susan*

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION?**

Here are some of the statements we have created to describe who we aspire to be as members of the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

We believe in love and justice  
We're a radically inclusive community, of all backgrounds, ages,  
sexualities and abilities  
We work towards a fairer, kinder world  
We create space for personal growth and reflection  
We nurture a community that is caring and supportive.

### **Mission Statement**

We are 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.

### **Purpose**

This congregation is committed to:

The principles of individual freedom of belief,  
The preservation of personal integrity,  
The search for truth through critical inquiry,  
The use of democratic process in human relations,  
and devotion to the greater good of humanity.

If you have considered becoming a member of LUUC, and these statements call to you, we invite you to join - you will become a voting member of our congregation.



**We plan to hold a New Member Welcoming Ceremony in April (safely, of course) - and that could include you! If you want to know, or to express your interest in joining LUUC, just contact Sheila Laursen (514 697-4195) or at [sheila.laursen@bell.net](mailto:sheila.laursen@bell.net)**



A very Happy Birthday to **Erin Berry**. She has been working hard with her students lately – nothing is easy for teachers these days. Happy thoughts to you Erin on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

It's **Michael Rooker's** birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup>. **Michael** aka **Mikey**, has been very busy setting up his photo restoration business. All success to you **Michael** and Happy Birthday. (Please look further in this newsletter for more details of **Mikey's** new Venture.)  
~ ed

### FROM SARI

Act as if love surrounds you  
 Speak as if all is well  
 Hear as if all voices are music  
 See as if all is a garden  
 Feel as if Life is very special  
 Build as if Life depended on it  
 A good Life does depend on these things  
 And it will come to pass  
 -Cain

### FROM CATHERINE

As I read **Sari's** words above, I felt as if it were written for me, right now, and where I've been since Jan 6<sup>th</sup> (the day I received notice from the board that they were not extending my contract until June, as was expected). It is with sadness that I say goodbye to my positions at LUUC. There appears to be some misinformation floating around regarding my departure from SE and I'd like to take this opportunity to clarify that I never intended or wanted to leave the job I loved. The LUUC youth are amazing and it's been a pleasure and a privilege getting to know them. We wouldn't have been able to get through all we did this fall without the incredible support and collaborative efforts of awesome parents **Karine, Annie, Rob, Monique, Sari & Pat**, the **Sr & Jr Youth Group Members**, and **Susan Cz** board president. Thank you all! And a big thank you to last year's board members, **Paul, Christopher, Heather, Timothy and Rob**, for your encouragement and hard work to keep the senior youth program active following Erin's departure.

I'll miss everyone at LUUC. Stay safe everyone. ❤️

Love, Catherine

Ps. **Sheila**, it's been wonderful working with you in admin. Welcome **Nat** and good luck!

## ♥ VALENTINE'S FOOD FAIR ♥

Cupid draws back his bow and lets his arrow go straight to our tum-tums this Valentine's Day 💕. An enticing array of homely comfort foods guarantee a whetting of the appetite for every voluptuary ☐

Our heavenly home cooks offer you:

- mouth-watering Muffins
- blissful bread Loaves
- superb Soups & succulent Stews
- comforting Casseroles & delicious (covered) Dishes 😊

...along with sweet & savoury fare from Muir's Bakery:

- Scottish Fern Cake Tarts
- Sausage Rolls
- Empire (Princess) Biscuits
- Muir's Scottish Meat Pies 🥧

Food lovers be warned! All of these yummy delights will only be available in limited quantities, on a first-come, first-served basis 😊

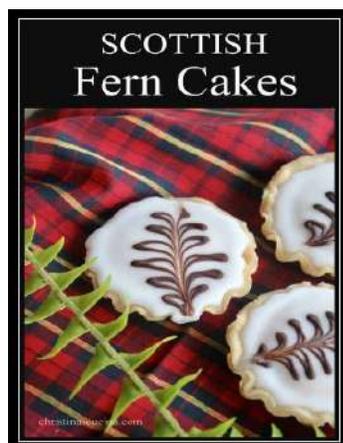
**Fair's opening date:** January 31st, via our *luuc.org* website. Folks not having access to LUUC online may call Heather at (514) 630 - 4206, after Sunday Service on the 31st 🙏

**Fair's closing date:** February 7th 💕

**Pick-up Day:** Valentine's Sunday - by individual appointment - in the church lobby 😊

Our passionate treasurer requests that your orders be paid via e-transfer to [lakeshoretreasury@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshoretreasury@gmail.com) or by mail-in cheque, before pickup day 😊. Many thanks.

