

## February Worship Calendar

Services begin at 10:30 am.

Child care available.

### February 5

*Is Winning Everything?*

Rev. Carole Martignacco

Guest Musicians: Jean Seguin and Denis Barsalo

### February 12

*Make/Believe*

Rod Solano Quesnel

Music: Sandra Hunt, Children's Choir

### February 19

*Langues, spiritualités et religions (Language, Spirituality and Religion)*

Hannelore Poncelet, Rev. Carole Martignacco, and a sermon by Richard Gendron (in French).

Music: Sandra Hunt, piano; Louise Halperin, piano; Parts in Peace Choir and guest soloists, Genevieve Demers, soprano, and Marie-France Boisvert, viola. See page 2 for details.

### February 26

*What Is Your Calling?*

Rev. Carole Martignacco

Music: Sandra Hunt

### Share the Plate February:

Each Sunday, the unidentified cash in the collection baskets is given to a designated charity of the month.

In February, we'll share the plate with the **NDG Food Depot** which strives to eliminate hunger in a manner that ensures dignity, community engagement and the development of human potential.

[www.depotndg.org](http://www.depotndg.org)

### Financial Commitment!

We need yours by February 26.

See details on page 2.

Message from Rev. Carole Martignacco, Sabbatical Minister

## Welcoming the Stranger

*"To be human is to be religious. To be religious is to make connections. To lead a meaningful life among the many competing forces of the twenty-first century, each of us needs support in making meaningful connections to the best of our global heritage, the best in others, and the best in ourselves."*

REV. JOHN BUEHRENS

*Belonging: The Meaning of Membership*

"The Arabs have a custom," writes Naomi Shehab Nye, in one of her poems describing the sacred tradition of hospitality in the desert.

In the Arab world, she writes, when a stranger appears at the door, you welcome him in from his dusty travels, no questions asked. You quench his thirst, provide food, companionship and rest, you offer the seat of honour and urge him to partake of the best in the house. "My child will water your horse," says the gracious host. Would you like another plate of fish and rice, you might say, or here, take the brocade pillow. For three days you do not ask where he's come from, where he's going, why he happens to be here. "By then," says Nye, "you'll be such good friends, it won't matter."

In the past three weeks, my good friends, I've experienced firsthand the wonderful hospitality of this congregation — not necessarily as a stranger, but as one who has been away from the usual scene here for over a decade.

The rules for my visit are unique: my arrival was not a surprise. We have three months, not three days. My whereabouts when I am not with you are hardly secret. You can ask me anything you like, and you have — everything from how am I making the adjustment from a rural village to life in the big city, to showing me how to use the métro and bus system. More profound questions have been posed daily, related to the spiritual, organizational or community life of this church. You have answered mine about you openly, and just as openly welcomed my insights and suggestions. You have graciously integrated me into your schedules and activities in this busy community.

You have welcomed my partner, David, as well. And the food — truly, you do know how to welcome! In a short time, I've enjoyed several abundant potlucks and discovered that

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## Financial Commitment Campaign Update We're getting closer to our goal!

We are over 70% of the way to our goal of \$175,000 in financial support from our members and friends towards the 2012 UCM budget. The Stewardship Committee is happy to report that we have passed the \$130,000 mark as of January 15 and there are still financial commitment forms outstanding.

### Thank you for your generosity.

As a token of thanks, the Hospitality, Membership and Stewardship Committees will offer a complimentary St. Patrick's Day Lunch in March. On the menu: potato bar with all the toppings, Caesar salad and fruit. This will be a fabulous celebration of our commitment.

If you have not already done so, please remember to fill out and submit your financial commitment form **before February 26, 2012**, and make this the lucky year of the leprechaun at UCM!

If you have any questions about your 2012 financial commitment, please contact our membership chair, Petrina Lee Poy at 514-485-5555.

*Thank you from the Stewardship team!*

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## French Service on February 19. A first for the UCM!

