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Sunday Services

Oct 30 Darin Quinn, MSc. *Effective Treatment for Aphasia*. Darin is a speech-language pathologist.

Nov 6 Tom Hanley *Fracking*.

Nov 13 Wayne Curtis *Long Ago and Far Away*. Service leaders will be Allison Calvern and Joan McFarland.

Nov 20 Stephen Pidwosky *Peace Studies* Service leader will be Sylvia Hale.

Nov 27 The Reverend Maury Landry

Dec 4 Sylvia Hale *Searching for Meaningful Death*.



Women's Pot Luck

The next monthly women's pot luck dinner will be held November 25th. For more information contact Joan Brewer at 455-5169 or jbrewer@rogers.co



Board Meetings

Just to let you know that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct 30th, shortly after Sunday Service.

It has been arranged to regularly schedule the Board meetings on the last Sunday of the month (for the foreseeable future). All members are reminded that Board meetings are open to all members of the Fellowship.



From your President

So, what's been happening with your Board of Directors since my report in the last issue of Touchstone?

A huge amount of time and effort recently went into the Eastern Region Fall Gathering which took place on the 14-16th October at the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex. As one attendee said, it was the best organized conference she'd ever been to. Great job, organizing committee, with serious help from volunteers! Special thanks for a job well done goes to the committee members, without whom we would not have had such a successful conference:

Tony Fitzgerald
Tom Hanley
Sheila Moore
John van Abbema
Allison Calvern

with financial assistance by our Treasurer's treasured assistant, George DeMille

Some of the highlights included joyful singing by the newly formed choir led by Linda Sprague and accompanied by Margaret Fitzgerald, the Youth Led Intergenerational Service, which was a hit on Saturday evening, and a smudging ceremony and drum meditation with Carlos Gomes on Sunday morning. Unfortunately I was unable to attend anything but the Sunday Service, due to illness, but I was kept informed and have seen the pictures. The Sunday Service was well put together, led by Allison Calvern and with contributions from a number of tUFF members and

Rev. Ray Drennan.

Budget issues continue to be of concern to your Board, as repairs and maintenance to the building and grounds are crucial, such as water-sealing the chimney. Take a look at the ceiling in the children's room where the water damaged area has been completely refinished- it looks like new! And not to mention the wonderful new floor in the Sanctuary it's opened up the space and made access a lot easier.

A heads up- the Finance Committee will be undertaking the annual Financial Campaign in November.

Other activity by your Board includes continuing discussion about signage to help show off the wonderful facility our Fellowship is. Besides the Sunday morning services, your Fellowship is used by Fellowship members and the community at large, such as play rehearsals with Malcolm Miller, a book club, two Circle Conversation groups, the Neuropathy Support Group, Toastmasters Competition, Better Intentions Group (BIG) and PFLAG. Rent from these groups contributes to our coffers.

We will be looking to replace Ken and Sheila Moore on the West Bequest Fund Board of Trustees, as they come to the end of their two year commitment in December. They've done a great job and we appreciate the contributions we have received from the West Bequest Fund.

The Social Responsibility Committee, with Tom Hanley, Joan McFarland and Janet Crawford, are looking at a couple of projects, including an information session on hydraulic fracking, based on the documentary Gaslands.

Glenna Hanley as Chair of the Membership Committee has completed the update of The Directory of Members and Friends of the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton you can get a copy from George DeMille.

We'd like to welcome our new RE (Religious Education) program facilitator, Devin Rigaux. Thanks go out to Quinn Pinco-Hartman for all her hard work and commitment to the RE program over the last year. She is off to Halifax to pursue her nursing career. We're exploring ideas on how we can reach out to more parents who might want to take advantage of the wonderful programming we Unitarians have for children.

On another note, our Hospitality Committee does very important work in providing coffee, tea, and calories after Sunday service. However, we are still without a chair. A sign-up sheet has been prepared, in order that members of the congregation might commit to providing hospitality service for upcoming Sundays, and so keep this valuable work going until a committee chair and members might be found.

We've agreed to hold the Board of Directors meetings on the last Sunday of each month, which ties in with the drive for the Food Bank last Sunday of the Month. It means I'll remember to bring things to contribute to the Food Bank. I've been told that financial donations are welcome too, as

the Food Bank can buy in bulk and get great value for the \$\$\$. George tells me that charitable receipts can be made available.