~ **Selina**



## **MORE FEEDBACK - THINKING BEYOND OURSELVES**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 40 people attended our Zoom service. **Clifford Lincoln** was our speaker with **Paul Sullivan** leading. Following the service, Paul sent Clifford the 'chat' comments – and he replied:

Dear **Paul**,

Many thanks for your email and for sharing the feedback of the congregation with me.

I have always felt at home and among friends when taking part in your services, which are so heartfelt and genuine. Being invited to them is a gesture I truly appreciate, and I always leave the service inspired by the special goodness I have sensed. Best regards to you and all.

**Clifford**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**



### **Treasurer Report**

**It's TAX RECEIPT TIME!** Over the next few weeks, I will be preparing tax receipts to send to all those who have donated to our congregation over the 2020 calendar year. Receipts will be emailed to everyone who has email. We will mail paper receipts to those who do not have email and to those who requested paper copies last year.

If for some reason you haven't received a copy by mail by the last week of February and you need one please get in touch with me by email [lakeshoretreasury@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshoretreasury@gmail.com) or by phone 514-633-9470.

The Norwegians have very graciously agreed to reduce our monthly rent by 30% as long as we remain in the "Red Zone". This certainly helps our finances. Our Lester Asset Management account is doing well. \$5,000 was withdrawn in November, 2020 to cover a projected shortfall.

Many thanks to members who continue to contribute on a regular basis. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

For those of you who would contribute when we used to pass the Sunday plate, perhaps you could put aside those dollars and send either a cheque mailed to the church every month or two or better still an e-transfer to [lakeshoretreasury@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshoretreasury@gmail.com)

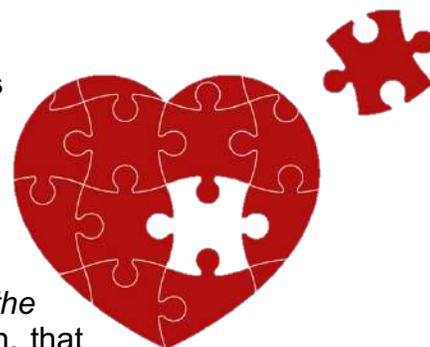
We understand that these are difficult times both emotionally and financially as we wonder when this pandemic will ever end.

~ **Margaret Godbeer, Treasurer**

**STOP THE PRESSES !!!**

## IT'S A PUZZLEMENT

It is with a heavy heart that I erase the name of **Catherine Forbes** from the back of this newsletter – she held the positions of Administrative Secretary, (first class), S.E. Director, (beyond amazing) and Illustration Artist, (second to none). She will be very hard to replace.



I'm puzzled why, after putting on that fantastic play – *What the Dickens! A Christmas Carol* - involving all the children and youth, that **Catherine's** SE contract was not renewed for 2021.

The play was a labour of love and was rewritten so every child had a part that suited his/her abilities and personalities. It had to be filmed, edited, and many more etcs., plus the accompanying music and sound effects – an absolutely first-class production – enjoyed by everyone – particularly the kids themselves. It was an event they will remember all their lives.

Added to that, **Catherine** managed to corral the children/youth into a unit – they hadn't met regularly for several months and were scattered. None of the above was easy and took a huge chunk of time and work – and all this in times of Covid!

I have been very grateful for **Catherine's** help with the newsletter all these years. While she was treasurer of the board in 2015, she decided it was time to 'revamp' the look of the emailed version of the newsletter. And thus, started the addition of the delightful images we've come to enjoy for the past 6 years. She meticulously edited each photo, cropping, sharpening, resizing and other techie stuff that is beyond me. She found amusing/pretty pics that related to the text and brighten up each edition – and much more.

