

## Worship Calendar for March

Services begin at 10:30 am

### March 7

*The Things We Hide*

Rev. Diane Rollert

Guest musician to be announced.

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

### March 14

*Along the Lines of Joy*

Vivianne LaRiviere

Sandra Hunt, musician

Daylight Savings Time begins!

### March 21

*Why Isn't Everyone an Atheist Here?*

Rev. Diane Rollert and Emanuel Freitas

Sandra Hunt, musician. Parts in Peace Choir

During the Time for All Ages, we will recognize and covenant with Caroline Balderston Parry as our director of religious education. This formal installation ceremony is a time to celebrate and honour how deeply we value children and youth in our community.

After the service, all are invited to participate in a special lunch and program "A Place at the Table," hosted by the Governance Task Force.

### March 28

*So Close to Shore: The Exodus of Margaret Fuller*

Rev. Diane Rollert

Sandra Hunt, musician

## Share-the-Plate

For the month of February, all the unidentified cash in the Sunday offertory will be given to **Chez Doris** ([www.maisonchezdoris.ca](http://www.maisonchezdoris.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.

## Meet Nicoline Guerrier, Lay Chaplain

Our two Lay Chaplains offer special services to non-members, including weddings, re-dedication of vows, child dedications and memorial services. One of those Lay Chaplains, Nicoline Guerrier, spoke recently to church member Aldyth Harrison about how she sees her role.



### What attracted you to this service?

**Nicoline:** Hard to remember but one of the motivations came from having been a social worker, working to repair damages. I wanted to work to celebrate things. This would balance the energy I used trying to repair.

### In a tiny nutshell what do Lay Chaplains do?

**Nicoline:** We work with couples and families to create rituals that celebrate and highlight important transitions in their lives; to bring to the surface the deep values they hold and may not have stopped to name. So for example, when we stop to say - what does marriage mean to you? Couples will be encouraged to think what does marriage mean for us? What values do we hold dear?

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The Governance Task Force invites you to...



## A Place at the Table

Sunday, March 21

12 pm Sit-down loaf 'n' ladle lunch and fun activities

1 pm A "Town Hall" conversation

*Facilitated by Spencer Mann of The Centre for Community Organizations (CoCo)*

### During the Town Hall conversation the Task Force will:

- Share what we learned after interviewing many groups and individuals in the church.
- Introduce a sketch of an adapted governance structure that we hope will create "a place at the table" for everyone.
- Invite your feedback. Based on your feedback we'll come back to you with a proposal for a trial governance structure and timeline.

### Remember, nothing changes without you!

So please join us on March 21 to learn more and to be heard.

Childcare provided after lunch. Please contact Ivy before March 17 to confirm.

**Governance Task Force:** Andrew Blakeslee, Carol Cumming-Speirs, Alison Hall (chair), Petrina Lee Poy, Diane Rollert [governance@ucmtl.ca](mailto:governance@ucmtl.ca)

## Welcome and Nurture

### Thank you to our recent Java Jivers!

February's coffee hours were brought to you by: Denis Barsalo, Alison Hall, Christopher Thomson, Tanya-Marise de Sousa, Ellen Freeman, Marie-Hélène Roy-Gagnon, Mimi Testart, Cindy Yang and Francis — to whom we add a special THANK YOU for filling in at the last minute.

#### **There are still some openings in March.**

To find out how you can help out, and get paired up with an experienced Java Jiver, email Andrea at [aj\\_reichert@videotron.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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.

#### MARCH COORDINATOR:

Nancy Eddis, 514-934-1535 or [eddis@ucmtl.ca](mailto:eddis@ucmtl.ca)

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

### Membership Musings

#### Roseanne Baatz shares her thoughts on increasing her 2010 pledge.

**I**live with financial uncertainty as a constant. My professional income varies. My investment income, such as it is, varies, especially in the last two years. My property needs repairs. Tenants come and go and there may be gaps between periods of rental.

My pledge has been constant for the two years that I have been a member. I didn't feel that I could do more. This year, realizing that the UCM needs greater revenue now, I recognized that another constant in my life was the spiritual, intellectual and fellowship opportunities that I have enjoyed and very much want to continue to enjoy.

Faced with uncertainty, I have found a generous spirit combined with faith and work, keep me calm and open. This year, I have added 10 per cent to my pledge and the year is still young."

