

Unitarian Church of Montreal Église unitarienne de Montréal



Newsletter

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Worship Calendar

Services start at 10:30 am, unless otherwise noted

October 5

Forgiving What We Cannot Forget

Rev. Diane Rollert

Please bring non-perishable food for the NDG Food Depot.

October 12

Hungering for Gratitude

Rev. Diane Rollert

October 19

Wounded Words

Rev. Diane Rollert

October 26

*Where Have All The (Canadian)
Peacemakers Gone?*

Carol Greene & Charles Eddis

United Nations Sunday: A special collection will be taken for the UU United Nations Office; tax receipts issued by Canadian Unitarian Council, donation envelopes provided.

November 2

All Souls

Rev. Diane Rollert

Bread Communion and Dedication of the Memorial Book



President's Message

I am sitting down to write this message following a wonderful congregational retreat that we had on a beautiful September weekend. Around 30 members and friends of this congregation joined in for a Friday evening / Saturday gathering with the goal of identifying priorities and action planning so that we may better fulfill our newly adopted mission statement.

Using input gathered from the congregation last year, four focus areas were identified as being important: membership, spiritual development, caring connections and diversity. The participants worked in teams to identify and define action that can be taken to support each of these areas. The event organizing team will meet soon and issue a report on the results. Thank you to all who participated. A special thank you to Tara Bissett who worked tirelessly in creating the workshop, and to Dimitra Barnard, Alison Hall and Diane Rollert for contributing to the effort.

The Executive team has also been busy identifying and prioritizing action items for the current season. Two items that came high on the list were the outdoor signage and the website. Our current sign identifying us is located above the announcement board near the sidewalk. The writing is quite small, and has become less perceptible now that the front garden is filling out. The new condominiums next door also make our building less obvious. We would like to see a much larger sign, perhaps with a logo, so we can be more easily identified as people pass by.

The other item is our website, which has served us well up to now, but is in need of updating. The improvements would allow us to have direct access to the site, which would help us to keep it up to date. The website has been one of the main tools in attracting new members. Both good signage and a good website are important tools in our desire to "welcome and nurture."

Our pledge campaign will be underway in early November and the Board is already in the planning stages. We have chosen a "less paper" campaign this year, aimed at contacting all members and friends by email for those who are on our email list, and by regular mail for those who are not. Each Board member has offered to help with the mailings, and will follow up with a phone call. Any-

one else who is interested in helping out can contact me at david.kersulis@videotron.ca, or leave a message in my mailbox upstairs.

The contract with the condo developer has come to a negotiated settlement and all amounts have been paid. The fence along our property and the street has been reinstalled, and grass installed next to the sidewalk. An unforeseen issue arising from the repaving of the access paths to the east side doors is a water infiltration problem with the Children's Chapel. Water that could originally flow away from the building is now pooling near the wall enclosing the children's chapel windows. Estimates are being received to re-grade the area surrounding the windows.

You may notice how lovely the church grounds have been maintained over the summertime. We owe a big "thank you" to Christine Rourke and her team of gardeners for doing such a great job.

As we settle into a new church season, I would like to thank all of you who have given me such encouragement in the last few weeks as I take on my new role as president. Your feedback and support is greatly appreciated.

Have a great October!

David Kersulis
President, Board of Management
Unitarian Church of Montreal



UCM Seeks Web Site Editor (paid position)

Job Description and Responsibilities:

The Unitarian Church of Montreal is looking for a part-time editor of the UCM web site which we envision will become a central communication hub for the Church and for those wanting to know about us.

The job is to write, edit, solicit and post updates, and to keep the postings and links relevant and timely. This means working with the minister, the chair of the Communications Committee, church committee members, the church administrator, and the president.

The web editor will post directly to the site and solicit contributions from the minister, officers, members, and the public. The site should reflect us well and show how we "go into the world to take action."

Qualifications

- a strong connection to the congregation;
- an online enthusiast who looks forward to the job of projecting our church's voice;
- strong writing and editing skills and ability to exercise editorial judgment;
- experience working with web platforms (at the moment, we're focusing on Typepad);
- a good understanding of French and the ability to cultivate contributors who can write and translate into French at a professional level;
- a good sense of humour, as a plus.

