

Unitarian Principle

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence
of which we are a part

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Don Heights by regularly
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November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Join us on Zoom Meeting ID: 833 995 2710 Password: 1111 Dial in 647-374-4685 OR 647-558-0588 https://zoom.us/j/8339952710?pwd=R0k0ZXI3WlIFR2xFMW9UWEdjTDIOZz09						
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3 Service - 10:30 am Bob's War Presenter: John Sproule Music: Curated ACSA/FPM Collection 12:15 pm Don Heights Potluck	4 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Office Open 7:00 pm * Multifaith Spiritual Dialogue Circle: Tolerance	5	6 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Virtual Office 11:00 am * Sunday Services Committee 5:00 pm * Virtual Coffee Hour	7 10:30 am DHGrowth 1:00 pm * Online Vegan Lunch Group 7:00 pm * Don Heights Singers	8 7:15 pm Doors Open * Bill's Coffeehouse & Open Mic featuring Magenta	9
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17 Service - 10:30 am Banning Books to Prevent Children From Harm Presenter: Dr. Ira Wells Music: Dr. Shradda Pai 12:15 pm Whole Foods Plant-Based Potluck 2:00 pm Piano Concert Alex Serendenko	18 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Virtual Office	19 1:00 pm Social Action Discussion	20 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Virtual Office 5:00 pm * Virtual Coffee Hour	21 1:00 pm * Online Vegan Lunch Group 7:00 pm * Don Heights Singers December Calendar Published	22	23
24 Service - 10:30 am On Friendship Presenter: Reverend Lynn Harrison Music: Reverend Lynn Harrison and the Don Heights Singers	25 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Office Open 7:15 pm * Men's Discussion Group	26 10:30 am Do Be Do Group	27 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Office Open 5:00 pm * Virtual Coffee Hour	28 1:00 pm * Online Vegan Lunch Group 7:00 pm * Don Heights Singers	29 3:00 pm * Women's Group	30

November 2024 Sunday Services

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November 3 at 10:30 am

Bob's War

Presenter: John Sproule

Service Leader: John Kennedy

Music: Curated

As we approach Remembrance Day, John Sproule remembers the experiences of his father, Robert "Bob" Stanley Sproule, in World War 2. Bob had a variety of wartime experiences: from civilian worker and fleeing refugee in wartime France, to RCAF ground crew in Canada, Newfoundland, Britain and France, to US Army Intelligence in France and Germany. All of it was documented in dozens of letters home, accompanied by photographs. His family preserved it all, and it forms the basis for today's talk.

John Sproule has been a member at Don Heights since 1995, where he is known for his slide shows filled with short UU biographies. His father Bob was not a Unitarian, but **John** has stepped outside his comfort zone to present his unusual tale.

November 10 at 10:30 am

Strife

Presenter: Terri Palmer

Service Leader: Germaine Kovary

Music: Don Heights Singers

The US election happens November 5. Not knowing who will win, the US will still be strife-ridden, even if a winner has been declared. Unitarian Universalists don't like strife, but we can't always avoid it. What do we do when both sides disagree so much about everything and both believe themselves to be completely right?

Terri Palmer came to Canada in 2003 to take a professorial position at York University. Since leaving York in 2010, **Terri** has been a professional writer, both as a freelancer and as a full-time technical writer. She also took an MDiv, graduating in 2020. In her free time, **Terri** is a Toastmaster, a cat socializer (on hiatus), and a video gamer.



November 17 at 10:30 am

Banning Books to Save Children From Harm

Presenter: Dr. Ira Wells

Service Leader: John Kennedy

Music: Dr. Shradda Pai

This talk takes up the recent rise in book banning in two very different contexts: specifically, among the efforts of Florida-based parent's rights groups who push to ban books by sexual and racial minorities, and among educators in Ontario who are "weeding" books that do not adhere to progressive orthodoxy.

We'll think about how both of these groups resort to censorship in order to prevent "harm" to children, and will further consider book banning as a form of symbolic violence.

Dr. Ira Wells is a critic, essayist, and an associate professor at Victoria College in the University of Toronto, where he serves as Academic Programs Director and teaches in the Northrop Frye stream in literature and the humanities in the Vic One program. His writing has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *the Globe and Mail*, *The Guardian*, *The New Republic*, and many other venues. His next book, *On Book Banning*, is out February, 2025.

Lady Pi (**Shraddha Pai**) is a Toronto-based jazz singer and emerging artist, who combines a love of pre-1970s jazz with an international influence. She leads Lady Pi & the Prismatics, which combines jazz, international melodies and selections from pop culture, with originals. Visit ladypimusic.com for show listings.

November 24 at 10:30 am

On Friendship

Presenter: Reverend Lynn Harrison

Service Leader: Lorna Weigand

Music: Reverend Lynn Harrison and the Don Heights Singers

Research shows that friendships and social connections improve our well-being in many ways. Yet friendships can change over the course of a lifetime, often calling for as much care as other relationships.

Reverend Lynn Harrison invites us to reflect on our friendships over the years and how they shape our lives.

Reverend Lynn served at Toronto First since 2016 and is now speaking to us monthly. She is also a recognized singer-songwriter and has recently produced her seventh recording entitled *Treasure*.