*To find out how you can pledge, or to increase your pledge please contact Petrina Lee Poy 514-485-5555.*

## Entre Nous

Bon voyage to **Rhett Parnas**, valued teacher of our Junior Youth group and leader of the Young Adults group, who left in late February for at least 3 months in India, studying yoga and travelling.

**Roseann Millin's** extensive library of books (on healing, Native peoples, Japan, China, life purpose, meditation, etc) will be on display in Phoenix Hall from March 7 thru 28. Anyone is welcome to take books of interest to them, in memory of our good friend.

**Phoenix Hall Bulletin Boards** — Thanks to Nancy Lorimer, the bulletin boards and wall unit in Phoenix Hall will have a face lift with large new uniform activity signs and more portraits added to the display of Board Member photos, including UCM staff.

### A Memorial Opportunity

The Wardens will be securing additional copies of the grey Hymn books, *Singing The Living Tradition*, in the coming months. Anyone wishing to honour a loved one by donating a memorialized hymn book can do so by speaking to one of the wardens (Sylvia Heuckendorff, Bob Wright, Phyllis Greggain or Aldyth Harrison) or by putting a note in the Wardens mail box on the second floor (administration level). The cost per book is \$30.

### Special Legacy Gifts

**A** simple and yet meaningful way to help ensure the long-term financial health of the church is by doing so in one's will. This could be via a cash bequest.

Another way would be by the Registered Retirement Income Plan (R.R.I.F.). This value is fully taxable at the time of death, unless a surviving spouse is named as the beneficiary. However if the UCM is named as the beneficiary, a tax receipt is issued for the full value of the RRIF. Thus, less tax payable by the estate, and the church benefits.

*This month we remember with gratitude some of our members who have made planned donations through their estates.*

2001 Estate of Elinor Barnstead

2004 Estate of May Neilsen

2009 Estate of Edith Low Beer

If you would like to explore any area of Planned Giving, please consult either your financial advisor or a member of the Investment Committee.

*Bob Bassett (Investment Committee members are Elizabeth Anglin, Bob Edgar and Bob Bassett)*

**MEET NICOLINE GUERRIER** *Continued from page 1***Can you briefly describe your training?**

**Nicoline:** A large part of the training is observing Ministers and Lay Chaplains at work. There is a weekend long formal training for Lay Chaplains offered by the C.U.C. We look at technical aspects of officiating, dealing with surprise challenges that may arise and most important how to cultivate a worshipful presence when officiating.

**Do you have a sounding board, where do you get your guidance?**

**Nicoline:** We meet with the Minister once a month. We are in contact with other lay chaplains past and present.

**What were the initial surprises you met as a Lay Chaplain?**

**Nicoline:** One works to plan a funeral that is not depressing. We focus on honouring the life. Surprises are a gift each time you think about the worthwhile features of each life.

**Would you share a memorable moment with us?**

**Nicoline:** When same sex marriages were legalized here, two U.S. citizens who were estranged from their families came to be married. At breakfast they met other visitors staying at the Bread and Breakfast. All these visitors turned up for the rituals in the Thomas Room.

**What are the big challenges you face as a Lay Chaplain?**

**Nicoline:** Funerals are challenges in our business – to put aside other concerns and focus on the beauty of the newly departed life.

**How do you measure success?**

**Nicoline:** Success is confirmed when a family or member say you really captured the spirit of the departed one or brought to life the spirit that was in our family life. In like manner with a wedding when you are told that you really managed to honour what we value in life. This is a reflection of what the U.C.M. is offering to the wide community. The reward is to be awakened to the holiness of every life.

**What are the rewards of being a Lay Chaplain?**

**Nicoline:** The reward is a sense of privilege to be invited to walk with strangers in such an important time and place.

**Did you have any pre-conceived ideas about this vocation?**

**Nicoline:** I did not spend energy trying to find out. I plunge in, learn and enjoy.

To find out more about the Lay Chaplaincy program and how to apply, please contact Rev. Diane Rollert or a member of the Lay Chaplaincy Committee: Ann Beer, Nicoline Guerrier, Aldyth Harrison, Emanuel Freitas

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## Le Groupe francophone

**Le vendredi 5 mars à 18 h : Souper communautaire** (apportez un plat à partager). Suivi par le Cercle de discussion à 19 h : Notre invité est Hassan Jamali, auteur du livre qui vient de paraître: *Je suis musulman en Occident*. Son thème de discussion : Islam, entre blocage et réforme.