The ongoing work by committee, Board members and volunteers is much appreciated. There are lots of examples, including Betty Lou Daye and Ken Moore cleaning up the wayside pulpit scrolls in the garage. I, for one, look forward to reading the scrolls posted outside.

We're still looking for a wheelchair that can be donated for use by the Fellowship. We've had donated a stroller and baby car seat so if there are any grandparents out there with visiting little ones, you're welcome to borrow it. However, please note that tUFF assumes no responsibility or liability for borrowed equipment.

Sheila Thompson
President, Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton

Remember the past, dream about tomorrow, but live for today. (anonymous)



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Eastern Regional Fall Gathering

As the chair of the local organizing committee for the 2011 Eastern Regional Fall Gathering of the CUC, I would like to thank everyone who had anything at all to do with the event. Our president in her letter to the congregation has already listed the local committee members, but I would also like to make special thanks to Linda Sprague for organizing the choir. The choir is often a central focus of these gatherings and I have received numerous praises for the choir's performance in the Worship service. Linda worked with Margaret Fitzgerald and Allison Calvern in organizing the Sunday Worship Service and I owe all three for assuming the critical function of a Sunday Worship Service committee.



Sunday Worship Service Preparation

Special thanks to John van Abbema for arranging to get Father Monte Peters for the keynote address. While from a different faith group, Monte was able to highlight from his own experiences aspects of leadership common to all organizations. I noted that both The Reverend Ray Drennan in the Sunday Service homily and the Reverend Frances Dearman who facilitated the Worship Stream which I attended made references to Monte's address in illustrating their own points. John was also critical in taking notes from our meetings when the chair was too distracted to do so.

I want to thank Sheila Moore in her work in organizing the billet hosts and the Welcoming Desk. She went above the call of duty in waiting at the desk until the van from Ottawa arrived late Friday evening after a long drive in not the best of weather, then was back first thing Saturday morning to continue with registration. Sheila and Allison worked together to put together the conference material so that check-in was painless and quick. Sheila and Ken served as our sound system engineers moving the keyboard

in from the Ridge and setting it up in the three different locations where it was to be used. Thanks to all the people who hosted billets, especially those who hosted billets with special needs. Thanks also, to people who helped guide people staying in residence to their rooms.

I can not say enough thanks to Tom Hanley who suggested the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre as our venue then working with the staff of the Complex to ensure that the facilities were ready for our needs. Tom also made special arrangements with the Fredericton Inn in case we would need their more comprehensively accessible facilities. Tom made himself available through the Gathering to handle last minute emergencies.

Thanks are also due to the various facilitators and speakers. From those which the CUC provided to facilitate the two session streams and the CUC report and Active Democracy workshop to those which the local organizing committee arranged.



Cleansing Smudge

I also owe a debt of gratitude to Kelly McDowell, the Congregational Services Programmer for the Eastern Region, who was my main contact with the CUC and who provided us with the details of what was expected from us and what would be provided by the CUC. Behind Kelly was the rest of the CUC staff.

Carlos Gomes conducted a drum meditation service with cleansing smudge before the Sunday choir practice and it should make us realize how blessed we are with the wealth of local expertise as this was a new experience for many of the attendees. Ray Drennan presented a very thoughtful homily on the evolution of Unitarian/Universalism and its directions. He has made the material available and it should be on our web site some time in the next couple of weeks. Once more, Father Monte Peters spoke reverently and relevantly to open the Gathering to a very positive reception.



Farewell Lunch

A number of people have commented on the Sunday Worship Service and the continuous flow (with only the occasional minor glitch) from one congregant to another as the service moved from reading

to song to meditation to homily with many of us taking part. Thanks to everyone who was willing to stand before the assembled mass of Eastern Region participants and read or light a chalice.

Running in parallel with the Gathering was the Youth Con and I am very grateful to Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes for stepping in and taking care of the local coordination of that aspect of the event. Jo-Anne worked with Ariel Hunt-Brondwin, the Youth/Young Adult Programmer and the Youth themselves.