Conditions of Work

- 5 to 10 hours a week, perhaps more in the first couple of months.
- Web editor will be able to work from home or any other location with internet access.
- Compensation will reflect your qualifications (up to what the church can afford).

Contact:

Communications chair Carol Cumming Speirs, carol.speirs@mcgill.ca Include your CV, list of references and a covering letter describing your suitability for this position.

Deadline: October 5

Start Date: The sooner the better. There's still time for the editor to assist with the final design of the site.

Please help us advertise this position by bringing it to the attention of persons you believe to be suitable for the position who may not have otherwise seen it.

Mystery Friends 2008

Mystery Friends is an intergenerational program. Children and adults write letters to each other using mystery names and finally meet each other at a Valentine's Day lunch in February.

If you are interested, please speak to Hendrik Boom at the table in the foyer. Sign-ups will be accepted until Sunday, October 19, and the program will be in full operation by November.

For more information, contact: Hendrik Boom, 514 483 4078 or hendrik@topoi.pooq.com

Entre Nous

“The Women of Iridimi”

Earlier this year, Unitarian Church members generously donated over \$5,000 to buy solar cookers for Darfuri women living in refugee camps in Chad. To see how this money is being used, join members of the Social and Environmental Concerns Committee (SECC) on October 19 when we will screen a colorful 12- minute DVD at the beginning of our meeting. The film showcases women in one of the camps, Iridimi, making and using cookers; weaving baskets to keep their food hot; instructing and monitoring others; and spending time with their families in hours liberated from the dangerous task of collecting fuel.

Following the film, you will be welcome to attend our regular meeting (see p Social and Environmental Concerns), but not forced to do so. 12:15 to 12:30 pm, Sunday, October 19, Thomas Room

Contact Mary-Louise Engels, 514-487-2665, mlengels@sympatico.ca

Margot Hovey and George Ritter returned from the Great North to enjoy a beautiful summer in Montreal. They are still processing the social inequities they witnessed in Nunavut. With a target of 85% Inuit employment by 2010, the Inuk are a brave and courageous people - not to mention the most prolific artists on the planet.

Music News from Sandra Hunt

After attending the August. 2008 UU Musicians' Conference, I filled out this questionnaire; so I'll share with you my responses:

Why did you choose to attend the conference?

Dorothy Clarke's ninetieth birthday

Come celebrate with us the nine decades of a gentle lady, a feisty Scot in a silken glove. We will gather after the service on Sunday, October 19 to applaud this longtime member of the UCM. Refreshments will be served.

This conference was my fourth, as I've attended Rhode Island, The Mountain in North Carolina, Vancouver and then this one in Boston. The benefits from such meetings between hundreds of UU musicians include

- ideas for the congregation's musical involvement in services
- support for engaging the congregation
- perspectives on proper treatment of the musical professional by the congregation
- understanding the UU history
- making personal connections with other UU musicians and especially, meeting fellow Canadian musicians to strengthen our communication network

What was your favorite aspect of the experience?

I really enjoyed the programmatically varied worship services held every morning. Equally I liked the morning sessions that featured two very gifted musicians: a Jewish scholar presented a history of synagogue music and a Presbyterian minister related the evolution and effect of music in his South Boston church, an ethnically and economically polarized community. The latter minister could really make the piano rock and exhorted us to identify and use music that is meaningful for our tradition as ligaments throughout our services. I

also really enjoyed Nick Page, the charismatic and compelling leader of our daily song plenaries who led our final Sunday worship.

Where did your most intense learning take place?

The choral repertoire reading sessions required great focus because we whipped through so many pieces in so little time. Also the harmonica workshop was pretty intense. So much to learn, so little time!

What experiences did you have with other Canadian musicians there?

We were ten from Canada and met for lunch and dinner several times. We are trying to draw up a list of the musicians with their coordinates for every UU congregation/fellowship/church in Canada. We would like that to go regularly into the CUC Directory which was most recently sent out on July 31, 2008. Such a group could share a UU Canadian choral library and provide other professional support

What fun/interesting/new things are you and your congregation doing with music these days?

