

# First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg



## The Communicator

May 2021



Religious Exploration begins at 10:00 am for children and Sunday Services 10:30 am for church service

## The theme for May is Freedom

All services are streamed via Zoom; please check our website for the link/dial-in information: [uuwinnipeg.mb.ca](http://uuwinnipeg.mb.ca)

### May 2: Music Sunday

Leaders: PJ Buchan, the First UU Winnipeg Choir, and Rev. Meghann Robern  
Coordinator: Pam Hardman

Join us as our Music Director, PJ Buchan, and our beloved choir, use the technology they've learned in the last year to bring us the power of music and singing. We'll move through our emotions, tell stories, and embrace our continuing commitment to creating just, sustainable communities no matter how we must gather to keep each other safe.

### May 9: Coming Home to Our Beautiful Dirty Earth

Leader: Steve Lennon and Andrea James  
Coordinator: Dylan Fijal

We have learned so much over the past fifty years about our earth, and how it works, and yet humans continue to exploit the natural environment as if they are on an intoxicated spree of destruction. How did it become us against them – humans against nature – and how can we change our intention and direction?

### May 16: Sustaining Our Light (Sunday, May 16, 10am PT| 11am MT| 12pm CT| 1 pm ET| 2pm AT)

Leaders: Religious Professionals and Lay Leaders from across Canada, including our own Rev. Meghann Robern, DLFD Andrea James, and Rob Malo

Now more than ever we need to be grounded in connection, in hope, and in love. As the cycles of the seasons teach us the gifts of the dark as well as the light, we still need energy — a spark — to fuel living into our aspirations and values no matter the season, the struggle, or the celebration. This Sunday service will celebrate how our UU faith and our connections are crucial to sustaining and amplifying that spark.

All are welcome to join us at the CUC Sunday Worship Service, which will be live-streamed on Zoom at noon <http://bit.ly/NationalWorship-May16> - Meeting ID: 885 0018 9706 Passcode: 595025 and will be closed captioned, and on the [CUC's YouTube Channel](#).

### May 23: The Work of Community

Leaders: Rev. Meghann Robern & Rev. Jessica Clay  
Coordinator: Pam Hardman

True, beloved, sustainable community requires both commitment and work on the part of everyone. There's also years of both academic study and direct experience around how family and community systems develop and evolve, and how people can make choices that lead to either health or dysfunction. Revs. Jessica and Meghann will offer what they've learned both from experts and their own direct experience.

### May 30: Free to be Me

Leaders: Lara Rae, the Accessibilities and Inclusion Ministries Team, and Andrea James  
Coordinator: Odell Havsdotter

In her experience as a trans woman, comedian, writer, producer and educator Lara Rae talks about matching her insides with her outside, both spiritually and physically, commenting on the verse from John 21:18: "I can guarantee this truth: When you were young, you would get dressed to go where you wanted. But when you're old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will get you dressed to take you where you don't want to go."

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The deadline for the **June 2021** issue is: **Thursday, May 20th, 2021**

## From the Minister's Study

by The Reverend Meghann Robern



We have done so much together, beloveds, not just this year, but in the four years I've been

here. We've struggled, too. And right now, we are all traumatized, we are living through something none of us has experienced before. We can choose kindness with each other. We can choose to listen when someone tells us that harm has been done, and we can choose to learn from our mistakes. We can choose humility, and love, and grace.

And even if we find it hard to do that for ourselves, we can choose those things because it changes other people's lives around us. We can make these choices because others will witness us, and perhaps make those choices, too. We can make these choices because after every goodbye there will come a hello, and we are constantly co-creating a community that the children in our lives will grow into inhabiting.

The way our ministerial search system works, with its confidentiality during the process, it can seem like the candidate minister appears out of nowhere. And even after the fact,

we're not really allowed to discuss details. But what I can tell you is that four other churches wanted me, could imagine me as their minister. I spent weeks in discernment about such an important, life-changing choice. And I chose you. I believed in you. I choose you again, over and over, every day.

