



Sunday Programs for March and April

Services start at 10:30am at 122 Harris Street, Guelph www.guelph-unitarians.com 519-836-3443
We have Spiritual Development programs for children 4 and older, and childcare for younger children.

March 4th (Pod 1) GAZA

Eva Bartlett is a Canadian human rights activist and journalist living in Gaza since 2008. Her eyewitness accounts from Occupied Palestine have been published in the Electronic Intifada, Inter Press Service, Countercurrents and her own blog <http://ingaza.wordpress.com/>.

Speaker: Eva Bartlett

Service Leader: Burna Wilton

March 11th (Pod 2) REFLECTIONS ON YOUR SPIRITUAL PATH

Join Helen in an exploration of where you first met your spiritual self. Consider where you are now, and where you hope to be.

Speaker: Helen Prinold

Service Leader: Margie Johnson

March 18th (Pod 3) EQUINOX

This service will be a celebration of the Spring Equinox when night and day are again equal as the days are growing longer. This is the time to put into action all those plans you made during the darktime. It is a time to be joyful. A time of renewal and rebirth as we contemplate sowing seeds and watching the green sprouts emerge

Service leader: TBA

March 25th (Pod 4) OPENING THE GATE, FINDING THE PATH: MAKING CHOICES FOR LIFE

Join us for a focus on how we make life-giving decisions. Using pictures and poetry to open our minds and hearts, we will think together about how we make decisions of quality and integrity -- decisions involving the head, heart, body and spirit. Service Leader: Dave Hudson
Speaker: Amy Cousineau, Anglican Priest

April 1st (Pod 1) SUSTAINABILITY AND HAPPINESS

The concept of sustainability seems simple but acting on it is very complicated. There are so many intertwined issues it is difficult to really know if you are doing things right. On the other side what everyone wants out of life is to be happy. It turns out that the things that make us happy contribute a great deal to the three pillars of

sustainability.

Service leader: Harold Chapman

Speaker: Maurice Nelischer

April 8th (Pod 2) QUESTIONS OF GOD

Does God have a place in the Unitarian Congregation? Should God have a place in the Unitarian Congregation? How does God affect your life? What would the world be like without God? These are the questions that will be asked of the panel.

Service leader: Ryan McKay-Michael

April 15th (Pod 3) OCCUPY EARTH

Leigh Brownhill is a writer, editor and researcher focused on social movements, feminism and the political economies of food and energy, globally and especially in Africa. Leigh Brownhill is a writer, editor and researcher focused on social movements, feminism and the political economies of food and energy, globally and especially in Africa.

Service Leader: Aaryn Laird

Speaker: Leigh Brownhill

April 22nd (Pod 4) GRATITUDE FOR THE FOOD THAT SUSTAINS US

In the 21st century there is an apparent bounty of food and yet our food system is at risk. We are living creatures who depend on sufficient healthy soil and clean air and water for healthy food. In the 20th century, we grew to depend on fossil fuels as well. Today our task is to develop a regenerative food system in order to eat well in our resilient communities. A large dose of thankfulness for what we have inherited, can guide our efforts.

Service Leader / Speaker: Ralph Martin

April 29th (Pod 1) MAY DAY

Join us round the May Pole as we dance our way into the coming of summer. With all the joy of Spring blooms we celebrate our full creativity and power. This will be an intergenerational service held outdoors if at all possible. It is the earth based service that we actually get to hold in nature.

Service Leaders Maria Chovas and Linda Reith

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNITARIAN CONGREGATION OF GUELPH

The Unitarian Congregation of Guelph is a spiritual community that is deeply rooted in Unitarian Universalist principles which provide a spiritual basis for ethical living. We celebrate diversity and affirm each individual. We support social and environmental justice through a democratic process. We welcome all seekers of truth and meaning in to our religious community.