Our choir, Parts in Peace precedes every rehearsal with a potluck at 6:00 pm.

Also we are planning a special service that may be recorded by CBC for Remembrance Day with some young folk-pop musicians from the Montreal scene

Activities

Book Discussion Group

Date: Wednesday, October 15
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Thomas Room
Contact: Kathy Douglas, 514-488-9608

Soul Mountain is the semi-autobiographical account of one man's epic journey to Lingshan, the sacred ancestral mountain in China's remote Sichuan province near the Tibetan border. Author Gao Xingjian, who won the Nobel prize for this work, fled China in the 1980s after his plays were banned. He now lives in Paris where he writes prolifically.

Carmina Choir

Dates: Tuesdays
Time: 7:30 pm
Contact: Keith at 514-931-9028

Rehearsals are being held on Tuesday nights in the Phoenix Hall at 7:30 pm for a Christmas Sing-A-Long Concert which will take place on Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



The featured music in the first part of the concert will be mainly The Concord Cantata, especially created for Carmina and the Unitarian Community.

The CONCORD CANTATA

A selection of Bach's most beloved vocal works set to the words of Longfellow and the pioneering Unitarian, Ralph Waldo Emerson;

*Stream I love, unbounded going!
Hear the spending* of the stream!
On through light and life it's flowing;
On through love and power and dream.*

*Darkness shall not stain its glowing:
Ages drop in it like rain.
Brightly forth my stream is flowing.
Drink it and thirst not again!
* rush of water*

New members in all voices are very welcome. The ability to read music is not necessary and there is no audition. Audio aids are provided to supplement rehearsals.

Bring a sense of humour and good will – with a black binder, if possible.

First Friday Social

Date: October 3
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Phoenix Hall
Join us for the first First Friday Social of the Fall calendar! First Fridays are relaxed gatherings centred around a potluck meal. Bring a dish or food to share.

Scrabble and Bridge games after supper. Sponsor for October: Religious Education

Midday Meal with Music

Date: Wednesday, October 15
Times: 10:00 am Scrabble and Bridge; 12:30 pm Lunch; 1:30 pm Music
Contact: Ruth di Giovanni., 514-934-4956

Please call Ruth at 514-934-4956 by Sunday, October 12 at 8:00 pm to reserve a seat.

Parts in Peace Choir

Dates: Mondays
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Sanctuary or Children's Chapel
Contact: Sandra Hunt, 514-484-5559

The Unitarian Church of Mon-

tréal's newly designated Sunday Service Choir commits to sing once a month in the 10:30 am Sunday service but practices weekly and informally supports the congregational singing at other Sunday services. This group loves to sing in parts from the Unitarian song book, *The Living Tradition*. We will also be looking at *Singing the Journey* which features 75 new songs in a number of different styles including jazz, folk, pop, spirituals, gospel, praise songs, call-and-response, chants, rounds and traditional hymns. We even meet at 6:00 pm for potluck before the Monday rehearsal begins. We are a very fun and loving group of people, and we sound fantastic, so come and try us out!

Play Group

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 10:00 am–noon
Location: Nursery
Contact: Melani Litwack, 514-488-9884

We welcome children under five on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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 \$2/day per family is suggested.

Rainbow Soul Matters

Date: Tuesday, October 7
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Youth Group Room
Contact: Rosanne Baatz: 514-482-6046

“What do we know of love?”

Religious Explorations Group

Date: Sunday, October 5

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: Children's Chapel

Contact: Christine Rourke 514-761-0669

Please think about topics you would like to discuss during the year and come to the meeting with plenty of stimulating ideas.

Seeking the Sacred in Stories

Led by Rev. Diane Rollert

Monthly Brown Bag Lunch Group

Dates: October 7, November 4, December 2

Time: Noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Former Ministers' Room

We gather on a monthly basis to read short stories, to share lunch and to struggle with the question "What is sacred?" This year we'll begin by reading short stories from the book *Island* by Alistair MacLeod. Copies of the stories are available in Diane's mailbox.

