

# Unitarian Church of Montreal Église unitarienne de Montréal



Newsletter

May / mai 2009

## Worship Calendar

Services start at 10:30 am, unless otherwise noted

### May 3

*The Hope of Humanity*

*My Travels with Maria Montessori*

Rev. Diane Rollert

Yellow Door Choir, Eleanor Stublely,  
Director; Sandra Hunt, Musician

New Member Recognition

Please bring donations of non-perishable  
food for the NDG Food Depot

### May 10

*It's Her Fault*

Rev. Diane Rollert

Sandra Hunt, Musician

### May 17

*Healing the Hurts of Homophobia*

A service in honor of International Day  
Against Homophobia

Nicoline Guerrier, Dima Dupéré and guests

Sandra Hunt, Musician

### May 24

*Singing for Our Souls*

Rev. Diane Rollert

Singers of United Lands, Guest Musicians

### May 31

*Explorations in/en Français*

Rev. Diane Rollert

Sandra Hunt, Musician

## From our Minister

### Welcoming Responsibly

The Last Word

Faith, God, Spirituality, Sin, Salvation. Are you having fun yet? There's a stack of index cards in my study at home with the most challenging words you can possibly imagine, just waiting for a response. I think I will let those "wounded words" lie quietly for a while – though not forever.

I want to thank everyone who dared to write and share their thoughts – positive, negative, ambivalent or passionate – about the words of religion that challenge us. We've sunk our teeth into some tough topics, and we've had a lot to digest over the past six months.

There were times when I was surprised by my own response along the way. I found baggage I didn't realize I was carrying. I found delight where I least expected it. I found gratitude that left me breathless. Who would have guessed it could be so much fun to talk about "sin", or so hard to consider "salvation"?

What a joy to hear so many voices – voices I would have never heard had it not been for this project.

Thank you:

To those who wrote from far away;

To those who wrote with discipline each month;

To those who stood up in the sanctuary, and let their voices be heard;

To those who spent time discussing these words at home, even when they couldn't come to Sunday services;

To those brave enough to say they were carrying baggage too;

To those who said, "Enough already!" but also said "I get it!"

This is my wish and my prayer (to use another wounded word):

When someone speaks, may we listen with care.

May we stop and take stock of our own reactions.

May we be patient enough to ask:

What do you mean by that word?  
May our minds and our hearts be  
open to welcome the diversity and  
many shades of meaning.

Your reflections have taught me  
once again what is so easy to  
forget. Each of us understands the  
world, language, everything, in  
our own unique way.

May we make no snap judgments.  
May we breathe deeply and open  
ourselves to understanding.

In trust (in faith) that we greet each  
other with the best of intentions,

Diane

### **First Unitarian Ottawa Seeks Lifespan Learning Director**

First Unitarian is looking for a full-time permanent Director of Lifespan Learning (DLL), to be responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating educational programs for the congregation. Applicants should contact the Religious Exploration Committee at [firstunitarianottawa@gmail.com](mailto:firstunitarianottawa@gmail.com); full details are on our Web site <http://www.firstunitarianottawa.ca/members/staff.html>

### **"Full Spectrum Joyfulness" Camp—Eliot Institute**

Deans Sonya Wachowski and Carla Mandy look forward to leading first time campers and returnees in a week's adventure at Eliot at Naramata '09. Come for the sun, the fun, the music, the fellowship and worship experiences, the wonderful food, and the beautiful Okanagan Lake.

This year's theme speaker promises an uplifting camp experience through the theme "Full-Spectrum Joyfulness!" Learn and practice seven joyfulness themes—become skilled at raising your spirits and

mood in almost any circumstances. They are fun to do, easy to remember, playful, and meaningful. We'll use art, movement, discussion, and music to explore these themes and adapt them to our own daily lives and individual needs.

Led by Rev. Amanda Aikman, author of forthcoming book, and Julia McKay, musician and Interplay facilitator.

Sonya and Carla—Naramata Deans  
2009

### **B&B Program for Toronto Jazz Fest**

This summer, coinciding with the 21st Annual Beaches International Jazz Festival in Toronto - July 17-26, 2009, the Neighborhood UU Congregation is continuing with a Bed & Breakfast program for Unitarians who visit Toronto at this favorite time of year. See [www.nuuc.ca/bed&breakfast.htm](http://www.nuuc.ca/bed&breakfast.htm)

Beverly Carr, Neighbourhood UU Congregation, Toronto.

