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## **JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER**

**LIVING OUR 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. For the month of June 2021, the themes are *Play, Care of the Soul and Embodiment*.

We hope you will find those themes reflected in our Sunday Services, and that the month of June brings you a tangible form of play and care of your soul!

~ **Sheila Laursen**

**June 6, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.**

**OUR CANADIAN TAPESTRY**  
**Ellie Tyndale, Toni Smith & Sheila Laursen**

We have all seen the large tapestry hanging at the front of the sanctuary, with its intriguing, child like images of various countries and cultures. We will share how the Canadian Tapestry came about in 1977 & 1978, and how this Lakeshore Unitarian Church Sunday school curriculum, created and led by Myrna Wood, engaged our whole congregation and inspired UUs across Canada and the USA to develop similar locally-created UU programs.

\*\* Note: The timing of this service was chosen to honour the memory of **Peg Wooley** close to her birthday. We want to highlight LUUC's remarkable history, of which Peg and Myrna were important contributors. Each year at this time, we will remember the outstanding contributions of LUUC members, whose lives and legacy, like Peg's, continue to inspire us to **live** our UU principles and values every day.

**Service leader - Sheila Laursen      Musicians - Kerry-Anne Kutz & Michael Cartile**  
**Zoom host - Christopher Thomson      Joys and Concerns - Susan Czarnocki**  
**Greeters - Nancy Schmidt and Susan Czarnocki**

**LUUC AUCTION TO FOLLOW THE SERVICE**

**June 13, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.**

**EMBODIMENT AS PLAY  
Rev. Dr. Heather Fraser Fawcett**

While studying theology at McGill and later, in a summer theology programme at Oxford, I first learned about Jürgenn Moltman's "Theology of Play." That theology especially came alive for me at Oxford. At the beginning of COVID, I began what has been a continuing period of study of the Swiss psychiatrist who founded psychoanalysis, Carl Gustav Jung with a focus on dreamwork and embodiment.

It is summer! Time to play. I hope you will join me sporting your favourite summer cap or hat, ready to play in the realm of lightness and embodiment.

**Service leader - Susan Czarnocki  
Musicians - Kerry-Anne Kutz & Michael Cartile  
Zoom host - Margaret Godbeer  
Greeters - Nancy Schmidt and Shelly Bloomer  
Joys and Concerns- Shelly Bloomer**

**June 20, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.**

**ENDING WITH OUR BEGINNING  
Lakeshore Members**

This Sunday is Father's Day and the last service of the current service year. So, I invite us on this last Sunday before our summer break to think of our origins. It has been said, "*The best parts of your father are the best parts of you. Never forget where you came from.*"

In my generation, fathers, like mine, were sometimes partly occulted figures wrapped up in the business of being the family breadwinner. But whatever generation you are from, who your father was, and even who your grandfather was, has meant a great deal to the person you have become through your own life's journey.

In our hurry to get somewhere, we must never forget where we come from.

**Service leader - Christopher Thomson  
Musicians - Kerry-Anne Kutz & Michael Cartile  
Zoom host - Margaret Godbeer  
Greeters - Shelly Bloomer and Nancy Schmidt  
Joys and Concerns - Shelly Bloomer**

**DON'T FORGET TO MARK 7 P.M. TUESDAY JUNE 22 ON  
YOUR CALENDAR  
FOR OUR LUUC ANNUAL MEETING.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



THE EIGHTH PRINCIPLE UUA draft version – We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: – journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.” Canadian draft version – We, the member congregations of the Canadian Unitarian Council, covenant to affirm and promote: Individual and communal action that accountably dismantles racism and other oppressions in ourselves and in our institutions. Backstory: The UUA Discussions about an eighth principle were sparked in the USA, by a black UU lay leader named

Paula Cole Jones, part of Black Lives Matter in D.C. After working with congregations on diversity issues for over 15 years she looked critically at the UU movement in 2013 and saw that it looked about the same way it looked in 1997, when the first UUA expressed a commitment to be “AntiRacist, Anti-Oppression, Multi-Cultural”. She was realizing that a person can believe they are being a “good UU”, following the 7 Principles, without perceiving systemic levels of racism and other oppressions that surround them: “its the water in which they swim.”

The evidence for drawing this conclusion? Most US UU congregations are primarily European-American in membership, culture (especially music), and leadership, even when located near diverse communities. She concluded that an 8th Principle, focused on breaking down systemic racism, was needed to correct this. In 2013, she worked with a group of anti-racist activists to define it. In the following years, several congregations incorporated what had been drafted into their Covenants and recommended that the UUA adopt it as an Eighth Principle. Backstory: the CUC Canadian UU’s attending UUA events were aware of these discussions. Their import was reviewed by the CUC Board, Ministers and congregational leaders. The Dismantling Racism study group was formed in 2019 to start conversations within the CUC about possibly implementing an ‘eighth principle’. The Study Group undertook a cross-country-survey, identifying efforts already under way and exploring other actions aimed to dismantle racism in our communities. They presented their report at the 2021 CUC AGM on May 8th. It is a hardhitting report, and reminded the delegates once again how very ‘un-diverse’ most Canadian UU congregations are. Its presentation of the report to the AGM was quickly followed by an impassioned speech from a delegate proposing a motion to adopt the 8th principle then and there. The Chair ruled the motion out of order, which it was. But by not immediately specifying that it was out of order under CUC By-laws, not by the more well-known Robert’s Rules of Order, some confusion ensued. The pent-up enthusiasm of a large number of delegates to somehow proclaim their support for the recommendations of the Study Group report took over the dynamics in the room, making it possible to ignore those correctly pointing out that the enthusiasts were pursuing an invalid procedure. By Thursday, May 13, a lengthy email about the AGM vote was issued by the CUC Board President, Margaret Wanlin and

Executive Director, Vyda Ng, reading in part: "...we commit to learning from these errors and doing better going forward. We hope that you will offer all involved the grace to move forward with our common goals in mind."

