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In Memoriam

Shirley May Bemi – died September 4, 2016

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President's Corner

~ *Maggie Sharp*

Remarks from the Fall Congregational Meeting of October 23, 2016

Welcome, everyone, as we gather together to support, inspire and guide each other during this first year of transition.

There is a wonderful sense of energy about the place these days! I am so pleased to see new faces, and familiar faces I haven't seen in a while, as well as an abiding core of dedicated souls -- that's you -- who continue to contribute in a multitude of ways to advancing our work as a liberal faith community.

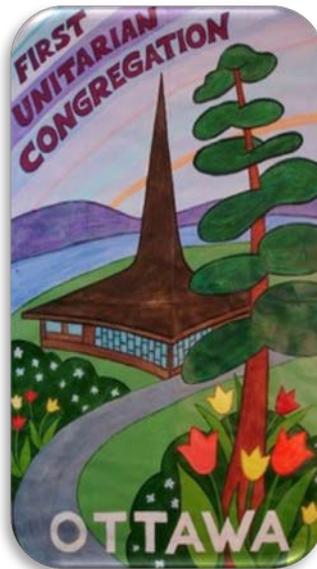
At First Unitarian, we have a long tradition of being a 'force for good' in this city and beyond. Although we don't tend to think of ourselves as a powerful institution, major events in our congregational timeline show what we can do when we pull together. Fifty years ago, this beautiful landmark did not exist, nor did Unitarian House or the River Parkway Childcare Centre. In the early 2000s, we were putting our beliefs into practice by offering sanctuary to individuals fleeing strife in East Asia; today, we are supporting Syrian families escaping war as they establish new homes in Canada.

As one of the largest congregations in the country, we have the power of many. And while I admit to worrying at times about our membership being eked away, the reality is that we are still over 300 strong -- without counting the many supportive friends and partners we have in the national capital community and beyond.

As time passes, the priorities of this Congregation may change, but the values

underpinning them endure.

What binds us together -- this proudly eclectic group of non-conformers -- is the covenant we make to each other. The one that is too long to recite by heart, and too high up on the wall to read in its tiny print. The one we worked so hard, collectively, to put together. It's not perfect, and neither are we. We make mistakes. And we will learn from them, and we will make things better.



Of the many priorities we have for the coming year, two are particularly important to me as an individual member and as President of the Board.

First, I believe we need to make our covenant come alive again. I heard lots of great suggestions about how to do this during the Building Community workshops last weekend, including developing practical supporting material and processes.

Secondly, we need to ensure we have a strong governance structure in place to sustain our work as a faith community. This involves making sure we all understand what decisions are made, by whom and why -- and how to get involved if we want to change something!

I hope that, with your engagement over the coming weeks and months, we can take concrete steps to develop these foundational elements, which will sustain us and help us grow into a magnet for a diversity of like-minded people who share our beliefs.

~ *Maggie Sharp*

In the Interim

~Dr. Paula Gable



Passing the Torch



Capital Region Interfaith Council Prayer Service: L-R: Rev. Frances Deverell, Rev. Dr. Paula R. Cannon Gable, Rev. Linda Goonewardene, Griffin Polis

In a service dedicated to right relationships between the older and younger generations, Unitarian Universalists in Ottawa stood out with an elegant ritual presented at the Capital Region Interfaith Council's Annual Prayer service, held October 16 at All Saints Anglican Church in Westboro.

In this ceremony, developed by Rev.

Frances Deverell, I explained the significance of the Flaming Chalice as the symbol of our free faith. Afterwards, we lit candles and chalices that conveyed the desire to pass our wisdom, our values and our faith on to those who will someday be the heirs to our tradition.

The Passing of the Torch liturgy also touched on the quote by Dr. Albert Schweitzer which we often use as a Chalice Lighting: "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within." Truer words were never spoken, and I think they are very much in keeping with our congregation's mission: *We kindle the light within and inspire courage to nurture the web of life and to create a just and compassionate world.*

As your Interim Minister, it is my job to ask "How are we doing?" This is precisely what we did at the Community Building Workshops led by Rev. Linda Thomson of the Canadian Unitarian Council on October 14-15. First we

reviewed the congregation's long, illustrious history by developing a "time line" of significant events. Then we looked at the power of covenants, the sacred promises we make to one another as members of this Beloved Community. And finally, we explored where this congregation would like to see itself in the future.