Thanks beyond measure to the staff of the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex whose professionalism and friendliness made the facility a joy in which to work and highlighted for visitors from away what Maritime friendliness is all about. Thanks also, to the Fredericton Inn. While we did not, in the end, make direct use of their facilities, they were ready to accommodate people with serious accessibility issues and provided a large bag of soap bars for any who might have missed the last minute note sent out to warn people that the residence did not provide soap or towels.

To reprise the Story for All Ages, truly an allisonian inspiration, thanks for being the “Little Fellowship that Could”

If there was a disappointment from the Gathering, it was for me that the Lay Chaplaincy Basics training course was cancelled when only two people registered for it. It means that I will have to wait until there is another LC basics training session organized, probably in the Spring in Hamilton. Tom made a quick review of the evaluation forms and it would appear that in future, a greater effort will have to be made to ensure that vegetarian meals are clearly identified and reserved for those who indicated their needs.

In fellowship
Tony Fitzgerald

Día de los Muertos

The Mexican holiday is coincident with the Catholic holidays of All Saints’ Day on November 1 and All Soul’s Day on November 2. The celebrations in various cultures focus on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. European celebrations probably trace back to pagan observations such as the Celtic Samhain or New Year celebration when the veil between the worlds was very thin and the departed souls could cross over to the next plane. The Mexican holiday traces its origin to an Aztec festival dedicated to the goddess Mictecacihuatl. In Brazil, the festival



Catrinas (Elegant Skulls)

departs to the goddess Mictecacihuatl. In Brazil, the festival

is *Dia de Finados* and similarly themed celebrations appear in many Asian and African cultures.

Fredericton Choral Society

Fredericton’s annual concert to celebrate St Cecilia takes place at Wilmot United Church, Sunday, November 6th at 7.00pm. Performing choirs are the Oromocto High School Glee Club, the Overtime Improv Choir, and the host choir, Fredericton Choral Society. A highlight will be Paul Halley’s Freedom Trilogy. Tickets from Choral Society members, Westminster Books, and at the door. Adults \$10, seniors/students \$8, families \$20. For information call 488-9894.

Dying With Dignity

DWD Featured in Award Winning Radio Program

White Coat Black Art Wins for “*The Will to Die*”

The CMA announced the winners for medical media programs and the winner of “Excellence in Radio Reporting; In-depth” was Dr. Brian Goldman’s White Coat Black Art radio program featuring our own Nagui Morcos.

The CMA Media Awards honour outstanding Canadian journalism that enhances understanding of health, the health care system and the role of health professionals.

In this moving interview, Dr. Brian Goldman explored Nagui’s “will to die.” The show itself generated high volumes of reader responses and some thoughtful follow-up comments from Dr. Goldman.

Editor’s note: If you are interested in reading the full Fall DWD Canada newsletter including a link to the radio interview and follow up discussion and comments contact Tony Fitzgerald (email address in Fellowship directory).

Use of Fellowship

I am writing to let you know that there was an incident of vandalism at the Fellowship last Friday evening. Similar to the situation about 18 months ago, someone threw a rock through the window of a car parked in our parking lot. The police were called, but there is really little they can do after the fact. I can only suggest that you remind your friends that they should not leave their cars with what looks like valuable goods in the interior when they park there after dark.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is important that you check the thermostats, turn off the lights and lock all doors before you leave the building. I recently went to the Fellowship and found the side door by the bathroom unlocked, the thermostat in the main room up to 75' and the lights left on in the hall upstairs. The Board of the Fellowship expects us all to be responsible when we use the building. This is especially important if we suspect there may be a prowler around... see first para....

I would also like to remind everyone that there is a recommended parking plan (attached) and that the entrance driveway is the up hill one and the exit is downhill. If we remind our friends and committee members, parking may be more straight forward for large groups.

If you have any questions or suggestions you can reach me at 363-2480

Ken Moore,
Chair Bldgs and Grounds Ctte



International Day for Tolerance

The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance. It is observed on 16 November.

And, in similar vein, November 13 through 19 is Bullying Awareness Week. November 19 is the World Day for Prevention of Abuse and Violence against Children. November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and begins the White Ribbon Campaign of men against men's violence against women, which runs until December 6.