The CUC Board will be distributing an information package in early June, with feed-back to be sent in by mid-October. A Special Meeting of the CUC is to be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021. This meeting will focus on the 8th principle.

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From the President: The LUUC Board will be sending out information for you to read before our AGM, to determine if there is interest discussing this further at the AGM on June 22. The process by which Principles of Unitarianism gain approval must not be trivialized. Are there procedures already on the books for specifying how to adopt an additional Principle? If so, they should be published now. It would seem that such a process needs more than simple majority votes on resolutions. I suggest that there needs to be an agreement from the beginning as to what constitutes a sufficient consensus to adopt a new Principle. If it is indeed a principle, should it not have 100% support?

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It is interesting to note that the UUA itself is not rushing to proclaim the 8th principle. Discussions within the UUA since 2013 have led to the formation of the Article II Study Commission which is charged to undertake a thorough review of Article II of the UUA By-Laws and report to the UUA Board of Trustees in January 2022. The mandate includes the possible rephrasing of any or all of the current 7 principles, and possible inclusion of others that have been suggested in the past. The possibility appears that these parallel reconsiderations lead to eventual divergences in texts and wordings between CUC and UUA versions of foundational documents.

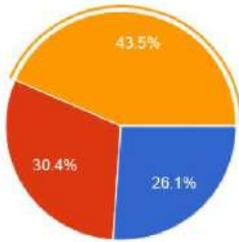
~ *Susan*

## **THE SURVEY AND THE DECISIONS**

First let me say thank-you to everyone who answered the survey. 26 people responded, which is, in itself, a wonderful confirmation of your interest and concern about our effort to build a place that people care about in a deep way. If any of you who are reading this have not yet taken the survey, we would much appreciate your taking it. Just let **Nathalie** or myself know, and we will send it to you ASAP.

The survey was not so much 'revelational', as it was confirmatory. The bulk of the written comments about services have been consistently positive — but we know that people don't generally post comments about more muted experiences. The survey offers a more nuanced picture:

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**Overall level of satisfaction with Zoom services:**

- 26.1% Much less than with services in the sanctuary
- 30.4 On par with services in the sanctuary
- 43.5 I find they can occasionally be more inspiring than services in the sanctuary

It is reassuring that over 70% of respondents find ZOOM services satisfying. About one in four of us are not so enthusiastic. For them, nothing is equivalent to face-to-face interactions, group singing, and a contemplative space.

From the start of pandemic restrictions, congregations were exploring various options and the platforms for both live-streaming and pre-recorded services and sharing their experiences online. Here at LUUC, **Gary Spiller**, **Margaret Godbeer** and **Christopher Thomson** read on-line manuals and attended sessions where others reported their experiences, both positive and negative. So called ‘live-streaming’ via Facebook Live or YouTube provide for activity at a central location to be streamed via a computer to anywhere with an internet connection but do not provide for two-way interaction. ‘Video-meeting’ services such as Webex, Google Meet and Microsoft Teams provide for remote participation, but are expensive.

Several congregations have been experimenting with what are referred to as ‘hybrid’ services: having Zoom serve as the platform connecting cameras and microphones at the service location to a computer running Zoom, with both ‘people in the pews’, and logging in from home. This requires “keeping a lot of balls in the air”. Camera angles and sound quality can be issues. We will do some brain-storming with UUFO [Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ottawa], which has held so-called ‘hybrid services’, and who are continuing to pursue possibilities. What is clear is that live-streaming or recording from the building using any platform will require equipment that we don’t currently have: e.g., a powerful laptop, a good quality camera and a direct connection to high-speed internet. Such a connection entails some negotiating with our landlords, and likely paying more. We also foresee needing to pay a ‘technician’ to operate this equipment as our pool of volunteers is limited. **Margaret** is addressing this in her article in this newsletter. The Board sees these costs as a necessary investment for the future.

We will send out a more detailed report on the Survey, and ‘tech’ options before the AGM. Please attend and help to determine what style of services you want, and what level of technology makes sense for us.

~ **Susan**



## **LUUC SERVICE AUCTION 2021 - OFFERS**

We have once again received a wealth of great offers for the LUUC Service Auction. As we will be online, these are set prices so there will be no bidding. But there are limited quantities for most of these offers so you will need to grab them when they come up!

Pickup and delivery of items will be coordinated between buyer and seller.

If there are any additional offers, please contact Rob at [roblutes33@yahoo.ca](mailto:roblutes33@yahoo.ca)

The **LUUC SERVICE AUCTION** on **SUNDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>** will take place immediately after the service.

### **Chris Wooley**

#### **Hand-knitted winter hats**

**\$35 (2 available)**

Hand knitted hats, male or female (your choice), colour is your choice (you might want it to match a winter coat). Each hat takes approximately five hours to knit. Pom-pom is optional. Photos will be provided at auction.