Social and Environmental Concerns

Date: Sunday, October 19

Time: 12:15 pm

Location: Thomas Room

Contact: Mary-Louise Engels: 514-487-2665, mlengels@sympatico.ca

Develop an interfaith anti-poverty project? Work with CODE (Canadian Organization for Development through Education) to promote libraries and literacy in the developing world? Mount an opposition campaign against the mining companies currently permitted to dump toxic wastes in Canadian lakes?

At SECC's first meeting in September, these were just a few among many excellent suggestions for our

major social action issue this year. At our October meeting, we will vote on which project to undertake in the year ahead.

The meeting will begin with a 12-minute DVD, "The Women of Iridimi", which shows Darfuri women refugees using their solar cookers (see "The Women of Iridimi", p 3).

Soul Time

Come and find the quiet centre

in the crowded life we lead,

find the room for hope to enter,

find the frame where we are freed:

clear the chaos and the clutter,

close our eyes, that we can see

all the things that really matter,

be at peace and simply be.

...so goes the first verse of one of my favourite songs that we sang in my "old" church, and for me, they speak to the core of a "worship service." I know the very word "worship" is troubling to some, redolent as it may be to them of certain harsh, theistic views. But in our church, as in many liberal Christian, Jewish and Muslim circles these days, what "worship" is all about is taking time to connect with what matters most, however we understand that.

This song certainly sums up what our monthly, mid-week service focuses on: taking time to "clear the chaos and the clutter" in an intimate, relaxed, informal setting. What do we do in this time? We do what works for those who choose to come. Right now we meet in the Children's Chapel. We use lots and lots of candles and turn the lights down low. We always include a short time of meditation and a time of sharing with the circle (but this sharing is entirely in your con-

trol – you don't have to say a word if you don't want to). Sometimes someone may bring their drum, sometimes some people will sing quietly. It's entirely a lay-led group, and we try to share leadership. It's a small group, usually about six of us, but we may get a little bigger. It can be a great way to renew your spirit and recharge your batteries; it can also be a great way to be part of a small group without making a commitment to always be there.

Come along and give it a try! We meet on the second Thursday of each month (except December, when we meet at the Solstice) at 7:30 in the Children's Chapel (bring slippers – we honour the children's commitment to keep their sacred place clean by not wearing shoes on the carpet). Our dates this fall are October 9 and November 13. .

Walking Group

Date/time: Saturdays, 10:00 am

Contact: Diana Kleins, 514-747-9375 or Krystyna Matula, 514-287-0814

For those who enjoy nature and companionship, join us for walks in and around Montreal at a moderate pace and in a pleasant, informal atmosphere. A stop for refreshments after at a nearby coffee shop to plan the next week's meeting place/walk completes the morning.



Memorial Flowers

October 5 - Joan MacNab

October 12 - Betsy & Frank Symons

October 19 - Paul & Bianca Adams

October 26 - William Krutz

Special Events

Weaving Our Worship

October 17-20

Friday 7-9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12-2 p.m.

Registration Fee for Materials: \$35

To Register: Contact Verna Litwack, Administrator, 514-485-9933 or office@ucmtl.ca

For information about scholarships, contact Rev. Diane Rollert

This full weekend program will engage and inspire experienced and new worship leaders as we consider congregational diversity, logistics, flow and the purpose of worship in congregational life. The workshop will be open to our members as well as other UU congregations. This is a new Canadian Unitarian Council program, co-developed by UCM member Noline Guerrier. It will be led by Noline with Rev. Diane Rollert.

Eastern Regional Fall Gathering

Friday, November 7 to Sunday, November 9

Kingston Unitarian Fellowship
Kingston Ontario

Theme: *At the confluence: réunissons nous où les eaux se rejoignent*

Join Unitarian*Universalists from the Eastern region of Canadian congregations (Kingston to Avalon) for a weekend of fellowship, learning, sharing, worship and fun. There are programs for adults, children, youth and junior youth. Home hospitality usually offered. For details visit <http://cuc.ca/programs/gatherings.htm> or contact Diana Marvel, Associational Affairs Chair. Diana will help coordinate car-pooling to Kingston. Look for details also on the Information Kiosk in and the Associational Af-

fairs bulletin board in Phoenix Hall.

