



The Newsletter of the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton

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June 1 T.B.A.

The Unitarian Readers will be performing "Animal Farm" in Houlton, Maine.

## Sunday Services

**May 4** Heather Lunergan *Celebrating Spring in the Spirit of Dr. Norbert Čapek* The service will feature a variation on a "flower communion." During the "story for all ages" time, everyone will be invited to bring their contribution of seeds, cutting, or seedling to the front. After words by Dr. Čapek, the children can go upstairs.

The Unitarian Readers will be performing "Animal Farm" in Saint John.

**May 11** Dr. Prabhakar *Society for Rural Improvement* Dr. Prabhakar is visiting from Kerala, India where he leads SRI (Society for Rural Improvement), a micro-credit program for women. Some twenty years ago, Dr. Prabhakar left a job as a professor of English in a US university to devote the rest of his life to this project. Joan and Najat visited the program in 2001. Dr. Prabhakar will be telling us about SRI and asking for our support. Find out more about SRI at [www.sriprojects.org](http://www.sriprojects.org)

**May 18** Malcolm Miller *Compassion*

**May 25** The Reverend Kitsy Winthrop *Epiphanies* Kitsy gives us an entire weekend starting with a movie night, a workshop on Saturday and individual time on her "dance card".

## Women's Pot Luck

The next women's pot luck will be held Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We gather at 6 PM and eat at 6:30 PM. Janet Crawford will host the gathering at her home, 155 Aberdeen St. The topic for discussion is "Summer Happenings" Talk about one or two things you love about summer. Are you doing them this summer? Why or why not? For further information contact Joan Brewer at 455-5169 or [jebrewer@rogers.com](mailto:jebrewer@rogers.com)

## The Long Strange Journey - Part 2

On Friday, April 18 there was a gathering at the Fellowship that proved to be both enjoyable and significant on many levels. Thanks to Haifa, who arranged the event, we first ate a delicious pot-luck meal. Then we watched the beginning of a 6-part series called "Long Strange Journey" which describes the origin and development of Unitarian Universalism. Afterward people expressed their appreciation of this outstanding, well-produced historical perspective.

Everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship on Friday, May 16 at 7 pm for a continuation of the series. There will be dessert, followed by part two, which shows how Unitarianism began in Eastern Europe, and then gradually spread west to England.



## Visit by Reverend Kitsy Winthrop

### Call for Volunteers and Participants

Rev. Kitsy Winthrop, a UU minister from Maine who knows us well and whom we appreciate deeply, will be in Fredericton on May 23, 24, 25, and 26.

During her visit, Rev. Kitsy will be leading the Sunday service and also joining members and friends of the Fellowship for social, pastoral, and congregational activities. Although the plans are tentative at this time, we are planning a movie screening and a workshop during the weekend.

As in the past, she will also make herself available to meet with individuals or small groups who would like to talk to her or invite her for meals. Stay tuned to find out who will be coordinating Kitsy's Dance Card, as she calls it, so you can arrange an appointment.

I will be doing some of the planning work, but will be away the weekend she is here due to another volunteer commitment. I am looking for one person to coordinate hospitality and a dedicated handful to assist, as well as people to help with scheduling, greeting and hosting at different events. If you are able to help in any way, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the other volunteers.

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## Thank You!

I want to thank the Unitarian Fellowship Women's Caring Committee for presenting me with flowers and a beautiful card by Janet Crawford at our monthly pot luck gathering last night. I took some pictures when I arrived back home and want to share them. It is amazing what other's gestures of kindness and positive thoughts of one another during our difficulties can do to help us feel so much better. It reaffirms my faith that what we have sewn so shall we reap. God in his records he shall keep!



Judi Day



## CUC Annual Conference and Meeting

The CUC ACM will be held in Montreal over the weekend of May 16 through 18. The theme for this year's conference is "Building Beloved CommUunities: Sacred Spaces Beyond the Walls." More information is available from the the ACM web site (See the Timely News tab on the UFF.ca web site for a link to the ACM web site). The UFF is entitled to send two voting delegates to the ACM on May 16. Please speak to George DeMille if you are interested in being a delegate.



## UUA GA

Watch GA Online June 25-29

Stay up to date with all of the important events at this year's General Assembly (GA) in Providence, RI, by watching streaming video at home. Visit UUA.org to find a schedule of streamed events. Live-streaming GA video will start on Wednesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. ET.



## Eastern Region Fall Gathering

Save The Date

Friday Oct. 31 -  
Sunday Nov. 2

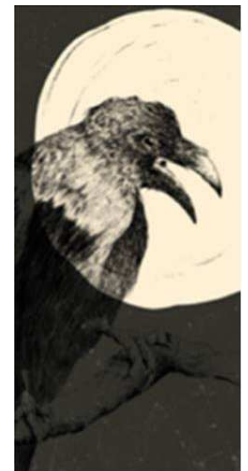
Join us for a SPOOKTACULAR good time as we aing, learn and celebrate together.

Programming for children, Junior Youth, Young Adults and Adults.

Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Halifax.

This event is sponsored by the Canadian Unitarian Council.

Contact linda@cuc.ca for information.





## IDAHOT

### International Day Against Homophobia

The International Day Against Homophobia, held on May 17 every year, is a rallying event offering an opportunity for people to get together and reach out to one another. Fondation mergence promotes, mainly on a pan-Canadian level, the International Day Against Homophobia and encourages organisations and individuals to highlight this event in their environment.



## Ascension of Jesus

The feast Ascension of Jesus is celebrated in 2014 on May 29. The Ascension of Jesus is the Christian doctrine from the New Testament of the moment when the resurrected Jesus was taken up to



heaven in his resurrection body, in the presence of eleven of his Apostles. According to the doctrine, he was returning to his Father and his heavenly throne, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. An angel told the watching disciples that Jesus' second coming would take place in the same manner as his ascension. Jesus died circa 30 by Crucifixion at the hands of the Romans.

The Ascension is one of the great feasts in the Christian liturgical calendar, and commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day from Easter day. However, some Roman Catholic provinces have moved the observance to the following Sunday. The feast is one of the ecumenical feasts (i.e., universally celebrated), ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and Pentecost.

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