Thank you, **Catherine** for your wonderful work, not only in the office, but with the young people of our congregation. I wish you all love and luck in finding a new job – you have many remarkable and marketable talents and skills. Take care and stay well.

~ **Heather**

I have been struggling with some computer issues and finally have things up and running again. Apologies if you have been trying to reach me!

**Please take note of my new (and final) email address (kindly delete all others you may have for me, this is the only one I can access):**

**[miss.heather.falconer@gmail.com](mailto:miss.heather.falconer@gmail.com)**

## GOOD LEADERSHIP

Recently – **Isabella Gavanski** and **Ariel Amstutz**. two of our senior youth members, gave the Sunday Service presentation which were led by two other youth, **Olivia Gavanski** and **Talia Sanchez-Rooker**. I was most impressed with these young people from the **S.E Senior Youth Group**.

In December, **Olivia** was Service Leader for **Isabella's** talk on 'active listening' – really listening to people – and it is one of the few services that has stayed with me ever since. I think about it often – and try not to butt in and make my own opinion heard while someone else is talking. I was amazed at the depth of **Isabella's** thinking - she taught me a very valuable lesson that day.

**Talia** led the service for **Ariel's** about the healing power of music. Music is her passion and she has a beautiful singing voice. I was impressed with her ease in front of the camera/zoom – her calmness and ability to speak and answer questions with clarity – (I can envision her as a TV host on CBC news.)

I would like to think that some of their confidence came from being involved with innovative **LUUC S.E.** programs.

~ **Heather**



## THE KNITTING ROOM



Do look at the little fellow on the left. His name is *Ernie* – and he is named for Ernie Els, the South African golfer. He was lovingly hand knitted – and the pandemic project of my friend **Edwina** - I just love his crazy pants!

At the instigation of **Shelly Bloomer**, the Knitting ladies have decided to meet on a weekly basis. It is not that there is all that much knitting going on while we chat – but it is an opportunity to socialize – so necessary for all of us at this time.

We meet via zoom every Tuesday morning at 10:30pm – would you like to join us? – Everyone welcome. Non-knitters can apply.

~ **ed**

## BOOK NOOK – NOW ON-LINE TOO

In this time of pandemic, reading has become more than ever a nourishing activity, connecting us to worlds and emotions beyond our living rooms. With Board approval, I am launching **an on-line experiment in sharing our favorite books**, adopting the Book Nook idea on Lakeshore's website: luuc.org.



Just go to the Events list on the Home page and the Book Nook is an on-going event till mid-June 2021. There you'll find a list of members' books on offer at no cost. If you'd like to acquire a book, please just write it in the Comment section at the bottom of the Book Nook web page. I'll send your request to the book's owner and they will contact you about pick up or drop off. It's first come, first served so I'll drop a title from the list as soon as it is requested by someone.

If you have a favorite book you'd like to pass on to the community, **as a LOAN or a GIFT**, just write its title, author and a short summary in the Comment section, and I will add your offer to the TOP of the list. Please let me know if you are gifting the book or simply lending it.

~ **Christopher Thomson**

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Recently, I read **Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict**, written in 2020. Marie Benedict researched Lady Clementine's life extensively and wanted to show the world the big influence she had on Winston Churchill who relied very much on her judgement in political affairs. She even advised him on improving his speeches. Lady Clementine was very knowledgeable in politics. She was also a big help for her husband in entertaining political leaders, such as the Roosevelts. She knew exactly what they would like to eat and see when visiting England, which helped Churchill to get America involved in the war.

During the war. Lady Clementine worked very hard to get the women in England involved. In those days, women used to stay home and look after their families. She encouraged women to work in factories, on farms, the Red Cross, to look after the wounded soldiers, etc., she also worked very hard to improve the bomb shelters, which need improving very much. Her whole life was dedicated to support Winston Churchill. The only thing she regretted in later life was that both she and her husband were not good parents, both had bad role models in their own upbringing and they did not know how to parent. Their four children were left with nannies, sometimes for months. I enjoyed learning a bit more about the Churchills and the influence Lady Clementine had on her husband.

