

# Gathered Here

April 2010  
Newsletter

Unitarian Church of Montreal

Église unitarienne de Montréal

## April Worship Calendar

Services begin at 10:30 am  
Child care available.

**April 3, 2011**

*A Community of Voices*

**Ysaye Barnwell and Rev. Diane Rollert**

Ysaye Barnwell, master singer, composer and member of Sweet Honey in the Rock, along with members of the *Building a Vocal Community workshop*, will join us for a morning of inspirational song in the African-American tradition. Come early. We expect a very full house.

**April 10**

*Healing the Generations of the Earth*

**Rev. Diane Rollert**

Emanuel Freitas, piano

**April 17**

*The View from the Bus*

**Nicoline Guerrier**

Sandra Hunt, piano

**April 24**

*Making it Through:*

*A Reflection for Easter*

**Rev. Diane Rollert**

Sandra Hunt, piano;

Matthew Russell, trombone

**11:45 – Easter Communion**

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

*Il n'y aura pas de célébration en français au mois d'avril.*

**May 1**

*Multigenerational May Day Celebration*

*See the message from our Director of Religious Education, Caroline Balderston Parry, on page 6, to find out about this special service for all ages.*

Message from the President

## Hello congregation,

**W**e have rounded yet another frosty corner of winter! There have been so many heart- and soul- warming activities in the church that it's hard to know where to start!

A special welcome to new members and those who are reading this newsletter for the first time. We hope that you get involved in a way that makes sense for your time and interests. You can touch base with our membership coordinator, Petrina, about opportunities that exist, such as volunteer positions that are currently vacant — or that will be — for this coming AGM in June.

Diane and the Steering Committee hosted an 'open mic: have your say' on Sunday, March 13, after a delicious Loaf 'n' Ladle lunch (thanks, Hospitality Committee!) on the eve of our minister's 5th anniversary! Despite all having 'les petits yeux' from the change to daylight savings time, we had a rousing conversation on various church issues, ranging from being consistent with our green sanctuary guidelines, to how we are experiencing our new governance structure.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I'd like to thank all the volunteers who have been contributing to the health and mission of our church. National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 10-16 so let's count our blessings that we have so many active and engaged members.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to feel free to contact me at any time with questions and feedback about how our church is running — or come and sing with me during our special event with Dr. Ysaye Barnwell (-:

In dialogue,

Marlo Turner Ritchie, President, Steering Committee

New phone number: (514) 482-4435, or marlodiamond@yahoo.com



## Share the Plate

Each Sunday, all the unidentified cash in the offertory is given to the designated charity of the month. Recent recipients have been most appreciative of your support.

In April we'll share the plate with **Chez Doris**, a non-profit organization with a mission to welcome women in difficulty by offering social services, educational and recreational activities as well as professional services in a safe and comforting environment.

## Welcome and Nurture

### Welcome Unitarians

#### Sunday Service Greeters are always needed.

If you have not been a greeter before, don't worry. There are easy-to-follow instructions available. Please contact Petrina Lee Poy, membership coordinator, at 514-485-5555 or put your name on the sign-up sheet in Phoenix Hall near the back door.

### Thank you, Java Jivers!

Coffee Hour is a cherished part of Sunday morning. Thanks to you, the coffee gets made and served. Java Jivers are needed for April. To find out how you can help out, and to get paired up with an experienced Java Jiver, sign up on Sunday, or email Andrea.

### Caring Network

We always need more volunteers to act as chauffeur, to visit house- or hospital-bound members or to make and/or deliver food. If you are interested in having your name added to our list of volunteers OR if you would like to apply to join our convivial group of coordinators, please call Janine Cobb at 514-938-9617.

The **Caring Network coordinator for April** is Janine Cobb, 514-938-9617.

Membres du Groupe francophone, svp communiquer avec Francine Desmarais au 450-332-3994 .

## Taking Action in the World

### The UCM partnership with Action Communiterre; working for food security in our community

The back yard of our church has been the site of a thriving, organic vegetable garden since 2003. Action Communiterre recruits and facilitates the collective garden team that shares the produce among themselves and with a local community group (last year, a portion of the crops each week went to Elizabeth House).