Come and participate in our French-language service prepared by the French Activities Committee with the collaboration of the Worship Committee and the Music Ministry Collective. Our guest speaker is Richard Gendron, an anthropologist who specializes in religious studies. The Reverend Carole Martignacco will be officiating; the Parts in Peace Choir will sing. There will be a discussion period after the service. Come and enjoy!

### Langues, spiritualités et religions

La langue est un sujet politique qui revient sans cesse dans l'actualité québécoise. Pour les Unitariens et les Universalistes, la question fondamentale qui se pose est plus philosophique que politique : quel est le lien entre langue, spiritualité et religion ? Les gens issus de communautés linguistiques diverses vivent-ils nécessairement leur spiritualité différemment ? Pourquoi certaines langues sont-elles associées plus intimement à certaines religions, comme l'arabe et l'islam, le latin et le catholicisme (avant Vatican II), le sanskrit et l'hindouisme, le pali et le bouddhisme theravada ?

Richard Gendron, anthropologue, apportera quelques éléments de réponses à ces questions. Une période de discussion suivra la célébration.

## Entre Nous

We wish **Ruth di Giovanni** a speedy recovery from her broken ankle.

Our best wishes to **Muriel Jackson**, who is in the Lindsay Rehabilitation Institute recovering from a broken hip. She may be permitted to go home very soon.

**Tessy Tomasek** sends her thanks for all the letters and cards she has received recently.

Our thoughts are with **Patricia Gordon**, on leave from John Abbott CEGEP, to be with her father who is in palliative care in Indianapolis.

Our condolences to **Andrée Ippersiel** on the death of her parents. Her beloved mother, Alma Provencher, passed away on October 12, 2011, at the age of 90 and her dear father, Fernand Ippersiel, passed away on January 10, 2012, also aged 90.

Our condolences to **Gerda-Marie Gritzka**, whose brother-in-law recently died in Germany.

Long-time Hospitality Committee member and aerospace engineer **Andrew Thompson** is pleased to announce his retirement at the end of January after more than 20 years of service with Bell Helicopter Textron Canada, and 18 years with British Aerospace. In his capacity as engineer, Andrew will be pleased to provide free training on the UCM dishwasher!

Two volunteers are required to help at **L'Abri en Ville** during **February and March**. These volunteers are asked to dedicate three hours per week, from 1 to 4 pm on Wednesdays or Thursdays, to social contact with three L'Abri residents. Interested volunteers should contact **Juan Vera or Grazyna Wilczek** at 514-482-5745.

Are you a "senior" and interested in Yoga? If so, please email **Mickey van Riel**.

### Ecological Drama Therapy Group for Social Activists

Are you a social Activist? Have you ever had symptoms or worried about trauma, burnout, isolation or other difficult feelings as a result of your commitment to help the world? Do you ever feel that you could use some support in self-care? You may qualify to participate in a free Ecological Drama Therapy therapy group for social activists, exploring issues of self-care.

Offered at UCM by a masters student in Drama Therapy at Concordia. For details, contact **Rebekah Hart** at felt.ecology@gmail.com or 438-764-7183.

## Update from the Governance Task Force

We welcome Barbara Jackson to the Governance Task Force (in fact, Barbara was part of an earlier governance working group at UCM). Barbara and Janine Cobb have been reviewing the UCM's current by-laws in view of the proposed governance structure. It is anticipated that the suggested changes will be brought to the congregation for their perusal in the spring.

In the meanwhile, several modifications have been suggested to the governance structure in light of the fact that the trial structure has been in operation for 18 months. As such, the Governance Task Force and the individuals who have proposed the modifications will meet in February to fine-tune the governance structure. We are also planning for input from Council participants.

We anticipate concrete progress in the coming month and will keep the congregation informed of developments.