**Le dimanche 14 mars 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 21 mars à 10 h 30: Éducation religieuse en français pour tous les enfants.** Nous continuerons avec les leçons axées sur la spiritualité amérindienne et la leçon ce mois-ci abordera l'élément de la terre, animée par Lisa et Rita.

**Le dimanche 28 mars à 13 h 30: Célébration de commémoration animée par Yves Manseau.** Nous nous réunirons pour commémorer la mort de trois jeunes et démontrer notre solidarité envers les amis et membres de leur famille. Ces trois jeunes ont comme lieu commun d'avoir été pris en charge par l'État et chacune de leur mort tragique est indéniablement reliée à ce fait. Ce sera donc aussi une occasion pour tous de se sensibiliser à cette réalité. La parole sera surtout donnée aux jeunes, ceux qui sont décédés et ceux qui restent. Soyez des nôtres le dimanche 28 mars! Notez l'heure exceptionnelle de cette célébration. Besoin de gardiens pour vos enfants? Communiquez par courriel avec Ivy avant le mercredi 24 mars: [irishivy@gmail.com](mailto:irishivy@gmail.com)

**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. Le thème est à déterminer. Notre cercle s'agrandit de plus en plus. Venez nous joindre et amenez des amis.

**Éducation religieuse en français**

Le dimanche 21 mars à 10 h 30 nous continuerons avec la troisième leçon dans la série sur la spiritualité amérindienne, intitulée « L'eau », animée par Lisa et Rita. Tous les enfants âgés de 4 à 12 ans sont invités.

Contact: Hannelore Poncelet au 450-653-5694 ou par courriel au [hanniponcelet@hotmail.com](mailto:hanniponcelet@hotmail.com)

# What's going on...

## Special Events & Programs

### Thank-God-February's-Over Party

**Saturday, March 6, 6 pm**

Pack a pareo in your parka and party!

Come and enjoy an evening of tropical food, music and fun. Free baby-sitting available. Door prizes!!! Space is limited. Admission: \$20/adult - Free for children aged 12 and under. For more information or to purchase tickets, please see Nancy Kleins in Phoenix Hall or e-mail her at nan@tradewords.ca.

### A Place at the Table

**Governance Task Force Town Hall**

**Sunday, March 21, noon to 2:30pm**

(Please see details on page 1 of newsletter)

### Teaching Tolerance Evening

**Co-sponsored with the Montreal Dialogue Group  
Thursday, March 25, 7-9 pm, Phoenix Hall**

This special presentation will focus on how parents and grandparents can teach non-racism to children, and is supported by UCM's Religious Education Committee. All are welcome to join in the dialogue with different faith communities in Montreal. For more information about their important work, visit <http://www.fondationtolerance.com>

### It Takes A Village

**Reflection and Planning for next year**

**Sunday, March 28, after the service**

Minister's Lunch with Religious Education folks and all those interested in the children and youth programs. Please see *Notes from DRE Caroline Balderston Parry* on page 6 for complete details.

## Monthly Groups & Programs

### What Moves Us?

**Exploring Unitarian and Universalist Theology**

**Led by Rev. Diane Rollert**

**Tuesdays, March 2, 6:30 - 8pm**

This third session introduces Sophia Lyon Fahs' Theology of Religious Naturalism. This is an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of Unitarian Universalism while exploring your own beliefs and values, and perhaps building your own theology. To sign up, contact the office at 514-485-9933 or [office@ucmtl.ca](mailto:office@ucmtl.ca).

### Exploring the Intangible

**Sunday, March 7, 12:15 pm Darwin Room**

Topic: What does it mean to live the "authentic life?"

Contact: Christine Rourke at 514-761-0669

**Sunday, March 7, coffee hour**

**Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ)  
soup and bread lunch.**

Our aim is to be able to submit \$1 per capita for our membership in the CUSJ. This is the independent Unitarian social justice group that speaks out on social and political issues such as mining companies abroad, the environment, climate change, water sovereignty, threats to free speech, closing of prison farms, etc. Soup, bread and goodies will be served, as per our proud UCM tradition.

