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Sunday Services

September 29 *Climate Change Fast* Darcie Dunbar.

October 6 *Religion in Africa* The speaker will be Dr. Fikru Gebrekidan with Joan McFarland as service leader.

Since this is a church audience I'd like to talk about religion in Africa, perhaps with a focus on the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. I hope most of the audience would find it interesting to know that both Christianity and Islam have a long history in Africa and that the Horn of Africa was where the two religions met each other for the first time. What was that meeting like and how was it similar to or different from present-day Muslim-Christian interactions? It's obviously a complex topic. But it's also a topic that the audience would get something out of, and would even challenge some of the traditional stereotypes we have of Africa.

October 13 *Christian Unitarianism* Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes.

October 20 *Unitarian Universalist United Nations* Allison Calvern.

October 27 *The Seeker* Heather Lunergan.

Clear pixel for spacing In the early 1990's I became a full-time mature student, and in the mid-90's I realized that Unitarianism could help me continue my learning/spiritual journey I began at university. Come hear how I became a "seeker."

Women's Pot Luck

The next women's pot luck will be held Friday, October 25th. Judi Day will host the gathering at her home, 280 Dunns Crossing Road. We gather at 6 PM and eat at 6:30 PM. Topic for discussion will be circulated and posted in Sunday service bulletin. For further information contact Joan Brewer at 455-5169 or jebrewer@rogers.com

Community Kitchen

editor's note: due to delays at the printers, the letters and envelopes were not ready in time for the original date so the letter stuffing has been rescheduled.

I have agreed to coordinate the stuffing of 2,000 envelopes for the Fredericton Community Kitchen's annual mail out campaign. The Fredericton Community Kitchen receives no government funding, and this mail out of 50,000 letters is their major fund raiser. They have contacted local churches to help with this. I think it is an honour to be invited to help, and I see this as an opportunity to establish a presence in the community and more importantly, help us work together as a fellowship to help others. I believe a project like this is just what we need to help us rebuild our sense of community.

There will be a potluck after the service on Sunday, October 6th. followed by letter folding and envelope stuffing. I see this as a family event so children and youth are encouraged to get involved. Please let me know if you are able to participate!!

Thank you,
 Heidi O'Donnell

Theology Talks

As part of the Sunday Service program in 2013-2014, I will be offering a series of talks on theological diversity.

I attended the Theological Diversity stream at the Canadian Unitarian Council's ACM last May, and was inspired by the range of perspectives offered by Unitarian Univer-

salists across Canada. Several ministers were involved in organizing and presenting the sessions, and their diversity was very telling; I hadn't really grasped how different our ministers' belief systems were. I also took part in a Renaissance module on UU History from a Canadian perspective.

My intention is to explore some of the different theological perspectives that have contributed to the broader UU movement over time, for instance world religions, Christian Unitarianism in Europe, the Canadian Fellowship movement, and Universalism in New England.

I've discussed this with Sylvia, and I plan to deliver one talk every month or so. Topics will be announced in the Touchstone ahead of time, and I want to invite any members or friends who identify with or have a particular interest in one of the topics to contact me and share any thoughts they might have about appropriate information, hymns, reading, and so on. If there is enough interest, I may do a workshop or evening classes on the UU theology.

The first talk in the series, on Christian Unitarianism, will be given on Thanksgiving Sunday. I'll be talking about the Christian roots of Unitarianism, Channing's definition of Unitarianism, and the recent Avignon Manifesto signed by European Unitarians.

Hope I can keep your interest!

Blessèd be,
Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes



Unitarian Chamber Readers

I am working on getting another theatre production ready with the Unitarian Chamber Readers this coming January. If you are interested in being part of the group please email at mmiller23@mac.com.

Malcolm Miller



Social Responsibility

WE ARE TUFF!

Concerned Fredericton area Unitarians are hosting a vigil on Tuesday October 2 at 7 pm in front of the Provincial Legislature, to commemorate the end of ClimateFast. This is in solidarity with Climatefasters across the country, and especially those who will be hosting a vigil on Parliament Hill at 8pm Eastern Time, on October 2. It is very important to come out, both as part of our national Unitarian community who have taken on this challenge, and for the good of our local community who often feel powerless and neglected by the Church. Pray for good weather, dress warm and bring a chair. We can do it, WE ARE TUFF!!!!

