



Sunday Services 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 1st (Pod 1) IT TAKES A WHOLE VILLAGE - GRATITUDE FOR COMMUNITY

Community is essential to our lives as human beings. Without human contact, the soul withers and dies."

Theresa Novak, UU minister

Whether it be a choir, a team, a group of friends, or a religious community, our lives are enriched through community. Join the Rainbow Chorus, the Waterloo Wellington Chorus of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered Individuals and Friends, as we explore the value of community through stories and songs.

Speaker: Rainbow Chorus

March 8 (Pod 2) MAKE IT HAPPEN - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day (IWD) provides us with the opportunity to recognize the achievements of women, while striving for greater gender equality. The theme for IWD 2015 is "Make It Happen", and Karen Farbridge is a woman who has made it happen within our local community! Having served for eleven years, Karen is Guelph's longest standing female mayor and she has been recognized for promoting community involvement and environmental sustainability. During her talk, Karen will reflect on her experiences in municipal politics.

Speaker: Karen Farbridge

March 15 (Pod 3) STEWARDS OF AWE

Environmentalist Rachel Carson once said "The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction." For some God comes in a whirlwind or a burning bush, for others in the majesty of the night sky or the mystery of the deep oceans. How do these moments that stun us in their power or their beauty change us?

Speaker: Christopher Wulff

March 22 (Pod 4) EQUINOX

Earth based spirituality services invite us to marvel and reflect on the rich and varied ways that we are connected to the world around us. We are a part of nature. We are nature. Ostara or the Spring Equinox is a time of perfect balance of light and dark, day and night. We celebrate this transition from quiet and reflection into a time of growth and renewal.

Speaker: Earth Based Spirituality Council

March 29 (Pod X) OUR PLACE IN THE COSMOS

Scientific understanding of our cosmos—and our place in it—has been revolutionized in the last few decades. Brian

McNamara, an Astrophysicist at University of Waterloo and Perimeter Institute, studies the origins of the cosmos, how galaxies form and the super-massive black holes at the heart of galaxies. Come explore with Brian some of what science tells us about our universe and humanity's place within it. The science of our universe's evolution is wilder than any creation story you can imagine! Unitarians celebrate science, human pursuit of knowledge and our place in nature. **Speaker: Brian McNamara**

April 5 (Pod 1) WHAT FILLS YOU WITH WONDER AND AWE?

Join David James Hudson, Guelph's 2010 and 2013 Grand Poetry Slam Champion, and Andrew Bendall, associate professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Guelph, as they share their experiences of wonder in the realms of art and science. In this service, there will also be the opportunity to reflect on wonder and awe in our own lives.

Speaker: David James Hudson

April 12 (Pod 2) THE WONDER OF GIVING: GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

Have you ever asked yourself "Why am bothering to give my time, my patience, care, and financial support to build this community - this is work!"? For Rev Linda Thomson, the answer has to do with the wonder of community - how it is worth the effort it requires. She will share her thoughts on the value of religious/spiritual/compassionate community and all the ways we support it.

Speaker: Rev Linda Thomson

April 19 (Pod 3) CAN GUELPH MAKE ITS CITIZENS HAPPIER THROUGH URBAN DESIGN?

Explore ways in which city design can positively and negatively impact a person's sense of wonder and happiness. Examples from around the world will be discussed in order to offer ideas on how Guelph can be made better for all citizens.

Speaker: Yvette Tendick

April 26 (Pod 4) JAMES GORDON: THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

James Gordon is Guelph's quintessential poet laureate, bard, playwright, broadcaster, actor, activist—and now city councillor! James' remarkable journey is one driven by community engagement. Come share in James' reflections and exploration of his journey and the amazing value and power of community.

Speaker: James Gordon

