



# The Chalice – November 2024

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## From Your Board President

Good morning, everyone.

I hope everyone has a serendipitous day. Last night, Dan and I went on the Eldon House ghost tour. We dressed up, and it was great fun. Thinking of spirits, I came across a quote I liked and want to share. I researched this but could not find the author; nonetheless, I committed it to memory. Here it goes: “When your spirituality denies others their humanity, it is not spirituality but hatred wrapped up in religiosity.”

I think Halloween is a time we can let out our inner selves and delve into a little fantasy. We dress up as witches and creatures of the night. I hope when morning breaks we remember that it was fun to be a witch for one day; however, trust that our prejudices do not take over and we forget those who are marginalized. That is part of why I became a Unitarian in the first place. We accept and celebrate diversity.

Happy Samhain, everyone.

Many blessings,  
Jerrod Whitman  
Board President

## Fall Services Auction

The leaves are falling, the air is feeling crisp, and that means it's time for the annual fall services auction! Our inclusive live services auction will be held on November 23rd, with doors opening at 5:00.

The theme this year is "Let's do the Time Warp again!" We will be celebrating with games and decorations from times gone by. Please dress up in styles from your favorite decade. It's time to break out those poodle skirts, bell bottom jeans or go-go boots.

We're pleased to announce a return to the live action format with Mark Konrad agreeing to be our auctioneer for the evening.

This is always a fabulous event, and to make it work we need your help! We need you all to put forward services for others to bid on. In the past, services have included baked goods, pottery classes, tarot readings, yard maintenance help, and tech help. The possibilities are endless.

On the day of the auction, members are strongly encouraged to contribute their most generous donation. However, a donation of any amount will mean you will get 600 unibucks to spend on the services of your choice.

We'll also need volunteers to help on the day and before including people to prepare food, set up, and tear down. There will be sign up sheets available on the day, however if you already know you would like to volunteer for something specific, please contact Jen at [jennifer.sadler@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.sadler@gmail.com).

## **A Message from Jennifer Schofield (acting Admin Chair of Unicamp)**

Greetings Unitarian Fellowship of London,

Unicamp extends its deep gratitude to Yvette Salinas, for her valued contributions to the leadership of Unicamp, upon her decision to leave the role of Executive Director.

In a farewell message, Yvette writes: “Dear Unicamp Community, it has been an honour to serve as Executive Director at Unicamp, but now the time has come for me to pass the leadership role on. I have appreciated the opportunity to grow as a person by meeting the challenges a charitable organization faces, learning to appreciate and collaborate with my staff, and engaging with the spirituality found in nature. Though I pass the baton of leadership on, I will always love the UC community.”

We ask for the community’s assistance in the immediate search for and hiring of a new E.D. by sharing this job posting.

# Sunday Services


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## Evensong on Gratitude

Worship Leader: Lori Otte

New research on how to make your gratitude practice deeper.

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 10:45 AM -  
11:45 AM

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## The Unitarian Universalist Gratitude/Love Connection


Worship Leader: Bill Ratcliffe

Discussion Questions:

1. Is gratitude important to you?
2. How does gratitude affect your UU faith?
3. How can our Congregation foster gratitude?

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## The Practice of Deep Connection

Worship Speaker: CUC

Part of the Roots of Resilience package in the Meaning Making project. How do we foster healthy relationships between people, communities and the earth?

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## Judaism and Social Justice

Worship Speaker: Rabbi Debra Stahlberg Dressler of Temple Israel of London

Rabbi Dressler will deliver a reflection on the relationship of Judaism and Social Justice.

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 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM


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## Upcoming Events

### Memorial for Graydon Symonds

Join us to remember Graydon Symonds

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 2:00 PM

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### Soup Siblings' Luncheon

Join us on the second Monday of the month at Edgar and Joe's at the Goodwill downtown at 255 Horton St. Don't worry about arriving late; just come in and join our table. (Note: Goodwill offers senior discounts in their store this day.)

 11 NOV

 12:00 PM

 Edgar and Joe's at the Goodwill Downtown  
255 Horton St

### United Way Stair Climb

The TD Stair Climb for the United Way is on Wednesday,

 13 NOV

 Canada Life

November 13. Consider joining other members of the Fellowship as part our own Unitarian Fellowship of London Team!

Participants will climb the 1000 steps up and down the arena bowl, or walk or wheel the rink-side all-abilities track at Canada Life Place (formerly known as Budweiser Gardens).

Please: join the UFL Team or donate

We will reserve a time on November 13 to walk or climb together as a Team. Transport will be organized for those who need a drive to the venue. Registration is \$25/person on-line. Members of the Social Justice Network will assist in registering anyone who doesn't have on-line access. We will also do our best to help anyone who would like to participate but is financially unable to pay the full fee. Participants are encouraged to attract sponsors in their own networks, e.g., friends, relatives, other residents in apartment buildings or neighbourhoods, etc.

This is one more opportunity for members and friends of the UFL to "act in the world", foster collegiality, and improve visibility of the Fellowship within the larger community.

## UU Men's Lunch Group


A warm welcome is extended to men within our Congregation who would like to join other Unitarian Universalist men for food and conversation on Monday, November 18 at 1:00 pm., at the Family Circle Restaurant, at 147 Wellington St. London.

The UU Men's Lunch Group meets monthly for lunch, on the third Monday. The normal attendance is 6-8 men. A warm welcome awaits you.

Tom Orchard, (tomjoyorchard@gmail.com) emails members of the group the week before the monthly lunch, to determine who

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Budweiser  
Gardens)  
99 Dundas  
Street London  
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 1:00 PM - 2:00  
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will be attending. You may contact Tom Orchard, if you have any questions. Hope to see you at the next lunch.

## UFL Book Club

The UFL Book Club has been around for 38 or 39 years, just slightly more than half of the ULF's existence. The UFL Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 2-4 pm. The UFL Book Club's most recent meeting was on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 2-4 pm, in-person, at the UFL. It was a small group who were able to attend as it occurred the day after Thanksgiving. The book discussed was **'The Most Precious Substance on Earth'** by Shashi Bhat. Reports were of a good meeting with varying attitudes with respect to whether each individual member had enjoyed the book.


Muriel distributed the November book, **'Runaway Wives and Rogue Feminists: The Origins of Women's Shelters Movement in Canada'** by Margo Goodhand at the October meeting. Our November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 2-4 pm, hopefully and most likely in-person at the UFL.


If you are interested in joining the UFL Book Club please contact me, Alice Wehlau, the coordinator of the Book Club. I hope to hear from you.

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3:00 PM

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tuned for our announcements in the coming services.


## UFL Movie Night


Join us for movie night at the UFL. This month, the movie night will be moved to the last week of the month to accommodate the services auction on November 23. We will be playing a new movie to delight you. Come for the movie, stay for the discussion and comraderie. Snacks and pizza will be provided. More information coming soon.

Doors open at 5:30pm, Movie starts at 6:00pm.

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