Want to be part of a collective garden?

To find out more about participating in an Action Communiterre Collective Garden, plan to attend one of the following information sessions at their office at 6244 Sherbrooke Street West:

- \* Thursday, March 31, 6:00 pm
- \* Tuesday, April 5, 6:00 pm
- \* Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 pm
- \* Monday, April 18, 6:00 pm

**Info:** 514-484-0223

## Entre Nous

**Diana Kleins** died at home March 3 after a long illness. Diana was a cherished member and leader in this community and a dear friend to many of us. She amazed us with her courage in these past years as she lived each moment with positive determination to get everything she possibly could out of life, despite her failing health. Her loss will be deeply felt by us all.

May we hold in our hearts Diana's family: her daughter Nancy and her son-in-law Andrew; her granddaughter Sarah; her sons Rob and Tim, as well as the family of her late husband Norman Sirota.

**Merry Levering and Mary Donovan**, currently living in Tokyo, send their greetings to the whole community. They tell us that, except for some anxiety during the earthquake itself, they have fared well. They write, "The scope of this disaster is more than we can wrap our minds around..." **Rissho Kosei-kai**, the Buddhist group they work for, is organizing rotating teams to help with relief efforts.

We remember ...

**Tara Bissett** whose grandmother died in March.

**Gordon Lorimer** who is home after surgery. He thanks you for your notes and phone calls.

**Val Bourdon** who is back in his Port Perry residence after his hospital stay.

We rejoice with **Emily Cummins Woods** (our former Director of Religious Education) and **Alice Robinette** Woods at the dedication of their son, Benjamin Woods, at the Kingston Unitarian Fellowship on Saturday, March 19. Alice gave birth to Benjamin on January 17, 2011. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. at birth.

### Safety Alert

#### Please Watch Your Valuables

In recent months we have experienced several thefts including a wallet stolen from an unattended purse in the foyer, and other items of value taken from the main floor cloakroom. We strongly advise you not to leave anything of value — such as backpacks or purses — in the cloakroom, and that you remove money or other valuables from the pockets of your coat. If you notice any suspicious behaviour, please immediately notify someone on staff or a member of the Steering Committee.

## Have you made your your financial committment yet?

Members and friends have, until now, committed \$165,000 for 2011. This represents an average increase in giving of 7%! Nevertheless, we remain short of our goal of \$188,000. Some individuals and families who committed a combined total of \$12,000 in 2010 have not yet done so for 2011, but it is not too late.

Having financial commitments helps us so much in our planning, and saves some of us from sleepless nights. Please help us reach our goal. So make your pledge contact Verna at the office. 514-485-9933 or email her at [office@ucmtl.ca](mailto:office@ucmtl.ca).

*Bob Edgar, Treasurer*

## Message from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is entertaining suggestions of persons to fill three positions for the coming year: Treasurer, Moderator and Worship Chair

And in addition, the three positions that remained unfilled this year:

- Associational Affairs
- Congregational Programs
- Buildings & Grounds

If you are interested in one of these positions or wish to recommend someone else, please email Past President David Kersulis at [david.kersulis@videotron.ca](mailto:david.kersulis@videotron.ca). Or put your suggestions in his mailbox on the Administration level.

Thank you,  
Nominating Committee: David Kersulis (chair),  
Prue Rains, Petrina Lee Poy, Sylvia Heuckendorff

### Memorial Flowers

April 3 — Jacqueline Dealy

April 10 — Henri Kersten and Paula Daniels

April 17 — Jeff Browman

April 24 — Larry O'Leary

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. The cost of the flower arrangement is \$50.

## Canadian Unitarian Council 50th Anniversary ACM May 20-23, Toronto *Trusting the Dawning Future*

The programming is going to be exceptional, including a keynote speech by economist David K. Foot, a series of leadership workshops led by church consultant, Robert Latham, author of *Leaving Church Folly Lane*, and the Confluence Lecture given by our own minister, Diane Rollert, as well as a session with our minister emeritus and CUC co-founder, Charles Eddis.

Register by March 31 for lowest cost.

