

## Worship Calendar for June

Services begin at 10:30 am

### June 6

*Facing Our Fears*

**Rev. Diane Rollert**

Musicians: Jazz from John Inder, Denis Barsalo, and Jean Séguin (and perhaps some friends)

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

### June 13

*Bring, O Past, Your Honour:*

*In Celebration of our 168th Anniversary*

**FLOWER COMMUNION**

**Rev. Diane Rollert**

Musician: Louise Halperin

Please bring a flower to exchange with others for our flower communion.

### June 20

*In Praise of Tenderness*

**Rev. Diane Rollert**

Musician: To be announced.

We make so much of mothers, but what about fathers? On this Father's Day, do you have a story of a tender father, or a tender male role model to share? Send your thoughts via e-mail to Diane (or send snail mail to the church address).

### June 27, Picnic in the Park, 10:45 am.

Our annual picnic service will be held in Westmount Park. There will be someone at the church at 10:30 to help folks find our spot in the park. Please bring your own chairs, blankets and picnic materials. This is not a formal potluck. In case of rain, service will be held at the church.

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## Summer Services News!

We depend on members and friends for summer services. If you have an idea you'd like to present, sign up on the sheet posted on the door to Phoenix Hall and we'll match you up with a liturgist to lend a hand and a date. Musicians are also needed, if you would like to volunteer your musical talents for a service, please sign up, too! Thanks to our volunteers, we've had year-round services for the last several years now.

*Kirstin McKeown, Worship Committee Chair*

## President of Board "in Awe" Term Draws to a Close

It's hard to believe that my term as President of the Board of this church has almost come to its end. Time certainly passes fast.

As I look back, I am in awe of all that this congregation has achieved in the last couple of years. We have revised the website, produced the newsletter in electronic format and started "Week at a Glance". Our minister, Diane, is now providing staff oversight and the new Caring Committee is looking out for the well-being of the congregation. And let's not forget the new plan for a revised governance structure, to be voted on at this month's AGM, on a trial basis for the next two years. Wow!

On a personal level, my second term started with a setback — my father's death last July, an event that knocked me off my feet more than I expected. Then, in April, another challenge — my grandmother's stroke and death a few weeks later, made acute because my father was no longer around to look after her affairs. However, with adversity came the support of a loving community that was there when I needed them most. This I shall not forget.

I'm very pleased that the past president, a role I will now occupy, will be actively engaged with the president and vice president on the soon-to-be Steering Committee. I look forward to sharing my experience with new members filling these two positions.

I offer my wholehearted thanks to my colleagues on the Executive Committee who made it such a pleasure to serve:

To Bob, our treasurer, who kept things humming along, with just enough subtle fiscal warnings to keep us vigilant about our finances. He also kept an eye on the building during my first year of office when the Building & Grounds chair was vacant.

To Janine, our secretary, who was so much more than just a keeper of Minutes. She was a great letter writer, especially for our fund-raising campaigns, and a genuinely great person to do church business with. She always knew how to cheer me up when the going got tough.

To Petrina, our vice-president during my first year, and our Membership chair during my second: she helped us with so many things. I don't think her Energizer Bunny batteries ever need changing! There were also the enjoyable family dinners to which I was invited whenever she thought I needed company.

And finally, to our minister, Diane, with whom I shared a relationship that was not only professional, but also pastoral. She always had a comforting word to say when she saw that the challenges of the position were getting the better of me. On my part, I always tried to make time for her to share her thoughts, joys and concerns with me. It gave our time together a very personal touch.

It has been an interesting two years. I learned a lot about the church, and I learned a lot about myself. Thank you for putting your faith in me as your president. May the incoming executive receive the same degree of support that I received from you!

*David Kersulis (President for just a few days more...)*

## Welcome and Nurture

### 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](mailto:petrina_lee_poy@yahoo.com)

### The Caring Network

**The Caring Network is looking for new volunteers:** if you would be willing to visit someone in hospital or someone housebound, drive someone to a doctor's or hospital appointment, deliver food or make a telephone call to make sure someone is all right, we would like to hear from you. Please send an email, specifying what you would be willing to do, to Janine Cobb or call her at 514-938-9617.