One of the recurring themes of the workshops was the need to focus on becoming a truly inter-generational congregation. As the number of "un-churched" people continues to grow, we can no longer assume that a younger generation will automatically come to Sunday services out of habit or a sense of tradition or obligation. The demographic trends tell us that if organized religion is to continue to thrive, we must adapt *now* to the needs and wants of younger generations. As any good Darwinian would tell us: "Change or die."

I, for one, value religious community so greatly that I have dedicated my life to serving our religious movement. "Die" is not a viable option for anyone who loves our ideal and the work we do in the world. What we do is important – and it truly saves lives.

At the same time, what worked in 1995 will no longer work in the 21st Century. Expecting exhausted parents to run the Children's Religious Education program is no longer an option. Most of our parents work full-time and simply want to have their "batteries recharged" on Sunday mornings. So we'll need to address their needs if they're going to join us. This includes changing the ways we do things because they no longer speak to a generation raised on iPhones and the Internet. I'm only in my 50's and I realize that my world view is *sooo* much different from that of a

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“twenty-something.” Boomers, Gen-X’ers and Millennials all see the world in different ways. In fact, the generational divide can be a chasm if we are not minding the gap.

Although most of us know this at some level, and honestly like the idea of becoming a congregation that is diverse in age as well as ethnic background, gender identity, etc., we acknowledged at the workshop that there are numerous challenges to overcome.

In one of the previous congregations I served, the members stated they wanted to become an “intergenerational congregation.” They had done the research and knew that, to survive and flourish, they had to reach out to the wider community to invite younger people. The reality of what was happening began to sink in.

We started changing the format of religious services to be more child-and-family-friendly. This included livelier music, a weekly “Time for All Ages”, more rituals and movement, and less talk, including a shorter sermon. Oh, and did I mention the audio-visual slide show, which the Board told me explicitly they would like to see me do?

What seemed like a great idea turned out to have some unintended consequences. The people who liked a more traditional service (and had been pillars of the congregation and active donors for decades) felt that they were being “pushed out” by the younger people who actually did start showing up. They hated the Power Point shows. And, surprisingly enough, many of the younger people did too because they wanted to get away from all that noise and distraction.

To make matters worse, many of these younger people who were “taking over the congregation” could not make large financial contributions, because they had such a hard time simply making ends meet. So what seemed like a great idea in theory became an interesting exercise in learning about the power of covenants, and the full meaning of Beloved Community.

The story has a happy ending. After undergoing some growing pains, the older people shared their wisdom and lifetime of experience; the younger

people shared their energy and enthusiasm and spirit of curiosity and a burning desire to take on injustices in the wider community. They developed an understanding that people give according to their ability, and that it may well be the responsibility of the older generations to “pay it forward” so that a new generation can experience Unitarian Universalism.

With time, patience, understanding, and a commitment to live out the promises of their covenants, they now feel much more like a five-generation family. Every now and then, they still experience some growing pains, particularly around scheduling programs, because the older retirees wanted daytime programming, and the working parents could only attend on nights and weekends.

But then, growing pains are precisely that – an opportunity to stretch and grow to make way for new generations of UU’s, who will undoubtedly do things in ways we older folk never imagined. With each new possibility that presents itself, people of all ages come together to consider the needs and perspectives of all the generations.

What will we do to ensure that we hold the torch high, in order to pass it on to future generations? I know you are up to the challenge to figure that out together, because one of the other emerging themes of the Community Building Workshops was that this is a congregation that rises to a challenge. Seize the opportunity!

In faith, with sincere gratitude for all you are and do,

Paula



Your Guide to First Unitarian's Fall Fair

Saturday, November 19, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Did you know that...

- *The Fall Fair started 35 years ago and that it now takes the coordinated efforts of almost 400 volunteers to prepare and run it?*
- *The Fall Fair is the second largest fundraiser for the church and last year constituted an amazing 10% of the congregation's operating budget?*
- *By 9:00 in the morning there is already a long line-up to get in the door? Complimentary coffee will chase your chills away.*

New Activity

For the first time, 50-50 raffle tickets will be sold with half the proceeds going to the church, half to the lucky winner. Buy lots, increase your chances of winning!