See the CUC website for details. [www.cuc.ca](http://www.cuc.ca)

We hope to see a strong team of Montrealers represented at the conference. The Steering Committee is investigating renting a bus, or arranging for carpooling. Watch the e-bulletin, *Week at a Glance*, for more news.

### Establishing a National Women's Organization Saturday, May 21, 10 am at the conference

Women will meet to discuss, and hopefully, approve draft bylaws to establish a national Canadian UU women's organization to address such issues as education, human rights and equality of income for women. At lunch, we will celebrate gathering together as UU women and prepare an organizational framework for follow-up.

The fee for lunch is \$25.00.

To register, send cheque to Janice Tait, #201-581 Avenue Road, Toronto, ON, M4V 2K4.

### UCM Scholarships and Delegates

A limited amount of scholarship funding is available. In addition, we are seeking 4 delegates to represent UCM and to participate in shaping the CUC's future. Delegates are required to attend the Annual Meeting, which will be held all day on Friday, May 20th.

For the first time, the Annual Meeting will not conflict with other programming, giving delegates an opportunity to experience the full-range of offerings at the conference.

If you are seeking scholarship support, or would like to be a delegate, please send a short explanation of your need or an explanation of why you would like to be a delegate email [Bob Edgar, UCM Treasurer](mailto:Bob.Edgar@ucm.ca), by March 21. The selection team will provide final decisions in time for early-bird registration.

# What's going on...

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **Building a Vocal Community**

**A workshop with the renowned Ysaye Barnwell  
Friday, April 1 to Sunday, April 3**

Singers and non-singers alike will share the common experience of learning in the oral tradition and singing rhythms, chants, traditional songs from Africa and the Diaspora, and a variety of songs from African American culture including spirituals, ring shouts, hymns, gospels and songs from the the Civil Rights Movement.

Tickets are \$140 (if available) at the door.  
Lunch on Saturday and Sunday is included in the workshop fee. Info: Margo Ellis

### **Empty Bowls at UCM**

**Saturday, April 9, 11 am to 2 pm**

UCM is proud, once again, to host Empty Bowls: a fundraiser to fight hunger. For only \$20, choose a beautiful, hand-crafted bowl and enjoy a serving of homemade Brazilian-inspired soup with fresh-baked bread, and listen to live music courtesy of Jean Séguin and friends.

**Get involved:** many volunteers come together to make this event a success. You can help with serving, set-up, clean-up, bowl displays, greeting, ticket sales, etc. To get involved contact Susan 513-369-8192.

**Beneficiaries:** Multi Caf, NDG Food Depot, and Montreal Diet Dispensary (MDD).

### **Town Hall Conversation**

**Trial Governance Structure Update**

**Sunday, April 10, 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

The Governance Task Force will present an interim evaluation and update on the trial year of an adapted governance structure and the anticipated next steps. All are welcome to attend and join in the conversation.

### **Spirit Play — Reflection and Planning Workshop**

**Sunday, April 17, noon to 3:00 pm, RE level**

See the message from DRE Caroline Balderson Parry on page 6.

### **Kerry-Anne Kutz, soprano, presents:**

**Awakening — A Labryinth Cantata**

**Friday, April 29, 8 pm, Sanctuary**

Awakening is the soul-warming, spiritual work of Saskatchewan composer Angelene Tysseland, who

used texts from a wide range of spiritual sources. Narrators and musicians include Rev. Diane Rollert, Rev. Carole Martignacco, soprano Kerry-Anne Kutz, tenor Shawn Dohring and a choir of 30 singers. The first half of this concert features the powerful songs of Kurt Weill performed by Kerry-Anne Kutz and a quartet of gifted Montreal jazz instrumentalists with Mike Cartile on trumpet and flugelhorn.

Tickets: \$20.00

Contact Kerry-Anne at (514) 624-2307.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### **Parts in Peace Choir rehearsals**

**Mondays, 7:30 pm, optional potluck  
supper at 6:15 pm**

Remember to bring a black binder and a pencil.