### **"Griefwalker" Film and Conversation**

with Rev. Diane Rollert and Vivianne LaRivière

Date: Thursday, 4 June  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

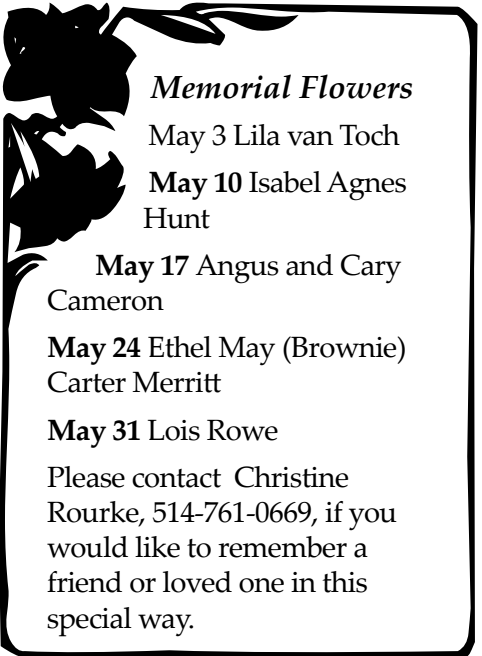
A documentary portrait of palliative caregiver Stephen Jenkinson and his work. This screening is made possible by the film's director. Jenkinson's approach—which may seem shockingly direct—is that our deaths are not something to be denied or avoided, but "befriended." We'll follow the film (70 minutes long) with discussion.

### **Notice Of The Annual General Meeting**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, at 7:00 pm. Members and friends are welcome but only Church Members are permitted to vote. To be a Church Member, you must be over 18, have signed the Membership Book, and have made an annual identifiable financial contribution to the operating funds of the Church (Article III, Section 1). A list of Members will be posted on the notice board in Phoenix Hall near the kitchen door.

Members will be asked to approve the Minutes of the last AGM (June 2, 2008) and the Congregational Budget Meeting (November 30, 2008). Minutes of these meetings were approved by the Executive Committee and were posted at the time. We will not be providing copies of these Minutes at the AGM, but a copy of each will again be posted on the notice board in Phoenix Hall near the kitchen door.

Janine Cobb  
Board Secretary



*Memorial Flowers*

May 3 Lila van Toch

May 10 Isabel Agnes Hunt

May 17 Angus and Cary Cameron

May 24 Ethel May (Brownie) Carter Merritt

May 31 Lois Rowe

Please contact Christine Rourke, 514-761-0669, if you would like to remember a friend or loved one in this special way.

## Entre Nous

### In Memoriam

**Bob Wright's** brother Peter died in Saint Lazare on April 9 at the age of 62.

Long-time member **Jean Cumming** died on March 24. Jean had celebrated her 95 birthday this past June. She had been a member of the Unitarian Church of Montreal for nearly 80 years, having joined the Church of the Messiah in 1929.

**Frank Vilim**, a UCM member since April 1949, died April 16.

We hold in our hearts **Yves Manseau** who sadly lost one of his foster sons this past month.

### In Memory of Jean Mary Cumming (née Symons)

June 15, 1913 – March 24, 2009

I only knew Jean late in her life, as her memory had faded. Yet what a beautiful presence she was, always. Her warmth and her kindness shone through. She was always smiling, always impeccably dressed, beautiful, even at the age of 95.

She would sit in the front of the sanctuary, almost every week, her eyes closed, smiling with joy through every piece of music and every song, swaying, and humming, in ecstasy. Watching Jean as she reveled in music was one of my greatest joys each Sunday.

Thanks to Jean's father, music was in her blood, just as this church was an important part of her life. Her father, Frank Symons, originally from England, came to Canada to seek his independence and fortune. One day he was walking past the Church of the Messiah when he was drawn into the sanctuary by the sounds of the organ playing

the Bach Toccata in D minor. Music brought him in, and he stayed and became a Unitarian for life.

According to our office records, Jean became a member of this church in 1929, perhaps at the age of 16. It was the beginning of a relationship with this congregation that would continue for nearly 80 years.