### Midday meal with Music

**Wednesday, March 17**

Lunch: 12:20 pm; Music: 1:30 pm Cost \$5

Wear green if you're Irish: it's St. Patrick's Day!

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

### Book Discussion Group

**Wednesday, March 17, 7 pm Thomas Room**

In Joan Barfoot's novel *Exit Lines*, three aging women and one strokebound man form astonishing new friendships and carry on a low-key rebellion in the retirement home to which they have all migrated. With comedy and warmth, Barfoot shows us that old age is not just a time of diminutions and subtractions, but also a time of unexpected and enriching additions.

Contact: Kathy 514-488-9608

### Drumming Circle

**Thursday, March 18, 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, March 21, 12:15 pm, Thomas Room**

Voice of Women film screening

We are honouring Women's Day a bit late by showing the fabulous film "Voice Of Women — The First 30 years," made by UCM member Margo Pineau and Cathy Reeves. Filmmakers will be in attendance. Hope to see you there for a bit of important history!

Contacts: Christina Duvander at [cduvander@gmail.com](mailto:cduvander@gmail.com) or Patricia Philip at [trish\\_philip@yahoo.ca](mailto:trish_philip@yahoo.ca)

### M.I.S.S. (Mothers in Support and Sympathy)

**Monday, March 22, 7:30 pm Thomas Room**

M.I.S.S. is a support group for parents who have lost babies or young children during pregnancy, birth, infancy or early childhood. All are welcome. For more information, please visit our website: [www.missfoundationcanada.org](http://www.missfoundationcanada.org)

Contact: Ann Howell, 514-639-8488, [ann.howell@gmail.com](mailto:ann.howell@gmail.com)

**Seeking the Sacred in Stories**  
 Facilitated by Rev. Diane Rollert  
 Tuesday, March 23, 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. All are welcome. We meet in the Garden Room on the first lower level of the church.

## Weekly Groups & Programs

**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, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm**  
 Children's Chapel

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

**Montréal Dialogue Group**

**Mandala workshop with Helga Schleeh**

**Sunday, March 7, 1:30 to 4:30pm**

Cotes des Neiges Comm. Centre, 6767 Cotes des Neiges  
 Make fabric mandalas to send to community centres in Israel and in Palestine, carrying within them messages of peace. We look forward to your participation! Info: 514-484-9314 or 514-483-5763 info@dialoguegroup.org

**Centaur and the City: Hope For Haiti, March 8, 7 pm**

Gazette journalist Sue Montgomery and photographer Phil Carpenter will speak about their experiences in Haiti. All funds raised will go directly to projects they are supporting in the struggling country.

## Jr and Sr Youth Activities

Contact: Ivy Trudel, Jr. & Sr. Youth Programs Coordinator

**Sunday, March 14, 11 am-12 pm, Youth Room**  
**SILK Workshop for Senior Youth**

CAEO Québec (Canadian Association for Education and Outreach), returns to offer the 2nd workshop of from their new program *SILK (Sexual Information Leads to Knowledge)*. This time the topic they bring to us is, "*When Hate Speech Becomes the Norm*". www.caeoquebec.org

**Sunday, March 14 Fundraising Lunch for Rawdon Animal Shelter, La Pension Du Jardin Secret**

A special fundraising event filled with activities, information, lunch made by our senior youth group and the opportunity to meet and pat some of the animals that are living at the shelter. Please come help raise awareness and show support! Join us in Phoenix Hall after the services.

**Saturday, March 20 Junior Youth Sleepover**

We will be learning about our sixth principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. Starts Saturday at 5pm at UCM until 10:30 am Sunday.

**March 28 Senior Youth Fundraising Lunch**

Senior youth will be preparing and serving a wonderful lunch including veggies, treats and Italian soup, to pay for travel to the Canadian Unitarian Council's Annual Conference and Meeting. Contributions of \$5 or more are greatly appreciated but all are welcome to eat and enjoy. Join us in Phoenix Hall after the services.

## Connecting with Canadian UUs

**CUC (Canadian Unitarian Council)**

**Annual Conference and Meeting, Victoria, B.C.**

**May 21 to 24, 2010, University of Victoria**

The theme of the annual gathering of Canadian UUs is "How Shall we Live?" For complete details on workshops, accommodations and more, visit www.cuc.ca.