And, we are entering a brave new world of congregations no longer limited by geography. That means people can come from anywhere, live anywhere, and be a part of our congregation. This brave new world of increased accessibility also means that people in Winnipeg can go to any other congregation they want.

For decades, we've had our soloness on our side -- we were the only game in town. Now, people will choose us not because they have no other choice, but because they believe in us. They will choose us, from all their options in the world, because we choose to live into our values, to work to heal ourselves, each other, and the world. They will choose us because we choose people over things, people over systems of oppression. They will choose us because we choose redemption and restoration over punishment and fear.

I choose you again, every day.  
In gratitude and faith,  
*Rev. Meghann*

## Faith Development Notes

### May

- 1 Covenant Group Facilitators' Group, 10:00-12:00 (1st Saturdays)
- 2 **RE - 10:00-10:20 a.m.**
- 4 *Elders Reflections*, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (1st Tuesdays)
- 6 *Wellspring: Sources* with Andrea, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Youth: *Cosmic Connections*, 8:00 pm
- 9 **RE - 10:00-10:20 a.m. - LAST ONE of the 2020-21 year**
- 11 2nd Tuesday Covenant Group, 9:30-11:30 am
- 12 2nd Wednesday Covenant Group, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 13 *Wellspring: Sources* with Rev. Meghann, 2:00-4:00 pm  
*Transgender Inclusion in Congregations*, 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 pm  
Youth: *Cosmic Connections*, 8:00 pm
- 16 Youth: *Super Group*, 5:00 pm (3rd Sundays)
- 18 3rd Tuesdays Covenant Group, 7:00-9:00 pm
- 19 3rd Wednesday Covenant Group, 9:00-11:00 am
- 20 *Wellspring: Sources* with Andrea, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Youth: *Cosmic Connections*, 8:00 pm
- 21 3rd Fridays Covenant Group, 9:30-11:30 am
- 24 4th Mondays Covenant Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 27 *Wellspring: Sources* with Rev. Meghann, 2:00-4:00 pm  
*Transgender Inclusion in Congregations*, 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. - last one  
Youth: *Cosmic Connections*, 8:00 pm

## Living Our Faith

by Andrea James, Director of Lifespan Faith Development



I'm taking a course right now that I wish I could share with every one of you. If you're drawn to social

justice; if you're a person of colour who'd like to explore spirituality within a space held by and for UUs of colour; if you're a white person who wants to work toward being anti-racist within a loving container, this course is for you.

**Beloved Conversations** is a program for Unitarian Universalists seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice. In *Beloved Conversations*, we are here to heal the impact of racism on our lives, in order to get free together.

The program focuses on the internal work that each of us needs to do, as we engage personal exploration of race and our work for racial justice. This work is different for white folks and for Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and other racially targeted groups (BIPOC+) and is done entirely in race-based caucuses/courses.

Most of the work is done individually. There are six at-your-own-pace lessons full of materials to engage, challenge, and invite our hearts and minds toward racial justice. I'm also

part of a learning pod that meets online every other week - in my case, as I'm white, I meet with other white people. We process the learning and support one another. And there are other paths to engagement as well; it's a very rich program, and we retain access to all materials for a year. There is tremendous care taken for our spiritual selves as we move through the program.

### **An invitation to BIPOC+ to the *Gathering Our Selves* course**

"For those of us who identify as BIPOC+, we recognize the need to

"Wherever we white folks are on the journey toward collective liberation—whether you are just waking up to systemic racial injustice or your heart has been breaking for a long time—you are invited to join us for *Un/Learning for Liberation*. We will explore within ourselves, within our family and community systems, and within the system of whiteness, which has impacted and limited our ability to truly be present with and connected to ourselves and our siblings of colour. But we get to choose to be and do differently. Beginning within ourselves."