After an education at Trafalgar School, down the street from the Church of the Messiah, Jean married Stan Cumming when she was only 21. Then life was devoted to the challenges of motherhood, caring for three children, daughters Carol and Heather, and son Peter who suffered from epilepsy and died at the age of 11. Later on, Stan and Jean would start a hotel in St. Lucia.

Amazingly, at the age of 67, Jean discovered her greatest passion: the violin. She became an accomplished and dedicated violinist. What a difficult instrument to take up later in life. It took a lot of courage, confidence and determination. Perhaps this is the widest window we have into Jean's soul.

In her last years Jean was truly happy. She found joy and comfort with her grandchildren and the attentive care of her daughter Carol. She knew belonging and warmth in this community. She knew the joy of music, even in her last hours.

Jean, we will miss you. The front row of this sanctuary will seem a bit barren on Sundays from now on. As Sandra plays the piano, I will remember you, your eyes closed, your face filled with passion for the music, as close to heaven as any human could ever be.

Diane Rollert

### Share-the-Plate

For more than three years now the undesignated cash in the collection plate has been earmarked for a Montreal charity. This was initially proposed to the Board of Management by Peter Boullata in 2007.

Here is the good news for September 2008 to March 2009. These amounts are the total of cash collected plus cheques made payable directly to the individual charity:

September 2008: NDG Food Depot = \$1,035.70

October 2008: Elizabeth House = \$820.75

November 2008: Head & Hands = \$1,640.75

December 2008: Montreal Diet Dispensary = \$1,735.35

January 2009: L'Abri en Ville = \$798.00

February 2009: Head & Hands = \$784.50

March 2009: Chez Doris = \$1,008.00

Provided by Verna Litwack

### Looking for Newsletter volunteers

The newsletter team is in need of a couple of computer-savvy volunteers to help out with layout duties. If you can donate 2-3 hours a month and know your way around Microsoft Word and Google Docs, please contact Ann Howell (ann.howell@gmail.com) or Marion Blake (marion.blake@sympatico.ca).



# Activities

## SUNDAYS

### Exploring the Intangible

Date: May 3

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: Youth Room

Contact: Christine Rourke, 514-761-0669

Subject: Following last month's successful discussion about death, we will continue with "Life after death. Why?"

All are welcome.

### Social and Environmental Concerns (SECC)

Date: May 17

Time: 12:15 pm

Location: Thomas Room

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

In this, our last formal committee meeting of the year, we will discuss current and upcoming projects and look back on the year's activities. We will also be asking people to volunteer to help out at the Peace Concert we are co-sponsoring at the end of this month (see p. 5).

## MONDAYS

### Parts in Peace Choir

Date: May 4

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Sanctuary or Children's Chapel

Contact: Sandra Hunt, 514-484-5559

Last practice until fall.

We have a good and faithful crowd of about 20 members, with attendance for each rehearsal around 12 to 15 warblers every week. But we would like to be more numerous! We just love the sound of harmony in large quantities. Our choir is really fun - come and try us out: 6:15

pm for potluck dinner in Phoenix Hall, 7:30 pm for rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

### Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Dates: May 4, May 11

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Children's Chapel

Contact: Allen Lobo 514-484-3014, radiantandfree@gmail.com

Last meetings until fall.

Allen wishes all a very, very enjoyable and restful/fun summer!

Namaste, Blessings

## TUESDAYS

### Seeking the Sacred in Stories

Led by Rev. Diane Rollert

Monthly Brown Bag Lunch Group

Dates: May 12 and June 9

Time: Noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Garden Room (formerly known as the "Former Ministers' Room")

We meet in the Garden Room on the first lower level of the church. Bring a brown bag lunch. This month we will read a short story by Isaac Bashevis Singer. For more information, contact the church office.

### Carmina Choir

Dates: Tuesdays

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Phoenix Hall

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

Carmina is looking for voices, particularly male, to join them. No audition. The ability to read music is not necessary. Solo possibilities, if desired. Bring a sense of humour, good will, and a black binder if possible.

### 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.

## WEDNESDAYS

### Grief and Loss: A Gathering of Support

Facilitated by Rev. Diane Rollert

Date: May 13

Time: 1:00 p.m.