### **Gary Spiller**

#### **1) Nature walk and orienteering for the kids in Terra Cotta**

**8 people x \$4 = \$32**

June 26

#### **2) Cycling trip to Lachine Park with lunch**

**8 people x \$5**

July 10

#### **3) Birdwatching in Technopark or near the canal in Lachine**

**6 people x \$10**

July 17

#### **4) Canoe Lesson**

**4 people x \$20**

July 3 and July 16

#### **5) Magic Chemistry show for children**

**8 kids x \$4**

August 15

#### **6) Picnic in the Park with Filipino Food**

**4 people x \$8**

July 10

7) **Gardening at the Norwegian Church** - I will plant 4 flowers of your choice (for elders)  
**\$20**

**Monique Riedel**

Lemon Loaves (gluten and dairy free)  
\$10 (2 offered)

**Heather Falconer**

**Dish or Face Cloths**

**2 for \$5** - (4 sets of 2 available)

100% cotton yarn bequeathed by **Mary Hunter**

10" or 26 cm square – stretches some when wet. Knitted with love.

**Josée**

1) **Date loaves**

\$10 each (2 available)

2) **Movie night at Josée's** for two guests - Includes popcorn and glass of wine  
\$10

**Nirupam**

Cashew Cream Cheese (Vegan)

10 X 7½ oz.

**\$6 for each jar**

Made with Cashews, a tiny bit of coconut oil, a dash of salt, water, and the probiotic culture that turns the Cashew Cream into Cashew Cream Cheese, and of course, a lot of fun and love. I can deliver them anywhere in Lachine. All at the same time to the same place, ie. the church.

**Kerry-Anne**

1) **A day at Kerry-Anne and Michael's cottage including a luncheon prepared by KA and Ophe** on Saturday July 24 with Sunday July 25 as the rain date. If ever the weather is very bad that weekend we'll go to the following weekend July 31 or August 1.

**\$45. per person** (Family rates negotiable!)

2) **Two private voice lessons with Kerry-Anne**

**\$60 each**

**Nathalie Hainaut**

**90 minute Thai Yoga Massage Sessions in your home** (2 offered)

**\$60 each**

Originated in Thailand in the second millennia BC, Thai Yoga Massage is a form of bodywork that combines dynamic assisted stretching influenced by Yoga, and physical pressure along energy lines influenced by Chinese acupuncture and Ayurveda. It is practiced in full comfortable clothing on a floor mat. Good for any age, as long as you can sit on a floor mat.

**Margaret Godbeer**  
**Homemade Vegetarian Lasagna to feed 6**  
**\$20**

**Sari Kelen**  
**Hazelnut Cake** (1 offered)  
**\$20**

I will deliver the cake at your convenience. It's best baked on the day you need it!

**Lynette Rooker**  
**Book - "A Grenadian in Asia"** (1 offered)  
**\$20**

Published, highly acclaimed, paperback book "A Grenadian in Asia", an exciting & informative travel memoir covering seven countries of S.E. Asia, illustrated by 30 color photos. This unique (signed) book describes in vivid detail the wonders and dangers of living and traveling in the region with its amazing people, cultures and customs. Three of Lynette's encounters were truly life-threatening. Many readers can't put the book down despite seven separate stories.

**Michael Rooker**  
**Renovate a damaged print or a slide needing correction.**  
**Minimum \$10 total per bid.** (2 offers available)

Delivery & collection of items to/from DDO by owner. I provide a corrected scan electronically and possibly a print, depending on auction amount (below).

- A)** Repairing one photo (& providing the scan)  
Fixed Price amount: \$ 5
- B)** Service A) plus providing a custom print  
Fixed Price amount: \$ 5 + \$5 = \$10
- C)** However, for scans of medium difficulty (more time & repair difficulty due to reconstructions), there will be a surcharge of a further \$5.

**Sheila Laursen**  
**A Treat Yourself to a Special Evening at Home Basket**  
**\$35**

Filled with a Brie cooker, and all the ingredients - Brie cheese, specialty crackers, a baguette, fruit and a bottle of wine.

**Milda Graham**  
**Group Yoga Class**  
**\$10 per person**

Setting to be determined.

Limit in person determined by regulations, or unlimited on Zoom

**Jane Edwards**  
**2x9 holes or 1 round of 18 at Golf Dorval – Mon-Fri.**  
**\$40**

**Dori Abbott**

**Gluten free raison oatmeal cookies**

**Pot of 30 - \$10**

**2 pots of 15 - \$6 each**

(To be picked up at Dori's)

**Selina Ann**

**Read-Me-A-Story: Adults-Only Online Mystery Solving Evening**

**\$5 per sleuth!**

No limit to participants. BYOBeverage to toast.

To take place at end of June

**Michael and Selina**

**Sunset Nature Walk & Photography along Lachine Lakeshore**

**\$10 per person** (limit of 3 photographers)

To take place on Labour Day weekend.

**Selina & Sari**

**Distanced Walkin' & Talkin' Coffee Tour of Dorval's Heritage Houses**

**\$8 per person** (limit of 3)

To take place in June

(Coffee extra: we will visit an Italian café to choose our fav coffee prior to the walk tour.)