The good news is that I can, in fact, share this program with each of you! *Beloved Conversations* is created and run by The Fahs Collaborative Laboratory for Innovation in Faith Formation. They have revised their content for online and continental participation; as a Canadian I feel fully included. Registration for Fall 2021 begins in September, and I'll be promoting it through our usual communication channels. Payment structure includes a sliding scale and there are full and partial scholarships available.

understand the impact of racism in our lives—particularly our spiritual lives—and the choices we have made to survive.

In this curriculum, we look at issues such as how and why Unitarian Universalist values matter to us, how race has shaped our personal and communal lives, the dynamics of why and how we stay in the faith, and what a theology for BIPOC+ in a white-dominated society might look like."

**An invitation to white folks to the *Un/Learning for Liberation* course**

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[Click here](#) to have a thorough look at the program, and begin thinking about whether it might be your next move on the path to freedom.

In faith and with love,

Andrea

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## Board Notes

by Lauren Bailey, President



Hello everyone

Thank you to everyone who has made their pledge already on our website at <https://uuwinnipeg.mb.ca/stewardship/>

[pledge/](#). Every pledge helps us better know how to budget for the upcoming church year.

Remember, even if you are planning on keeping your pledge amount the same and on the same direct deposit information as last year, please pledge so you can be counted.

If you are having trouble using the online pledge form, please email [pledgeteam@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:pledgeteam@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca) for help.

The finance committee has submitted the draft budget to the board, and we will be reviewing it at our May meeting.

Two board members, MC Ziegler and Heather Emberley, have recently left the board for personal reasons. We wish them

both well and look forward to working with them in other capacities. The board has sent invitations to former directors to join the May meeting to help review the budget before the Annual General Meeting.

And finally, at the March board meeting, the board decided that the AGM will be after service on **June 6, 2021**. Information will be coming out in the next few weeks around committee reports, so please start compiling information now. We will be hosting the meeting over Zoom, using the same Zoom link as the Sunday service, and, as we did last year, we will take a break between the service and the meeting to allow folks some time away from the screen.

Your board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 18:30 on Zoom. Are you interested in attending? The meetings are open to all church members - email me to get the Zoom link. Exceptions for some topics will occur for confidentiality reasons.

I want to hear from you. You can contact me at [president@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:president@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca).

## Social Justice Team Endorses a Call for Police Accountability and Reallocation of Resources

by Brent Kroeker



The Social Justice Team is pleased to announce that we have officially endorsed a [Call for Police Accountability and Reallocation of Resources] (<https://spcw.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Community-Organizations-Call-for-Police-Accountability-and-the-Reallocation-of-Resources-Updated-March-4-2021.pdf>), joining with over 100 other community based organizations in Manitoba. (Look for our name on Page 12!)

This follows on the heels of the Black Lives Matter rally in June, the Sunday service featuring Molly McCracken in October, and subsequent open discussion on several Manitoba-based documents, including the document we've endorsed.

We look forward to more opportunities for education and action on this topic, and hope you will join us in this endeavour. Follow our [Social Justice Team calendar] (<https://uuwinnipeg.mb.ca/justice/social-justice-team/social-justice-calendar/>) for our next meeting date, or contact [social-justice@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:social-justice@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca) with any questions.

## A Candle to Remember

by Gini Martin

*Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.  
The important thing is not to stop questioning. ~ Albert Einstein*

This month's Candle to Remember celebrates:

Each month we light a *Candle to Remember* to recognize Unitarian Universalist people and events. For the month of April we remember:

### International Unitarian Organizations

#### Part 1

As we work to understand what it means to be Unitarian Universalists, the contributions of those who went before can teach us how to weave together the threads to appreciate an ever growing and changing tapestry.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> and into the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, both the American Unitarian Association (AUA) and British and Foreign Unitarian Association (BFUA) supported the establishment of our Unitarian church in Winnipeg as well as other Unitarian churches in

Canada. Both had representatives at various times working in Canada. At one time one half of the budget for the All Souls' Unitarian Church (English) in Winnipeg was paid by the AUA and the BFUA.