#### THIS MONTH'S COORDINATOR:

The coordinator for June is Kim Bartlett at 514-731-2207. Back-up is Janine Cobb (as above)

**Membres du Groupe francophone**, svp communiquez avec Francine Desmarais au 450-332-3994 ou par courriel au [fdesma@gmail.com](mailto:fdesma@gmail.com)

## Share-the-Plate Update

One of the ways we take action in the world is to share our Sunday collection with non-profit groups working in our community.

In the last few months we have given to:

Head and Hands, \$885

St. James Centre, \$736

Chez Doris, \$927

### For the month of June the Share-the-Plate recipient is the CUC Sharing Our Faith grant program.

Each year, the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) asks UU congregations in Canada to take up a special collection to fund the **Sharing our Faith Program**. Congregations across the country contribute to the fund and all the offerings collected are given back, in the form of grants, to congregations who apply and are approved for funding to "Grow Vital Religious Communities."

See page 5 for news of the grant awarded to UCM!

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.

## Entre Nous

**Tessie Tomasek**, recovering from a broken hip, sends this message: "Many thanks to all of you for your visits, phone calls and cards. I have been touched by your support which brought some light in a difficult time and encouraged me to think more positively. Looking forward to seeing you again."

**Diana Kleins** broke her femur on May 14 and is being cared for at St. Mary's Hospital but is anticipating a move to a rehabilitation centre any day now. She appreciates hearing from you.

**Sarah Hunter**, granddaughter of Phyllis Greggain, daughter of Laura Greggain and John Pike, and sister to Christopher Pike (all members of the UCM community) has opened Magasin L'Essentiel at 273 St. Zotique East, in partnership with Emilie Boisson and Alysia Melnychuk.

The new co-operatively-run store features Savon Populaire and offers eco-friendly cleaning products for the home, organic baby care products, natural health care items, and artisanal beauty products. Savon Populaire offers soap-making classes, as well as raw materials for artisans and workshop rentals. The housebrand "Savon Pop" products are made on the premises and features organic, fair-trade ingredients. Information at 514-470-0539.

### Spreading Foodie Fun Far and Wide

UCM Hospitality Committee members Nancy Kleins, Andrew and Sarah Thompson attended the Atlantic UU Ingathering from April 23 to 25 at the Auberge Le Vieux Presbytère de Bouctouche (owned and operated by our former minister, Rev. Ray Drennan, and his wife, Ann Vickers). Our volunteer chefs were ably assisted by fellow UCM member Denny Meyer and former UCM member Marie Davis (now of Halifax). Diana Kleins also attended the event in her capacity as official taste tester. Menu highlights by the UCM team included: pan-roasted scallops with sesame sauce, Chinese broccoli with cashews, as well as lobster bisque and old-fashioned potato-onion soup.  
*Nancy Kleins*

### Summer Cleaning

Dear members/friends, Summer is almost here and we will be doing some much needed maintenance and cleaning.

If you have left shoes, umbrellas, books, bags, etc., somewhere in the coat room, we would appreciate if you would take them home. Once we start cleaning in July, anything left behind will be donated to charity.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We hope you have a good summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in the fall.

*Verna Litwack, Church Administrator*

## Unitarian Church of Montreal Annual General Meeting Monday, June 7, 7pm, in the Sanctuary

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. At this meeting, the officers for 2010/11 will be confirmed, the annual financial report presented, proposals from the Governance Task Force presented and any other business.

A list of voting members (those who have signed the membership book and who contribute financially to the church) is posted on the bulletin board in Phoenix Hall near the door to the kitchen.

Only members whose names appear on the voting members' list will be permitted to vote, but friends are also welcome — as are members who are unable to financially support the church.

### Slate of officers for 2010-2011

Further to the slate published in the May newsletter, two portfolio chairs, Communications and Building, advised the Nominating Committee that they would not be continuing in those positions. The Committee is actively continuing its work to fill all positions in the coming days.

President: Marlo Turner Ritchie  
Vice President: Margo Ellis  
Treasurer: Bob Edgar  
Secretary: ———  
Past President: David Kersulis

Portfolio chairs:  
Associational Affairs: ———  
Building: ———  
Communications: Cym Gomery  
Congregational Programs: Roseann Baatz  
Membership: Petrina Lee Poy  
Religious Education: Susan Gyetvay  
Social and Environmental Concerns: Christina Duvander  
Worship: Kirstin McKeown

**Nominating Committee:** Alison Hall (chair), Prue Rains, Elizabeth Anglin, Petrina Lee Poy (Membership chair), Sylvia Heuckendorff (Warden).  
For contact information see back cover.