~ **Dori Abbott**

**Defiance by Nechama Tec** 1993 [NON-FICTION]. A decade ago, I saw a stirring film called *Defiance* starring Daniel Craig about **Tuvia Bielski** who led the largest armed rescue of Jews by Jews during WW2. In the book which inspired the film, we discover how Tuvia and his two brothers built a Jewish partisan unit against all odds, facing German patrols, antisemitism among many of the local peasants, the skepticism of other Communist partisan units and the struggle of largely city-dwelling Jews to adapt to the forest. Under Tuvia's leadership, the unit eventually set up a community of over 1200 souls of all ages deep in the forests of what is now Belarus.

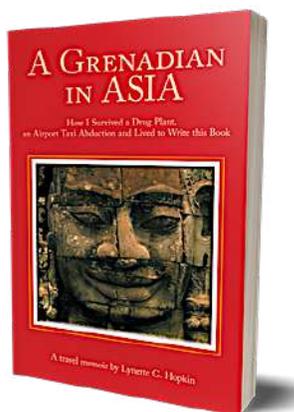
~ **Christopher Thomson** - [GIFT]

## **A GRENADIAN IN ASIA**

**How I Survived a Drug Plant, an Airport Taxi Abduction  
and Lived to Write this Book  
by Lynette G. Hopkin**

This is very exciting – **Lynette** has written a book of her adventures and travels throughout Asia. **She writes:** My book is based on the three years that my husband **Michael** and I lived in a couple of countries in Asia and several others that I was fortunate to visit. My seven chapters are separate, different stories. In these chapters I will take you through a series of adventures that began on my first trip to the Philippines in the mid-nineties and continued through six other countries up to the SARS pandemic that hit the region a decade later. Sprinkled here and there are reflections from the past, triggered by events described in this journey. For those who would like to travel but cannot, I hope that reading my stories releases your imagination and gives you some sense of the excitement of travelling in Asia.

Visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), [bookdepository.com](http://bookdepository.com), search for the book title and author's name to find the online retail links for the book.



### **VERY SPECIAL OFFER:**

**Lynette** has a few copies of her book available at \$12.00 per copy. (This is less than ½ price). The photos in these copies are in black and white – while the on-line copies have coloured photos - otherwise, the books are exactly the same. To reserve a copy, please contact **Lynette** at 514-421-0314 or e-mail her at [sunnyhops@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnyhops@hotmail.com).

(P.S: They are going fast. ~ **ed.**)

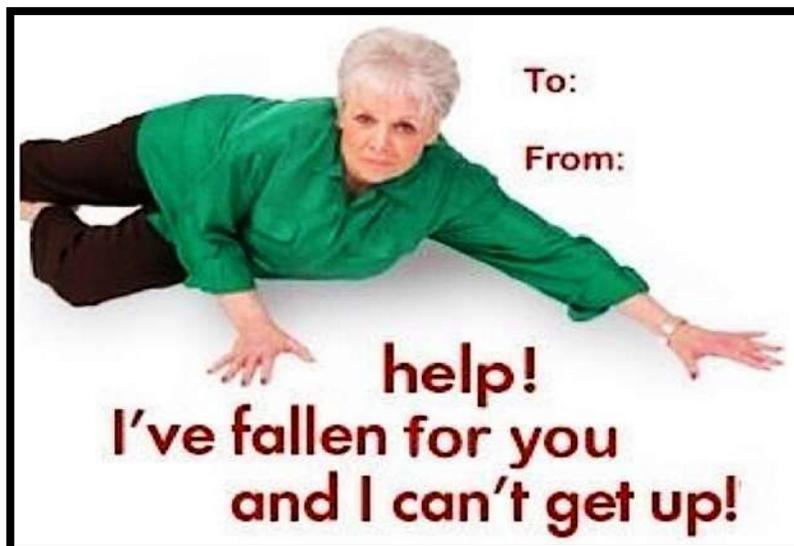
## IN TIMES OF COVID - MY KIND OF HERO

Recently a Montreal man took upon himself the chore to pick up all the discarded PPE in his neighbourhood. Travelling around on his bicycle, with a small trailer attached and armed only with a stick with a nail protruding from one end, he goes around spearing worn masks and old plastic gloves wherever he can find them. There are bountiful pickings outside hair and nail salons, pharmacies, bus stops and taxi stands – also near schools and daycares. As of the year's end he has found over 11,500 masks and 1,800 gloves. These he has carefully and correctly disposed of in his one-man effort to keep them out of the water treatment facilities.