#### The Two Unitarian Organizations

The BFUA was formed in London on May 26, 1824 as an amalgamation of the Unitarian Book Society for Literature (1791), The Unitarian Fund for mission work (1806), and

the Unitarian Association for civil rights (1818 or 1819) The name BFUA ended in 1928 when it became part of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches which is still an overall organization for the denomination in Britain. The headquarters, Essex Hall, are still on the London site of the first Unitarian church in the country.

The AUA was also founded in

in Boston. The BFUA delegation to the conference planned to visit all the Canadian congregations. The main group stayed in the east and only one person, W.W.C. Pope went west to Winnipeg. In consultation with him, the Winnipeg Unitarians drafted an appeal to both the BFUA and the AUA for help.

The executive officer of the BFUA, Copeland Bowie was in Boston for

the Congress and met with Samuel A. Eliot, then head of the AUA. Unitarian historian Phillip Hewett wrote, "After eighty years of sporadic and separate efforts in Canada by the two associations, the groundwork was laid for a unified approach. Eliot went so far as to suggest they should jointly sponsor a Canadian Unitarian Association which would at least on paper assume responsibility for missionary work in Canada."

p 146. This aspect of the project was dropped, but the two groups did agree to send a missionary (the AUA preferred the term field secretary) to Western Canada with each association contributing one half of the salary.

Both the BFUA and the AUA helped with the recruitment of ministers for western Canada. More on their activities in Canada in a future issue of the newsletter.



American Unitarian Association Building from the past

1824. The AUA became the Unitarian-Universalist Association (UUA) in 1961 after the amalgamation of the two denominations.

Both organizations were interested and involved in encouraging Unitarian congregations in Canada. That both of them were founded about the same time was entirely coincidental.

#### Cooperation 1907

In 1907, the "Fourth International Congress of Religious Liberals," met

## West Broadway Bear Clan Patrol Recognized

by Heather Emberly

Two UUs make history at the 3rd anniversary of West Broadway Bear Clan Patrol (WBBC). Church member, long time RE volunteer, and MLA, Lisa Naylor and Michael Thiessen, Properties Chair, Social Justice Team member and Bear Clan volunteer (one of the original five patrols), celebrated the unanimous Manitoba Legislative decision to award WBBC a plaque in recognition of their work "in making the community a more compassionate place to live."



Lisa Naylor and Michael Thiessen

## Jumbo Yard Sale Cancelled

by Steve Lennon



The Jumbo Yard Sale, which was to be held at the church on May 8th, has been cancelled, due to pandemic restrictions. However, if you had goods to donate, we would be glad to accept them through the rest of April and to the end of May.

There will be at least one yard sale at the church some time this year! (perhaps in summer).

If you have items to donate, please contact Steve Lennon, as arrangements will need to be made to open the church. By email at [stevenjlennon@gmail.com](mailto:stevenjlennon@gmail.com) or 204.781.6549 (sorry, no text). Thank you!

## Message re e-Transfers

by Larry Phillips

### e-Transfers Are Not Available May 7 – May 9, 2021

Our church's banker, Cross-town-Civic Credit Union, requests that we not receive e-Transfers from 6:00 pm Friday, May 7 until Monday, May 9 at 12:00 noon. They have recently merged with Access Credit Union and will be using that weekend to consolidate their systems. Please make note of these dates and plan to make your e-transfer donations to the church either before or after these times.

## Looking for a Rentals Volunteer

by Liz Redston

Are you interested in supporting the coordination of church rentals? Darlene and Liz have been managing the rentals for the last year and it is a smooth-running operation.

We are looking for an addi-

tional back up person to help out while Darlene is busy helping care for a grandchild. The role is easy — mostly checking emails and adding information to the church calendar and our tracking tools. Lots of support and training available. On

occasion we may meet renters at the church to discuss needs or do some light event supervision.