### What Does Lifetime Membership Mean?

The term LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP is given with gratitude to long-term Unitarian Church of Montreal members who, after many years of participation, can no longer take an active role in congregational life. The Wardens solicit the individual's approval (or that of an official caregiver) after which they are awarded the new status of Lifetime Member.

The late Dorothy Clarke was a recent recipient. The Minister, the Caring Committee and other UCM members can submit a potential candidate's name to the UCM wardens for consideration.

*Sylvia Heuckendorff, Senior Warden*

### Governance Task Force Update



On Sunday May 16, the Governance Task Force held its 2nd Town Hall where we presented a revised version of the proposed governance structure adaptations as a result of the feedback from the congregation. We also showed how we can proceed with a trial year (or two) without making any by-law changes at this time.

After the presentation and a question and answer period, facilitated by Spencer Mann of CoCo, we had a straw vote by ballot to gauge the level of support for proceeding with a trial year. 41 votes were cast with 39 in favour of proceeding with a trial and two in favour, but not right away. [A straw vote is not binding.]

A summary of the May 16 presentation will be available in print at the information table in the foyer.

A presentation will be made at the AGM on June 7 and a formal vote will be held on whether to proceed with a trial year.

The Governance Task Force appreciates the keen interest, engagement and thoughtful feedback of members and friends throughout the process this past year.

**Governance Task Force:** Andrew Blakeslee, Alison Hall (chair), Petrina Lee Poy, Rev. Diane Rollert  
governance@ucmtl.ca

### Welcome to our new members!

On May 16 we welcomed 9 new members into our congregation:

Amber Dawn Rivest  
Marie Zahradnik  
Gail Schwartz and Lucie Gagnon  
Alice and David McLeod  
Catherine O'Neill  
Francis Murphy  
Stanislaus (Stan) Mackiewicz

# What's going on...

## Special Events & Programs

**THE YELLOW DOOR CHOIR**  
directed by Eleanor Stubbley,  
and Montreal comedian PAUL ASH present  
“Love and Laughter”

The Yellow Door Choir and Paul Ash invite Montrealers to join them on a comical, musical exploration of the serious, yet funny, subject of love.

**Friday, May 28 and Saturday, May 29 at 8 pm**  
Unitarian Church Sanctuary

**Loaf ‘n’ Ladle lunch**  
**Sunday, May 30**

Organized by the Hospitality Committee.

**“Carmina in Italia”**

**Carmina & friends’ Spring Concert**  
**Saturday, June 5, 8 pm in the Sanctuary**

with selections by Puccini, Rossini, Verdi, Sullivan, and popular Neapolitan songs  
Suggested Donation: \$10

Contact: 514-843-6497

## Le Groupe francophone

**Le vendredi 4 juin à 18 h 00 : Souper communautaire**  
(apportez un plat à partager) dans la salle Phoenix.

**Le vendredi 4 juin à 19 h 00 : Cercle de discussion.** Si un thème vous intéresse, laissez-nous savoir. Il sera annoncé par courriel. Venez nous joindre et amenez des amis.

**Le dimanche 13 juin à midi dans la Salle Thomas :**  
**Réunion de travail du Comité francophone** afin de préparer nos activités pour 2010-2011. Si vous êtes intéressés, venez nous rencontrer et partagez vos idées.

Les activités en français seront suspendues pendant l’été et recommenceront au mois d’octobre. Nous vous souhaitons un très bel été.

**Contact:** Hannelore Poncelet au 450-653-5694 ou par courriel au hanniponcelet@hotmail.com

**RE Finger Food Finale and Cupcake Café**  
**Sunday, June 13**

The UCM Hospitality and Religious Education Committees will jointly host a kid-friendly, complimentary lunch after the service. The lunch will be followed by Cupcake Café—a performance at 12:30pm by RE children in Phoenix Hall to raise funds for the RE Music Project. Come join in the fun!