Fall Fair Needs YOU

We are on the lookout:

- For more volunteers in just about all the sales areas, during the week before the sale as well as on the day of the Fair, from Lunchroom to Women's Casual to Silent Auction...
- For movers, sorters, drivers, bakers, sellers, and helpers, especially from Nov. 12 to sale day Nov 19.
- To borrow bridge tables and help with trucks, trailers, and vans.

Please check the church website for more Fall Fair information &/or call **Margot Clarke** at mmclarke80@gmail.com (613-820-6596) to volunteer.

We need buyers too so make sure you come to buy! This is a great opportunity to find new must-haves for yourselves or gifts (especially for the upcoming holiday season) at extraordinary prices. Bring your friends!

Donations

We've asked earlier this year and we are asking again! Preparations are underway, so clean out those closets, basements, and garages. We welcome forgotten treasures rather than well-loved, well ... junk that we'll end up discarding at a cost. So please, donate only things you

would want to buy yourself. And nothing bigger than one person can carry alone.

Pre-sorting your donations is a must!

- Make sure all items are clean and safe—not chipped, broken, dirty or mouldy!
- Try to group like items together
- Use boxes rather than bags, and label for contents.
- Keep boxes small enough for a person to lift and carry. If needed, call **Katharine Gunn** at 613-729-0504, klgunn@magma.ca/ for packing boxes.

Dropping off Donations

Donations are gratefully received at the church from Monday, Nov. 14 to Thursday, Nov. 17, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to the west parking-lot door where there will be directional signs. Helpers will be at the door to assist on weekdays, 10:00- 11:30am and 1:00- 2:30pm.

Valuable items (over \$50) may be suitable for the Silent Auction and should be registered for a tax receipt to be issued for the purchase price.

Exceptions to this are:

Preserves and baking can be dropped off on Friday, Nov. 18 until 5:00 p.m. or Saturday morning, Nov. 19, before sales start.

For those whose only window of opportunity is Sunday Nov. 13 after service, donations may be brought to the parking lot door after coffee hour, while rooms are being set up. See directions at that door.



Your Guide to First Unitarian's Fall Fair

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Pickup and storage:

If you have a pressing need to bring donations to the church earlier than November 9th, call **Katherine Gunn** at 613-729-0504, klgunn@magma.ca / ahead of time about storage.

For pick-up of articles for Fall Fair, call Katherine with 2 weeks' notice but before November 7.

For boxes to use in packing, call Katherine or get from helpers at the drop-off door Nov. 14-17.



What to bring:

- Jewellery, stamps and coins (at any time to the church office)
- Clothing & accessories for men, women, teens
- Books, CDs, tapes, records (no VCR tapes)
- Electronics (consider working stereos, iPods or computers)
- Toys, Games, Puzzles
- Fine artwork, glassware, china
- Linens & curtains (no large drapes)
- Household items (kitchenware, tools, small furniture, knick-knacks)

All items must be carryable by a single person

What not to bring:

- Items that are dirty, mouldy or need repair (unless it is jewellery)
- Equipment for small children (cannot be resold due to safety implications)
- Fabric & Children's clothing (no booths)
- Bathing suits or under-garments unless unworn & still tagged
- Bridal gowns & Stuffed toys (these do not sell)
- old TVs or CRT monitors
- Tires
- textbooks, magazines (including National Geographic), Reader's Digest Condensed

Volunteer Parking Passes

The church parking lot is reserved for Fall Fair customers so we ask volunteers to park on the side streets. Volunteers can get a street-parking permit from their convenor. The shuttle and parking lot managers also will distribute permits the day of the sale.

Quiche Baking for the Lunchroom at Fall Fair

There will be a Quiche Baking Bee at the church on Wednesday, November 9 starting at 9 a.m. We are looking for volunteers to come and help out. All ingredients will be provided. Volunteers, please e-mail or phone **Wendy Tomlinson**, wendyraet65@gmail.com, 613-829-1964 or **Elisabeth Morrison**, eq604@ncf.ca, 613-225-6702.

Alternatively, donations for supplies would be appreciated (\$10 suggested). Please drop off at the office.



Meet a Member: Christine Deane

The first in a series of short biographies of members of our congregation, a project initiated by Isabel Burrows.