**Lynette Rooker**

**A Baked Delight: Apple Cream Pie made with Grenadian cinnamon & nutmeg**

\$15 (one offered)

**Toni Smith**

**Homemade cornbread loaf - \$8**

**Homemade date loaf - \$8**

(both gluten-free)

**Rob Lutes – Music History Zoom Session**

**A one-hour “Stories behind the Songs” session on Zoom**

Featuring songs and stories from music history

\$5 per person. Unlimited participants on Zoom

**Nancy Schmidt**

**Tea in the Garden - \$20**

Participants must have had both shots

2 groups of 8 – dates to be arranged



## PLANT A TREE ON YOUR PROPERTY AND SAVE THE WORLD!



Montréal and a number of **other municipalities** on the island of Montréal are encouraging their property owners to plant more trees as part of the effort to improve our environment and to beautify our lives. As **Nancy Graham** told us after the Richard S. Gilbert service, there is a contact number with *Regroupement des éco-quartiers* to obtain more information: 514-507-5401.

But before calling, I suggest you find out more about the modalities of the program offering trees (1,5 - 2 meters high) at subsidized prices, by visiting the BILINGUAL site: [unarbrepourmonquartier.org](http://unarbrepourmonquartier.org).

You can choose your municipality and see what trees are available at what prices.

- **Christopher Thomson**

## THE BOLD BLACK BEAR



This young black bear was found wondering around the Lakeshore area of Dorval. People were advised to stay indoors. The bear gave the authorities a merry chase but after several hours and six tranquilizer darts, (shown sticking out of him) he was captured – and supposedly taken further afield to be released into the wilds. But this did not happen – and there was no happy ending for this young fellow. In their wisdom the authorities decided to destroy him.

Coming from a country where there are road signs that say – *Drive slowly – toads crossing* and where a whole fire brigade turns out to rescue a little hedgehog stuck in a drain – this official behaviour is devastating to me – it is so, so sad. Come on Canada – we can do much better than this for our magnificent wildlife. - **ed**

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## PAPER RECYCLING

It is possible to recycle 'good quality' paper – but it has to be separated from potential contamination with food, broken glass, etc. This separation is NOT happening in our local recycling process. I have made contact with a paper recycling company located in the Lachine Industrial Park which is willing to accept 'loads' of used paper for recycling as long as they do not contain anything but standard grade (or better) printing paper: no newspaper, no glossy paper. Just what we use in our printers, and what most business/government/NGO mail is printed on.

As long as I am sorting my 30 years of accumulated paperwork, (probably just short of infinity], I am willing to pick up boxes full of paper from anyone who is willing to collect it. Anything to keep it in the stream of recyclables.

Find a box that is 8.5"x11" or larger and keep it next to your desk. Just give me a call - I'll even return your box!  
~ **Susan**



## COVID EMPTY BOWLS EVENT A SUCCESS!



The Empty Bowls event was held online this year due to the pandemic, and it was the most successful yet for the West Island's Bread Basket \ Corbeille de pain Lac St. Louis food security organization.

Local West Island potters donated 444 beautifully handcrafted bowls. 203 bowls were sold online, and another 124 sold at an in-person out of doors pick-up on May 1. Each purchaser also received 500 ml. container of frozen vegetarian or non-vegetarian soup. All of the \$8,442.00 raised goes directly to West Island programs and services that fight hunger.

~ **Sheila Laursen**

## JEAN MERRIFIELD MEMORIAL BOOKLET



In an email sent immediately after Jean's death, I was suggesting that LUUC set up a Memorial Fund in Jean's name. When I began to look into it, I realized how much administering would be involved, and I reconsidered my suggestion. Board discussion resulted in a decision to keep things simple. Jean's obituary mentioned that gifts could be directed to Dans la Rue, the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence in Kirkland, or a charity of your choice. Respond as you are able and mention that the donation is in Jean's honor.

Printed and Bound version of Special Newsletter can be ordered for \$20.00 email: [lakeshoreluuc@gmail.com](mailto:lakeshoreluuc@gmail.com) Or phone Susan Cz.

### FOR JEAN

A hummingbird hovers above the branches outside the window.  
The earth is rising again. Waking from the winter sleep, green leaves begin to emerge.  
Tiny purple flowers bloom like tiny notes of music.

Oh, Jean and so it is.

We called you loved one; we called you elder, we called you. friend, teacher, mother,  
grandmother;

After we have feasted in your honor, remembered you in tender ways, told stories of  
you, and the rain has washed away our tears,  
we will give you back to the other side.

We will release you.

We will sing you back to your relatives, sing you back to the places where you once  
walked,

and return you to the stars.

Oh Jean, and so it is.

You will return to us in the changing season of a hummingbird hovering above a branch  
in the season of green leaves emerging,  
in the notes of tiny purple flowers singing in the rain.

*~ from Gary Spiller*

*Adapted from a poem by Laura Tohe*



## POLLINATION GARDEN REPORT



**Photo by Margaret with Gary, Jose, Sari, Daniel Camozzi, Susan and Selina.**

We had eight people on May 23 and managed to plant all 20 pollination plants in front of the church in the planter box under the sign and in the boxes at the entrance near the door. We dug a small garden between the planter box and a recently planted tree. There is room for expansion in that area. The pollinator plants include spurge, morning glory, basil, evening primrose, tall white phlox, Siberian iris, bee balm, coreopsis, forget me nots, lungwort, periwinkle and purple phlox. We thought that we would dedicate this garden to the memory of **Jean Merrifield** and **Peg Wooley**.