~ ed



*As reported on the CTV: More than 1.56 billion face masks could end up polluting oceans.*



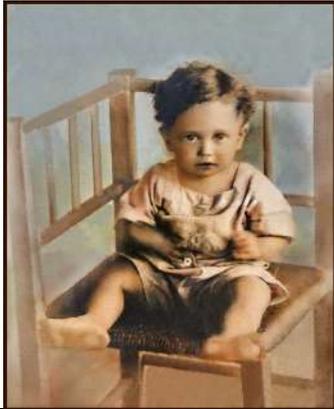
## AN EXCITING VENTURE

### Small Photo Services Business: **Mikey Photo Restoration**

Many of you will already be aware of my founding a small, mainly on-line, photo business. If not, you can easily get informed if you wish, by simply visiting my user-friendly website, recently published. The expression “*a picture’s worth a thousand words*” is especially true for me. Young bloods will be using those “fast-flicking thumbs” with their cell phones. Others may prefer their tablets, laptops or desktops:

Website: [www.mikeyphoto.ca](http://www.mikeyphoto.ca)

Here are a couple of samples to liven things up:

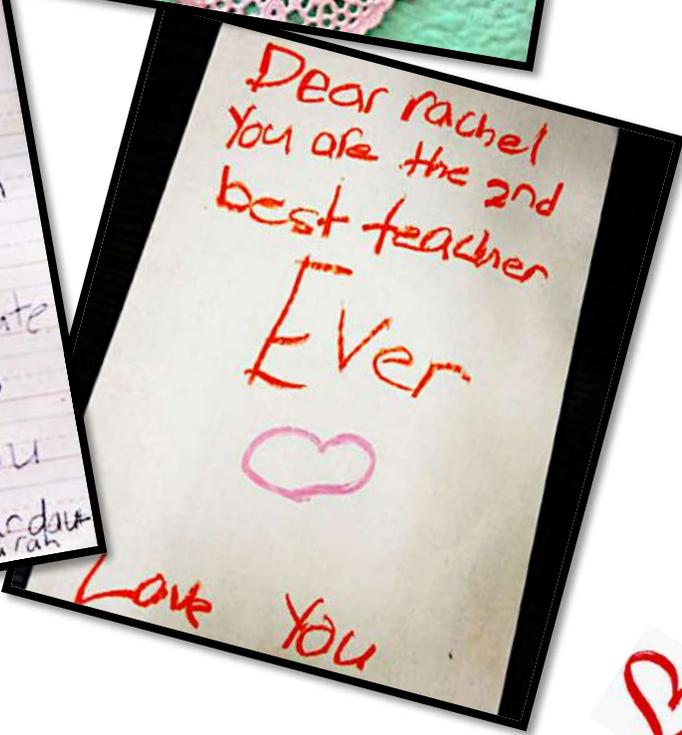
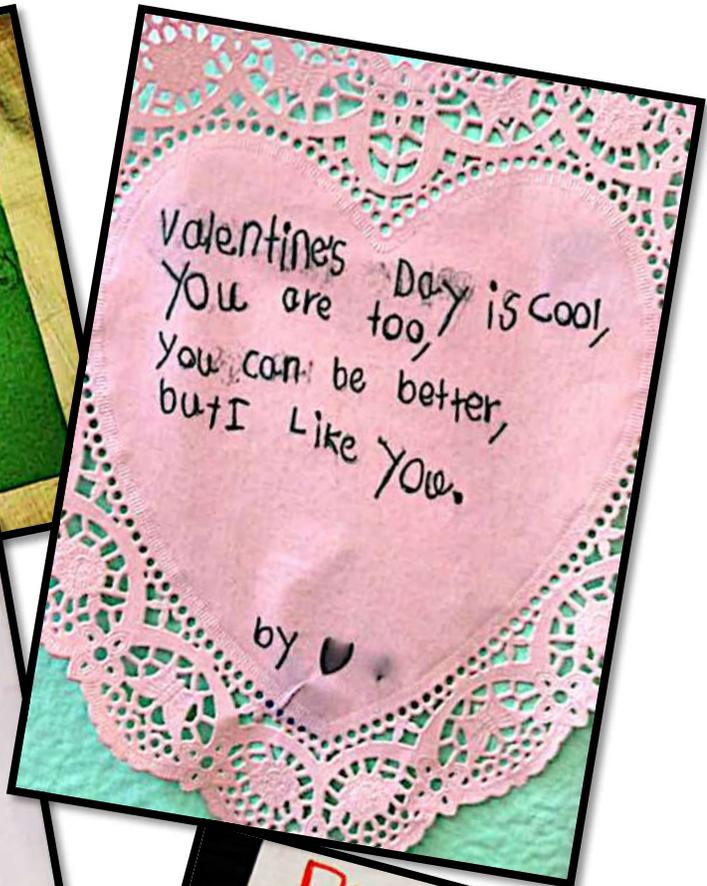
		<p>An old, damaged print was recovered from the ruins of a hurricane-ravaged house. The owner’s family knew that “Little Boy Lost” had to be part of its genealogy. Investigations are ongoing.</p> <p>Meanwhile <b>Mikey</b> had to re-establish the record, including reconstructing the boy’s feet and restoring a bright color balance.</p>
		<p>The modern conundrum seems to be: “<i>A current cell phone with its state of the art camera is better than a heavy, bulky, never-ready digital SLR camera?</i>”</p> <p>This picture demonstrates good “<i>bokeh</i>” – the artistic creation of a deliberately out-of-focus backdrop. This, inter-alia, is what a cell phone can’t do.</p> <p>Photography, printing and mounting are by <b>Mikey</b>.</p>