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The UCG News

is the newsletter published regularly by the
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Typed, handwritten or phoned-in submissions are always welcome, as are contributions by e-mail to admin@guelph-unitarians.com or telephone 519-836-3443. **Items for our next newsletter are due April 15th, 2011.**

In an effort to save trees and money, we are e-mailing as many newsletters as possible.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 1 st	Stone Soup	12:30pm
Sunday, March 4 th	Sunday Service	10:30am
Sunday, March 4 th	Medicinal Herb Workshop	12:15pm
Sunday, March 4 th	Energy and Waste Audit	12:00pm
Sunday, March 4 th	Mindfulness Community	4:00pm
Tuesday, March 6 th	CommuniTEA	12:30pm
	Planet Bean (Grange Location)	
Wed, March 7 th	Chant Club	7:45pm
Sunday, March 11 th	Sunday Service	10:30am
Thursday, March 15 th	Stone Soup	12:30pm
Friday, March 16 th	Chalice Café	7:30pm
Sunday, March 18 th	Sunday Service	10:30am
Sunday, March 18 th	Mindfulness Community	4:00pm
Sunday, March 18 th	Youth Group	6:00pm
Sunday, March 25 th	Sunday Service	10:30am
Friday March 30 th	OWL Training	TBA
Saturday, March 31 st	OWL Training	TBA
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Sunday, April 15 th	Youth Group	6:00pm
Thursday, April 19 th	Stone Soup	12:30pm
Friday, April 20 th	Chalice Café	7:30pm
Sunday, April 22 nd	Sunday Service	10:30am
Sunday, April 29 th	Sunday Service	10:30am

All events take place at UCG unless otherwise noted

For our full calendar of events, please check out our website
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FROM THE CENTRE OF THE WEB – A Message from Our President

As we mourn the loss of one of the founders of the Unitarian Congregation of Guelph, we also celebrate the life of a great human being. One I feel very blessed to have known. I will miss seeing Stuart Dixon at our gatherings very much. "We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted." For those who were not able to attend the service in his honour we have included the description of his life provided by Laurel Dixon. As Laurel concludes about her father, "he loved life, and lived it truly well." Thank you Stu.

The Midwinter Gathering was a time for appreciation, conversation, energy and thoughtfulness tasty eating thanks to the youth who catered and helped with the decorating and set up. And thanks also to Janet Colley and her team who were trial soup and collecting our feedback. Janet's vision is to provide dried soup as part of caring and outreach and offer it for sale as part of fun'd raising as well.. Well done all!!

We acknowledged the tremendous contributions our staff, Melissa Horvath-Lucid and Jane McRae, make to our community in the roles as educators of our young children, guide for our youth and adults and administration of the practical administrative needs. We also expressed gratitude to the many and diverse contributions of our volunteers on committees and projects who, as Mel described it "provide the light which leads us forward." As a lay led congregation we would not exist without your efforts and energy. After the meal and the formal part of the meeting we split into two groups: One for a discussion of the use of the word "God" in our community and the other to uncover our hopes for sacred space.

This is the list that we have created so far for sacred space. You will see common themes emerging which we hope to pursue in future discussions:

*adequate parking space, independence, outside play area, good acoustics
access and space for music, bigger/efficient office, entranceway to accommodate strollers, clothes, etc,
entranceway which allows us to have a place which identifies who we are, restful & rentable, environment -
organized and decluttered, solar panels, quiet location, beacon in community -striking physically, on bus
route, one floor, plants & greenery, large kitchen attached to community space, big windows, beautiful
sanctuary, accessible, space for breakout, retirement home with walkway, community garden, outside
space & land, bullfrog powered hydro, non toxic paints -environmentally non toxic, sound system with
integrated projector & screen, good sized sunshine room, farmer's market, mature, treed neighbourhood,
downtown location, spiritually & intellectually challenging, welcoming & appropriate space for kids & all
ages*

The invitation I made to the participants in this discussion and one that I make to you now is to consider why these things are important? It is from this place of understanding our shared values and interests that we will be able to find common ground and move forward developing our sacred space. In the discussion Elinor Knight raised a critical point for us to hold as well. It is necessary for us to know the reason for our being. Without this, any space, no matter how beautiful or apparently ideal, will be a hollow place.