Contact: Sandra Hunt at 514-484-5559

### **Carmina Choir**

**Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, Phoenix Hall**

New members in all voices are always welcome. The ability to read music is not necessary and there is no audition. Bring a sense of humour and good will, and a black binder if possible. This season Carmina is exploring music by Mendelssohn and Verdi among others, with the second part of the program devoted to our own version of Cole Porter's 'Kiss me, Kate!' It will be called VERY TRAGICAL MIRTH.

Contacts: Keith Robinson 514-931-9028 or Brian Brice 514-843-6497

### **Play Group**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to noon, Nursery**

We welcome children under five on a drop-in basis accompanied by a (grand)parent or caregiver. Pack a snack for your child(ren). Coffee is provided. Open to all, whether church members or not. No charge but a donation of \$3/session per family is suggested.

### **Mindfulness Meditation**

Is finished for this season and will resume in the fall.

Contact: Allen Lobo at 514-484-3014

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### **First Friday Potluck**

**April 1, 6 pm**

Bring some food to share and enjoy the fellowship.

### **Vendredi, 1 avril à 16h30**

**Réunion du comité groupe francophone dans la salle  
Thomas. Bienvenue aux intéressés afin de préparer  
des activités en français.**

**Vendredi, 1 avril à 18h**

**Auberge Espagnole** — souper 'potluck' dans la salle Phoenix. Apportez votre plat favori à partager avec des amies cinéphiles.

**Vendredi, 1 avril à 19 h 30**

**Cercle de discussion** : Soirée de discussion avec Jacques Grenier sur « L'art et la religion = un mariage opportuniste de part et d'autre ». Bienvenue à tous et toutes.

**Cercle de conversation en français**

Francine Desmarais has cancelled this activity due to low turnout.

**Exploring the Intangible**

**Wednesday, April 3, 12:30 pm, Darwin Room**

Topic: The pursuit of education merely for material gain is an indicator of the decline of a society. All are welcome.

Contact: Christine Rourke 514-761-0669

**Exploring Our Theology**

**Led by Rev. Diane Rollert**

**Thursday, April 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

This month we'll consider Doug Muder's theory about superheroes and the future of Unitarian Universalism. To sign up, contact the office or call 514-485-9933. The reading for the session is Diane's reflection "Superheroes", which can be found at by clicking here.

**Soul Collage: open drop-in workshop**

**Saturday, April 16, 10 am - 4 pm, Garden Room**

Supplies and quiet music provided for the duration, but plan to give it at least two precious, soul-restoring hours. No need to bring anything, unless there are photos or other images you especially want to use. Please confirm you will be there, thanks!

Contact: Caroline 514-481-8462

or (cell) 514-622-2173

**Social and Environmental Concerns Committee**

**Sunday, April 17, 12:15 pm, Thomas Room**

Monthly committee meeting. All are welcome!

Contact Christina or call 514-630-7523.

**Midday Meal and Music**

**Wednesday, April 20**

Bridge or Scrabble at 10:15, Lunch at 12:30 followed by music at 1:30 pm. We are changing the reservation process. If you attended the March lunch, you do not need to register for the April lunch.

Only people who cannot attend need to phone Ruth

di Giovanni at 514-934-4956. Visitors are always welcome. If you have comments or suggestions you can contact Elizabeth Anglin at 514-937-4095 or email her.

**Book Discussion Group**

**Wednesday, April 20, 7 pm, Thomas Room**

Book group books book about a book! In *People of the Book* Geraldine Brooks weaves a tale around the provenance of a real medieval Hebrew manuscript, the Sarajevo Haggadah. Intrepid conservator, Hanna Heath, finds physical clues in the book which take her from Sarajevo to Vienna, Venice, London, Boston and Seville, and bring her romance. As in historical fact, rescuers of the codex include a Catholic priest in the Inquisition and Islamic bibliophiles in World War II and the Bosnian War.

Contact: Kathy at 514-488-9608

**Drumming Circle (third Thursday of every month)**

**April 21, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Phoenix Hall**

Open to all. If you have no drum, we can lend you one.