This will be a gathering for those who are dealing with grief or loss. We'll take time to talk, to share support and to consider the possibility of forming an ongoing group. Please RSVP to the office or directly to Diane via phone or e-mail.

### Book Discussion Group

Date: May 20

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Thomas Room

Contact: Kathy Douglas, 514-488-9608

And you thought your family was dysfunctional? Describing herself somewhat mutedly as a "weird" writer with "a penchant for the morbid," Alice Sebold has delivered *The Almost Moon*, a controversial novel about matricide, loneliness and trauma set in Disturbia,

USA. It's more than Gothic. It's Electra for the 21st century.

## Midday Meal with Music

Date: May 20

Times: 10:00 am Scrabble and Bridge; 12:30 pm Lunch; 1:30 pm Music

Contact: Ruth di Giovanni., 514-934-4956

Cost: \$5.00

## THURSDAYS

### Drumming circle

Date: May 21 (the third Thursday of every month)

Time: 6.30-8.30 pm

Location: Children's Chapel.

Contact: Contact Ann Beer (514-426-1204) or Allen Lobo (514-484-3014)

A group of us meet to drum, share stories, and extend our sense of community. Group drumming has been shown to have great benefits both physically and emotionally, as it allows us to meditate in a simple way that links back to the most fundamental sound of life: the mother's heartbeat. Nourished by many spiritual traditions, Drum circles are forming all over the world as people come together to explore this ancient tradition.

Bring your own drum (any kind) if you have one, and also shakers, rattles and other rhythm instruments. We can usually help with extra drums. No previous drumming experience or musical training is needed.

Members and friends are welcome.

### Play Group

See *Tuesdays*.

## FRIDAYS

### Save this Date! The June First Friday Potluck will be Friday, June 5

Starting at 6 pm in Phoenix Hall. Come join us for an evening of friendly company with an eclectic array of food. After supper, we will be showing the movie "Whale Rider", and there will be space for those who want a friendly game of bridge or scrabble. Hope to see you there!

This event is sponsored by Kirstin McKeown's Covenant Group.

## SATURDAYS

### 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.

### Special Events

(Note: events are held at the Unitarian Church building, unless otherwise mentioned)

### Weaving Our Worship Workshop

May 29-31

Friday 7-9 pm, Saturday 9 am -5 pm and Sunday 12-2 pm

Registration Fee for Materials: \$35

To register: Contact Patricia Philip, 514-342-6118 (between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. only, please) or trish\_philip@yahoo.ca

For information about scholar-

ships, contact Rev. Diane Rollert

Originally planned for October, the workshop has been rescheduled in order to accommodate the schedules of some of our UU neighbours.

This full weekend, hands-on 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, friends and adherents, as well as other UU congregations. This is a recent Canadian Unitarian Council program, co-developed by UCM member Noline Guerrier. It will be led by Noline with Rev. Diane Rollert.

### Kurt Weill CD Celebration

Kerry-Anne Kutz and Michael Cartile of the Lakeshore UU Congregation are thrilled to announce the arrival of their new CD: **Kurt Weill: Songs From Berlin To New York** produced by the Montreal record company Productions XXI. A celebration concert will be held Saturday, May 23, 8 pm at La chapelle du Bon Pasteur, 100 Sherbrooke Street East. One block east of St. Laurent Blvd. Take the 24 bus.

Tickets are available from Kerry-Anne or at the door. General admission: \$20.00; students/seniors \$10.00. CDs can be purchased from downtown record stores or from Kerry-Anne. Featured also on the CD: Chet Doxas, sax and clarinet; Jim Doxas, drums; John Roney, piano; and Fraser Hollins, double bass. For more information contact Kerry-Anne at (514) 624-2307 or kutz@videotron.ca

## Yellow Door Concerts

The Yellow Door Choir and The Burton Street Singers: La magie des mots

### Benefit concert for Raise-a-Reader

Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 at 8:00 pm

Ticket Prices: \$20 (\$15 for students)

Contact: [www.yellowdoorchoir.com](http://www.yellowdoorchoir.com) or 514-738-9052

## The Montreal Dialogue Group

in association with the Unitarian Church of Montreal presents its Annual Peace Concert

An evening of music, comedy, and spoken word celebrating Jewish and Arab cultural diversity and visions of peace.