As part of this exploration a group of individuals led by Linda Reith went to visit St Mathias on the corner of Edinburgh and Kortright roads. They are interested in sharing their space with another faith community and although this is an Anglican congregation, I found the people we spoke to there to be kindred spirits. Those with questions about this possibility can speak further with Linda.

Blessings All, Lorna

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

What a fabulous and rich winter season here at UCG!!! Our Mid-Winter gathering was such a wonderful time of sharing and a great and meaningful fundraiser for our youth at UCG, thank you so much for your support. There are many opportunities coming up from our continued study on the works of Louise Hay at our Stone Soup chronic emotional and physical pain group, communiTEA offering an informal time to connect for community, tea and conversation, a parenting with spirituality book club beginning this spring and an OWL training program for facilitators, happening this spring at UCG!



Our children's programs are in full swing and we are beginning to plan this year's pageant that will be ready to share with you on June 3rd!!!! In addition, we are looking forward to April and May being months to share stories of our UU history during our children's story time, I was pleasantly surprised by the many impacting and valuable stories that come from our UU roots. If you have a chance, please take a moment to visit our RE rooms downstairs as we have been working hard to create an inspired space for learning, seeking and discovering. Our groups have now traded places with our 4-8 year olds being in the first room at the bottom of the stairs and our Junior youth occupying the front space which now has a few extra couches!!!

As I look forward to the spring, I share with you this quote. If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. ~Anne Bradstreet

Much Peace,
Mel Horvath-Lucid

A NOTE FROM JANE

What a great winter it's been! Our Children's program has been buzzing with activity, from lively discussions, to songs, to crafts and art work, to stories and poetry...we are always on the move! This winter we have been focusing on all the ways all people are the same...and different! A favourite activity has been singing our "Purple Stew" song, trying to think of ways each of us are the same, and then ways in which the same two people are different! We have had many fascinating discussions about what is more important – similarities or differences in people. UCG kids are living our 3rd and 4th principles – they are always questioning, discussing and listening to each other. We have also been continuing our studies on world religions and cultures around the world. March and April will focus on world spring celebrations, learning about who we are, and learning more about our Unitarian roots.

Spring will also bring the pageant! The children will be busy working on sets and costumes, learning songs and lines and having lots of fun as we prepare for our yearly pageant. It's going to be a lot of fun!

If you get the chance, come on down and check out our new, evolving space downstairs. The children are working to create a space that shows who they are, what is important to them, and the world they want to create. If you have a talent, a story, some music or something else to share, we would love to have you visit our children's program and share it with us! Talk to me (Jane) or email me at admin@guelph-unitarians.com!

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Stone Soup Chronic Emotional and Physical Pain Support Group

Thursday, March 1st and 15th, April 5th and 19th. 12:30pm at UCG

We will continue our study and practice based on the ideas and works of Louise Hay. Join us for supportive conversation, a hearty stone soup (bring an item to add if able), and then stay for a time of study and group work based on the works of Louise Hay.

Energy and Waste Audit

Sunday, March 4th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm at UCG

Stay after service on March 4th from 12:00-1:00 to participate in the energy and waste audit and to learn what is possible in your own home! Green Impact Guelph will offer free home energy and water audits with huge money-saving potential to any participants. We will also be asking the congregation to contribute to brainstorming sheets on "greening our congregation."

Parenting with Spirituality Book Club

Beginning late March – Date and Time TBA

Beginning late March. Join us for insightful conversation, friendship and a supportive community as we look deeper into the ideas of Kim John Payne, through her book *Simplicity Parenting*. Stay tuned for more information about specific dates and times. For more information please contact Mel coordinator@guelph-unitarians.com

OWL (Our Whole Lives) Training

Friday, March 30th – Sunday April 1st, at UCG

Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, *Our Whole Lives* not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. If you are interested in taking this training to become a facilitator of this valuable program, please contact Mel coordinator@guelph-unitarians.com for full information.

Movie Night: Dirt!

Friday, April 13th, 6:45pm at UCG

Get the dirt on "Dirt"!; A serious - yet funny - excellent documentary on the importance of the soil. A dream auction offering, that is open to the whole congregation. Organic popcorn and other goodies provided.

