

Worship Calendar for April

Services begin at 10:30 am

April 4

10:30 Renewal and Becoming

Rev. Diane Rollert

Sandra Hunt, piano, Gary Russell, cello, Erika Lehnen-Sgroi, soprano

11:45 Easter Communion

All who wish to participate are invited for a brief communion service.

First Sunday collection of non-perishable food for the NDG Food Depot

April 11

Refugees in Canada

Special guest Rivka Auginfeld and Rev. Diane Rollert

Musical guests **The Yellow Door Choir**, Eleanor Stublely, director, Chad Linsley, piano

April 18

A Cosmic Walk

Multigenerational Service Celebrating Earth Day

Led by Caroline Balderston Parry and others Sandra Hunt, musician, Parts in Peace Choir Join in a metaphorical journey through the creation of our universe. Cosmic walks are currently performed all over the world in a wide variety of eco-spiritual settings. Together, we will walk from the starting point—a flare of energy that burst forth 13 billions years ago—to the present day. Along the way, we will hear about the creation of our sun, the flight of the first insects, the (relatively recent) appearance of homo sapiens and dozens of other key moments in the universe story. Several of the “stations” will be interactive so that even young children can participate and experience the power and creativity of our still unfolding universe.

April 25

Finding the Right Source

Rev. Diane Rollert

Sandra Hunt, musician

Thank-God-February's-Over Party Rocked

The tropical-themed TGFO party hosted by the UCM Hospitality Committee in Phoenix Hall on March 6 set the tone for spring with Elizabeth Anglin's inspired décor of parasols, an improvised life-guard's chair, edible centerpieces of bananas, Caribbean music, and many guests who were suitably (and sometimes not so suitably to everyone's delight!) attired in summer wear.

The highlight of the evening was the authentic Trinidadian cuisine by Noélise Lee Poy and the many tropical flavours, including coconut, pineapple and mango. The party was emceed by Mr.-ukulele-on-the-beach Shawn Dohring who even made the front page the NDG Free Press with Jessica Burpee. Entertainment at the event, which was attended by 72 people, included a talent show, an abundance of tropical door prizes and dancing.

The Hospitality Committee (Rita Izzi, Nancy Kleins, Frank Greene, John Pike, Andrew Thompson, Sarah Thompson and Anna Virgini) donated a portion of the evening's proceeds to NESST (Nonprofit Enterprise and Self-sustainability Team) which established the Levantado Chile Fund to support local Chilean nonprofit organizations that are channeling assistance to communities on the ground in response to the massive earthquake in Chile.

Nancy Kleins



Petrina Lee Poy and her mom Noélise at the TGFO party

Share-the-Plate

This month, all the unidentified cash in the Sunday offertory will be given to **Old Brewery Mission** (www.oldbrewerymission.ca).

Each month, all of the unidentified loose cash in the Sunday collection is donated to a local organization in need of our support. Cheques can also be made out to the organization which will issue tax receipts directly.

Welcome and Nurture

Thank you to our recent Java Jivers!

Coffee Hour is a cherished part of Sunday morning. Thanks to volunteers, the coffee gets made and served. The Java Jivers for March were: Aurel and Mila Guillory, Ruth di Giovanni, Andrea Reichart, Francis, Alison Hall and JB Allard.

To find out how you can help out, and get paired up with an experienced Java Jiver, sign up on Sunday or contact Andrea at aj_reichert@videotron.ca

Welcome Unitarians

Sunday Service Greeters are needed. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in Phoenix Hall or contact Petrina Lee Poy at 514-485-5555 or petrina_lee_poy@yahoo.com

For those in need

The Caring Network has over 20 people registered as helpers: individuals happy to make hospital or home visits, make telephone check-up calls, prepare and/or deliver food, or act as chauffeur.

THIS MONTH'S COORDINATOR:

Janine Cobb, 514-938-9617 or janine.cobb@gmail.com

Membres du Groupe francophone, svp communiquez avec Francine Desmarais au 450-332-3994 ou par courriel au fdesma@gmail.com

Membership Musings

Les pensées de nos membres

Lors de notre dernière séance d'introduction à l'Église unitarienne de Montréal, nous avons invité les participant(e)s à décrire leur perception de l'universalisme unitarien.