Contacts: Ann Beer at 514-426-1204 or Aldyth

Harrison at 514-739-3830

**Seeking the Sacred in Stories**

**Facilitated by Rev. Diane Rollert**

**Tuesday, April 26, 12 noon – 1:15 pm, Thomas Room**

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. This month we'll read the story, "First Words," by Brian Maracle. All are welcome.

**UU CONNECTIONS****Adult OWL Workshop**

**The First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa**

**Friday, April 8, 7 – 9:30 pm**

**Saturday, April 9, 9 am – 4:30 pm**

Cost: \$25 or pay what you can (includes snacks, lunch and materials)

Our Whole Lives is an adult sexuality program that is built on the principle that we all keep growing, right up to our last days, and that in every phase of life we face new challenges, new issues, and new ethical dilemmas and we have new opportunities to revitalize our lives.

Contact Frances Deverell by April 4,

adultowl@firstunitarianottawa.ca

## Notes from DRE Caroline Balderston Parry

### MAY DAY! MAY DAY!

*Since man was first created,  
These words have been debated,  
And we have celebrated,  
The coming of the sun!*

From the Helston, Cornwall traditional May song  
“Hal-an-Tow”

**T** rue confession: there’s a side of me you may not know about. I am a May Day junkie! I danced around maypoles and delivered May baskets as a child in Pennsylvania, then went on to lead and visit wonderful celebrations of this ancient Celtic first day of summer when I taught school in England. (On the Celtic calendar, there were only two seasons, and winter began at Hallowe’en.)

When my family emigrated to Canada, we brought our enthusiasm with us, and in Victoria, where we first settled, there were plenty of May customs. It’s harder to sing and dance about the flowers or the May dew in eastern Canada, but for years I belonged to various Morris dancing teams who did their best to wake the sun every May Day at dawn. (It still goes on in Toronto and down in Marlboro, Vermont, too.)

Then I started writing a book about the history of maypoles, amassing notes, photos, books and ideas over several research trips to England. I’ve seen a multitude of maypoles of many sizes, danced about in all sorts of weather, and even supervised the installation of a maypole at Sibford School in Oxfordshire. The book project, though dear to my heart, remains unfinished, with bulging files awaiting more of my time.

This year, May Day falls on a Sunday, so we’ll have a wonderful Multigenerational May Day celebration, including maypole dancing for everyone. It will also be a time to celebrate the Earth in some new-yet-ancient ways, with May carol singing and dancing, stories and garland processions.

Mark your calendars and put on your bells (in fact, watch for a special keener’s practice dance session on April 30). Want to help with our May Day? Please get in touch; it’s my all-time favourite celebration!

### Children’s Choir rehearsals

The Children’s Choir will be preparing for May 1, so Shawn Dohring proposes to hold three after-RE practices on April 10, 17 and 24, from 11:50 am to 12:15 pm in the Garden Room. All children welcome.

### Spirit Play Workshop

**Sunday, April 17, 12:30 to 3pm, RE level**

“Our UU Spirit Play program engages children where they are and helps them live into their own answers to the abiding questions.” This is an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved in almost two years of Spirit Play (SP) and look ahead to the third year of our experiment. We’ll review the Spirit Play philosophy and trained storytellers and doorkeepers will share stories, skills, wisdom, and questions too! Materials and ideas for making story boxes will be on the agenda.

If having child care would help you attend, please let the RE office know.

### Les activités à venir de l’éducation religieuse en français :

**Le dimanche 3 avril, à 10 h 45**

Le thème sera « Les Premières Nations et les unitariens universalistes : travaillons ensemble pour un avenir meilleur ». Si vous êtes un adulte qui peut nous aider, s.v.p. contactez Elizabeth McKinney Charbonneau au 450-464-3597.

Comme nous aurons un dimanche intergénérationnel, la leçon d’avril est remise au mois de mai.

Nous organisons une sortie au Métis Makushan Cabane à Sucre à Rigaud, le samedi, 30 avril. Il y a possibilité d’avoir du covoiturage et nous quitterons l’église vers midi. Le coût pour le repas (à volonté) est de : 26 \$ pour adultes et jeunes de 13 ans et plus, 16 \$ pour 7-12 ans, et 10 \$ pour 3-6 ans. Voir ici pour plus d’information. Nous avons besoin de recevoir la confirmation de votre participation et votre paiement, et de savoir si vous avez besoin ou si vous pouvez offrir du covoiturage pour le 17 avril au plus tard. Veuillez contacter Elizabeth Charbonneau ou Hannelore Poncelet. Tous sont les bienvenus.