## Monthly Groups & Programs

**Seeking the Sacred in Stories**

We are done for the season and will be back in the fall.

**What Moves Us?**

**Facilitated by Rev. Diane Rollert**  
**Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

This is our last session until the fall. We’ve had a great time exploring the views of several key Unitarians and Universalists. This month we’ll tackle Thandeka’s theology of personal experience. Thandeka is the author of this program and it has been clear that this is the underlying philosophy that has shaped each session. Our discussion should prove to be as rich and lively as always. All are welcome.

**Exploring the Intangible (Discussion Group)**  
**Sunday, June 6, Darwin Room 12:15 pm**

Topic: Is it ever justifiable to break the law?

All are welcome to attend this informal discussion.

Contact: Christine Rourke at 514-761-0669

**Book Discussion Group**

**Wednesday, June 9, 6 pm, Thomas Room**

Contact: Kathy at 514-488-9608

Annual potluck supper and session to plan next year’s reading list. Location to be announced. Please call to confirm attendance.

**Midday meal with Music**

**Wednesday, June 16**

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

Cost \$5

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

**Drumming Circle**

**Thursday, June 17, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

(third Thursday of each month)

Phoenix Hall

Contacts: Ann Beer, 514-426-1204 or Allen Lobo, 514-484-3014

**Soul Collage**

Caroline will resume leading monthly 6-hour open Soul Collage workshops in the fall, but in the meantime she would be willing to meet for a couple of hours with anyone interested in this activity — timing to be arranged. Contact: Caroline Balderston Parry at 514-481-8462

**Weekly Groups & Programs****Parts in Peace Choir**

Rehearsals will resume in the fall. In the meantime, a June get-together is planned (date TBA in *Week at a Glance*). We will be folding our new choir brochure, distributing the practice CD and reviewing songs from the "syllabus" plus sharing more food!

Contact: Sandra Hunt at 514-484-5559

**Mindfulness Meditation**

New sessions will begin in the fall.

Contact: Allen Lobo 514-484-3014

**Play Group**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am-noon in the 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. Please note playgroup will stop for the summer on Thursday, June 10 and will start up again in September.

**Breaking News from the CUC-ACM in Victoria BC**

L'Église vient de recevoir une subvention de 5 000 \$ du programme du CUC Sharing Our Faith pour réaliser la deuxième phase du programme RE en français, celle axée sur la Spiritualité amérindienne. En contrepartie, le comité « Worship » va contribuer l'argent sonnante cueilli lors des célébrations du mois de juin 2010 au financement de ce programme du CUC.

Good news from the CUC-ACM in Victoria B.C.! The UCM will receive a \$5000 grant from the Sharing Our Faith program to fund the second phase of the French RE programme (on First Nations spirituality). To show our gratitude and support, the Worship Committee has decided that the Share-the-Plate recipient for the month of June will be the CUC Sharing Our Faith Fund. A sincere thank you to the CUC for their marvellous generosity, twice given!

## Two RE positions open

### Religious Education Assistant

6 hrs./wk. over 10 months;  
pay \$300/month.

The RE Assistant will report to and help the DRE; oversee childcare staff and registration procedures; and have various administrative and organizational duties. The REA will work two Sundays per month — ideally covering the DRE's absence — and further hours as agreed with the DRE. S/he should be able to take responsibility for a variety of tasks, help volunteers get more involved; be both efficient and good at delegating; have warm interpersonal relations and a flexible style in the face of frequent requests to do more than humanly possible in the time available!

Humour and hidden chocolate supplies are assets; further details available on request.

Deadline for applications: Please send resumé and two references to the RE Office by June 14.

## Youth Program Coordinator

12 hrs./month for 10 months;  
pay \$150/month

S/he must be a trained Youth Advisor or be willing to be sent for training, and highly interested in working with UU youth. The YP Coordinator will arrange and ensure regular, dependable volunteer staffing every week in the Sr Youth Room, and also will implement a monthly program of interest to Jr and Sr Youth.

S/he must communicate these plans clearly through UCM media and social networks, but will only need to be present in the Youth Room one Sunday per month. S/he will oversee the maintenance of a tidy, hospitable Youth Room and offer support for youth to find programs of interest and how/when to attend youth events such as OWL (Our Whole Lives sexuality education), weekends in Ottawa or UU youth CONferences. The YPC will be expected to attend one CON per year, and to help keep our Sr Youth program visible, but not to over-invest his/her energies in this highly fluctuating group.