Selon **Lucie Gagnon**:

"Au fond je crois que ça rejoint un des principes i.e. l'interdépendance de toutes les formes d'existence. Nous sommes donc en tant qu'être vivant, un morceau de puzzle. Chacun des morceaux étant différents par sa couleur et sa forme. Chacun des morceaux étant aussi importants que les autres et ensemble formant un tout. Si on se sert d'une loupe, on peut vraiment voir les détails d'un morceau (une petite touche de jaune qui serait peut-être invisible à l'oeil nu!) En reculant et en regardant l'ensemble du puzzle, on voit l'image "the big picture"! si on jète un morceau qui nous semble insignifiant - le puzzle restera toujours incomplet!"

Petrina Lee Poy, Membership Chair 514-485-5555.

Entre Nous

Marjorie Duncan 1918-2010. A life member of the Unitarian Church of Montreal, Marjorie is remembered for her quiet supportive involvement in the Simpson St. church. Her white gloves are a memory for many. She enjoyed life at Cordner House on de Maisonneuve, and in later years at the Bayview Centre in Pointe Claire.

Our thoughts are with the family of **Mitchell Bourke**, a member since 1963, who died March 23. A memorial service was held at UCM Friday, March 26.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Lilly** on the republication of her book *Conquering The Mountain*, about her positive approach to facing MS. Copies of her book are available in English or French for \$22 and may be purchase from her at 514-426-5697 or on the website.

Genevieve Patterson is now home and recovering from a broken hip. We are pleased that **Donald Patterson** is continuing to recover well at home after his surgery.

Patricia Ewing has been discharged from the hospital and is now living at the Villa St. Anne in Lachine and would welcome visits.

Helen Krutz Weil's mother, Emma Krutz, grandmother of Fredella, Brigitte and Silka, passed away suddenly this past week. A memorial service was observed on Friday, March 19 at the Mount Royal Cemetery, with me officiating.

Lisa Chojnowicz, our wonderful French RE teacher, is back home in France having been diagnosed with a dislocated kneecap. She is undergoing physiotherapy and waiting to see whether surgery is necessary. She hopes to return to Montreal in a few weeks to complete her studies at Dawson College.

We rejoice with **Barbara Jackson**, who is finally home from the hospital after having been there since October 1.

Many people have been taking home books from the library of our dear friend **Roseann Millin**, who died last fall. They are on display in Phoenix Hall through the first Sunday in April and the remainder will be sold after Easter.

Longer term, some of Roseann's friends would like to make one of Roseann's dream a reality: to build a small four-circuit labyrinth in the front of the UCM garden, at Bulmer and de Maisonneuve. She felt it could be a wonderfully meditative complement to our site and a good way of reaching out to the neighbourhood.

If you are interested to help develop this plan, please contact Aurelien and Mila Guillory at 514-933-9700, or via e-mail; aurelien@colorsbyaurelien.com or mila.g@videotron.ca

Message From David Kersulis, President Second chance fund-raising campaign

An appeal letter went out in March for several reasons. One, to keep you informed of the success of our November campaign, even though we didn't meet our goal. We want to thank everyone who is giving their maximum and unable to give more.

We encourage others, who have the means, to dig a little deeper and help us reach our goal. And we ask those who have yet to give, to contribute to this vibrant community so we can continue to grow and thrive.

Special Budget Consultation Meeting — Sunday, May 2

The Board is inviting the congregation to a Budget consultation meeting on Sunday, May 2 at 1pm. We invite all to come and let their voice be heard in this important budget review process. If we do not achieve our fundraising goal, the Board will adopt and submit for congregational vote a revised budget based on your direct input from this meeting.

A Place at the Table Town Hall generates interest and engagement

The Governance Task Force held a Town Hall meeting with members and friends of the congregation on Sunday, March 21. The meeting was preceded by a lovely luncheon prepared by the Hospitality Committee and a game of "getting to know you" Pictionary for all ages.

Over 75 persons were in attendance at the town hall meeting - the task force was very appreciative of the turn-out. Spencer Mann of the Centre for Community Organizations was the moderator of the event. Spencer has also been assisting the Governance Task Force in their ongoing work.

Short presentations on the history, objectives, findings and proposed adapted governance structure were presented by Andrew Blakeslee, Alison Hall and Petrina Lee Poy. The last part of the meeting was devoted to questions and clarifications.

The Governance Task Force will look at the comments issued from the meeting, consider possible modifications to the proposed structure based on the comments, and present their results at a Town hall meeting in May.

You can communicate with the members of the task force in person or via our email address: governance@ucmtl.ca

How Do We Lead?

Workshop for lay leaders and ministers

May 22 & 23 at the Canadian Unitarian Council
Annual Conference and Meeting (CUC-ACM)

in Victoria, B.C.