If you have any thoughts about governance, feel free to contact any one of the task force members (**Alison Hall, Barbara Jackson, Petrina Lee Poy**) or send an email to [governance@ucmtl.ca](mailto:governance@ucmtl.ca)

The GTF report as presented at the 2010 AGM is available on the UCM website or contact the church office.

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## President's message

### Steering Committee News

The Steering Committee (SC) met on January 18. Now that we are past the holidays, we've been making progress on a number of issues, including:

- Choosing a vice-president before the next SC meeting on February 15.
- Getting the new Personnel Committee, chaired by John Paxman, up and running in the next few weeks.
- Starting a Leadership Development Committee with the purpose of nurturing lay leadership within UCM.
- Supporting the CUC's Active Democracy Study Group survey request. Please watch for more information over the next weeks.
- Approving the West Hill Grandmothers to Grandmothers concert proposal for an event in April in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.
- Supporting an Ecological Drama Therapy Group for Social Activists. Rebekah Hart, a Masters Degree Candidate in Drama Therapy at Concordia, will be offering this program for a selected group of social activist participants. See the 'Entre Nous' section for more details.
- Development of a Fundraising Calendar by the Stewardship Committee to coordinate fundraising at coffee hour by all the various groups within the church. This will be available for all groups to review and to add their events.

The Stewardship Committee reports that the financial commitment campaign is doing well with pledges at \$130,380 as of January 15. We're looking forward to reaching our goal for this year. If you have not had the time to fill out your Financial Commitment form yet, we invite you to do so. Thanks to all of us for this continuing commitment to our vibrant community.

Finally, the Steering Committee agreed to sponsor **Rodriogo Emilio Solano-Quesnel** as a **Ministerial Candidate** at the Unitarian Church of Montreal at last month's meeting. Please extend your warmest congratulations to Rod.

*Margo Ellis, President*

**P.S.** Three resolutions will be voted on at the CUC (Canadian Unitarian Council) annual meeting in May regarding: Lay Chaplain terms and title; Environmental and Socially Responsible Investing; Criminal Justice Policy. Congregational input/feedback is encouraged.

We will provide an opportunity for discussion in February. Watch for details in *Week at a Glance*. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit the new and improved CUC website, [www.cuc.ca](http://www.cuc.ca), where you can find complete details.



# What's going on...

## New course:

### Voluntary Simplicity

Overwhelmed with “stuff”? Too much “brain clutter”? The Social and Environmental Concerns Committee will be hosting a 6-week course on Voluntary Simplicity. This discussion course addresses the distractions of modern society that keep us from caring for ourselves, our relationships, and our environment.

#### Discussion Course Goals:

To understand the meaning of voluntary simplicity.  
To explore the material and psychological distractions that prevent us from caring for the earth.  
To acknowledge the connection between our lifestyle choices and the condition of the earth.

**Dates:** Sundays — March 25, April 8, 22, May 6, 20, and June 3

**Time:** 12:30 to 2pm **Place:** Darwin Room

**Cost:** \$25 for materials

**Contact:** Stacy Gilmore [stagilmore@yahoo.com](mailto:stagilmore@yahoo.com) with questions or to register. **Registration closes March 2.**

## This Month

### First Friday Social

February 3, 6 pm; film at 7pm

Social and Environmental Concerns Committee will show the film “Seeking the Current”, the story of a group of environmentalists who paddle down the Romaine River the year before it is to be dammed. They question Hydro Quebec’s predilection for hydro dams that wreak havoc on pristine eco-systems when other, less harmful energy systems exist. More info at: [seekingthecurrent.com](http://seekingthecurrent.com)

**Contact:** Christina 514-630-7523

### Vendredi, 3 février à 18H

#### Souper à la bonne franquette

en partageant nos plats avec nos amis et amies.

### Vendredi, 3 février à 19H30

#### Cercle de discussion

Geneviève Delmas-Patterson nous fera voyager dans l’univers ayant pour thème « La spectroscopie à la découverte de l’univers (étoiles, exoplanètes...) ». Geneviève est professeure de chimie-physique à l’UQÀM.