If you would like to help out or learn more please send an email to [rentals@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:rentals@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca)

You can also call Liz at 204.475.1.204 for further information.

## Share the Plate

by Marlene Schellenberg



The Sunday morning Offering is a weekly ritual of giving and one expression of our Seven

Principles in action. As part of the Offering, the Share the Plate program allows us to practise that form of love we call generosity. Through Share the Plate – where we share with a local non-profit organization – each of us has an opportunity to make a difference in the wider community, even by sharing a dollar or two. Each month we share one half of our open plate cash offerings with a charity nominated by one of our members.

### The Share the Plate Partner for May 2021 Safe Housing and Directed Empowerment (S.H.A.D.E.)

S.H.A.D.E Inc. has been a registered charity in Winnipeg since 2014. Their goal is to provide second stage housing for immigrant and refugee women and their children who have been impacted by domestic abuse/family violence. They also offer a 10-week workshop program called MIRRORS, an acronym for Reflection of Immigrant Women Building Healthy Relationships. Included in MIRRORS are advocacy, support toward accessing competent legal counsel for resolving legal matters, guidance in understanding the Canadian court system, employment and education counselling, psycho-social programming, and more. They support immigrant women to rebuild their lives and transition from a place of victimization to a place of confidence, healing, stability, and resiliency.

## UU Craftivism Stitch Circle

by Liz Redston

**Tuesday MAY 25th at 7 pm on Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/93189944303?pwd=OUFFamtzSzNITGdxN-0htOXE1b3RUQT09>

Meeting ID: 931 8994 4303  
Passcode: 389181

The Stitch Circle meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

stitch to embroider images that reflect our feelings and experiences during this pandemic or Unitarian Universalist related images and symbols. This is a great family activity and easy for kids to learn too. If you do not have the supplies, we will give you a kit with one piece of fabric, 2 colours of floss and one needle. Email Liz at [eliz\\_redston@hotmail.com](mailto:eliz_redston@hotmail.com)

[eliz\\_redston@hotmail.com](mailto:eliz_redston@hotmail.com) to arrange for a kit which you can pick up at Darlene's house or if you are not mobile we can also



Join Darlene and Liz for a low key gathering of people working on stitched projects to create a collaborative wall hanging.

Our hope is to create our own banner of stitched squares and have a beautiful keepsake to document our collective COVID experience. The project and process are very simple. We will use a plain or light coloured cotton square of approximately 15 inches and a very simple running

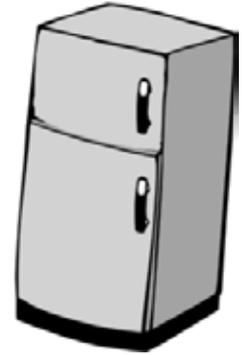
deliver.

Our goal is to complete the stitched squares by June and then over the summer we will turn the squares into a wall banner. You can create as many squares as you like and there is no limit to the creativity for images and ideas reflecting your feelings about the pandemic experience.

If you lose this email with the Zoom link - go to the church calendar. Our last meeting will be June 22nd.



# RE-Frigerator Page



## We Celebrate...

Our theme for this month is Freedom—which is something that basically everyone thinks is a good thing, without necessarily meaning the same thing when they talk about it.



One way to think of freedom is as having rights. For instance, the US Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, so that the government can't tell you how to practice your religion or what to believe. Freedom of speech means that the government is

not allowed to limit what you can say, even if you are saying that you don't like the government.

These are precious rights that are crucial to having a free society.

But while some people would say that freedom means being able to do whatever you want, there can be big problems with that understanding. Life is not better if you think that your freedom of religion means that you can make other people conform to your beliefs. And freedom of speech doesn't make lying or saying hateful things a good idea.

Freedom is a great thing, but if it isn't paired with responsibility, it can also do a whole lot of damage.