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

**Canadian UU Leadership School, July 15-18.**

If interested, speak to Rev. Diane Rollert. To find out more about the program, visit [cuc.ca/programs/cuul/index.htm](http://cuc.ca/programs/cuul/index.htm)

**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.

# Notes from DRE Caroline Balderston Parry

## Thank you to...

Thanks to Trevor Juhl and Shannon Horan who made the Mystery Friend badges which the RE committee and hospitality helpers wore on February 14. They cut and pasted during their recent journey to the Peterborough, Ontario, youth conference.

MORE thanks to everyone who helped make our Mystery Friends Discovery Day the lovely success it was! From children pinning MF badges onto their revealed adult partners, to yummy finger food, to the make-your-own Valentine table, it was a fine event!

EVEN MORE thanks are due to Carlene Gardner who is up to her eyeballs organizing the OWL Weekend that we will have hosted at the end of February. And thanks to the many folks who helped with food and presence-what a community!

## Pioneer Soup, Eleanor's Diary January's RE Fundraiser

Bob Barnes, RE treasurer, reported to RE Committee that the net donations were \$260. On behalf of the whole RE Committee, he extends his thanks to all who contributed and a special thank you to all who helped out: Susan & Roger, Paco, Meredith, Elizabeth, Marie-France & Shawn, and Caroline.

## NUTS, FOOD AND DRINKS...

RE Committee recently reviewed our nut free policy and would like to remind everyone that nothing containing nuts of any kind should be consumed or served on the nursery and lower levels of Religious Education classrooms. The main kitchen and Phoenix Hall are not nut free at this time, however, so families with nut allergies must be vigilant there.

NO FOOD OR DRINK SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE NURSERY, THANK YOU!

## Religious Education Library

Our Religious Education Library is based in the Darwin Room on the lowest level, where Jr. Youth hang out and Sandra Hunt keeps music supplies. We also stock a small corner of the Phoenix Hall lending library, and try to select timely or theme-related books to display on the shelves outside the nursery and in the wall rack outside the Children's Chapel, plus periodically have special displays such as the Our Whole Lives (OWL) table.

New member Cindy Yang is our current volunteer librarian; she works every Tuesday evening, getting our books catalogued and in better order.

Interested borrowers PLEASE sign out books on the clipboards supplied.

## It Takes A Village

### Reflection and Planning for next year Sunday, March 28, after the service

Minister's Lunch with Religious Education folks (supervised children's activities after lunch)

Come to a thoughtful, delicious lunch provided by RE committee, with Reverend Diane Rollert, Director of RE Caroline Balderston Parry, and members of RE Committee. We'll share what is going well for our children and youth in Religious Education this year and dream about next year (September 2010 to June 2011).

We encourage families to attend as well as anyone who is, or has been, a volunteer in RE or is interested in helping in the future! We look forward to seeing you!

To help us plan food and childcare, please RSVP to dre@ucmtl.ca by Friday, March 26.

## Easter and Earth Day

Lent, a Christian period of preparation for Easter, is beginning. "Lent" refers back to the lengthening days, which we are all enjoying. Our children and youth will celebrate Easter together in the Children's Chapel (with egg-stensive activities) on April 4.

The following Sunday we'll prepare for Earth Day in separate class groups, and on April 18 we'll all meet in the sanctuary for the whole congregation to share a multi-generational service in honour of Earth Day.

Our theme this year will focus on what science can tell us about the creation of the universe and how to help our earth flourish. A small team has begun to work with the concept of a "cosmic walk" (from Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme). To join or help out, please contact the RE office.

## French RE Program

### Sunday, March 21, 10:30 am

All children 4 to 12 years old are invited to join Lisa and Rita for the third lesson, "Water," in the Native American Spirituality series.

In the coming months, we hope to be able to complete this second French Unitarian-Universalist RE curriculum, which is slated to include lessons on the four elements and the seasons.

These programs have been financed by funds from the CUC (Canadian Unitarian Council) and the MUUQ (Mouvement unitarien universaliste du Québec). Recently, we received a new grant from the MUUQ, and we are applying to the CUC "Sharing Our Faith" grant programme. Receiving needed funds would allow us to continue developing this program, created and coordinated by Elizabeth Charbonneau, and in this way continue to build UU resources for religious education in French.