Contact: Diana Marvel diana.marvel@gmail.com

A Concert — Low-Voiced Instruments Lovers, Harken!

Saturday, Nov. 8 at 8 pm

featuring:

Vanessa Russell, cello
Matthew Russell, trombone
Sandra Hunt, piano

Come hear the famous and heart-rending Dvorak cello concerto, the Bach Fifth Suite, some clever new music and an evocative Scandinavian concerto for trombone

Church Fundraiser tickets:

\$15 adults, \$10 for students and children 12 and under.

Religious Education

Thanks from Caroline

I am really grateful to everyone wearing nametags regularly at church and hope you will continue to do so as I get to know you - children, youth AND adults!

Kudos to Paco for making all the Religious Education Committee members some handsome new nametags, too -- look for our colourful chalice motif on Sunday mornings! Paco also created my "Director of Religious Education", or DRE, business cards.

Furthermore, several people are at work ensuring that my new office computer is connected to the internet -- hurrah in advance! I find there are so many helping hands here and appreciate you all!

BREAKING NEWS! The RE Committee is going to revive our former church custom and sponsor a pot-

luck and social evening on the First Friday in October! We are planning lots of multi-generational activities; all are welcome, AND we hope another church group will take up the challenge to sponsor the next First Friday, so we can all share the work -- as well as the fellowship and fun. Meantime, mark your calendars for Friday October 3rd!

DRE report

Each Sunday to date I have been pleased to meet more of the members of this dedicated UU community. After the first two Sundays, we had about 30 children and youth freshly or newly registered, and by the time this October Newsletter comes out, we hope we'll be close to the 60 mark -- last spring we finished the RE year at 65 registrants.

Remember that October 5 is the last Sunday our faithful registrars will be at work at their table in the foyer. Please try to ensure your family is registered by then (if you filled in the forms in a previous year, we need you to update your info and signature). We also want to know which of your interests and skills you would be willing to share -- so do fill out the questionnaire you can get from the registrars.

No matter how the actual numbers registered level out, we have an excellent spread of ages and programs. At one end, our beautiful nursery for the babies to 3-year-olds is ably staffed by Sienna Henshaw and Sam Gyetvay. They are members of this congregation, and also our paid childcare workers this year. Their regular presence helps ensure continuity with the little ones and enhances our program for prospective parents. Did you know that a good nursery program is one of the first things that families who are "church-shopping" look for? I am delighted that UC Montreal has provided this. My last two churches,

with much bigger programs, had not yet managed to do so well.

At the other end of the children and youth age spectrum, we have our Senior Youth Group, ably coordinated by Elizabeth Charbonneau (she is also paid, and this is another strong point of your RE program, I find!). They have already discussed several changes for the coming year and will have had their initial Friday night get-together on September 19 followed by an hour together after the church service on the 21st. Their plan is to hold youth group evenings regularly on the first and third Friday nights of each month (even when most may be attending a youth conference) and also to meet after the service for a shorter time -- on the first and third Sunday afternoons. Don't let the only twice-a-month pattern scare you -- see you at our worship service, where youth will be helping in some new ways, or afterwards during social hour!

In between the nursery and youth, we have three multi-age classes. The Garden class is for four and five year olds and is being taught by Janet Clancy and new parent Kelly Abbs (we need two more adults so that they will not be on duty every week). Next, the Primers class for Grades 1 through 4 is being led by veterans Maychai Brown and John Pike for the fall; Rita Izzi will take over in January (we are still looking for another volunteer to join her, to ensure a team of four adults.)

Then there is the so-called Junior Youth (probably Grades 5 through 8) class --until everyone is registered, we can't fully predict the size/range of any of our classes, and this age group seems to include many children who alternate weekends with their different parents, so may only be able to attend sporadically. If you know someone in this Junior Youth bracket, please encourage them espe-

cially to check out the group -- we really hope it will take off this year! So far we have three fine teachers (Ivy O'Reilly, Alan Lobo and Rhetta Parnas) and are about to gain a fourth -- we just need "bodies"!