**Family Quest  
of the Church of  
the Larger  
Fellowship**

May 2018



## Talk About It!

- ☺ When do you feel most free?
- ☺ Do you think adults give children enough freedom?
- ☺ What freedom do you wish you had that you don't currently?
- ☺ What do you think is an example of a good limit for some kind of freedom?

## We Honor...

For those of us who live in the United States, one of our central stories of freedom is that of the American Revolution. The history of the creation of new democratic country with a Constitution that guaranteed certain freedoms (for certain people) is a big part of how people in the US think about freedom.

One Unitarian who was a big part of that process was John Adams. In 1775 Adams nominated George Washington to be the general of the Continental Army, and later that year he proposed that there be a Declaration of Inde-

pendence, and suggested that Thomas Jefferson write it.

Of course, the whole idea of freedom in the creation of the United States is pretty complicated. Although Adams passionately opposed slavery, he did nothing when Congress decided to take Jefferson's assertion that slavery was wrong out of the Declaration of Independence. And the Constitution that they came up with only gave voting rights to white men who owned property. So the guarantees of freedom were pretty different, depending on who you were.

In 1796, John Adams became the second president of the United States, making him a central figure in the story of the United States.



## Act...

Everyone experiences some limits to their freedom, but one group of people with hardly any freedom at all would be people who are incarcerated—in prison or in jail. They are not free to do most things that people tend to take for granted: to go where they want to go, or eat what they want to eat, or work the jobs they want to work, or see the people they want to see when they want to see them. Pretty much every aspect of a prisoner's life is tightly controlled.

But no matter what a person might



have done that led to them being locked up, every person deserves some basic freedoms. And freedom of religion is one of those things.

Most prisons offer the people in-

carcerated there very limited options for worship—often of a kind that disapproves of anyone who is not Christian and anyone who doesn't meet their ideas of who you can fall in love with or how you can express your gender.

The CLF has more than 850 members who are incarcerated. Through personal letters, newsletters, literature, classes and more, we share our respect for freedom of religion, and the message that whatever their circumstances might be, we honor their worth and dignity. Find out more at [worthynow.org](http://worthynow.org).

## Nurturing the Spirit

What activity makes you feel most free? Riding a bike? Swinging on a swing? Going somewhere by yourself? Escaping into a book or movie?

The place where each person is really most free is in their imagination. In our imaginations every single limit in our lives is gone. Not only can you do things that you might not be able to do at your age, like drive a car, you can also do things that you will never be able to do in real life, like be



an eagle, or a being from another planet, or a person who can fly just by stretching out their arms.

Books and movies and video games are wonderful ways into the freedom to explore other worlds. But they only take you as

far as someone else's imagination. So you might want to nurture your spirit by making time for daydreaming in the world of your own, unique and absolutely free imagination.

**Draw something that makes you feel free.**

## Practicing the Principles

Our fourth UU Principle is:

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A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

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As UUs we believe that everyone should believe whatever their heart and their mind tells them is true—we have freedom of belief.

But we also put that freedom in a context. We expect people to be on

a life-long active search for what we hold most dear and how we want to live our lives and how we will answer the big questions of life.

We don't say that people are free to do or say or even believe anything they like, just because it feels good in the moment. Our freedom happens in the context of responsibility. We start by acknowledging that other people's lives matter, and that the lives of non-human be-

ings matter. We agree that facts and science are important, and that simply saying something is true doesn't make it so. We agree that love and respect are better than hatred and contempt.

Within that framework of responsibility to one another is where our freedom to explore and learn and grow and decide takes place.

Read more about John Adams and his religious beliefs: <http://uudb.org/articles/johnadams.html>

## UU Celebration Park Project – Looking for your feedback

by Liz Redston

We are looking for your feedback on the UU Celebration Park development plans as we prepare to finalize our conceptual design. Please take three minutes and complete the short eight question survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RWWJFFY>

We recently hosted a series of information and feedback sessions and while the attendance numbers were not high there is strong support for UU Celebration Park with people in favour of the Memorial Path walk way, Scatter Garden, Riverside Reflection area with benches, and a gathering area with a patio or grass level deck and possibility of a pergola.