More plants are available next Saturday. We are planning to plant several flower beds and dedicate them to other Unitarians that have passed on in remembrance of their contribution to our congregation over the years,

We are also constructing a Wild Bee Hotel. If anyone wants to join, please contact the Pollination Garden Group.

**~ Gary Spiller**

There once was a man of good cheer,  
It's Gary who lives close to here

He helps kids and seniors  
And all in-betweeniers

He's kind and he's big – what a dear!

**~ ed**

## **WANT TO FIND OLD NEWSLETTER, SEE WHO'S ON THE BOARD NOW, CHECK A LAKESHORE BY-LAW QUICKLY?**

There is a ton of useful information of our **luuc.org** website but you may be uncertain how to navigate on it and find the things you want to know. Past Newsletters, possible changes to up-coming events, items on sale during a fund-raiser, Book Nook offerings, booking your own Zoom session, making a contribution to the church, looking up past Sunday Services, checking out the rules governing one of the church meetings - there are many things to be discovered at the tip of your fingers.

So I propose to offer, with **Margaret Godbeer**, a familiarization session on our website **luuc.org** on Zoom on Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 7:30 pm. To sign up, call or email me.

*- Christopher Thomson*

## **OPINION PIECES FROM CLIFFORD LINCOLN**

Clifford has had a couple of Opinion pieces in the Montreal Gazette recently.

<https://montrealgazette.com/opinion/opinion-where-can-english-speaking-quebecers-turn-now>

<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/west-island-gazette/clifford-lincoln-quebec-anglos-dreading-another-language-crackdown>

*~ Submitted by Sheila*

## **DID YOU HEAR ABOUT HENNESSY?**



A fire broke out in a 5<sup>th</sup> floor apartment in Chicago – and all the people got out safely. But then there was Hennessy – the black cat – who was still inside. “The fire fighters tried to coax him out, but he wasn’t having any of it – so he ran deeper into the apartment and jumped onto the window ledge.” Then Hennessy went for it, launching out of the window, paws spread, bouncing once on the ground before landing perfectly, and then he just walked away. Unfortunately, Hennessy has not been seen or heard of since.

*– CBC news*

## THE LOSS OF LAKESHORE UU'S FIRST MINISTER



**Rev. Charles Eddis with Rev. Diane Rollert**

We are sad to inform everyone of the death of **Rev. Charles Eddis**. He died peacefully at the Montreal General Hospital on Saturday May 22. He would have been 95 in July. Rev. Diane Rollert forwarded the sad news, along with this special request:

Please, please, NO phone calls or emails to Nancy right now. Remembrances can be sent to Rev. Diane Rollert ([rev.dianerollert@gmail.com](mailto:rev.dianerollert@gmail.com)) - she will collect them for the family.

In the 50th Anniversary book of our Lakeshore UU Congregation, author **Heather Falconer** wrote, "In 1958, the Lakeshore Unitarian Church called the Reverend Charles Eddis to be its first minister. Born in Toronto, he received his Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Toronto, and later studied at the Harvard Divinity School. An intelligent, enthusiastic, and well-qualified man, he had been a minister in Edmonton, Alberta, for four years, and before that, a student minister in Wittman, Maryland. He stayed with LUC for eight years, in which time church membership grew to almost two hundred pledging families. The accomplishments of the congregation during that period can only be described as phenomenal...."

One of Charles' first duties was to increase the church's membership; he had great faith in LUC's capacity to grow. He instilled in members the confidence to do anything they set out to do. The church needed to be recognized by the American Unitarian Association in order to receive a grant for the minister's salary. The requirement for this status was sixty-five member families, and when Charles arrived there were only forty-six. Within four months of his arrival, Charles had signed up the necessary number of families. By September 1958, there were seventy-one families, or one hundred and ten members....

Charles worked very hard for LUC. He preached thirty-two very thought provoking sermons that first year.....Many people were attracted to the church because of Charles' stimulating sermons, and because of the many social programs it had to offer.

14 Cedar Avenue was alive with members willing to work hard to make their ideas a reality. It was fun to belong to the Lakeshore Unitarian Church. The church grew and multiplied, and the children grew and multiplied even more....Because of the growing number of children in the congregation, the decision was made in 1961 to run two shifts of Sunday morning services and Sunday school.

One of Charles' major accomplishments during the sixties was his part in founding the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC). A suggestion was made to group together the Unitarian churches of Ontario and Quebec.... Charles was in the unique position of understanding the perspective of both the eastern and western churches, having ministered in Edmonton for several years....CUC was founded and Charles was the president for its first four years, from 1961 to 1965."

Rev. Charles Eddis left LUC in 1966 to serve the UU church in Evanston, Illinois until 1977 when he returned to Montreal. Rev. Diane Rollert wrote, "Charles served as minister of the Unitarian Church of Montreal from 1977 to 1993. He led this congregation through the 1980 Quebec referendum, the church's disastrous fire on Simpson Street in 1987, and oversaw the construction of the building on de Maisonneuve. He knew what it was to live as a phoenix. He was one of Canadian Unitarianism's greatest leaders, a pioneer and a pillar of our movement. His death is truly the end of an era."

Diane noted that Charles' wife Nancy, daughter Sandie and son Tim, their partners, and all the grandchildren plan a celebration of his life sometime down the road when we can share stories, hugs and a butter tart.