# Many Ways to Get Involved in Your Congregation

New initiatives and ongoing committees and programs welcome your involvement! Here is information and updates on:

- R.E. (Religious Education Committee)**
- Music Ministry Collective**
- Archives Team**
- Empty Bowls Fundraiser**
- Communications Committee**

## Join the RE (Religious Education) Committee

We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm and try to be finished by 8:30 pm. All are welcome. If possible, please let the Director of RE, Caroline Balderston Parry, or Shawn Dohring, Chair of the RE Committee, know to expect you. We value your input into this important church program.

Caroline Balderston Parry, 514-485-9933, or Shawn Dohring, 514-461-1388.

## Music Ministry Collective

Our congregation has a wealth of talented musicians and a new umbrella group has formed to strengthen and support the gifts they provide.

The collective has already got many projects bubbling: one or several concert series, including a revival of the Jazz & Justice Concerts; an R.E. Children's Café coordinating with the Children's Choir; and a congregational survey of musical preferences.

### Jazz 'n Justice (and Other Concerts).

Join the lively and professional production team working to bring name artists to the UCM. Contact Margo Ellis for more information

Members of the Collective to date include: Margo Ellis, Marlean Mclean, Shawn Dohring, Marie-France Boisvert, Kirstin McKeown, Elizabeth Forbath, Diedre McCay, Ruth DiGiovani, Carol Cumming Speirs and Church Musician and Choir Director, Sandra Hunt.

Date and time of the next meeting will be announced in Week at a Glance. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact any member of the collective or Sandra Hunt <sandra.muriel.hunt@gmail.com>.

## Calling all History Buffs!

The ARCHIVES TEAM is looking for a new chair to replace Barbara Jackson who, with Dorothy Clark, did a fantastic job of establishing the archives office and our filing system. Join in learning about our history dating back to the 1830's and about the early history of Montréal.

Do you have organization skills and like sorting through fascinating and important documents and artifacts? Do you have computer skills? Would you be comfortable learning a simple database used for both the heritage library and the archives? You would be working with the website team and all the groups of the congregation as the record of the UCM grows and changes and we add to our history.

Please contact Diane Kohl (514-931-3118), Eleanor Beattie (514-844-6037) or Carol Cumming-Speirs (514-989-1397) to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

## Fill Empty Bowls and Think Ahead to Christmas

Unitarian Church

Saturday, April 17, 11 am to 2 pm

Congregation Dorshei Emet

Sunday, April 25, 11 am to 2 pm

\$20 donation for a meal of soup & bread and a souvenir handcrafted bowl to keep or offer as a gift. (Fill a beautiful bowl with goodies and presto! an instant Christmas present). This year, we're holding a raffle with great prizes, selling a new cookbook featuring easy and delicious soup recipes and snazzy new aprons that will make great gifts.

## Get involved as a volunteer on April 17

This is a fun event so come out and volunteer to be a greeter, server, bowl washer, ticket taker, advice giver (some people just can't decide which bowl to buy!!) Contact Susan Gyetvay <sgyetvay@sympatico.ca> to volunteer at UCM on April 17.

Feel satisfied knowing that 100% of the proceeds raised at both events will go to: NDG Food Depot, Dorshei Emet Hanukkah Food Basket Fund, Fondation Générations Foundation, Multi Caf and Santropol Roulant. [www.emptybowlsmontreal.org](http://www.emptybowlsmontreal.org)

## Help Spread the Word!

The COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE is looking for assistance in contacting local media with publicity about UCM community events. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please contact Carol Cumming-Speirs, Communications Chair 514-989-1397

### RE Publications for Sale

My 7 Principles – \$1

Welcome, a Unitarian Universalist Primer – \$6

The Gift of Faith – \$7

Becoming an Askable Parent:

How to Talk with your Child about Sexuality – \$2

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## TENTS FOR HAITI

As we go to press, our minister and co-chairs of the Social and Environmental Concerns are working with other faith groups in Montreal to organize a drive to send much needed tents to Haiti.

Please stay tuned for details.

## Memorial Flowers

Sunday, March 7 – Catherine Moir and Henry Thomson  
Sunday, March 14 – David Jones  
Sunday, March 21 – Rudolph and Rose Irvine  
Sunday, March 28 – 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.

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