The Junior Youth class will use the Canadian curriculum, It Starts with Me, supplementing that with leader-and-young-people-generated peace-making practices. The Primers are using a combination of teacher ideas for Being Peacemakers (our theme), autumn festivals lessons from the Holidays and Holy Days curriculum, plus information from both visitors and my own book, Let's Celebrate! (black-and-white copies are for sale in the RE office for \$5, as it recently went out of print). The Garden class is using materials similar to those being used by the Primers as their basis for Being Peacemakers. Sound good? You bet! --and we hope more of you will register and help lead! Please get in touch!

Nouvelles du comité francophone

Dimanche, le 19 octobre à 10h30 :
Éducation religieuse en français,
salle du Jardin

Dimanche, le 26 octobre à 12h30 :
Célébration en français dans le
Sanctuaire

Notre prochaine célébration aura lieu le quatrième dimanche, le 26 octobre à 12h30 dans le sanctuaire. Le thème sera affiché sur le site web et dans la salle Phoenix. La soupe sera servie avant la célébration pour toute la congrégation grâce au 'Youth group'. Votre contribution leur permettra de participer aux diverses conférences de jeunesse UU. Si vous désirez faire garder vos enfants pendant la célébration, communiquez avec Hannelore pour les services d'un gardien.

L'éducation religieuse pour nos enfants francophones aura lieu le

troisième dimanche de chaque mois à 10h30. Nous avons un très beau programme en français. Nous sommes à la recherche d'un(e) enseignant(e) et de bénévoles. Si vous êtes intéressé(e), communiquez avec Hannelore.

Contact : Hannelore Poncet
450-653-5694

hanniponcet@hotmail.com

SECC and the Covered Garden

Over the past year the Social and Environmental Concerns Committee has taken an interest in the Covered Garden operated by the YMCA. This is part of the refugee center on Tupper just west of Atwater. Housing upwards of 500 it is where refugee claimants may stay for their first month in Canada. The Covered Garden is a place to talk and communicate for both adults and children. It helps newcomers overcome feelings of isolation. The volunteers have an opportunity to share their cultures and provide information about our society.

Our volunteers have made it possible for the Covered Garden to be open on Sunday afternoons as well as helping out some evenings. The interest of the committee has expanded to include a very successful winter clothing drive, collection of toys for a children's Christmas party, and the provision of layettes to mothers of newborns at the centre. These activities will continue with emphasis on children's and men's winter clothing, gifts for adolescents and items for new babies.

We will be reopening the Covered Garden Sunday afternoons in October. Volunteers are needed. Contact Bob Wright 514-766 6905 or wrb2@sympatico.ca or Christina Duvander 514-630-7523 cduvander@gmail.com

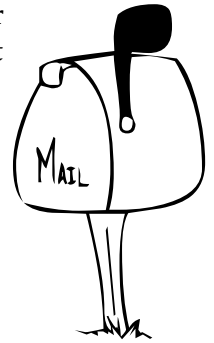
November newsletter submissions

E-mail your submissions to news@ucmtl.ca or place them in the mailbox upstairs. Please include your name, phone number and email address to your article or notice. If you host a regular event, let us know of any cancellations or changes. Please put the section title in the subject line of the email (ex.: "Item for Entre Nous").

Deadline: Wednesday, October 22 at 8:00 pm

We do not open the mailbox after the deadline date so if you have late-breaking news send an email directly to Marion Blake, marion.blake@sympatico.ca or Ann Howell, ann.howell@gmail.com

Attachments must be in Word (or plain text), *but we prefer that you put your article in the body of your email*. Please note that we can't open WordPerfect docs or edit PDFs.



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“Don't despair, my dear. I know where we can mingle and dine with fellow UUs **and** dress like members of King Arthur's court”



**NOVEMBER 15, 2008 AT 4:30 P.M.
UCM IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL
BidNite!**

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR INTERESTS, SKILLS AND HOBBIES WITH YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY! COME AND BID ON YOUR OLD FAVOURITES AND DISCOVER NEW OFFERS, WHILE ENJOYING AN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT BE ON THE DOCKET! SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO MAKE AN OFFER.