FROM THE COMMITTEES OF THE UCG

SUNDAY SERVICES NEWS

Imagining and planning the services for UCG is a special privilege. We feel that especially in light of Stuart Dixon's death, since he served on this committee generously and creatively over the life of his membership at UCG. His passion for intellectually stimulating services on a wide range of topics spoke to the vision of Unitarians. Over the next few months we hope you will feel his spirit in the range and depth of topics we have chosen. We are preparing for 2012-13 with a retreat in the Spring and we invite you to consider being part of this magic. You can attend the retreat (date still to be confirmed) or you can send us ideas via Mel, our Spiritual Coordinator, or you can join the committee.

One of the hopeful signs for the upcoming year is Margie Johnson's willingness to become chair of this committee. Her enthusiasm and organizational skill are assets that will help the committee continue to be the creative joyous committee it is right now.

Linda, Maria, Charles, Margie, Esta, Ryan, Harold and Mel

MEMBERSHIP

The New UU Course took place on Sat. Feb.18th. We shared great soup, great conversation and bad coffee. We covered UU history, the history and organization of this congregation, and how our seven principles and six sources affect each of us. A special thank you goes out to Elinor Knight who kindly shared her experience and wisdom with the group as a guest speaker. Thank you to all the participants for their enthusiasm and willingness to share their thoughts with the group. To Amanda Waddingham thank you for facilitating the course for the second year in a row.

SUPPORT NETWORK (CARING COMMITTEE)

Thanks for sampling our dried soup project at the mid-winter gathering. From your responses, it's apparent we need to make changes in the recipe. You indicated you would like more flavor, larger chunks of veggies and thicker consistency. To accommodate dietary restrictions the soup will remain salt free so it may be salted to your taste. Stay tuned for further testing!

JOIN A POD!

Our Hospitality Pods put on the coffee, boil the water for some tea, and bring a snack to share with the congregation. For clean-up they make sure there is some lovely warm, soapy water in the sink for people to wash

up their dishes with. They wash out the coffee pot and finish up any leftover dishes, and then give the coffee table a quick wipe! To sign up for a pod or to be put on the back-up pod please see the Fairy Pod Mothers aka Dee Yates, Katie Gad or Molly Roberts.

LGBTI SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Would you like to be a part of a continued movement to ensure equality for all in the area of sexual and gender orientation? Create ways to continue to grow community connections and awareness? Be a part of activism to see change happen? Create and support continued opportunities for UCG as a community to be proactive offering support and creating awareness in the area of transgender person(s)? Please join us or email to let us know you would like to be on an "updates" emailing list.

For more information contact: Matt Lucid at matthewlucid@yahoo.ca

UCG GREENING COMMITTEE

The goal of the UCG Greening Committee is to implement, promote and educate about projects that align our practices with our Seventh Principle. Many members of our congregation have been working hard on these types of projects already! Some examples: So far our **solar panels** have produced **3.41MWh** of power which is enough to power 113 houses for 1 day and offset 2.35 tons of carbon (the equivalent to planting 60 trees). In addition to their green attributes, the solar panels have contributed \$2700 to UCG's financial sustainability. Check out <https://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/public/systems/h3Bf30871> to see our solar panels in action.

Bike racks have been purchased and will be installed this spring. **Dual flush toilets** were installed in the downstairs bathroom this fall. These water saving toilets use 70% less water than the wasteful leaky toilets they replaced. Our **pollinator garden** is looking forward to the return of the busy bees from the child and youth programs come the spring. We frequently hold **earth-based spirituality services and services that focus on our seventh principle**.

UCG has done a lot that we can celebrate already! If you would like to help dream and act on the next phase of greening for UCG, or if you have suggestions for promoting existing projects, please join us! Contact Katie Gad at katiegad@hotmail.com

ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE UCG

COMMUNITEA AT PLANET BEAN (GRANGE LOCATION)

Tuesday March 6th, 12:30pm

Tuesday April 10th, 12:30pm

Come to learn and share with other UCG members! This is a time for informal conversation, check-in and a great way to get to know the people of our community, build friendships and learn from one another. For more info, contact Mel coordinator@guelph-unitarians.com

STONE SOUP FOR CHRONIC PAIN

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month

12:30 pm at UCG

Stone Soup meetings for those suffering from chronic emotional or physical pain are offered the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Come support and be supported as we create an open space to be heard and nurtured. Each gathering will allow sharing, followed by a bowl of soup and conversation. Please bring an ingredient to add to the pot of surprise soup! Bread and crackers are also welcome. No childcare provided.