This is a good place to gratefully acknowledge the skilled, patient support that both **Lynette** and I have received from **Federico Sanchez** and from **Selina** for authorship (Lynette) or website building (me) and for advice with a veritable sea of marketing possibilities via social media.

Well, dear friends and colleagues at LUUC – perhaps you’ll accept that all this vigorous activity during the pandemic confinement has kept **Mikey/Michael** out of trouble.

~ **Michael Rooker**

**FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES**  
**"SPECIAL" VALENTINES MESSAGES**





## A SNOWY STORY



*(Coal Titmouse and White Dove)*

The snowfall on January 16<sup>th</sup>, which made our world a winter wonderland, reminded **Sheila Laursen** of the following story:

Tell me the weight of a snowflake," a coal-mouse asked a wild dove. "Nothing more than nothing," was the answer.

"In that case I must tell you a marvelous story," the coal-mouse said. "I sat on a branch of a fir, close to its trunk, when it began to snow, not heavily, not in a giant blizzard, no, just like in a dream, without any violence. Since I didn't have anything better to do, I counted the snow-flakes settling on the twigs and needles of my branch.

Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the next snowflake dropped onto the branch—nothing more than nothing, as you say – the branch broke off."

Having said that, the coal-mouse flew away. The dove, since Noah's time an authority on the matter; thought about the story for a while and finally said to herself: "Perhaps there is only one person's voice lacking for peace to come about in the world."

*~ from NEW FABLES THUS SPOKE--"The Caribou" by Kurt Kauter*



## TIME FOR SOME FUN RELIGION!



The **Presbyterian church** called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.



At the **Baptist church** the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The **Lutheran church** decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

The **Episcopalians** tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do.

But the **Catholic church** came up with a very creative strategy. They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

### **NOW THE QUESTION IS HOW WOULD THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS MANAGE A SQUIRREL INFESTATION?**

Most creative answers will be in next month's Newsletter! Please send your answers to **Margaret** at [margaretgodbeer@gmail.com](mailto:margaretgodbeer@gmail.com)



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