For fuller job description or to apply, please contact the RE Office with resumé and two references.

RE Office located on the lower RE level.

Caroline Balderston Parry, Director of Religious Education, 514-485-9933 (here mostly on Sundays til 2 pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 7pm)  
dre@ucmtl.ca

## News from the RE (Religious Education) programs

If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain.

If you want ten years of prosperity, grow trees.

If you want one hundred years of prosperity,  
grow people.

Chinese Proverb

We've had many different kinds of growth here lately, not least in our children and youth! As your Director of Religious Education completing my second year, I am feeling both stretched and supported to grow, and am pleased with how people have worked together and grown within RE. Of course, our children and youth grow quite naturally, but all of us are growing, whether through our new Spirit Play program, the Children's Music Project, our Junior Youth sleep-overs, or through a variety of formal and informal events like the Family Fun Day, the Minister's Conversation on RE, or our multi-generational services. I especially appreciate the deeper connections growing amongst us, child to child, child to adult, adult to adult. Thank you all!

If you're attracted to this growth, and want to share in our children's spiritual development, there are many roles available and several of them do not need to be performed during the service, such as Spirit Play storyteller or door-keeper, Youth Advisor, committee member, Mystery Friends' coordinator, or office organizer.

Sunday, June 13, is the last day of RE programming until September 12. All children will participate in the Flower Ceremony during the Time for All Ages, and then adjourn to the Chapel to celebrate the legacy of Henry David Thoreau. Megan Durnford will lead this special program about one of our Unitarian Universalist forebears (our UU second Source). She writes :

This 19th century American author gave up creature comforts and human companionship for two years in order to live in harmony with the woodland creatures of Walden Pond. Come learn why Thoreau chose to live in the woods; see a model of his small cabin; and hear excerpts from his lyrical essays.

### More notes about next year

The RE Committee is busy planning the overall structure of our program and calendar for the next church year, as well as our finale to this one. We will continue to have a staffed nursery (adding some gentle programming for 3- and 4-year-olds), and French for all ages

on the third Sunday of most months. Spirit Play classes will continue in the Garden Room for ages 4/5 through 7, and in the Primers' room for ages 8-11. Junior Youth (Grades 6 through 8) will have Sunday programming in the

Darwin room, as well as monthly sleep-overs on most third Saturday nights. The Senior Youth will have an Advisor present every Sunday in the Emerson room, with a planned program once a month, trips to OWL weekends in Ottawa and occasional CONs. Their first CON will actually take place here in Montreal, as this church will be hosting the Eastern Regional Fall Gathering, November 5-7 -watch for details!

Next year, we will welcome new support staff in RE, although they have not yet been hired (see ads below for the positions of RE Assistant and Youth Program Coordinator). The RE Committee extends huge thanks to Ivy Trudel for her energetic organizational work; she will be shifting back to the role of volunteer in RE.

Caroline Balderston Parry

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Office hours: Sundays til 2 pm, Tues. and Wed. 1-7pm

## Junior and Senior Youth Activities Saying Goodbye

I leave the 2009-2010 RE year with many wonderful memories, accomplishments and grand adventures! Since the REA and YPC positions, as they were defined, required so much more time than I could possibly give, I have decided not to renew my contract for next year. Instead, I will carry on my work with the junior and senior youth as a volunteer, organizing the sleep-overs and offering my time as a Youth Advisor once a month. I'm deeply thankful for the training, experience, and relationships I've made while working in both the YPC and REA positions. I look forward to training the new people who will bring their own special talents to these newly-redefined jobs!

*Ivy Trudel (aka O'Reilly)*

## Junior Youth Malaria Awareness

Our active junior youth team has decided to take on Spread the Net, a Canadian organization working to raise awareness and funds to fight malaria. Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease, yet it kills over a million people every year, mostly children. A simple \$10 bed net can help prevent these deaths. We have been selling home-baked treats, hand-made items, and garage-sale goods at a small table in Phoenix Hall. So far, we've raised \$100 and are already half way to our goal of \$200 to buy 20 insecticide-treated bed nets for families in Liberia and Rwanda. We submit our grand total on May 31 when both Spread the Net and the CUC will match our funds, yielding \$600. We will provide updates on the youth page as they happen. Check us out.