Hosted by: Eman El-Husseini & Josh Rachlis

Featuring: Balebuste, Deborah & Yotam Baum of De-Lee-La, Shayne Gryn, Ehab Lotayef, Mohammed Masmoudi

with Ivan Bamford, Helga Schlee, and Sam Shalabi

Sunday, May 31, 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$15 (students \$10)

Available in advance: (514) 483-5763 or (514) 933-2298, [info@dialoguegroup.org](mailto:info@dialoguegroup.org), or at the door

## Chamber Concert

Vanessa Russell, cellist and Sandra Hunt, pianist

Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 pm

Featured works: Brahms F Major Sonata, Haydn Concerto in D, Bartok Rhapsody

Suggested Freewill Donation in support of the church's music program:

\$20 adults, \$10 students



## CUSJ Meeting

Please note that, if you are attending the CUC Conference in Thunder Bay, the CUSJ meeting will be held on Friday, May 14. See our website for more details.

## Soul Singers

The Soul Singers will be with us this year from May 21 until May 26 and will provide the music for our May 24 church service.

Please go to their website: [singer-sofoundedlands.org](http://singer-sofoundedlands.org) to learn more about them and the countries they come from. If you are interested in getting more involved in the project you will be greatly rewarded. Please contact:

Mickey van Riel at 514-637-3347  
[orangeblue@videotron.ca](mailto:orangeblue@videotron.ca)

## Religious Education

### Rhetta Parnas on "consensus-based decision-making"

I came across "consensus-based decision-making" as a way to run meetings where a simple majority is viewed as insufficient, and I adapted it to work with younger age groups. I think it's most suitable for Junior Youths and older, but parts of the idea are universal. Briefly, decisions are made by the group through a process of discussion and proposal, followed by "voting", but instead of voting 'yes' or 'no' and 50%+1 being the majority "rule", people vote 'yes'/'pass'/'block'. Children love to do this voting using their thumbs! (Adults do, too!).

If even one person blocks, you go back to discussion/proposals ... starting with that one person explaining the reason for the block. Creative ways to approach the situ-

ation are generated as people find out others' opinions and their reasons for those opinions. Eventually a "no lose" decision is made that everyone can live with and most are enthusiastic about. What a great way to build peacemaking skills!

## Notes from the First Annual RE Conversation

Approximately twenty parents and non-parents turned out on April 4 to share breakfast, thoughts and concerns about religious education at UCM. The first decision made – after praising the food! – was to have this kind of "conversation" with our minister and Director of RE annually, in late March. Further definite plans for next year's program are in the final paragraphs below.

Diane welcomed the opportunity to meet with the RE community, asking everyone to identify their hopes and dreams for our children. The following notes were compiled by Rita Izzi and Caroline Balderston Parry, based on the flip chart list generated with much good energy that Saturday morning. Are there further ideas or comments you'd like to share? Please contact the RE Office!

1. That RE be transformative
2. That our children develop good/more relationships with others; learn to love others but also themselves
3. That we continue to involve all members of the congregation in RE programming
4. That we bring together all generations – have older children teach younger ones
5. That our RE program be horizon-broadening and unique, not copying other churches; be family-focused; and help

develop everyone's leadership skills

6. That all children have fun, be listened to and be heard
7. That our children feel empowered and inspired to be themselves, with confidence
  - accepting imperfections and mistakes
  - finding nurture here similar to parents' UU experience
8. That our children be more "in the driver's seat", since they are often the driving force bringing us here to UCM; what can we learn from them?
9. That we do outreach and SJ work (get out in the "world" more), plus do service to UCM itself; sending energy to those who take action in the world
10. That we consider projects such as the UUA's "Guests at your Table" program, or "random acts of kindness", OXFAM dinners, etc.
11. That Senior and Junior Youth share some social justice project(s).
12. That we give children positive actions to take to deal with their fear that the world is falling apart
13. That we reach out to bring in more children and youth
14. That we continue OWL education and youth conferences

NEXT YEAR: after discussing suggestions, we agreed on a theme for RE in 2009-10: "Being You and UU".

In addition, conversation participants supported the RE Committee's decision to have French RE continue on most third Sundays.