*~ Sheila Laursen*

### **BOOK NOOK ON-LINE**



While I think of the summer as a time for outdoor activities and maybe less reading, there have been enough bites over the last few months to make me think it is worthwhile keeping this feature going. Perhaps we won't have much activity over the summer, but I hope we will have a renewed selection of books for your autumn reading, come September. Remember if you liked a book well enough to want to share it, just email me three or four sentences to describe and praise your book.

*- Christopher Thomson*

## **LUUC REMEMBERS REV. CHARLES EDDIS**

**Christine Wooley** says: Reverend Charles Eddis was the attending Unitarian minister at my wedding which was a joint affair seeing as my husband, Paul, is a staunch Catholic. We were married in the McGill Chapel and I remember waiting in a room in the building for an hour before the ceremony as there is only one entrance and I did not want anyone to see me when I arrived. About a half hour before we were set to begin, Charles came flying into the room quite upset. Well, the priest had added the Lord's prayer to the ceremony which none of us Unitarians were aware of; this caused Charles to become quite distraught. He wanted me to know that if I did not want this reading, he would go to bat for me and argue with the priest about it. I was very impressed that he was so principled and so ethical that he came to me to let me know what was happening. I will always remember how kind Charles was.

**Dori and Peter Abbott** say: We enjoyed Charles' services very much, our Church was full at that time. He dedicated our youngest son and married **Mary Rowan's** daughter **Carol** in their garden. We have good memories of our contact with Charles.

**Paul Sullivan** says: We did a service honouring Charles a few years ago. He was so gracious and generous with his time as I called upon him over the years for advice about one thing or another.

When we talk about civil rights and now currently "Black Lives Matter", we talk about our ministers and lay people who went to Selma, Alabama to march and show their concerns about voting rights for blacks. At that time I think of Charles Eddis and the hard work he did in Evanston, Illinois to get equal housing for blacks. "Hands That Do!"

**Barbara Jackson** says: After the war when communities on the West Island developed so quickly the Unitarians among us joined to create the Lakeshore Unitarian Church. Rev. Charles Eddis was our first minister and during that time the congregation grew rapidly.

**Heather Falconer** says: When I became a chaplain in the late 70s, ministers and chaplains - (as we were called then) - from the Northern States, Eastern Ontario and Quebec met for lunch on a monthly basis. Charles was well respected among his peers and I was able to ask him for his advice on many occasions. He had a sense of fun and laughed easily on these relaxed occasions.

~ *ed*

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## FROM THE TREASURER



I have now realized that the month of May is a Treasurer's nightmare! The end of the fiscal year on April 30<sup>th</sup> leads to finishing up the year, preparing for a new year, writing reports for the Annual Meeting and preparing a NEW BUDGET. Arghhhh!

It also involves asking members to please make a pledge commitment to the extent they are able.

A couples of weeks ago I sent out what I hoped was an easy to complete pledge form. To the 12 members who have filled in the form THANK YOU for returning it!!!

I would ask that those who haven't had time or who have deleted or lost the email to please complete and return it. If you find it difficult give me a call and I'll fill it in for you. Here's the link to the form again: <https://forms.gle/3oKr898edPig3XqH6>

We know that this has been a difficult year financially for many. Whatever amount you can commit to helps. It is so much easier to plan when we can predict our income. We also need your time and talent. Could you please consider joining one of our committees? Fresh eyes and ideas are needed.

The Board is in the process of finalizing a budget for the new fiscal year. Once again it is a difficult process as we have no idea when pandemic restrictions will end. Hopefully we will be fully vaccinated by fall. We are looking at options to be able to continue some form of on-line services once we can again meet in person in the building. This is important for those who live far away or simply can't get to our services for whatever reason.

To this end we are looking at purchasing a camera. We also need a new computer, microphones and most likely an upgrade to our sound system. Everyone will benefit from this as it opens the possibility of having speakers from other provinces or countries even when we're meeting in person.

At the same time our regular expenses continue, rent, insurance, music director, administrative assistant as well as the important Spiritual Exploration programmes for our children and young adults.

~ **Margaret Godbeer**

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## THE CARING CORNER



Our deep sympathy goes out to **Chris Bassett** and her family. Chris' mother Mary died on May 22nd. Mary was a member of the Unitarian Church of Montreal.

Rev. Diane Rollert wrote "Mary was born into the Unitarian Church of Montreal and often spoke with great pride that she had been dedicated and married in our old church building on Simpson Street. She was a pillar of the congregation, serving in many roles over the years. When I first arrived, Mary was senior warden. She was diligent in preserving the institutional memory of the church, which she loved so much.

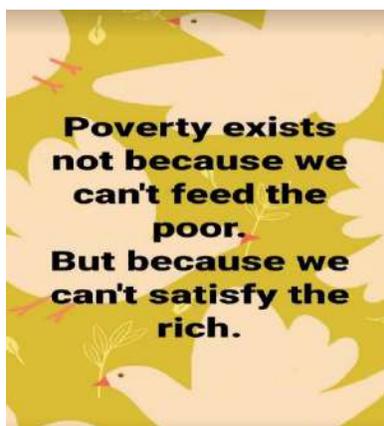
Married to Bob Bassett for 63 years, Mary was the mother of Christina, Keltie, Karen and Rob. She taught home economics and family living at Westmount High, and cherished her memories of her time as a teacher."

We hold **Chris, Gabriel, Jasmine and Edouard** in our hearts at this sad time for their family.

