



# THE CHALICE

JUNE 2018

## ***A Note from The Rev. Peter Boullata***

At this time of year, I often find myself filled with a sense of abundance. The sun is shining, there is plenty of fresh produce in the community garden and at the farmers' market. There seems to be more time to visit with friends and family with people taking time off work in the summertime. The "living is easy" and it is easy to feel thankful for life's blessings.

I continue to be filled with gratitude, every day, for the people that surround me, the work that it is my privilege to do and the blessings of health and... well, there is just so much to feel grateful for!

The challenge for me, as I'm sure it is with you, is to maintain that sense of thankfulness when the sun is not shining and everything does not seem so satisfying. I've never been one to say that difficult times (job loss, workplace stress, the end of a relationship, grief and bereavement) are things anybody should be thankful for. Oh I know that we learn something from such events and seasons of the heart, and often what we learn are life-giving insights. Gratitude for the wisdom wrought from those times seems appropriate, though I would never wish difficulty or suffering on anybody.

"I had no shoes and complained, until I met a man who had no feet," says an Indian proverb. Even at those times when it seems we have nothing to be thankful for, if we look again, we can see with appreciation what we do have.

My wish for all who read these words is the sometime unbidden sense of gratitude as well as its cultivation in the daily reminder that all life is a gift. May we all know the blessing of contentment and fulfillment.

Yours in hope,  
Peter Boullata

## ***Sunday Worship Schedule*** **10:45 a.m.**

### **June 3 - First Sunday Potluck Brunch**

Topic - "Practice being grateful"

Service Leader - Judith Warren

### **June 10 - Gratitude, Sharing and Radical Justice** - Worship Leader: Alison Konrad

As UUs, we understand that we live in an interconnected world. Gratitude for the good things in our lives honours what others do for us every day. When we are complacent, we take the work of others for granted. When we are grateful, we are motivated to share. How can everyday gratitude help us share our gifts to work toward radical justice for those less fortunate than ourselves?

### **June 17 - Whole Church Service**

Service Leaders: Lori Turner Otte and Children and Youth of RE

### **June 24 - "Grace Notes"**

Worship Leader - Rev. Peter Boullata

In this service, we will explore how we respond to all of what life offers to us - with gratitude.

## ***From the President***

On May 18 I attended the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council. I can report that that discussion about the Annual Program Contribution from congregations will continue at the executive level this year. Every intention is being focussed on developing a plan that is fair for very small as well as larger congregations. There was a report on the Truth Healing and Reconciliation Reflection Guides which are now available for all age groups. The CUC has launched a new

## ***From the President - cont.***

web site which has a lot more information than in the past. I also attended the Conference on Friday evening and Saturday. I found it enriching and revitalising.

The theme this month is Gratitude and it seems fitting to be reflecting on gratitude as we begin our new congregational year. This past Sunday we held our annual meeting and voted to pass the budget. We also elected new members to the Board of Trustees. I would like to thank Ann Klinck and Kat Proctor who are both leaving the board. I have greatly appreciated Ann's thoroughness and calm attention to detail and Kat's fresh perspectives. Thank-you both for the wisdom and energy you brought to the board.

Welcome to Linda Lincoln and Erica Graham who are new to the board. Together, with Allan Grose and Alastair Henry, I know we will make a great team. I am honoured by the trust you have placed in me to chair the board for a second year.

Our first Board meeting together will be Tuesday June 26 at 6:30. At that meeting we will renew our contract with our quarter time minister, The Rev. Peter Boullata. We will also assign responsibilities, firm up a regular time for meetings and make plans for a Board Retreat later in the summer.

I am so grateful for this congregation and all the friends I have here. I am grateful for the confidence, steadiness and spiritual sustenance I gain here.

Judith Warren

**Volunteer, Participate, Attend**  
**Join us:**  
**As We Walk With *PRIDE***  
**In the London, Ontario Gay *PRIDE* Parade**

Planning has already begun as the UFL continues its longstanding Unitarian Universalist participation in London's Annual Gay Pride Celebration.

As a Welcoming Congregation, this joyous celebration is a natural part of our support for the [LGBTQ] Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer community.

We joyfully make this commitment because two of our Unitarian Universalist faith aspirations call upon us to be radically inclusive and actively engaged.

Messengers Mark Konrad and Bill Ratcliffe are organizing our Unitarian Universalist presence at the UFL information table in the Pride tent and the Pride Parade. The co-chairs offer a warm invitation to all who would like to join them and help plan and implement our UU involvement in this exciting activity.

**Our UFL table will be set up from Friday, July 27th to Sunday, July 29th with the Pride Parade starting on Sunday, July 29th at 12:30 pm.**

This promises to be a memorable promenade through the streets of Old East Village section of London. You bring the passion, energy and enthusiasm and we will furnish UFL T-shirts, Gay Pride Flags, UFL Banners, signs, and cool refreshment on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> as well as transportation to and from the parade.

**Please keep the dates of July 27, July 28, July 29 open to participate in this great event.**

As Unitarian Universalists ready to answer the call to action, be prepared for more updates in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact  
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or Mark Konrad at 519-438-9284; [globalimportune@bell.net](mailto:globalimportune@bell.net).

# **2018 Summer Day Camp**

**July 30 to August 3**

**Unitarian Fellowship of London  
557 Clarke Road**

***Art & Crafts, Science & Nature, Cooking, Gardening,  
Drama, Outdoor Play***

**\*Ages 6 to 12\***

*(Last year we had a grant from the CUC, but this year we are asking UFL members to consider sponsoring a camper who may require a full or partial subsidy to attend. Please see Lori Otte to donate or if you have questions.)*

**Care Team Contact**

**For June**

**Bob Harrington**

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## ***To Reach Rev. Boullata***

I am available to meet and visit with you primarily on Sundays that I am at the UFL, (generally, but not always, the second and fourth Sunday of the month) between 3 and 6 p.m. It is best to email or call ahead, and to arrange with me in advance if you'd like to make an appointment or have me visit with you during those times. I am sometimes available at other times, so check with me.

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## ***Allergy Alert***

**Please be reminded that the UFL is a peanut free zone.**

**No cookies or squares with Peanuts or Peanut Butter can be served at any time.**

## **The Unitarian Fellowship of London**

557 Clarke Road, London, ON, N5V 2E1

**Minister:** The Reverend Peter Boullata

Sunday Services 10:45am

### **The Board**

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