For more details on this and other conference workshops
visit www.cuc.ca/conference/2010

Le Groupe francophone

Le vendredi 2 avril à 18 h : Souper communautaire (apportez un plat à partager) dans la salle Phoenix. Suivi par le Cercle de discussion à 19 h dans la Salle Thomas sur le thème de l'environnement suite à la présentation d'un film sur le Fleuve St-Laurent. Notre cercle s'agrandit de plus en plus. Venez nous rejoindre et amenez des amis.

Le dimanche 11 avril à midi dans la Salle Thomas : Réunion de travail du Comité francophone afin de préparer la prochaine célébration et nos activités. Si vous êtes intéressés, venez nous rencontrer et partagez vos idées.

Le dimanche 18 avril à 10 h 30 :
Il n'y aura pas d'éducation religieuse en français pour tous les enfants, les enfants participeront au service multigénérationnel dans le sanctuaire.

Le dimanche 25 avril : Célébration multigénérationnelle en français.
Nous vous communiquerons les détails par courriel et dans *Week at a Glance*.

Le vendredi 7 mai à 18 h : Souper communautaire (apportez un plat à partager) dans la salle Phoenix. Suivi par le Cercle de discussion à 19 h dans la Salle Thomas. Le thème sera annoncé bientôt. Notre cercle s'agrandit de plus en plus. Venez nous rejoindre et amenez des amis.

Contact: Hannelore Poncelet
au 450-653-5694
ou par courriel au
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What's going on...

Special Events & Programs

Soul Collage

Saturday, April 10, between 10 am and 2:30 pm

"Collage is a metaphor that means the discovering and gathering and reweaving of energy-bits already out there in the universe..." Seena B. Frost, Soul Collage

Come join us for some adult playtime - we will work in quiet/music/reverent ways til 4 pm and then clean up. This is the last big one scheduled for this year, although I may have a few short collage work periods after that date (contact me if you have a need). Bring a brown bag lunch if you will need it.

Contact Caroline: 514-485-9933

Empty Bowls Fundraiser to Fight Hunger

Saturday, April 17, 11 am to 2 pm

and again at Congregation Dorshei Emet

Sunday, April 25, 11 am to 2 pm

www.emptybowlsmontreal.org

Only \$20 allows you to choose and keep your own bowl, then have a simple meal of soup & bread. These bowls, each a unique work of art, make great gifts.

New this year: a raffle with great prizes, a new cookbook, snazzy new aprons and you can enter the Empty Bowls Story Writing contest. Visit website for complete details.

100% of the proceeds from both events will go to: NDG Food Depot, Dorshei Emet Hanukkah Food Basket Fund, Générations Foundation, Multi Caf and Santropol Roulant.

Come and volunteer to be a greeter, server, bowl washer, ticket taker... Contact Susan at sgyetvay@sympatico.ca.

Grow your own vegetables this summer!

Join a Collective Garden in your neighbourhood.

Sunday, April 18 (after the service)

Bring fresh vegetables home to your family.

Meet other people who share the same interests.

Action Communiterre invites you to visit the information

table and meet coordinator Julie Richard. Action

Communiterre is the our partner in the Phoenix Garden

(in our backyard). Come see photos of the garden's

beginnings in 2002. Info: 514-484-0223

Help African Grandmas caring for

AIDS-related orphans, Friday, April 23, 7 to 9 pm

Grandmothers for Good works with the Stephen Lewis Foundation to raise funds for grandmothers in Africa who are taking care of their own and other children made orphans by the AIDS epidemic. Come out to the UCM on Friday April 23 to enjoy African dance and music and a silent auction. For information please call Myriam Byers @ 514-488-9763.

Senior Youth Fundraising Lunch

Sunday, April 25

Senior youth will be preparing and serving a wonderful lunch including veggies, treats and "White Bean" soup, to raise money to for youth program activities and events.

Contributions of \$5 or more are greatly appreciated, but all are welcome to eat and enjoy.

Monthly Groups & Programs

Exploring the Intangible (Discussion Group)

Sunday April 4, 12:30 pm, Darwin Room

Topic: Mystery, confusion and uncertainty are the spice of life. A knowledge of the "ultimate truth" would ensure an existence of complete boredom.

All are welcome. Please bring ideas for future discussion or contact me by phone.