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## Past Events:

### Senior Youth Kingston Food

**Convention** The KUF (Kingston Unitarian Fellowship) hosted a fabulous FOOD convention from April 23 to 25. There were four youth (Shannon Horan, Andrew Pollack, Trevor Juhl, and Emilie Bryce) and I, Ivy, as Youth Advisor. We learned about the origins of food, the taste differences between organic and non-organic foods, and the 100-mile diet. We ate, played games, and made fortune cookies. Our hosts were incredibly organized and generous with both their energy and time, even making all the food. An enormous thank you to everyone who made the weekend so special and for the memories we took home!

At our **Junior Youth fundraiser, "Eggs for Kids in the Congo,"** Emma McLaughlin decided to raise money to support the Canadian Ape Alliance, which is working to help save the endangered Eastern lowland gorillas in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Emma was inspired to help after learning about the issue at school and brought the idea to the other junior youth at the UCM. They sold models of gorillas (hand-carved by former poachers now being trained and paid for their work so they no longer need to kill gorillas) and raised a grand total of \$265.75. WOW! That's enough to buy 1463 eggs, which means every child in the school could eat one egg a day for three weeks! Thank you to Margo Pineau, Rhetta Parnas, and all those who donated and helped Junior Youth achieve their goal.

*Ivy Trudel, Jr. & Sr. Youth Programs  
Coordinator*

## Taking Action in the World

### Baha'i and UCM raise money for Haiti

The church was rocking during the Helping Haiti concert May 15 — an inter-faith adventure for UCM and the Baha'i community of Montreal.

What the Funk started the evening off with a dynamic, funky set that had everyone on their feet. They were followed by the Merovitz Project, whose energetic klezmer music had snake lines of dancers threading their way through the Sanctuary. Singer-songwriter Karim Medfai followed with expressive vocals and guitar. The evening then wrapped up with TacTic-Polo, who invited the audience in with his rich voice and energy, leaving people dancing in the aisles. Our minister, Diane Rollert, was the MC for the night.

About 75 people attended and numerous volunteers from both organizations pitched in. Approximately \$700 was raised with additional donations still coming in. The proceeds are going to Dwa Fanm and Cine Institute Jacmel; both are grass-roots organizations in Haiti.

Thanks to all the musicians, sound crew, volunteers and attendees. Every little bit helps!

### Empty Bowls, round 2

Thanks to some great teamwork, the Empty Bowls initiative received an additional \$260 towards its goal of fighting hunger in Montreal.

On Sunday, May 2, Eleanor Beattie, Patricia Philip, and the energetic Hospitality Committee (enthusiastically spear-headed by Nancy Kleins) combined efforts to nurture, nourish and to take action in the world.

Each bowl entitled the purchaser to a choice of two homemade soups, a variety of wonderful home-baked breads (knead I say more?), and an assortment of delicious desserts. It was a rewarding event on so many levels!

[The total amount raised by UCM and Congregation Dorshei Emet's Empty Bowls events this spring was \$12,190. Read the winning stories in the first Empty Bowls story writing contest at [www.emptybowlsmontreal.org](http://www.emptybowlsmontreal.org)]

### Grannies for Good has Phoenix Hall Hopping

On April 23, the Social and Environmental Concerns Committee (SECC) sponsored a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation organized by Grannies for Good, part of a network of grandmother groups around the world who "raise awareness, build solidarity, and mobilize funds" for Africa's grandmothers and the orphans in their care as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

This hugely successful event featured a taste of traditional African fare, storytelling, a silent auction, West African dance and drumming. Participants of all ages virtually kicked up their heels and danced to the beat. A warm thank-you note from Montreal West's Grannies for Good is posted in Phoenix Hall.

A special thanks to SECC members who helped to make the event possible.

*Patricia Philip and Christina Duvander  
Co-chairs SECC*

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### Memorial Flowers

June 6 Lois Margaret Rowe

June 13 Lydia Howell-Fisher

June 20 Len and Mary Picard

June 27 is the Church picnic so there will be no  
memorial flowers.

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](http://www.unicampofontario.ca)

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