At 96, Christine still has the beauty and grace she had when she married the love of her life, Ken Deane, at 17. After completing Grade 13 at Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto, she opted for marriage to this “most handsome man” rather than university, with no regrets during their 67 years together.

Born in 1920 in Hespeler, Ontario, she moved at age 2 to Toronto where her father worked as an electrical engineer. As the eldest of four, Christine learned early to manage child care and responsibility. In the late Depression, Christine and Ken struggled but Ken worked at several jobs while two daughters were born.

Later, with Ken employed with the Municipality of St. Catharines, the family

purchased a small house. In 1942, Ken joined the Air Force for overseas duty, and Christine took on driving transport trucks for the Canadian Red Cross, forming life-long friendships with several co-workers. She gained and maintained skills in leadership, first aid and driving. Christine has always read voraciously, including years with a Great Books club at the St. Catharines Public Library where members read and discussed the classics; she also read the university texts used by her daughters. In 1956, the Deane family moved to Ottawa, with three daughters, as Ken was hired by a construction company. Christine enjoyed increasing her use of French, and her reading became more bilingual.

After exploring various churches, Christine began attending the (Unitarian) Church of Our Father on Elgin Street, with her youngest daughter in the Religious Education program. With five hundred children enrolled in the Religious Education (RE) program, Christine’s years of Unitarian volunteering began. This continued at First Unitarian Congregation, built in 1967. Christine taught various ages, and worked with RE leaders and Committees. The lower level had been purpose-built to share with a daycare, and Christine assisted in the founding of River

Parkway Preschool. Another interest was listening to recorded music in the acoustically splendid Worship Hall, with the Westboro Recorded Music Club; ‘WRMS’ members continue to meet once a month.

Christine thrived as a Girl Guide Commissioner, Board member on the Mental Health Association’s and First Unitarian’s Boards, also serving on financial campaigns and the Caring Committee. Relaxation came at the family cottage near Perth, still enjoyed by extended family. Christine has eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and many close relatives. She and Ken travelled in North America, Britain, and various European countries for which she studied the languages, greatly enhancing her enjoyment of each country. For ten winters, Christine and Ken helped her elderly parents in their Florida home.

Attending UU services with her daughter Alexandra Devine remains a priority for Christine, sixty years after her first visit. At 96, an enthusiastic Christine says, “I’ve had an exciting life!”

~ Interviewed by Janice Tait

Thank you Merci Meegwitch

~ compiled by Alastaire Henderson

Here are some people and activities to appreciate, recognize, and celebrate:

- ♥ A big thank you to **Jen Brennan** for all her help with formatting and getting the Fall Edition of the Lifespan Learning Guide ready to be printed on our church photocopier
- ♥ Thanks, and thanks again, to our custodial staff, **Lori, Charles and Moe**, for their excellent help moving the office furniture, and thanks to **Kevin and Maryssa** for assembling the desk for our Interim Minister Paula.
- ♥ Kudos to the Transition Team of **Margaret Linton, Joan Turner, Donna Bowen-Willer, Anne Nagy, and John Scott-Thomas**, plus various helpers, for organizing the well-attended and energetic October 14 & 15 "Building our Community: First steps towards a new ministry" workshops.
- ♥ Many thanks to all of you who contributed so generously with food for the morning snacks and luncheon goodies. The workshop participants were very appreciative of the lovely spread of food they found.
- ♥ Appreciation to **Rev. Linda Goonewardene and Paul McGinnis** for facilitating the first study session, on November 12, of the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Reflection Guide, as part of our Social Responsibilities focus on indigenous issues.

You can submit items by sending an email to Alastaire at hendersalas@gmail.com or by calling 613-562-2253 at least 48 hours before the Parkway Spire deadline.



Bread Communion
Oct 9, 2016



Social Responsibility Council

Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Study

As part of our current Social Responsibilities focus on indigenous issues, we are pleased to present a four-session adult study of the “Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Reflection Guide” developed by the Canadian Unitarian Council.



All sessions will be in Fellowship Hall on Saturday afternoons, starting at 1:30 pm. The first three sessions will end at 4:00 pm, the fourth at 4:15 pm. Here are the dates and subjects:

1. Nov. 12, 2016 – Engaging and Locating Ourselves
2. Jan. 21, 2017 – Understanding
3. Mar. 18, 2017 – Connection
4. Apr. 15, 2017 – Healing and Reconciliation

Although there is a logical sequence to the four sessions, each one is designed to stand on its own, so it is not necessary to attend all sessions. The cost is \$5 per session or pay what you can.