Join Stone Soup in February for a study and practice based on the ideas and works of Louise Hay.

CHALICE CAFÉ

Third Friday of the Month, 7:30pm at UCG

Everyone is invited! Sponsored by the UCG and hosted by members of the Guelph Unitunz musical group, join us for a song circle. Bring your voices, your instruments and your songs to join in the jam or just sit back and hum along. Everyone who wants to gets a chance to lead us in a song. Come for a bit or stay for a while. This is a welcoming event. For more information, please contact Paul Smith at 519-767-1033 or email chalicecafe@nancyandpaul.com

MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY OF GUELPH

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month – 4:00 to 6:00pm at UCG

Mindfulness is the energy of being aware and awake to the present moment. It is the continuous practice of touching life deeply in every moment of daily life. To be mindful is to be truly alive, present and at one with those around you and with what you are doing.

We begin with a guided sitting meditation, walking meditation and silent meditation. We will then share a teaching from Thich Nhat Hanh and listen deeply to one another as we share what is on our hearts. This is a

community practice that strengthens not only our formal meditation practice but also our ability to live in awareness and joy day by day. For more information, please contact Lisa Lindsay at 519-766-0910.

CHANT CLUB

First Wednesday of the Month 7:45 at UCG

The Guelph Unitarians are pleased to provide a home for the Guelph Chant Club. It meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:45pm and goes through an eclectic mix of chants from all the worlds spiritual traditions---with a "world beat" groove. For more information, contact Dennis Gaumont: dgomo@golden.net

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE CONGREGATION

OWL (Our Whole Lives) Training will be held at UCG on March 30th to April 1st, 2012.

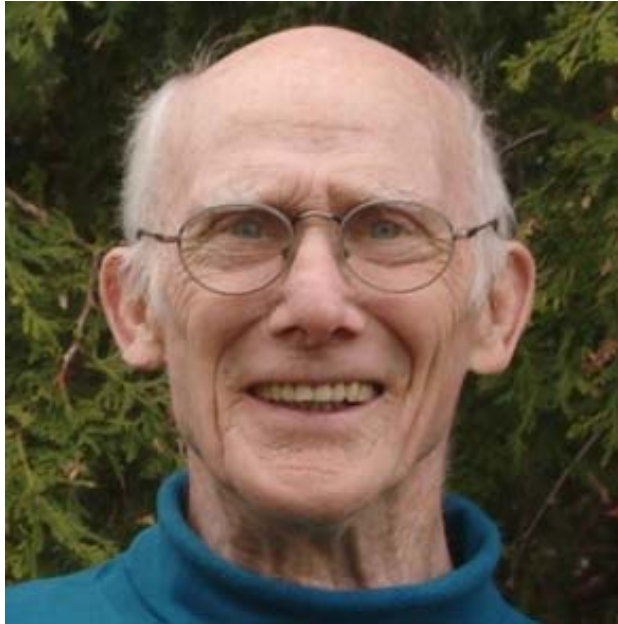
OWL is a comprehensive, kindergarten through adult sexuality education curriculum series. It provides youth with accurate information on sexual health, human development, sexual behavior, relationships, and personal skills in the supportive setting of their faith community. This workshop trains teachers in how to teach participants about sexuality in age-appropriate ways. The workshop will focus on the curricula for grades 7-9 and 10-12. Our Whole Lives teachers, individuals are expected to: demonstrate a commitment to a values-based, comprehensive sexuality education; have a willingness to affirm the Our Whole Lives program goals, values, and philosophy; have an ability to provide a safe, engaging learning environment; and have an appreciation for working with people of diverse races, cultures, ages, abilities, and sexual and gender orientations.