Contact: Christine Rourke 514 761 0669

Drumming Circle

Thursday, April 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

(third Thursday of each month), Phoenix Hall

Contacts: Ann Beer, 514-426-1204

or Allen Lobo, 514-484-3014

Social and Environmental Concerns Committee

Sunday, April 18, 12:15 pm, Thomas Room

Program to be announced.

Contacts: Christina Duvander or Patricia Philip

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday April 21, 7 pm

Thomas Room

Contact: Kathy, tel 514-488-9608

Of all the awards that Joyce Carol Oates has won across a lifetime of distinguished literary prizes, none seem more appropriate than the popular Oprah book club selection for *We Were the Mulvaney's*. It is the saga of a prosperous and prominent family's decline into secrets, violence, blame and revenge that slowly transcends into healing and forgiveness.

Midday meal with Music

Wednesday, April 21

Lunch: 12:20 pm; Music: 1:30 pm

Cost \$5

Please reserve with Ruth di Giovanni at 514-934-4956.

Exploring Unitarian and Universalist Theology

Led by Rev. Diane Rollert

Tuesday, April 6, 6:30 - 8pm

This forth session introduces the transcendentalist Margaret Fuller. This is an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of Unitarian Universalism while exploring your own beliefs and values. To sign up, contact the office or 514-485-9933.

Pathway to Membership - Sunday, April 11
Would you like to know more about Unitarian
Universalism? Would you like to become a member?
In the Darwin Room 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Join our minister for our new member orientation program to learn about our Unitarian and Universalist heritage and the meaning of membership. Next Membership Sunday will be May 2.

RSVP to Petrina Lee Poy or call 514-485-5555. Let her know if you will need childcare.

Seeking the Sacred in Stories
Facilitated by Rev. Diane Rollert
Tuesday, April 27, 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Bring your own brown bag lunch and join this ongoing group, as we deepen in community and search for meaning in the stories we read. Copies of this month's story are available from the office. All are welcome. We meet in the Garden Room on the first lower level of the church.

Weekly Groups & Programs

Anybody interested in studying the Tarot together?

I am planning to start a new group sometime in April, once a week, for two and a half hours in the afternoon, at the church, at a convenient day for everybody, for four consecutive weeks. Please let me know. Mickey van Riel 514-637-3347

Parts in Peace Choir, Mondays, 7:30 pm

We welcome committed choristers to join in the joy of singing for the Sunday service once a month. Bring a black binder for your music and a pencil for notations. Optional pot-luck at 6:15 pm.

Contact: Sandra Hunt, director, 514-484-5559 or sandra.muriel.hunt@gmail.com

Carmina Choir, Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Phoenix Hall
 This season we are preparing for a program *CARMINA IN ITALIA*. What better way to spend a cold evening than singing the music of sunny Italy! New members in all voices are very welcome. Bring a sense of humour and good will — with a black binder, if possible.
 Contacts: Keith Robinson, 514-931-9028 or Brian Brice, 514-843-6497

Mindfulness Meditation

Last session, until the fall, is March 31. Contact: Allen Lobo at 514-484-3014 or radiantandfree@gmail.com

Play Group

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am-noon, Nursery
 We welcome children under five on a drop-in basis accompanied by a (grand)parent or care giver. Pack a snack for your child(ren). Coffee is provided.

Open to all, whether church member or not. No charge, but a donation of \$3/session per family is suggested.

Outside Our Walls

CoCo 10th Birthday Party and AGM
Wednesday, March 31, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

3680 Jeanne Mance

UCM is now a member of CoCo (Centre for Community Organizations) as a result of our work with Spencer Mann (Governance Task Force). Info: www.coco-net.org

Human Rights Passover Seder

April 1, 2010, 6:30 pm

Canadian Friends of Rabbis for Human Rights
(Montreal) with the Montreal Dialogue Group

Côte des Neiges Community Centre, 6767 Côte des Neiges

The evening includes traditional foods and a light meal as well as music by Fran Avni and an interpretive Haggadah which explores elements of the traditional Haggadah in relation to pressing human rights issues of our day. \$10 per person. Info: 514-270-9838 or 514-744-3995.

Fondation Sénégal Santé Mobile (FSSM) Benefit
Saturday, April 3, 8 pm, Ex-centris Theatre

Screening of the film "Has God Forsaken Africa?" by Senegalese filmmaker Musa Dieng Kala, who will be in attendance. Tickets are \$20 (donation)

Info 514-369-8607 or shara.rosen@senegalsantemobile.org

Connecting with Canadian UUs

CUC (Canadian Unitarian Council)

How Shall We Live?

