



The Flaming Chalice

October 2022

Unitarian Fellowship of Sarnia & Port Huron

Lochiel Kiwanis Centre, 180 College Ave. N. Sarnia, Ontario uusarnia.com

A loving community of spiritual explorers who stand on the side of love and justice

October Services - In-person & via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81431005236>

Theme—Calling

Oct. 2: “Get Up Off Your Gifts” – Bob Weir

The Divine Universal Energy grants to us gifts as well as vision, courage, and tools to use those gifts. Bob Weir will utilize stories and a visualization exercise to help us recognize and implement our gifts for the betterment of our world, for our own joy, and for the benefit of all people.

Oct. 9: “A Journey to Joy” – Laura Louise Persichetti

Come gather to explore a journey of discovering joy with Registered Psychotherapist Laura Louise Persichetti. After many years of travel, study, and exploration, while attempting to find the secret to happiness, Laura discovered JOY! She is not only excited to share her insights with you, but also the steps for you to discover joy as well.

Oct. 16: “Wild-Church Experience of Autumn” – Mary Abma

We will be led by Mary in an outdoor, wild-church experience of autumn-- a season of wild, creative energy and colour. We will meet outdoors at Canatara Park. More info on page 2.

Oct. 23: “Polio Eradication” – Tanya Wolff

Tanya is a member of the Sarnia Rotary Club whose member are committed to Rotary International’s efforts to eliminate polio. This year the polio virus has been detected in 3 countries previously “polio-free”. Tanya will provide an update.

Oct. 30: “Celebrating Halloween – In Song, Story & Verse” – Fellowship Members & Friends

The tradition of celebrating Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Please come prepared to share your own ‘ghost’ stories or memorable Halloween experiences, and to have some fun! Costumes are allowed and children are particularly invited!



“Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.”

James Vila Blake

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“Wild-Church Experience of Autumn” – Mary Abma ... More Info

Mary, who holds an Eco-Ministry Certificate from Seminary of the Wild, as states that “Autumn takes us from green to brown. The gifts from trees surround us and we enter into a season of long contemplative nights and walks in the woods. “ As noted, we will meet outdoors in Canatara Park. **Dress warmly and bring a lawn chair, a journal, and a thermos of something warm.**



Directions: Take Michigan Ave. west heading into Point Edward. Go past the lights at Front St. and turn right on Alfred St. Alfred turns into Sandy Lane right at the Park border. Turn right into the park, then right to go around the small round-a-bout. Go around the circle and exit to the right on the small road which heads north towards the beach. This will lead you into the parking lot. The red circle in the above photo indicates where we will meet.

President Mark’s Executive Notes

The UFSPH executive met on Sept 22nd for the first time this year.

As suggested by Dwayne, we reviewed the Right Relations Statement which encourages each of us to speak our truth and to listen attentively to ensure understanding. This document honours people’s different perceptions and strives to resolve differences respectfully.

As follow-up to the CUC-AGM, we discussed different ways of highlighting the new 8th principle:

“We, the member congregations of the Canadian Unitarian Council, covenant to affirm and promote: Individual and communal action that accountably dismantles racism and systemic barriers to full inclusion in ourselves and our institutions”

The executive reflected on how to have a Sarnia Lambton focus on the 8th principle, considering both our First Nations population, and the substantial number of international students.

Please feel free to contact any member of the executive if you have ideas that you would like us to consider.

In Fellowship, Mark Woolston

Treasurer's Message

Dear Fellowship,

I was honored, this past year, to be approached by the Executive Search Team and be asked if I could step up to become Treasurer. I had to think about it for a little while. There would be things for me to consider, i.e., computer equipment, software, internet access, files, etc.

What I liked most about the idea, was mainly to relieve Mark Woolston from this obligation and free him up to be our new president. I have no doubt this will all work out well, and that we can all expect superb leadership from Mark.

We need to always consider that this Fellowship, like all churches, is mostly sustained though the collection plate. With the Covid era we had enormous challenges. I think that we are all trying to bring our Fellowship back to a 'new normal'. It is very important that we involve all members, with all their different comfort levels. The 'Hybrid Service' that we have developed has been very effective at involving all our members, and offering the much enriching experience of an 'in person service'

Our present Hybrid Service has a cost. We need to cover costs for our room rental in the Kiwanis Center, as well as technical support. This is on top of all our service expenses like speakers, music, possible RE, and coffee, etc. It costs, \$70 per week for room rental and approximately \$280 per week for all the other Sunday expenses. Each 'Hybrid' Sunday service, consequently, costs \$350. Additionally, we pay \$2600 annually to the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) for our denominational dues and \$1400 for insurance.

With this financial information in mind, I appeal to you, Members and friends, for your generosity. As I have heard it said before, we are sustained through 'Time, Talent, and Treasure'.

Kindest regards,

Chuck MacKenzie - Treasurer, U7SPH



October's Theme—Calling



For spiritual nourishment and inspiration, please click on the link below to access the theme package so graciously shared by the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto.

<https://www.firstunitariantoronto.org/wp-content/publications/tj/2022/The-Journey-2022-09-Calling.pdf>

Vision



*As a spiritual community,
We embrace diversity,
We explore openly,
We stand on the side of love and justice.*

Community ... Spirituality ... Service

Other UU links:

Canadian Unitarian Council <https://cuc.ca/>

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