We also supported the teachers' idea (proposed at a recent gathering) that "Spirit Play" should run

for the full fall term, for both Garden and Primers classes, in order to really set the SP model in place. French RE will follow that format and theme, as well. In January 2010 we'll revert to "regular" RE classes and use some of the new UUA Tapestry of Faith curricula for the winter and spring terms.

Junior youth will experiment with regular monthly sleepovers on Saturday nights before French RE, but not have regular Sunday classes, due to demographics.

Carlene Gardner will continue as OWL facilitator/advocate; 8 weeks of Gr 5-6 OWL plus a bigger program of Gr 8 OWL are both possible if we have enough committed children.

We will promote our Mystery Friends program more fully and administer it more carefully to ensure active participation.

Finally, everyone is excited about having an evening celebration for all RE families to start the RE "year", and then at least one seasonal celebration in late fall plus another in the winter for families and interested congregants – such as Chinese New Year.

Come join us!



## Le Groupe francophone

Le 8 mai à 19 h : La troisième rencontre des Cercles de discussion aura lieu plutôt le deuxième vendredi du mois de 19 h à 20 h 30 chez Francine Desmarais pour éviter un conflit possible avec la soirée sociale du premier vendredi à l'Église. Communiquez avec Francine à [fdesma@gmail.com](mailto:fdesma@gmail.com) pour confirmer votre place.

Le dimanche 10 mai à une heure à déterminer : Le Comité francophone se réunit dans la salle Thomas pour préparer la célébration du 24 mai, entre autres. Vous êtes tous et toutes invités à y participer.

Le dimanche 17 mai à 10 h 30 : Tous les enfants de 4 à 13 ans sont invités à notre programme d'éducation religieuse en français (habituellement le 3e dimanche du mois), animé par Lisa et Rita. Au cours de cette sixième leçon, nous explorerons le thème du printemps. Les petits et ceux qui ne désirent pas participer en français peuvent participer à un programme bilingue/en anglais.

Le dimanche 24 mai à 12 h 30 : Lors de la célébration en français au Sanctuaire (habituellement le 4e dimanche du mois), Francine Desmarais nous parlera du thème :

« Bons voyages : appartenances et exiles ».

Soyez les nôtres en grand nombre le dimanche 24 mai ! Communiquez avec Rita à [rita\\_angelina2002@yahoo.ca](mailto:rita_angelina2002@yahoo.ca) si vous avez besoin des gardiens pour vos enfants, et ce, avant le mercredi 20 mai, afin qu'elle puisse réserver les gardiens.

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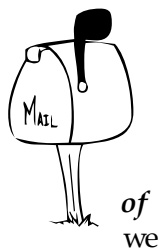
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### June newsletter submissions

Email 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.

**Deadline: Wednesday, May 20  
at 8:00 pm**

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 can't open WordPerfect files or edit PDFs.



### CARING NETWORK

The coordinator for May is Patricia Gordon at 514-482-3752 or pgordon@johnabbott.qc.ca

Members of Le Groupe francophone can contact Francine Desmarais at 514-750-0709 or fdesma@gmail.com

If you know of someone in our UU community who needs help, please get in touch. We have over 20 people registered as carers—individuals happy to make hospital or home visits, make telephone check-up calls, prepare and/or deliver food, or act as chauffeur. If there are other needs, we will do our best to satisfy them.

Just now, we are short of drivers. If you have a car and are willing to help out, please give us a call.

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## **Unitarian Church of Montréal**

### **Proposed Slate of officers for the 2009-2010**

#### **Board of Management**

##### **Executive Committee**

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Vice President - vacant

Secretary - Janine Cobb

Treasurer - Robert (Bob) Edgar

#### **Portfolio Chairs**

Associational Affairs - Diana Marvel

Building & Grounds - Jean Freed

Communications - Carol Cumming Speirs

Congregational Programs - Rosanne Baatz

Membership - Petrina Lee Poy

Religious Education - Shawn Dohring

Social and Environmental Concerns - Christina Duvander and

Patricia Philip (co-chairs)

Worship - Kirstin McKeown

The Board of Management is elected at the Annual General Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The nominating committee is still seeking a candidate for Vice President and welcomes your input and suggestions. Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Alison Hall (Chair/Past President), Elizabeth Anglin, Phyllis Greggain (Warden), Prue Rains, Anna Virgini (Membership) .