There will be a rally at 5pm Tuesday October 1 in Stanley at the Upper Nashwaak Lions Club. Please bring a chair

if you can, camera or phone if possible, and any posters/signs with a message you may like to share.

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

Northcliff Resources Ltd. (Northcliff) is a mineral exploration and development company focused on advancing the Sisson Project, a proposed tungsten-molybdenum mine located in central New Brunswick. The Sisson Project is located 100 kilometres northwest of Fredericton by road, near the communities of Stanley, Juniper, Napadogan and Millville.

The Sisson Project is undergoing an environmental impact assessment (EIA) under both provincial and federal legislation. Northcliff's EIA report is currently under review by both governments. In addition to public participation opportunities that are part of the federal and provincial assessment processes, Northcliff will hold a series of open houses. The open houses, in cooperation with internationally recognized engineering and environmental consulting firms, are intended to share information about the Sisson Project EIA Report

Stanley (Upper Nashwaak Lions Club) October 1, 2013
4:00 - 8:00 pm

Juniper (Juniper Recreation Centre) October 2, 2013 4:00
- 8:00 pm

Nackawic (Nackawic Lions club) October 3, 2013 4:00 -
8:00 pm



Moving - Pickles for Sale

Our friend Nafla Anderson is downsizing and moving to a smaller apartment at the end of October. Before she was offered the new apartment she had made many jars of delicious pickles. Some are for sale.

Lady Ashburnham Pickles	1 pint jar	\$7.00
Mustard Pickles	1 pint jar	\$7.00
Green Tomato Chow	1 pint jar	\$7.00
Pickled Beets	1 quart jar	\$8.00

For more information talk to Haifa at 472-1509.

Haifa Miller



Youth Group

October Update

At our recent meeting, the Youth Group talked about the kind of activities we'd like to do and meeting times. Youth decided that the best time to meet would be during Sunday Service time. I think that is probably easiest for a lot of families. So we will all start out in the service at 11:00 a.m., go upstairs after the children's story, and meet in the piano room. Our October meeting dates are October 6 (we'll be stuffing envelopes for the Community Kitchen afterwards) and October 20. Please join our Facebook group to find out about upcoming meetings and activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FrederictonUUYouth/>

We'll also have activities at other times. I was thrilled to see such a strong interest in volunteer work! We are also planning visits from people of other faith groups and visits to different places of worship, social activities, youth cons and even a trip to Boston.

If you didn't make it to our first meeting, October 6 would be a great time to come and find out who we are and what we are going to do.

You can contact me at eldergomes@yahoo.com.

Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes



Canadian Bible Society

The Word. For Life.



Just think, what if we didn't have the Bible? What would our Christian faith be like? Would we even have a faith?

Millions of people don't have to wonder. This is their reality. For those of us who own more than one copy of the Bible, it may be hard to believe that many people around the world do not even have access to a Bible in their own language.

Having access to the life-changing Word of God should be cause for celebration within the Church.

The Canadian Bible Society welcomes you to join us on October 20th (or on a Sunday of your choice) in a celebration of the Good News that His Word contains. Spend a Sunday celebrating the gift of God's Word.

The Canadian Bible Society is happy to provide all the resources needed to help you make Bible Sunday a meaningful celebration.

Editor's note: if anyone is interested in this, I can forward the email that came with it that also includes links for more information.



Dying with Dignity

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My Life... My Death... My Choice

November 2 has been designated "World Right to Die Day". While this has been celebrated since 2008 in other countries, the first Canadian rally to celebrate the occasion is scheduled for the British Columbia Legislative Grounds. Supported by the B.C. Civil Liberties Union as well as others.

The 1st Unitarian (Victoria) has formed an umbrella group to support Canadians who would like to choose the method and timing of their death as their body dictates. We would like to change current federal laws which criminalize assisted suicide and support the stance that the individual's right to die, is constitutional under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

If you have not seen it, use your preferred search engine to find the video made by Dr. Donald Low eight days before his protracted death from cancer. Dr. Low was instrumental in resolving the SARS outbreak in Toronto. As a doctor, he would be more knowledgeable about palliative care than a lot of the people who claim that no one needs to die like this.

Editor's note: I have a brochure for the rally in BC if anyone is interested and will send it electronically to anyone who requests.

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