**Traci Williams** will be in our hearts and prayers as she awaits a test result to rule out thyroid cancer'

**Don Hackett**, a former LUUC member who shared a wonderful service with us about saving Jack pine forests recently had emergency back surgery at the Ottawa Civic. Healing wishes go out to Don for a smooth and steady recovery.

~ **Sheila**



## AU REVOIR ET À LA PROCHAINE, PETITS PENPALS-



We hope that you enjoyed the past few weeks of wonderful correspondence with one another.



For your participation in Secret Pals, each of you is due enthusiastic  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Thanks to the grownup pen-pals and parents who helped make this activity a success. Shout out to the junior sleuths who provided clues about their grownup pen-pal at our Mother's Day Sunday Service!



Look out for your special delivery "surprise" b👁️k...



Here's one of the heartfelt letters we received from pen-pal mom of Ring-Tailed Rock Wallaby Joey and White-Tailed Deer Fawn:

*Thank you, so much, for organizing it all - you made it so easy for us! I have been trying since the original Covid lockdown to get my kids writing to friends and family, and have never succeeded. They were excited about this, though, and had a lot of fun with it.*



So, will you wrap it up or keep on writing? Hmm... well, if you managed to post all the cards in your package, you may joyfully continue your letter writing by mailing your own cards to your pen-pal. Buy them or create them yourself — just remember to stick a stamp on it!



Big THANK-YOU to everybody involved in LUUC's Spiritual Exploration's "Secret Pals".



Springtime showers & sunny salutations,

LUUC SE Committee



**PS: Selina and Caitlin** worked very hard on this *Secret Pals – Getting to Know You* project for the SE – and put in so many time-consuming hours of preparedness. The program was cleverly covid-adapted from **Peg Wooley's** original game – and still as much fun. Thank you SE!

- ed

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## S.E. FAMILIES AND ALL AGES ACTIVITIES

Greetings everyone, big and little!



**Mother's Day Service** proved to be a lovely all-ages event, led by our very own music star, Kerry-Anne Kutz, and featuring rousing guest speaker Robin Cappuccino. Post service, our **Secret Pal Reveal** was so much fun!



A **BIG THANK-YOU** to the children and young adults for their loving words about their **mom**s and for openly expressing what the day means to them. You melted our hearts, kids! You're all so special and so loved.



Help our new **Memorial Garden** thrive with a little TLC. Will you and your family don your gardening gloves this month and give the young plants a sprinkle of compost or water?

Gary Spiller is planning a care and watering schedule that your family can join now and even later into the summer months. Much appreciated.

Sure feels great when you set your feet on the church property again, especially in the sunshine!



**Thank-you** to the kids who have left their little green thumbprints in the planting beds, thus far... Butterflies & bees thank you too.



Speaking of getting out & about...

Our SE Committee of five go-getter gals has the challenge of coordinating a playful and safe **summer outing**.

How fun would it be to perhaps have all the Secret Pals meet? Or enjoy a fresh air activity for anyone just craving a new area to explore?

If we can organize something within health & safety protocols, let's go for it!

Pencil in June 27th or July 4th as tentative dates for a nature-inspired excursion.

The SE Committee is paying attention to provincial regulations and will keep everybody updated via email or telephone...or by Harry Potter Owl, lol.



Everybody remember to keep up with your favourite fun reads this summer holiday. Plus, now that you know how fun postcard & letter writing can be, who will you surprise by snail-mail next?



Happy end of the school year, everyone. Have a fantastic summer!



Your SE Committee:

**Selina, Caitlin, Patience, Annelise, and Sheila**



## ALL RACES EQUITY

ARE Panel congregants and a handful of guests have filled the past four seasons—yes, since July 2020! – with enlightening subjects and empathetic discussions. **Talia and I** are so grateful of such a spirit expanding experience. And with what great company!

From Black Lives Matter to Indigenous Solidarity to educating ourselves on pandemic related anti-Asian racism, we panelists have opened ourselves to feeling what it is like to momentarily "step into another's shoes". It is, indeed, a humbling "mile to walk". Good Unitarian Universalists, it is apparent that we have many more miles to go.



These were topics of contemplation in the month of May:

CBC's Feature series, brought to our attention by **Sheila**, gives us insight into the lives of western Black farmers <https://www.cbc.ca/newsinteractives/features/black-on-the-prairies>

**Margaret** says: "This is a fascinating podcast on the history of colonization of Montreal". <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-115-the-doc-project/clip/15840617-whose-condo-is-it-anyway>

Shared by **Sari's** brother, Steve, for Asian Heritage Month, this short video has Sheila pointing out: "And while the Asian population is smaller here, it still has been under attack by irrational people during the pandemic - and now China Town is threatened to lose their heritage buildings to a development project!" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGQtaCyp8f8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGQtaCyp8f8)

To conclude, for pure listening pleasure... Northern Albertan turned Montrealer, Chelsea Vowel, Indigenous writer, tells us a humbling and humorous childhood story: <https://www.indianandcowboy.com/episodes/2014/10/14/stories-from-the-land-chelsea-vowel>

P. S. - Chelsea Vowel wrote "Indigenous Writes", one of the books that **Annelise** recently recommended. You may find us listening, learning, and chatting on Zoom, Monday nights in June.

Look forward to sharing with you,  
**Selina Ann Rooker & Talia Sanchez-Rooker**

Topic: A.R.E. Panel

Time: Monday, 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98210002256?pwd=Yy8yanA2cU1DaFRuNIIXRIJEL0lvUT09>

Meeting ID: 982 1000 2256

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Happy Birthday to **Christopher Thomson** and **Timothy Byrnes** who share a birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope you both enjoy your day.