### Exploring the Intangible

Sunday, February 5, 12:15 pm, Children’s Chapel

We will continue with our discussion on *Concepts of Immortality* with Alain Lefevre.

**Contact:** Christine Rourke 514-761-0669

### Soul Collage

Saturday, February 11, 10 am to 4 pm, Garden Room

Caroline Balderston Parry anchors this open collage workshop, held almost monthly. Drop in any time! The room (on the nursery level) will be set up with supplies and quiet music for the duration, but plan to give it at least two precious, soul-restoring hours. Bring a bag lunch if you want and any photos or other images you especially like. All are welcome!

**Contact:** Caroline at 514-622-2173 (cell) or 514-481-8462.

### Dimanche, 12 février vers 12h15

Réunion du Comité des activités en français pour préparer la prochaine célébration.

### Midday Meal

Wednesday, February 15

Bridge or Scrabble at 10:15 am, lunch at 12:30 pm, followed by music at 1:30 pm.

We are changing the reservation process. If you attended the January lunch, you do not need to register for February. Only people who cannot attend need to phone Ruth diGiovanni at 514-934-4956. Visitors are always welcome. If you have comments or suggestions you can **contact** Elizabeth Anglin at 514-937-4095

### Dimanche, 19 février à 10h30

Célébration ayant pour thème ‘ Langues, spiritualités et religions’ par Richard Gendron, suivie d’une discussion. La garderie est ouverte pour les enfants en bas de 5 ans.

### Dimanche, 19 février vers 10h45

Éducation religieuse en français à la suite du « Temps pour tous les âges », les enfants de 5 à 12 ans descendent dans leur chapelle avec Julie Richard pour explorer nos principes.

### Social and Environmental Concerns Committee

Sunday, February 19, 12:15 pm, Thomas Room

Regular committee meeting. Newcomers always welcome. We continue to plan for our May 4 fundraiser for the Leogane school lunch program “Appetite for Learning”.

**Contact:** Christina 514-630-7523

**Art Collective meeting****Sunday, February 19 12:30 in the Garden Room**

Whether you are an artist, an art lover or just like to get involved, you are invited to join the meeting. We will discuss plans for the Stairwell Art Gallery: improvements, scheduling artists for the year 2012-2013. Be sure to take a look at Tara Bissett's work now featured. If you would like a calendar or note cards with her Chinese zodiac images, there is a sample in the bin at the top of the stairs; add your name to the list and we'll get one to you quickly.

**Contact:** Prue Rains 514-481-8653**Afternoon Concert****February 19, 4 pm, Sanctuary****Vanessa Hunt Russell, cello and Sandra Hunt, piano***Sponsored by the Music Ministry Collective.*

Vanessa is in Montreal on a month-long break from her studies at the Basel Musik Hochschule in Switzerland. She plans a program of cello pieces including a lyrical Baroque sonata, a deeply moving sonata by Beethoven and a soaring sonata by the French romantic composer, Fauré. Proceeds to assist Vanessa with her schooling expenses. She appreciates your support.

**Suggested donations:** \$10 for students, \$20 for adults**Book Discussion Group****Wednesday, February 22, 7 pm, Thomas Room***The Cave* by Jose Saramago.

In another of Saramago's haunting fables, an elderly potter has turned to making dolls for sale at the `Center`, a huge complex of shops near his village. But a chance discovery at the Center sends him and his family fleeing in terror. A darkly comic and disturbing allegorical tale.

New members are most welcome!

**Contact:** John Heath at 514-486-2567**CUSJ Fundraising Lunch****Sunday, February 26, after the service**

The Social and Environmental Concerns and Hospitality Committees will hold a fundraiser lunch to cover our annual membership fees to Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (\$1 per congregational member). We will serve soup, lunch and desserts. Seville marmalade will also be on sale. Any surplus funds from this event will go to our school lunch project, "Appetite for Learning," in the Leogane area of Haïti.