BidNite Nov. 15, 2008 * King Arthur's Court

BidNite is a service auction in which members of the Congregation offer to do or make things (that they like to do or make!)with or for other members of the congregation. The evening itself is a social occasion for all ages with dinner and conversation followed by an entertaining auction of your offers. This year's theme is **King Arthur's Court** Everyone is encouraged to wear their courtly, Medieval Best!

Please fill out the offer form below and put it in the BidNite envelope on the kiosk in phoenix hall, or mail it to the church office by **November 9, 2008**. You do not have to be at BidNite to make an offer, but the evening is always entertaining so plan on coming just for the fun of it!

Not sure what to offer? How about sewing or dance lessons, themed dinner parties, guided museum visits, bicycle rides, picnics, music performances, pancake breakfasts, a day of sledding followed by hot cocoa, flower or bird walks, scrapbooking, a day in the country, a visit to the Insectarium, pies, jams, soups, decorated birthday cakes, or a tea party? BidNite is a chance for members of the congregation of all ages to socialize throughout the year, so be creative and have fun with your offers!

All proceeds from BidNite go to the UCM operating fund. Make an offer, come to BidNite, and support the church—all while having a great time! **Saturday, November 15th**: doors open at 4:30 p.m., dinner and fixed-price auction at 5 p.m., live auction, beginning with items for children at 6 p.m., followed by dessert. Activities for kids and childcare provided. questions? Contact: Elizabeth Anglin at 514-937-4095 or Linda Bouchard at 514-849-2739.

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BidNite 2008 offer form (please print clearly)

Name _____ Tel.() - _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Post code _____ eMail _____

Describe Offer: _____

Number of participants: _____ Number of times offered: _____

To be delivered: at BidNite at time arranged with bidders on date: _____

Please use a separate sheet for each offer. Additional forms available in Phoenix Hall. Contact Elizabeth Anglin with any questions. Please deposit offer form no later than Sunday November 9 in the BidNite envelope in Phoenix Hall or mail to the UCM. ☺

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WEAVING OUR WORSHIP

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Montreal and the Canadian Unitarian Council are pleased to offer this Worship Associate Training Program: Weaving Our Worship.

Growing Vital Religious Communities in Canada

Friday Oct. 17,
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 18,
9 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Oct. 19,
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Universalist Unitarian Church of
Montreal
5035 De Maisonneuve Blvd. W.
Montreal

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WOW! Worship, Sunday Service, Meeting—what we do together on Sunday Morning has more than one name. Whatever we call it, we need to ensure our worship is well crafted and meets the needs of all who attend: newcomers, long-time members, young adults, elders, families, humanists and spiritual adventurers! This workshop will help your congregation's experienced and new worship leaders to consider: congregational diversity, logistics, flow and the purpose of worship in congregational life. Participants will learn what it takes to ensure people leave your services saying WOW! En Francais—this workshop will feature discussion groups En Francais, so that those who think and plan worship in French will have the opportunity to do this work in their language.

To Register: Please fill out the attached registration form, by Friday Oct. 10th.

- Please let us know if you'll require home hospitality and if there are things your host needs to know in order to make you comfortable (pet allergies, accessibility issues etc.)
- Payment will be due on site. (\$35 per person)

The Trainers:

Rev. Diane Rollert, (Minister Unitarian Church of Montreal) Nicoline Guerrier (Lay Chaplain, Unitarian Church of Montreal and Ministerial Student, Meadville-Lombard Theological School)



**WEAVING OUR WORSHIP
OCT. 17-19
REGISTRATION FORM**

Sponsored by CUC and
Unitarian Church of Montreal

Name: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Congregation: _____

Home Hospitality: I need home hospitality for:

Friday Oct. 17 _____ Saturday Oct. 19 _____

Please ensure my host has the following information (allergies, traveling
with family member etc.) _____

Dietary Needs: (please indicate any dietary needs/restrictions): _____

Fee: (payable on site at event)

\$35/weekend _____

Please phone or e-mail your registration to: Verna Litwack
Administrator, Unitarian Church of Montreal
office@ucmtl.ca
514-485-9933

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