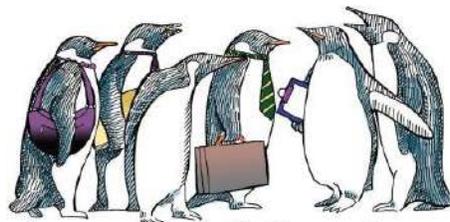
Happy Birthday wishes go to **Gabriel Shaar** on June 11<sup>th</sup> – thinking of you specially at this time, Gabriel and stay safe.

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday to **Monica Warren** on June 18<sup>th</sup> – hope all in well with you, **Karli**, your grandson out there in Ontario.

### AROUND TOWN

The **Ste. Anne's Market** is open again for the summer season – with all the usual popular vendors - masks and distancing apply.

I hear that the Homestyle restaurant in Beaurepaire village has closed and that a new café called the Café Coco and Bean will occupy that space. ~ **ed**



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## **FEEDBACK ON OUR RECENT SUNDAY SERVICES**

### **April 25 - Paul Clarke of Action Refugees Montreal - Welcoming People in Boats or Crossing on Foot**

- \* **Sheila Laursen** - How can we NOT open our wonderful country to others seeking safety and peace?? We have met so many wonderful families arriving here...
- \* **Christopher Thomson** - Excellent presentation - nice combination of program information and stories. Discouraging aspect is the huge back log in treating the applications.

### **May 2 - Fredella Weil on English to English Translation**

- \* **Christine Wooley** - Very thoughtful presentation Fredella.
- \* **Kerry-Anne Kutz** - You're a gifted speaker Fredella. Thank you very much!
- \* **Sheila Laursen** - Thank you for your very timely and relevant presentation on "missing" communication - something that we all need to be even more conscious of, and understanding the importance of trying to really be sure we "hear" what the other is saying during this time of stress and anxiety.

### **May 9 - Robin Cappuccino on Keeping up with the Oxy & Nonagenarians**

- \* **Gary Spiller** - Robin spoke so well about his mother and father and Child Haven. I felt like we were in Nepal during the talk! Nice to see the kids for the secret pals!
- \* **Shannon and Sionna** - Such a beautiful service thank you so much! goodbye everyone
- \* **Charles Ellison** - Thanks for a wonderful service. Special thanks to Rob and Robin! Humanity and Professionalism abounds.

### **May 16 - Rabbi Sherril Gilbert on Good Vibrations**

- \* **Milda Graham** - Thank you R Sherril for the beautiful theme of embodied goodness, connects me with my inner child. The acknowledgment of steady loving connection that underlies the ups and downs of relationships, especially in families. Very beautiful reminder.
- \* **Christine Wooley** - I loved those stories R. Sherrill! Much food for thought. Made me think of my mother when you spoke of the old woman which reminded me of her. Also loved the music.
- \* **Selina** - Thank you, Sherril, very much for all of your meditative passages.

### **May 23 - Rev. Richard S. Gilbert on Universalism**

- \* **Carol Cumming Speirs** - Powerful sermon - rich in history and ideas - a joy - thank you
- \* **Christopher Thomson** - This is a powerful and enlightening sermon. Thank you, Richard. An inspiring talk.
- \* **Kerry-Anne Kutz** - Thank you Richard for your very important message. I learned so much.

\*\* If you missed any of our recent services and would like to see and hear one, just contact **Sheila Laursen** at [sheila.laursen@bell.net](mailto:sheila.laursen@bell.net) **Margaret Godbeer** records the services, and the link can easily be sent to you. ~ **Sheila**

**THINK AUCTION ON JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> – MAKE YOUR SELECTION – PAGE 6**

## **ABUSE AGAINST SENIORS - IT EXISTS IN THE WEST ISLAND TOO! WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY – JUNE 15**

### **MINI TEST - YES or NO**

Someone manages my finances without my permission...

Someone often answers for me...

Someone puts me down or insults me...

Someone touches me in ways I don't like....

I feel neglected...

Someone is trying to isolate me from others...

### **YOUR RIGHTS!**

If you have responded YES to one or several of the above questions,  
do not hesitate to contact the Senior Abuse Help Line or a community resource listed.

Mistreatment and abuse can take different forms:

- Physical
- Psychological
- Sexual
- Material
- Financial
- Negligence
- Violation of rights

### **THERE IS HELP!**

<b>Elder Abuse Help Line</b>	<b>1-888-489-2287</b>
<b>Info social:</b>	<b>811</b>
<b>CLSC Pierrefonds</b>	<b>514 626-2572</b>
<b>CLSC Lac St-Louis</b>	<b>514 697-4110</b>
<b>Canadian Anti-Fraud</b>	<b>1-888-495-8501</b>
<b>West Island Community Resource Centre</b>	<b>- 514 694-6404</b>

## **THE KNITTING ROOM**



The knitting continues with exchanges of ideas, patterns and yarn. I have been knitting dish cloths (or face cloths) made from 100% cotton yarn bequeathed to us by **Mary Hunter**. These items are very colourful and available, together with many interesting offerings through the **GREAT LUUC AUCTION** to be held on **June 6<sup>th</sup>** immediately after the service.

*~ ed*

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL YOU DADS**