**Drumming Circle****Monday, February 27, 7:30 to 9 pm**

If you don't have a drum we can lend you one.

**Contact:** Ann Beer 514-426-1204**First Friday Potluck and Coffee House****Sign up now!****Friday, March 2, 6:30 pm**

Please sign up this month in Phoenix Hall to perform at the Coffee House. Space may be limited depending on interest. For the potluck, please bring a finger food/cutlery-free item to share. Dinner will be followed by a coffee house. Join us in a relaxed evening of music and spoken word, short skits and performances.

**Contact:** David McLeod, Amber Dawn Bellemare, or Mona Luxion.

## Weekly Activities

**Play Group****Tuesday & Thursday, 10 am to noon.**

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.

**Carmina Choir****Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9 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.

**Contacts:** Keith Robinson (514-931-9028) or Brian Brice (514-843-6497)**Parts in Peace Choir****Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 pm**

Why not join Parts in Peace, our adult Sunday service choir! Share in the joy of singing and contributing to the Sunday services once a month. Parts in Peace will be singing at the French language service on Sunday, Feb. 19.

**Contact:** Sandra Hunt 514-484-5559

## Turn down the heat!

PLEASE! Turn thermostats in all meeting rooms down to 15°C when you leave!

Also, close the blinds and door.  
Be vigilant. Help save energy and costs!

*Thank you!*

## Notes from DRE Caroline Balderston Parry

### Calling all Teddies!

I love creating new celebrations, and in the spirit of Carole Martignacco's story of her family's "magic frog day," we will create a new celebration on February 26! According to an old teacher friend of mine in Cambridge, England, February 29 is the birthday of all teddy bears.

So we'll celebrate that special birthday with our children on the Sunday before Leap Year Day — for the sheer fun of it! We will have a bear story during the 'Time for All Ages', to which everyone is invited to bring their favourite teddy, and then we'll "go down to the woods (in the Chapel) to play," and have bear games, songs, rhymes, and treats as part of an R.E. Teddy Bears' Picnic. "There's sure to be a surprise" — but disguises are not necessary. Tell your friends — and come join us!



love about winter; then they chose winter pictures and cut out snowflakes to send to Haitian children involved in the lunch programs. We plan to copy and display these wonderful letters, and then send them off to children who will have no experience of snow (and too much of hunger and hardship).

In addition, we hope to have a monetary collection from our children during future Children's Chapel programs. The Social and Environmental Concerns Committee (SECC) will also be holding a big fundraiser for the project on the first Friday in May so plan to attend! And, let SECC or the RE office know if you have further ideas about how to respond to this great need.

Caroline Balderston Parry

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### Children write to children in Haiti

Two years after the earthquake, there are still huge needs in Haiti, especially for good food. Now UCM has partnered with many community organizations and the Montreal Anglican Diocese's Unit of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) to provide school lunches in over 15 schools, in a program called "Appetite for Learning" (Apeti pour Aprann). There are attractive flyers explaining this project posted in Phoenix Hall, and the RE Office has been sending them home with children since January 8.

Arden Furlotte, leading the Mulanos in mid-January, had the class write letters about what they

### FIRST AID: Know where to turn

In some kinds of emergency — before even opening up the First Aid Kit in the kitchen — you may need to open a small black "face-2-face" pouch hanging nearby. This pouch contains a pair of "rubber" gloves and a face mask for mouth-to-mouth CPR. Good to know.

(There are also First Aid Kits in the nursery bathroom on mid-level, and beside the RE sink on the lowest level.)

### February Memorial Flowers

**February 5** — Edith Mitchell

**February 12** — Justin Lindsay

**February 19** — Anne Gerd Ohlsson-Duvander-Feldt and Thure Duvander

**February 26** — Edward Meredith and Alys Judith Pike

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. Cost of a flower arrangement is \$50.