People shared their vision of what we could look forward to doing with our UU Celebration Park space and memorial planning. Here are just a few of the comments:

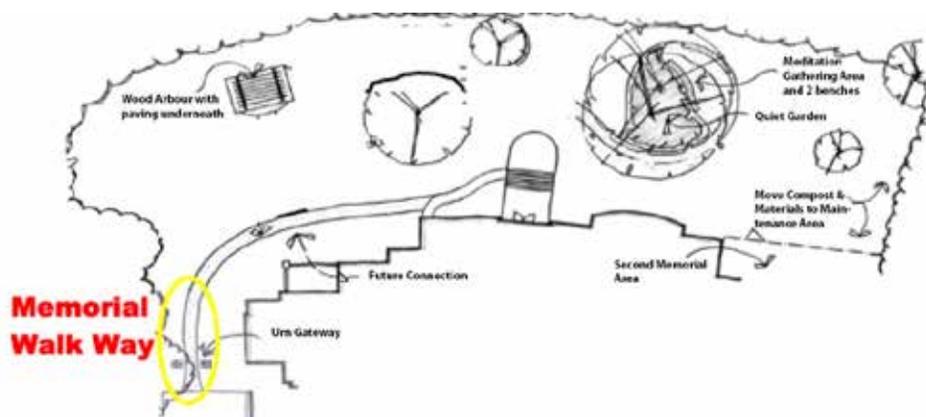
- My loved one's ashes can be scattered in our garden
- Our church youth can enjoy the unstructured outside space and gather for a campfire and sleep out
- When I die my children will be able to visit my memorial marker whenever they want
- We could host a summer music festival in our pergola area for the community to attend
- I can sit and reflect by the riverside
- I can gather with friends and enjoy the outdoor space
- We can enhance rental revenue's with an outdoor event space for special celebrations
- We could have a Sunday Service outside
- I like the idea of a special binder in the library or house foyer for honouring the stories of member's who have died.

**Some Background: Formerly known as the Memorial Garden Project** We began work six years ago when we created the Memorial Garden as a Legacy project for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the goal and mandate to create a conceptual plan in partnership with HTFC— one of Winnipeg's leading landscaping firms. Once we have our conceptual design finalized we will vote as a congregation to accept this plan as our vision for what we want to create—when and how we have the funds and energy to do so. With our new look at this project we are focusing on what is affordable and doable for our congregation and hopefully with some sweat equity to help us get there in the next few years.

### Key features of UU Celebration Park

- Accessible entrance path from west side of property
- Memorial Walkway with fence wall and /or posts to hold memorial markers
- Celebration Pergola on patio or accessible deck – with electrical access
- Riverside Reflection sitting area under the large tree
- Select areas designed for commemorative markers or engraved paving stones
- Scatter garden (not on this picture plan) located at front south east corner of sanctuary next to walkway ramp and accessible brick pathway
- Phased project approach – easy to do in stages
- Focus on natural beauty elements – light landscaping, natural plants and trees
- Focus on planning for affordability and sweat equity
- Must meet City Zoning requirements – no heavy construction, or piled posts into ground

## UU Celebration Park Project – Looking for your feedback continued



We look forward to gathering your feedback from the survey link above and if you have any questions or additional feedback, please email us at our new project email address: [uucelebrationpark@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:uucelebrationpark@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca)

We also plan to be at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Church AGM to share a brief update and if we are well organized, we may even be able to present the final conceptual design for your vote of approval. Thanks everyone for your interest and support.



Please submit materials to the editor Marjorie Doyle by email to: [communicator@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:communicator@uuwinnipeg.mb.ca) or 204.663.2126  
The **deadline** for the **June 2021** issue is:  
**Thursday, May 20th, 2021**

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## Who's Who

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