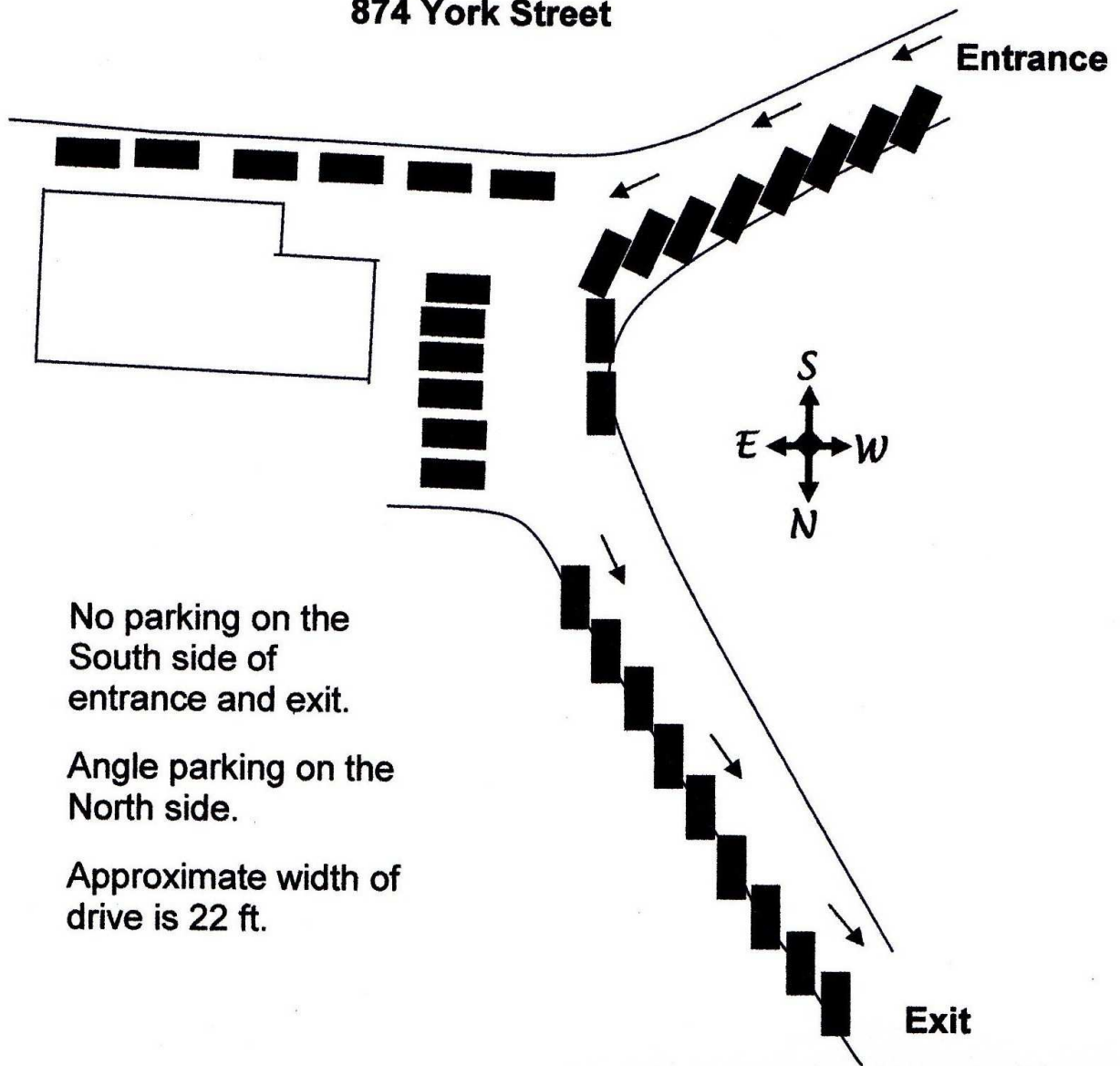


Lest We Forget

Let us all pause to remember on November 11, the freedom we owe to those who made the supreme sacrifice when their country called. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, pause and think what we might have lost had the Allied forces not prevailed. We have the rest of the year to hold our politicians to account for their decisions, good or ill, that may put our soldiers in harms way. On this one day, we say thank you to those who, without question, do what they believe to be necessary and right for the rest of us.



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No parking on the South side of entrance and exit.

Angle parking on the North side.

Approximate width of drive is 22 ft.