To register for the sessions, send an email to adultlearning@firstunitarianottawa.ca, use the signup sheets in the Lifespan Learning binder in the west lobby, or contact Maury Prevost, 613-231-7391.

This is the first time we are offering this study and we would like to offer it again in the future, quite possibly in

several different formats.

The material is intended to encourage our community to learn more about the richness of aboriginal spirituality and cultures, working together to advance the struggle for justice for indigenous people in Canada. The CUC task force that developed the Guide collected educational multimedia materials about the process of colonization, in particular the Indian Residential School System and its impacts on our history and present-day life.

Major sources of the materials include: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada; The National Film Board of Canada; Reconciliation Canada; Legacy of Hope; Aboriginal Healing Foundation; and KAIROS Canada. The task force consulted various aboriginal elders and educators, as well as non-aboriginal educators with experience in teaching about aboriginal traditions.

The Guide was developed to provide Unitarian Universalist context through activities, reading lists, reflection questions and spiritual exercises for different ages. The material also provides lots of opportunities for self-study before or after each session.

For additional background, see <http://cuc.ca/truth-healing-reconciliation>

~ Maury Prevost



Syrian Newcomers Update

It is a little over a year since FUCO's Syrian Refugee Sub Group first met to find a way to help Syrian refugees. After fundraising and setting up the group, we went headlong into the application process. A lot has been accomplished since then and here is an update on our activities. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your time, your work, your energy, your donations, and most of all, your care of Syrian newcomers.



Our First Family

Sabah and Zuhir and their five children, Mohammed, Ahmed, Yazan, Jana and Sham, arrived last February and have now settled in their new Blossom Park neighbourhood. They've met neighbours, made new friends, and enjoyed the many nearby pools and parks. They've also been helping their cousins, who arrived in July as Government Assisted Refugees, and are now settled in a few doors down the street. Zuhir is taking English at Algonquin and the three boys are back at Blossom Park Public School where they're learning English with ease. Sabah is thrilled to be starting ESL classes while volunteers provide temporary childcare for the two girls until a daycare subsidy is arranged.

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Social Responsibility Council cont...

Our Second Family

In mid-August, Mohammad and Nadeen, with their young children Sedra (three) and Khaled (two), arrived at the Ottawa airport to a welcoming group of volunteers. Several members of our first family joined the celebration as well. Our second family's long journey went via Amman, Cairo and Toronto to a warm summer rain in Ottawa.



Since then our amazing volunteers have helped Mohammad and Nadeen to: get permanent housing (a furnished two-bedroom apartment in Nepean); acquaint themselves with their neighbourhood and the bus system, visiting banks, supermarkets, drugstores and the library; apply for health and SIN cards, ID cards, and daycare for the children; get their first medical appointments, English-language assessments. Both parents are now in ESL classes while the children attend a nearby daycare. Volunteers wrestle daily with seeing their city and society through the eyes of newcomers—this is both a challenge and a privilege.

Our Third Family

The congregation is sponsoring one more family (of five) found through the Ottawa Syrian community. We submitted the application in August and it will take at least a year for the family to be processed by the Canadian government. As with our first two families, we will be responsible for their financial support and settlement for one year.

Other Families

FUCO has also co-sponsored another family (a mother, her daughter and two sons) who arrived just recently and are living with their daughter and sister, Ruba (the co-sponsor). Ruba is providing all the financial and settlement support so we expect to have minimal involvement with this family. Ruba first approached the Congregation for help last fall. She was concerned because her brothers were quickly reaching the age when they would be conscripted into the Syrian army. At that point, the family was still living in Syria, but moved to Lebanon so they would be official refugees and thus eligible to come to Canada. We received a lovely note from Ruba after her sister arrived thanking us for our help and telling us we made her dreams come true.

The Congregation also has Memoranda of Understanding with three community groups. In these cases, we have the financial responsibility to

administer funds collected by the community groups for their sponsored families and to ensure that they are helping their refugee family to settle and integrate into Canadian life. None of these families has yet arrived in Canada.