Annual Conference & Meeting, Victoria, BC
May 21 to 24, 2010, University of Victoria

For complete details on workshops, accommodations and more, visit www.cuc.ca/conference/2010.

To enquire about attending as a delegate for our congregation please contact Associational Affairs Chair Marlean Martin via office@ucmtd.ca

CUC pre-conference day: Canadian UU Women's Day, May 21 (registration deadline Apr. 15), inspired by Canadian poet, Dorothy Livesay who was a member of First Victoria Unitarian Church.

Leadership Workshop stream May 22 and 23

News from the RE (Religious Education) programs

OWL Weekend an (exhausting) success!

Carlene Gardner has had to return to her normal work life, after putting in dozens of hours coordinating the February 26-28 Sr Youth OWL, or Our Whole Lives, weekend at UCM. OWL staff were experienced members of the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa, as well as our own super-efficient Carlene, and young adult attendee Lauren Delrio.

Twenty-six youth attended from Kingston, Peterborough, Toronto and Ottawa, and two of ours (Shannon Horan and Emilie Bryce, daughter of Susan Gyetvay & Roger Haughey) were given a rainbow scarf during the moving "grad" ceremony on Saturday night. Caroline Balderston Parry was the MC, Diane Rollert spoke about the importance of OWL education in our UU movement; and then all the youth sang a stirring rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah!"

We're not sure we are adequately thanking members and friends who helped, but want to extend a heartfelt "Hallelujah!" to the following UCM volunteers: Francis Murphy & Marlo Turner-Ritchie for food and kitchen help; and Krin Haglund, Christopher Sweetnam-Holmes & Prue Rains for overnight volunteering. Further "Hallelujahs!" to any helpers or donors we may have missed; your support was superb!

Caroline Balderston Parry, DRE

Junior and Senior Youth Activities

The **La Pension du Jardin Secret** animal shelter fundraiser was a success. An initiative by two youth, Breeana & Chelsea from Villa Maria high school, to raise animal awareness and support a shelter in financial need, raised a total of \$167. A special thank you to all those who attended and contributed to the cause and to two of our own members Shawn Dohring for serving soup and Susan Gyetvay who helped organize the event.

www.pensiondujardinsecret.com

The Junior youth have been holding an **Eggs for Kids in the Congo** fundraiser to raise money to help save the western lowland gorilla in Africa by feeding the children of the Rangers who are trying to protect the apes. So far they have raised \$170. They will continue their efforts until the end of April when they take on a new project for Malaria. Please show your support by visiting their table on Sunday's after the services in Phoenix Hall.

Junior Youth to buy books for Ugandan schools

Riannon Horan raised money with us to sponsor her trip to Gulu, Uganda, last summer. At Thanksgiving, she told our children about her trip, and they began a used book sale to buy books for Ugandan children. The Junior Youth raised a total of \$339.61. Recently our children discussed the options for using that money. Emily Brossard, the chair of Anyim, a Gulu initiative, provided input:

"I would like to thank you and the children of your congregation for raising money for Ugandan children's education. Can you allocate some money for fuel to transport the books to the schools? This is actually a recurring problem... many organizations donate books or other scholastic materials but it often stays in storage for several months because neither the schools or the district have money for fuel to carry books from point A to B. Most schools ... are also in need of bookshelves to ensure the distributed books will be accessible to the children."

Our children have decided they want their money to buy books for primary schools. I am also planning to send a personal contribution for shelves and/or fuel to the Concordia coordinator, and would be delighted if any other UCM folks want to help augment what our children raised. Please respond to the RE office soon!

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

April 4 - Easter Worship - This year the youth will join the adults in the service to celebrate our UU tradition of Easter.

April 11 - Workshop for Senior Youth - The Tolerance Foundation - workshop that teaches how to prevent, inform, and raise awareness about the dangers inherent in intolerance, prejudice, exclusion, racism, and discrimination in all its forms. Info: www.fondationtolerance.com 11am-12pm in the youth room.

April 17 - Junior Youth Sleepover - We will be learning about our sixth principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. Vegetarian Potluck supper. For children aged 11-13, RSVP Ivy to attend.

April 18 - Earth Day - details on cover

April 25 - Senior Youth Fundraising Lunch events.

Ivy Trudel

Jr. & Sr. Youth Programs Coordinator

Worship Committee News

We're now asking people to come in to the sanctuary before the gathering music. A bell is rung, and the liturgist lets everyone know that the service will be starting shortly. Come in and hear Sandra play, and skip the rush for seats when the liturgist begins the Welcome!