En lien avec le « RE Conversation with the Minister », les familles vont bientôt recevoir un questionnaire par courriel, qui donnera aux parents et aux enfants l’occasion de s’exprimer au sujet du programme français actuel, et de ce que vous souhaiteriez pour l’avenir.

## Hospitality Corner

### Hopping with Hospitality

Yes, Virginia, there is such a thing as FREE LUNCH! In honour of New Member Sunday, February 20, the Hospitality Committee provided free lunch to new members. As part of a joint initiative with the Membership Committee, the Hospitality Committee has adopted a policy to provide free lunch to new members on future New Member Sundays as well.

Carolyn St-Denis, Hospitality's muffin maven, served delicious home-baked muffins on February 27. Her new savoury muffins were a huge hit too!

The joint SECC/Hospitality Fundraiser for UCM's membership in CUSJ (Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice) on March 13 was such a success — raising \$325 — that the SECC will have additional funds to put toward other social justice projects. Hospitality provided labour and ingredients free of charge. Ginny Thomas sold Christina Duvander's homemade marmalades and jellies, along with honey that Phyllis Greggain donated to the cause.

Thank you all for your generosity!

### New members

The Hospitality Committee is pleased to welcome new members Phyllis Greggain, Sue Montgomery and Susan Gyetvay. If you attended the Wrap 'n' Roll lunch on February 20, Phyllis made the lemon bread that disappeared in record time. Here's why the new members have jumped on board.

**Phyllis Greggain:** 'All those neat people like to cook and eat and so do I!'

**Sue Montgomery:** 'Nancy told me to. Just kidding ... I LOVE to cook — it's my therapy!!'

**Susan Gyetvay:** 'I'm a huge nurturer at heart and what better way to nurture people's body and soul than with a lovingly prepared meal!'

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Showcase chef for April: Rita Izzi

Sunday, April 3

Mulligatawny Soup & Pakora lunch — Ysaye Barnwell workshop weekend

Sunday, April 17

Home-baked muffins by Carolyn St-Denis

Sunday, April 24

Easter pancake breakfast: 8:30 am to 10:15 am sharp

If you would like to work with a great group of foodie friends on the Hospitality Committee, contact Nancy Kleins 514-855-0005.

## We now have an Art Gallery

The Stairwell Art Gallery/Galerie des Escaliers is on the walls along the stairs going down to the mezzanine and lower levels of the church. Many people have contributed to setting this up. It originated as an action project in Patricia Gordon's Covenant Group, other congregations were consulted, the board approved it, DRE Caroline Balderston Parry agreed to donate the space which she had been using for RE, Aurélien Guillory picked the colour ("a complicated taupe"), Helmut painted, and Helmut and Jim Lewis installed the track.

Solo shows will be juried by a rotating group of three. Group shows will not be juried.

The gallery will privilege those who are members and friends of the UCM, but members can share their shows with another. We are still working out the details! A Guidelines for Artists is in the works; a short version will appear in the May newsletter.

Artists who exhibit works for sale in the Stairwell Art Gallery will donate 25% of the proceeds to the Unitarian Church of Montreal, with 20% to the church Operating Fund and 5% to the Art Collective, to cover expenses and workshops. Information for UCM members who wish to exhibit their work during the next church year will be available in the May newsletter.

### Inaugural exhibit:

#### Photographs by Joshua Radu

#### Opening Friday, May 6, 7 to 9pm

Although technically not a member, Josh is well known to our community; he worked here as head custodian for many years. He is a professional photographer with experience exhibiting his work; his exhibit will provide a useful example for those who haven't had shows before.

Josh's show will open at the First Friday Social potluck (potluck supper at 6:00 pm). All are invited to attend. His work will be on display from May through June.

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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 20**

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

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