Registration Deadline: March 20th, 2012

Cost: \$195.00 / person

Check out our website (www.guelph-unitarians.com) or email Mel at coordinator@guelph-unitarians.com to register or for more information.

REMEMBERING STU DIXON



Father, grandfather, scientist, professor, artist, humanitarian, Unitarian
Born; Oct LI,1922, in Minto, New Brunswick, in poverty
Died: Feb 2,20!2 in Guelph, Ontario, of respiratory failure, at 89

Stuart Dixon was raised in east Hamilton, the third son of an impoverished family that was anchored in both political activism and Fundamentalist Baptist teachings. Stuart's maternal grandfather, Robert Dommett, had unionized the coal miners in Srvansea, Wales; he also ran a Baptist Sunday School.

Stuart's family endured much hardship. His father Frederick had lost a leg to a train as a child. One brother had severe asthma. The other spent weeks in a coma after being struck by a coal truck. Stuart recalled his father keeping vigil all night over Bob's or Fred's beds - and then going straight to work,

As a teenager, Stuart loved chemistry. He attended a Vocational High School and his family begged and borrowed equipment to build a laboratory in the basement. The family had no medical coverage so Stuart took oxygen canisters from school and created a makeshift tent for his father, who also had severe respiratory problems.

Stuart seemed to take after his maternal grandfather. He helped his mother prepare for the bible-study classes she attended. With his father he would deliver home-made fudge and offer spiritual support to patients at Hamilton Hospital, It seemed fitting that, at L6,5tuart entered the Toronto Bible College. But he never graduated. The College said he had the gift to preach, but he asked too many potstirring questions.

At around the same time, he had become a big brother to new siblings - Beatrice, and John Wesley.

Stuart applied to study at McMaster University and was accepted in 1942 (age 20). Reading Charles Darwin while at University validated his own struggles with the conflict between fundamentalist religion, and science.

Stuart worked in restaurants to pay for tuition and to benefit from free meals. He spent one summer working up North on a railroad gang. He was hired by Frontier College to teach his mostly- illiterate co-workers to read and write. However the only course material the College provided for him was Shakespeare plays. The teaching was done at night, after working a full day helping the cook, or cutting trees and fighting forest fires.

At age 21, he lost his father. The three eldest boys continued to support their mother and younger siblings. Stuart spent one lucrative summer working on lake boats, whose passengers tipped well; further money was earned delivering sermons at local churches.

After graduation, while working at a factory to pay off his loans, Stuart received a surprise visitor. It was the Head of Zoology at the University of Guelph, Dr. Baker. The department needed an instructor. Baker explained, and Stuart was highly recommended by McMaster. Thus, in 1947, began a 35-year career at the University of Guelph.

In 1952, Stuart earned a scholarship to Cornell University where he acquired his PhD in Entomology. He also found himself a wonderful, well-educated woman, Sherry, whom he married. They settled in Guelph and raised three children; Stuart, Christine and Laurel.

Spiritually, Stuart and Sherry were without a home, as they yearned for a place of worship without Christian orthodoxy. In 1951, both joined the Unitarian Fellowship of Guelph where Stuart presided as Chaplain for 24 years.

His children, neighbourhood children, and later, grandchildren, were invited to create with him. He crafted marionettes, constructed papier-mâché creatures (eg. dragons, masks and giant Pokemon), drew caricature insects and wrote puppet plays. Everyone could have a part. In quieter moments, he would sketch, and paint water-colours.

Given his early years, it is hardly surprising that Stuart grew up a socialist. But even after gaining a comfortable middle-class life, his concern for the poor and his passion for social justice never wavered.

He loved life, and lived it truly well.

Laurel Dixon

Kahlil Gibran, the Lebanese poet wrote
"When you are sorrowful,
Look again into your heart,
And you will see that in truth
You are weeping for that
Which has been your delight."

FUN'DRAISING UPDATE

If you have any questions or ideas for fundraising, please contact Steve Chovaz at 519-766-1965

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Thank you for using the collection envelopes – we send tax receipts to everyone who, over the year, makes a contribution to the UCG greater than \$10. There is no need to fill out your complete address if you are already on our list – all we need is a name on the envelope.