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rarely does a meeting happen without some kind of feeding. As to my horse, a.k.a. the green Malibu, you will notice that she's temporarily pastured in a comfy corner of the parking lot near the shed. Rev. Diane has left me her lovely, well-ordered work space, complete with a library of familiar resources and, instead of the brocade pillow, an elegant appliqué stole for good luck. Finally, I am blessed with a competent and gracious staff and a host of talented and committed volunteers. As we celebrate and sing together, the dance of ministry continues. With all that promises to fill the next two months, our time grows richer and our connections are deepened.

Years ago, one of my daughters went out to play in the back yard and, instead of returning through the back door, she rang the front door bell. I answered and welcomed her in as an honoured visitor; we sat down to tea in china cups. Later she recalled what a joy it was to be received as a special guest, not just "one of the family." One aspect of my role as sabbatical minister among you is this opportunity to hold up a mirror before you, so that you can see yourselves as I and others see you. It gives me such pleasure to affirm the truly welcoming spirit of this community. If everyone upon arrival on the doorstep of this church is treated with such joyful generosity as I have received over the past few weeks, you will accomplish your reason for being.

Indeed, a primary goal of religious community is to practice the fragile art of hospitality — in tangible and subtle ways, not only extending a profound welcome to everyone who walks through our doors here (stranger, friend, returning visitor, long-time member or staff), but also, and especially, to each other. In all our comings and goings and doings as a diverse people with unique histories, theologies, ways of thinking, acting and speaking. Every day we welcome the stranger — even the one sitting right across from us today at the committee or discussion table, the one new to our working group, or yet again the one we think we've known for years.

When we welcome, we enlarge our awareness from the personal and particular to the universal. Mindful that every human being we meet is looking for those meaningful connections mentioned in the quote from John Buehrens (above). "Life is just a chance to grow a soul," said Rev. A. Powell Davies, and we have the privilege of making that happen regularly, whoever we are, each time we gather.

*May it be so, for all that is our lives.*  
Reverend Carole

## Welcome and Nurture

### Be a greeter on Sunday!

Easy-to-follow instructions available. Sign-up sheets are in Phoenix Hall near the back door, or contact Petrina Lee Poy, Membership Chair.

### Help out at Coffee Hour!

Sign up for a 45-minute commitment any Sunday morning to either make coffee and set up tables; serve coffee, tea, and treats; or clear up afterwards. Experienced volunteers and printed guidelines will make it easier for newbies. Sign-up sheets in Phoenix Hall.



### Caring Network

If you'd like to volunteer to chauffeur, visit or cook contact Janine Cobb at 514-938-9617 or janine.cobb@gmail.com. If you know of anyone who could use our help, please contact this month's coordinator.

The Caring Network coordinator for February is John Dealy: (days) 514-398-4264 or (evenings) 514-937-5037.

## Hospitality Corner

### February Showcase Chef: Christina Duvander

Nancy Kleins has stepped down as Chair of Hospitality to make way for Amber Bellemare. Welcome Amber! Nan is the new Executive Chef of Hospitality. Amber will represent Hospitality on Council, while Nan looks forward to planning, cooking and serving you as always ... . Bon appétit in advance!

### February 26, after the service

The Hospitality Committee is pleased to jointly sponsor the CUSJ (Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice) fundraiser with the Social and Environmental Concerns Committee. To be members of the CUSJ, UCM must raise \$1 per church member (or approximately \$200). All donations from the lunch will go toward UCM's membership in CUSJ. Any additional monies will be donated to "Appetite for Learning", a school lunch program in the Leogane area of Haiti.

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### UCM parking areas are locked at night

PLEASE NOTE: The gates to both our parking lots are closed between the hours of 11 pm to 7 am.

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, February 15**

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

## Steering Committee

The Steering Committee meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 7 pm.

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