To keep abreast of news about our activities be sure to look at our web site and blog at: <http://www.firstunitarianottawa.ca/refugee-info.html>

Jan Andrews and Trisha Paul-Carson, Co-Chairs Syrian Refugee Sub Group First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa

It isn't love that makes the world go round

but compassion – starting over in gentleness

when love hasn't been enough or other factors have failed:

a gentle refusal to blame oneself or others and just begin again.

Nancy Shaffer (Unitarian Universalist, clergy) from While Still There Is Light: Writings From A Minister Facing Death



Announcements



Musical Interludes

Once again, there will be a **Christmas Choir** for our 7:30 Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals are every Sunday in December, 12:30-1 in the NOW Room. All are welcome!

There will be no **Spirit Singers** for the month of December. Stay tuned for our 2017 start-up date!

There will be no **Song Circle** in November. December's Song Circle will be Saturday December 17th from 4:00-5:00 at Unitarian House.

Our **Winter Concert** is **Saturday December 10th at 3:00pm**. Keep an eye out for our poster!

Women's Personal Growth Group

Topic: "Death - how it has affected us" (our reactions, and remembering those who have died).

Please join us on Wednesday November 2, at 7:15 p.m. in Room 6, on the lower level.

Contact:
evelyn.algar@rogers.com

UU Round Table Lunch

Where: at Mia's Restaurant, 917 Richmond Road
Open to all Unitarian Universalists and guests. Lively discussions take place among members who have diverse interests and experiences.

When: Third Friday of the month: Nov. 18 and Dec. 16.

Contact: Tudy McLaine, [613-745-8074](tel:613-745-8074) or Marjorie Daechsel, [613-596-1471](tel:613-596-1471) by the preceding Thursday to reserve a table.



Deck the Halls for Christmas Dinner - December 25, 2016

Are you wishing you could enjoy Christmas in a festive group setting? Come and join us in Fellowship Hall for a delicious pot-luck dinner. Singles, couples, and families with children all welcome. Games before dinner. Dinner at 6 pm. Want to be part of creating the fun? Please let me know.

RSVP: Rev. Frances Deverell
frandev@sympatico.ca,
613-747-7584

NB: I am looking for someone to take the lead next year. Please let me know if you are interested.



Unitarian GoGos

We welcome new members at our monthly meetings at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 24, and Thursday Dec. 15 in Rm 5 downstairs. Unitarian GoGos raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa and fundraise for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Contact: Joan Turner
joan@joejoan.ca
Wendy Doyle,
doylewendy@rogers.com

Unitarian Seniors

Program: November

Jenny Ross will lead the annual pre-Christmas music program and Patricia Stockwell will lead the worship service.

When: Wednesday, Nov. 30 **Where:**

Service: 1:00 p.m.

Program: 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments (\$3 or pay what you can): 2:30 p.m.

Worship/Fellowship Hall **RSVP** (if you are not on the phone list):

Maureen Sly at 613-728-7610 or

mmsly@rogers.com by Sunday, Nov. 27.

Note: Earphones available in Worship and Fellowship Halls. Service and program can be recorded on a CD (cost \$5) or be available as a broadcast from our website (free), provided permission for such has been given by the speaker(s).



Announcements continued...

Friends of the Meditation Gardens

We are holding our **Fall Clean-up** on **Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, with a break for a brown-bag lunch at noon. Hot drinks, cookies and fruit provided. We need to dig compost into flower beds, fertilize and mulch trees, cut back dead/dying vegetation, rake and bag leaves, clean and store bird baths & plant labels, etc. Even if you can spare only an hour or two, please come out to help put our gardens to bed for the winter.

Contact: Alastaire, 613-562-2253, congregation.garden@gmail.com

Friday Reading for Growth Group

There has been a change in the book to be featured at the November meeting of the Friday group. We will be discussing the title previously chosen for October, “The Invisible History of the Human Race: How DNA and History Shape Our Identities and Our Futures”, by Christine Kenneally. Newcomers are welcome.

When: November 25, at 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Margot Clarke 613-820-6506, mmclarke80@gmail.com

UN Working Group Meetings

Sunday November 6, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday December 4, 12:30 p.m.

Please communicate with your *Transition Team*
about our Interim Ministry —
positives, concerns, and suggestions



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