BRING YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS

The Welcome-in Drop-in Centre on Gordon Street is a haven and a caring community for homeless persons, those suffering from mental illness, isolation and economic marginalization. Please help us give back to our community by bringing a contribution for the Centre. Non-perishable food is easiest and coats and blankets are also appreciated. They will also use your Zehrs tapes and cheques are always welcome. Your old glasses and cell phones also are donated to a good cause.

DONATE ONLINE...

Just a reminder that your pledged donation can be made online at www.guelph-unitarians.com by clicking on the link at the bottom of the homepage. Charitable receipts will be issued for all donations.

PARKING ON SUNDAYS

Please note that Ferra Flooring is happy to allow us to use their parking lot on Sundays. Perhaps the earlier arrivals or physically able could use the Ferra lot, leaving the church lot for those less able? Thank you!

BUILDING RENTALS

Interested in renting UCG for your event or as a meeting space? UCG is available for both short and long term rentals in the day and evening.

We currently have some openings for regular evening rentals, and openings for event rentals.

For more information, or to book a rental, please contact Jane at admin@guelph-unitarians.com

EMAIL LIST

Want to know what is going on at UCG? Want to stay in the know about all the great programming, including programming for children, youth, and adults? Want to

read about UCG's various committees, social justice projects, solar panel project and more?

Look no further than our website and weekly email!

Our website contains a calendar with all UCGs programming, as well as pages for committees, Children, Junior Youth and Youth programming and information on all our adult programming.

Go to www.guelph-unitarians.com for all the info!

We also have a weekly email to keep you up to date on what's happening each week in our community and what's up and coming! To get on our email list to receive weekly emails about what is going on in the UCG community, email a request

to Jane at admin@guelph-unitarians.com or fill out an information form at the welcome table.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Have an item to add to our next newsletter or to a weekly email or order of service announcement page? Email Jane at admin@guelph-unitarians.com to submit an item or for more information

Update on the Melancthon Mega-Quarry: What's Up with the Quarry

What's Up With the Quarry?

The current site of activism is pressure on the federal government to call for a federal or joint provincial-federal environmental assessment. There are two ways to participate.

1. We have copies of a petition created by MP David Tilson asking for a federal Environmental Assessment. Sign the copy in the sunshine room and/or take extra copy from the Sunshine Room and get other signatures. Or, download your own copy from Tilson's website:

<http://www.davidtilson.ca/left-icons/default>

2. We have postcards directed to the Peter Kent, Federal Minister of the Environment, asking for a federal EA. Sign the cards, and leave them for me to mail. Or, take a pile of cards and gather more signatures.

In both cases, the mail is going to a House of Commons office, and so no postage is needed. Thanks in advance for the help.

WE ARE THE STEWARDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

WHAT DOES STEWARDSHIP MEAN?

- We inherited this community from past members.
- We support this community as our commitment to each other in the present.
 - We hold this community as a trust for the future.

WHAT ARE OUR DUTIES AS STEWARDS?

- We support the community with our time, our talents, and our financial resources as we are able
 - We draw on this community when we are in need.
- We create the vision for the future, and marshal the resources to reach to that future.

Our various contributions keep us functioning but more importantly let us imagine and plan even more for ourselves, for our city, and for the wider world we inhabit. What do you dream for us and with us?

HOW ARE WE DOING?

For the past few years we have balanced the books by drawing down a generous donation. That fund is nearly depleted. Our fundraising is impressive, and a great source of strength and creativity. Our solar panels will bring us new income, and that moves us towards financial stability. With our combined efforts, we can strengthen our financial foundation and expand our work.

What are your dreams for UCG?

HOW DO WE HELP EACH OTHER?

All of our contributions – of time, talent and money – sustain us. We celebrate our collective resources. What level of contribution – weekly, through fun’draining, through monthly pledges – fits for your family?

Over the next few months, you will hear more from the Board about our Stewardship vision and our dreams for a vibrant community. For more now, talk to any board member or go to Canada Helps (<http://www.canadahelps.org>) to sign up for a monthly pledge.