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## Up-coming Sunday Services

### Sunday Services 10:30 am via zoom

With the surging incidence of CoViD-19 and the threat of the omicron variant we have decided to return to zoom only services. The Sunday Services Committee is grateful for the wonderful guest speakers from both inside and outside our Fellowship during this difficult time. Watch for the ZOOM information each week which will be sent to the congregational email list. Contact the chair of the membership committee, [Membership@UFF.ca](mailto:Membership@UFF.ca), to be added to the mailing list.

### Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> *A New Year, A Time of Renewal*

The principles we are highlighting in this Sunday Service are: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. and, A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

*Service Leader:* Janet Crawford

*Tech:* Myron Hedderson

### Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> *Revisiting Our Covenant of Right Relations With Each Other.*

To covenant with one another is to engage in the spiritual and everyday practice of loving better. This Sunday we will revisit what it means to have a document that expresses our written promise to each other.

*Presenter:* Joan Brewer

*Service Leader:* Sheila Moore

### Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> *Perils, Possibilities and Courage*

2 short sermons by Lynn Ungar and Molly Housh Gordon which touch on many aspects of our lives in a time of COVID.

*Presenter:* Sheila Moore

*Service Leader:* Jane Loughborough

### Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> *Welcoming LGBTQ+*

A revisit of "Welcoming Congregations", a program from several years ago when UFF members studied homopho-

bia and learned about welcoming LGBTQ+ people to our congregation. Members will share memories of that program and our guest speaker, Meredith Batt, President of the Queer Heritage Initiative of NB, will offer insights learned from exploring the history of LGBTQ+ population in our province.

*Guest Speaker:* Meredith Batt

*Service Leader:* Glenna Hanley

### Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> *Grace 6 Ways* - Rev. Stephen Atkinson

The concept of Grace is one of the most profound and beautiful in all of theology. Still, it can give Unitarian Universalists pause because of a narrow sense of it we may have come across from particular Christian sources. Today, we'll ponder what Grace can be and how we may see it all around us in a variety of ways: 6 of them, to be exact.

### Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> *TBA*

*Speaker:* Roger Wilkie

*Service Leader:* Heather Lunergan



## President's Report

### for December 5, 2021 Board Mtg.

Nov. 20:

Joan Brewer and I met, to finish putting plastic film over the windows. In some cases, because of degradation of wood trim around the windows, duct tape was used instead of the standard double sided tape. Not pretty, but the duct tape seems to hold the film in place.

Nov. 22:

I sent an email to Jenn, requesting a response to the bare bones of a Social Media Policy noted in the draft Safety Policy. I followed up with a phone call on Dec.1. Jenn will compose a few words for the Social Media Policy portion of the Safety Policy.

I sent an email to Ken on Nov. 22, copying the Emergencies portion of the draft policy to him, for review by the B & G Committee.

Ken asked me to drop by the UFF while the two new doors were being installed. To his dismay, Ken discovered that the door into the library, as installed, was hinged on the wrong side. And the new door to the Lanai was shorter

than the original, so that the installers had to close in a gap above the door. It was later discovered that one of the three windows we had ordered has a cracked pane. Not an impressive record for our supplier, Kent.

I happened to catch the Kent representative as he was about to leave. Ken was present and told the man that a \$100 price reduction would not persuade us to accept the current door. Following on Ken's words, I told the man that we would accept the installed door, if given a rebate of 50

Subsequently, Kent agreed to give us a \$300 get card for use at Kent.

On Nov. 24, I sent a summary of the Nov. 14 Board Mtg to Tony for inclusion in the Dec. 5 issue of The Touchstone.

Dec. 1:

I sent out a draft of the Dec. 5 Board Mtg., along with an update to the Safety Policy.

I sent holiday best wishes and notice of upcoming Board mtgs to Tony for inclusion in Touchstone.

I sent emails to Board Members requesting their responses to a motion by Heather, seconded by Glenna, approving the transfer of two OCU savings acct. funds into an existing GIC for a 20 month rollover on Dec. 4. The Motion was carried by a vote of six Board Members.

Dec. 2:

I wrote a letter attesting to the vote by Board Members to approve the motion sent Dec. 1. Receipt of this signed document should permit OCU to go forward with these plans.



## Joys and Concerns

The Caring Circle made flower arrangements for our members over 80 and enjoyed dropping them off in December

Sympathy to Donna Young on the loss of her partner. David Clark, Donna Young's partner for the last five years, died on November 25<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa, after a brief illness.

David, a native of Moores Mills, Charlotte County, a Graduate of McGill University, was a Microbiologist with Agriculture Canada, specializing in the Quality of Dairy Products. Later in life he taught obedience training of dogs, travelled widely and spent winter months at Vero Beach, FL. He and Donna attended evening events and Sunday services in recent years whenever in residence at her townhouse on McLeod Avenue

Tea and Conversation will start soon. Watch for an email.

The Caring Circle is available to help in any way we can with a phone call or virtual visit or delivery of any items. Please get in touch with Janet Crawford [janetcra@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:janetcra@nbnet.nb.ca) or 454-0441. The caring circle has a Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/247416469728195>

If you have any postings for Joys and Concerns in Touchstone, send to [janetcra@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:janetcra@nbnet.nb.ca). Other committee members are. Nancy Beltrandi, Deby Nash, Myron Hederson, Decima Mitchell and Robin Stanley.



## New Year's Eve Jokes

Why do you need a jeweller on New Year's Eve?  
To ring in the new year

Where can you go to practice math on New Year's Eve?  
Times Square

What did the farmer give his wife on New Year's Eve?  
Hogs and kisses

They say that New York has the best New Year's Eve Party...

I'd say it's overrated –  
every year they drop the ball.

Dracula passed out at midnight on New Year's Eve.  
There was a count down.

What was the Amityville priest's New Year's resolution?  
To exorcise more. and, thanks to  
Sheila Moore

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