

UFR BULLETIN

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP OF REGINA, NOVEMBER 2011

Message from the Board of Trustees

As I write this message, October is nearly over and on reflection, we can be grateful for some relatively pleasant fall weather. It's not uncommon these years to have significant snow by now making Halloween somewhat miserable (touch wood).

This month Joanne Green, Wayne Williamson and I took the opportunity to attend the Western Regional Gathering of the CUC held this year in Edmonton. Regina was the venue when I was first becoming involved with our fellowship, but I didn't take part in very many of the activities. This year; however, my appetite was whetted by my attendance at the ACM held in Toronto. Having experienced that gathering, I was quite enthused by the prospect of meeting with more Unitarians, this time with a group which was closer geographically. Edmonton did not disappoint. I attended a session on homelessness and co-op housing, also a session exploring how our Unitarian faith is covenant-based as opposed to creed-based and how this affects our relationships with each other and our search for truth and meaning. Lastly, I attended a "pickup choir" session and ended up being part of the final service on that Sunday morning. I came away from that weekend enthused and hopeful about what we can accomplish with the many talented and dedicated people we have in our fellowship. I encourage others to attend the next gathering when this time rolls around in the coming year.

Jim Hutchings, President

ON THE COUNT

The Music Committee is pleased to report our inventory of the Fellowship's music is complete. Our most important news is that we have 7 hymnals remaining that could be purchased for your use at home or dedicated to someone special (call Jane at 586-1066). We found a few damaged hymnals this year: one had an encounter with water and some have been altered by Unitarians who preferred to write their own words! Variety is the spice of life but please put down that pen...someone may want to use the original words!

Our Coordinator Positions

Children's Program Coordinator

The Board has received a proposal for a paid coordinator to run our Sunday morning children's program, which will allow parents to participate fully in the adult programs. The Personnel Committee is beginning a search. Anyone interested in this position should contact a member of the Board or the Committee.

The initial contract is proposed for 10 Sundays and will include time to meet with parents. We will be looking to this person for some planning, research into curricula, and coordination of volunteers.

Administrative Coordinator

Our Administrative Coordinator, Rebecca Hay, will be leaving the position in December to attend to her full-time job at the Science Centre. We'll miss Rebecca and her excellent contribution.

Her departure means that several jobs (rentals in particular) will have to be done by volunteers for now. The Personnel Committee, currently consisting of Ingrid Alesich, Sandra Blenkinsop and Joanne Green, will begin a search soon. Anyone interested in this position should contact one of these Committee members.

Sunday Service Program Coordinator

Anna Baker will also be leaving her position as of October 31, 2011. We will miss her unique talents and wish her all the best for the future.

Members of the Sunday Service Committee will undertake to complete the requisite tasks on their own. Please give the committee your support and assistance in whatever way you can.

Upcoming Events

SING FOR FUN - The Music Committee invites you to join our **casual Unitarian choir** at 7:00 PM **Thursday November 3rd and 24th**. Come join us for a few songs, cookies, and lots of laughs! We look forward to spending an hour with you at Jane's house! You will be most welcome (call 586-1066 for directions).

*If you have brief contributions to make to this bulletin, please call Rebecca Hay at 306-569-0129, or e-mail rebeccahay@alumni.uwaterloo.ca.
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Please remember: the deadline for submissions to the UFR Bulletin is the 23rd of each month.

Please note: If you miss a service, please contact Jim Hutchings. He can send you the audio file for your listening enjoyment.

NOVEMBER 2011 SERVICES

Sunday, November 6
Regina Public Library (RPL)
Literacy Services

Presenter: Alice Samkoe

Literacy is foundational to achieving success in our society today. RPL Literacy Services supports life-long learning and assists newcomers to Canada with their efforts to be successful in our society. Learn how the proactive effort of RPL Literacy Services promotes community development in Regina.

Sunday, November 13
The Spiritual Basis of Hinduism

Presenter: Dr. G. Lakshman

Hinduism is a comprehensive, holistic approach to spirituality in daily life. As an ancient spiritual tradition, Hinduism, has no human founding prophet and spans more than ten thousand years of spiritual impact on the lives of millions of people. This presentation will highlight salient aspects of the Hindu Spiritual Tradition . ***Potluck lunch to follow service.***

Sunday, November 20
UR Pride
The Successes in the Queer Community.

Presenter: Lisa Smith

Most of you are now aware of the Trauma and Sadness found in the LGBTQ community. This talk, will be providing insight to the successes of the LGBTQ community to showcase what has been done and what can be done to foster positive change.

Sunday, November 27
Is There Community on the Internet?

Presenter: Dr. William Stahl

Many people can claim to have an on-line community, but are internet groups really communities? In order to answer that question we must first decide what a community is. This talk will present some criteria for evaluating such claims.