



The Flaming Chalice

September 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

September Services - In-person & via ZOOM

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

Theme—'Reconnecting'

Sept. 11: "Understanding Dementia and How to Help"

– Christine Wright

Christine is the Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia Lambton. Her presentation will consist of sharing information about dementia, how the Alzheimer Society is working towards a dementia friendly community and how you can assist those with dementia.

Sept. 18: "Going Down Green – What is Natural Burial?"

- Susan Greer

Susan is the Executive Director of The Natural Burial Association. She heard about natural burial listening to the radio in 2018, and that was her ah-ha moment. Since then, Susan, along with other volunteers, have been working tirelessly to build awareness of this gentler end of life option and to break down the barriers that prevent the creation of natural burial grounds in Ontario

Sept. 25: Rev. Linda Thomson, Canadian Unitarian Council Congregational Life Lead - Central/Eastern Region – Presentation topic to be announced. As well, **National Worship Sunday Service: Unsettled and Unafraid, 1 pm ET.** Info on 4th page.



"Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to

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President's Message

Here, during this last week of August, I'm pausing to reflect on the moment. My initial thoughts of August are somewhat bitter/sweet....

I can relate to those that suffer from Ragweed allergies. August can be a very difficult month for those so afflicted. The symptoms can spoil the enjoyment of the last weeks of summer so much, that one fantasizes about the first frost. On the other hand, how sweet are those Ontario peaches? Juicy, tasty, messy but delightful.

There are those occasional days when a North wind brings a premature chill, but the lake still holds on to its warmth for those last few swims.

Children start to think of returning to school, and lament the loss of summer freedoms. But there is also an excitement of reconnecting with friends and hearing stories of summer adventures. Similarly, our Fellowship members and friends are excited about reconnecting and starting a new program year.

The 2022/23 Executive Team will soon have its first meeting of the fiscal year. We will be reviewing the UFSPH Right Relations Statement (FYI... it is on the cover of our Directory) which concludes with "Lighten up, let go of the trivial and be willing to give and take." We will also strive to reach consensus on our executive goals for 2022/23. Stay tuned....

In Fellowship, Mark Woolston

Executive Team 2022-23

Position	Member
President	Mark Woolston
Vice-President	Ann Steadman
Treasurer	Chuck MacKenzie (Dan Danner - Book-Keeper)
Program	Ann Steadman
Secretary	Joanne Alexander
Membership	Don Greaves
Religious Exploration	Brenda Woolston
Member at-Large	Eileen Zinn

COVID-19 Guidelines for In-Person Services – September 2022

Symptoms: Self-monitor for symptoms (some people may have Covid-like symptoms from other known health issues). If you exhibit any new symptoms, stay home and join in via Zoom.

Vaccinations: Proof of vaccination is not required. We do, however, strongly encourage you to be vaccinated for your own well being and the safety of others.

Masks: Masking is advised and is required when singing. Disposable masks will be available. Masking when speaking from the podium is not required.

Seating: Room seating will be set up properly distanced and people can move chairs into family units before the service.

Ventilation: Doors and windows will be kept open when weather conditions allow.

The Fellowship cannot guarantee a 100% COVID-free environment either inside or outside of the Kiwanis Centre, and therefore those who participate in our services do so at their own risk and comfort level.

Your Program Team recognises that both singing during services and having a 'Coffee Hour' following services have been important parts of the Sunday experience that we miss. We would like to bring both of these back! In terms of singing, let us do that again with masks. **To make the 'Coffee Hour' work we will need to have some people volunteer to make this happen.** In the interim, bring along your own coffee or tea... there is a microwave so beverages can be re-heated.

Canadian UU's Honour Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It is with a momentous sense of an era passing that the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) and Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada (UUMOC) acknowledge the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Balmoral Castle in Scotland on September 8, 2022.

"Our thoughts are with her family and loved ones at this time, especially her son Charles, who became King upon her death," says Vyda Ng, Executive Director of the CUC. "King Charles III inherits a historical system that is complicated in these challenging times."

Queen Elizabeth II ascended the throne in 1952, following the death of her father, King George VI. She is credited with overseeing the last throes of the British Empire and dramatically modernizing the monarchy. She was the first of Canada's sovereigns to be proclaimed Queen of Canada in 1953, and, in 2015, became the United Kingdom's longest-reigning monarch.

"In her decades of service, Queen Elizabeth has provided a model of devotion in the service of her nation," says Charles Shields, President of the CUC's Board of Trustees.

"We hold this moment gently, recognizing the complexity of relationships and systems that are impacted by the monarchy," says Rev. Anne Barker, President of UUMOC. "Loss has the power to unite people in grief, sorrow, and transformation. May this be a respectful moment that kindles hope for new beginnings."

~ From the CUC's National Voice Team: UU Ministers of Canada President, Rev. Anne Barker; CUC Board President, Charles Shields, and Executive Director, Vyda Ng - September 8, 2022

National Worship Sunday Service: Unsettled and Unafraid Sunday, September 25 – 1 pm ET

The CUC is hosting “Unsettled and Unafraid,” a national service to honour The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Join Elder-in-Residence Sharon Jinkerson Brass, Rev. Danielle Webber and folks from across the country as they reflect on what the process of un-colonizing looks and feels like to them.

This will be followed by a FREE 2.5-hour art therapy workshop facilitated by Rev. Karen Fraser Gitlitz and Ceremony Keeper Carey Jeanette Sinclair. It will be based on their popular, multi-day workshop, “Unsettling Our Spirituality.” (Details to follow.)

Join us on [Zoom](#). For those calling in on landlines, the toll-free number is 1-855-703-8985.

Meeting ID: 873 6525 5786

Password: 742984

You can also watch live on the CUC’s [YouTube channel](#). If links do not work go to the following webpage:
<https://cuc.ca/events/national-worship-sunday-service/1664110800/1664118000/>



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/>

Unitarian Universalist Associations latest **UUWorld** <http://www.uuworld.org/>

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