Announcements: due to volume and repetition, announcements are limited to the following: Bidnite, Canvass, Annual General Meeting, Budget Meeting(s) and Pathway to Membership (i.e. congregation-wide events or newcomer events). Newcomer information and Hospitality (lunch/soup fundraisers) have been incorporated into the Welcome. Major congregation-wide events not specifically listed may be announced at the discretion of the Minister and/or the Chair of the Worship Committee. So, if you've been in the habit of sliding in during the Prelude, you may find that you're missing out on a lot more of the service now!

After the service, we ask for quiet in the Sanctuary. Some people need to be social, to talk and share with friends after a service, but some need, and have asked for, a time to be reflective or emotional after the service. If you are someone who needs to be social, we ask that you leave room for those who need the time for reflection. If you need the time for reflection, we are holding this space for you.

*Kirstin McKeown
Worship Committee Chair*

Taking Action in the World

Tents for Haiti Pour in as the Rain Pours Down

I sent out a call, and you answered. I don't know the exact number of backpacks, but those helping me fill my car on Sunday afternoon guess that there were at least 75. Frantz Senat has more than met his goal to deliver 100 backpacks to the children Camp Christ-Roi, a refuge for earthquake survivors. We look forward to receiving news from him once he arrives in Haiti.

In less than a month, with a few phone calls, and the efforts of some amazing people, a whole new collective called **Solid'Haiti** has been formed to respond to the needs of the people in Haiti. Together with Patricia Philip and Christina Duvander, I have been meeting with a group of Haitians and other Montrealers from a variety of faith communities to explore ways that we can provide meaningful help.

Our hope is that this group will be an ongoing concern that will set up a resource network between Montreal and Haiti. Getting aid to Haiti is vastly challenging and we are using both government contacts here and individual contacts on the ground to learn what needs to be done and how we can get things into the neediest hands quickly.

Our first major initiative began on March 26, with the collection of tents and other materials for shelter. As this newsletter goes to press, we hope that hundreds of tents and other goods will be on their way in trucks for delivery to the Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale. CECI has offered free shipping and space on an Air Transat flight. The coordination needed is astounding and seeing so many people step forward to offer their time and resources is humbling.

The Haitians working with us in Solid'Haiti are doing all they can to support family and friends here and in Haiti. Their experiences and the level of need are beyond comprehension. That we continue to care means a great deal to a people who have lost so much.

For your outpouring of support, I extend deepest gratitude.

Namaste, Rev. Diane Rollert

Over \$300 raised!

The Social and Environmental Concerns Committee thanks everybody who cooked and baked for our March 7 fund-raiser. Delicious soup, bread and cookies as well as marmalade brought in enough money (\$322.25) to send a donation of \$1 per congregation member (\$195) to Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ). The rest will buy backpacks to send to children in Haiti. They will contain a toothbrush, toothpaste, a plastic poncho and a book. Thank you all very much for your contributions!

Patricia Philip and Christina Duvander

UCM seeks UU-UNO Envoy

Does the idea of promoting the work of the United Nations within our congregation tweak your interest? The Unitarian Universalist UN Office (UU-UNO) is an organization that was set up in 1962 to focus on issues of social justice through the United Nations.

May Kersten, our congregational UU-UNO envoy for the past five years, has decided to step down. Thank you, May, for the time and energy that you have put into this role and for having kept us focused on this important organization.

We are now looking for a volunteer to fill this position. For further information regarding the role of UU-UNO envoy, visit www.uu-uno.org

Contact Christina Duvander or Patricia Philip (*contact details on back page*).

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Memorial Flowers

April 4 – Paula Daniels and Henri Kersten

April 11 – Jeff Browman

April 18 – Norman Sirota

April 25 – Juanita and Victor Turple

Please contact Maychai Brown 514-487-3236;
or Christine Rourke 514-761-0669 if you would like to
remember a friend or loved one in this special way.

Unicamp

Unicamp is a Unitarian Universalist camp in Ontario that is committed to providing a safe and welcoming seasonal camp and spiritual retreat to a diverse community. Brochures are available on the information table. Check it out!

www.unicampofontario.ca

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In the event of any concern related to sexual harassment, contact the minister or Carol Cumming Speirs (514-989-1397) or Jack Cobb (514-938-9617).

**Next newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, April 17**

Email submissions to news@ucmtl.ca
Please include your name and phone number.