



The Hamilton Unitarian

The First Unitarian Church of
Hamilton
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Sunday Services 10:30 AM—all are welcome

February 5 The Illusion of Separateness

Rev. Ingram, Greg Greenway

Musician, song-writer, activist, performer, Greg Greenway shares his gifts and talents regularly with UU audiences. This Sunday, he joins us at First Church, inspiring us to consider the many ways in which our lives are interconnected, even when we think we are alone. Rev. Victoria and Carl love his music and message, and invite you to be moved and inspired by this fine performer, too.

Music: Greg Greenway

NOTE: Greg will be in concert on Sunday, February 5th in our Sanctuary from 4 – 6 p.m.

See page 9 for more info.

February 12 The Joys and Challenges of Growth

Rev. Ingram

Ever thought, “But I like things the way they are now – why do I(we, they) have to change?” Life calls out for growth and change, yet it can be hard to cope with the uncertainty that accompanies this process. As a church, a part of our mission is to serve the community and heal the earth, which is impossible to do if we don’t mix it up a little bit now and then. We’ll talk about staying connected while opening ourselves to growth and change.

Music: Our Choir, Mary Ann Terpstra

February 19 A Principled Life: Principle Five

Rev. Ingram

This is also a New Member Recognition Sunday

Our fifth UU Principle (the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large) is, perhaps surprisingly, one of the most controversial in our congregations. Perhaps we have experienced so many examples of the “democratic process” being ill-used, we doubt whether it can be of real value in congregational life. Today we explore what this Principle means and whether it might be time to find new models for congregational governance.

Music: Daniel Allen

February 26 Is Religion Child Abuse

Anne Bokma

IS RELIGION CHILD ABUSE?: Writers such as Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins argue that some forms of religion violate the rights of children by indoctrinating them into a particular religious faith and depriving them of the opportunity to make their own free inquiry later in life. Anne shares her story of growing up in a fundamentalist religion, eventually leaving it and the impact it had on her faith and family ties.

Music: February 26, 2012 - Our Choir, JP Morrison



March 4, 2012
Annual General Meeting
(after service)

Draft Mission Statement

Nurture each other.

Serve the community.

Inspire action that heals the world.

As a congregation of faithful people, we commit to:

- Practice right relations, mutual respect and the ideals of our seven principles;
- Speak with an informed, values-based voice for peace, equity and justice;
- Engage in compassionate service involving as many of us as possible in as many ways as possible;
- Encourage lifelong learning, spiritual exploration and dialogue; and Support and participate in projects to eliminate injustice and restore the environment

We welcome anyone who wishes to join us in this mission.

Being Involved in Worship – A Part of our Lay Leadership Commitment

UUs value ministry, and they value the input, involvement, and leadership of lay congregants in worship, as well. If you have imagined yourself assisting with or leading Sunday worship, if you feel a call to participate in making our worship life possible, please plan on joining us on Saturday, February 18th, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Rev. Victoria and members of the Worship Committee will be sharing information and ideas on how you can be involved in Sunday services as a Service Leader, Reader, Story-teller, or Worship Assistant. For more information, or to reserve your spot for this workshop, please talk to Rev. Victoria or Mary Ellen Scanlon (mescanlon@sympatico.ca)

March Newsletter Deadline

Wed Feb 15

Please send submissions to newsletter@firstunitarianhamilton.org
The Church calendar is online at www.firstunitarianhamilton.org and on pg 11 the newsletter.

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Personnel do change. Please inform the office of any errors, omissions or changes.

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Minister's Column



February is the month of LOVE – Valentine's Day, of course, but also Pink Triangle Day, is part of this month. There are other things to love in February – Canadian Flag Day is February 15th, along with Family Day on the 20th. During February, we can celebrate Black History, Chinese Lanterns, and International Friendship. And, while the whole month is dedicated to Dental Health Awareness, apparently we might need to take a bit of a time out for International Nutella Day on the 5th, and the various celebrations of Snack Food Appreciation Month (has anyone seen my Kettle Corn?)

Our world is filled with numerous examples of loving kindness, relationships, and interactions. Every day, we can see and experience examples of compassion, caring, and consideration on both small and large scales. Yet, there are certainly examples of not-so-loving behavior, as well. I am disheartened to read about the struggles of Canada's aboriginal people, about the on-going struggles of our LGBTQ youth to access education without harassment and bullying, about rising levels of poverty and the increasing need for resources to support those who are barely making ends meet in our society (whether because of poverty, lack of work, mental illness, or some other challenge.) And, I haven't even started on the concerns of our larger world community.

I know that all of the challenges of the world are beyond my personal ability to fix. I simply don't have the time, money, energy, or resources to make an impact on every painful situation in the world. But that doesn't mean I can't do what I can. There are many excellent things that we do in this congregation to be of service – our community lunches, our support for the food bank and housing emergency loan program, our engagement with the Grandmothers program of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. And, I believe each of us has ways to help just a little bit more, to spread the love just a little bit farther.

So, this month, I'm challenging myself to find the one thing I can start doing in the larger Hamilton community to spread the love. Loving the world and wanting to be of service doesn't mean giving up on loving yourself. It's important to know what you can do and to acknowledge your limits. For example, since I don't even balance my own checkbook, I'm not the person to volunteer to help seniors with their tax returns! But, I'm officially on the lookout for where I can be of service in a positive, loving way that helps make the world just a little bit of a better place, a place that's just a little bit more loving, compassionate, and caring.

I'd like to challenge you to find your niche, too. There are always ways to volunteer at First Church! We can use your talents and your energy! And, there are things to be done in the community, as well. From animals to children, from the arts to housing, the possibilities are endless. Find your passion and share it with the world, one project at a time, an hour or a few each week. Let's see what we can do to spread the love around.

And, of course, along with our dog, Joy, Carl and I will be celebrating International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day on Monday, February 23rd. It ought to be a real treat!

Love and Light,
Victoria

February Prayer

Father, Mother God, here we are together—rich and poor; educated and not so well educated; gay and straight; liberals and conservatives; some of us with light skin, some of us with darker; some of us walking, some of us unable to walk: none of us as whole as we would like to be—help us to know that we are all your children and we are all holy stuff. May we be a blessing to the life of anyone who enters our lives and may those who come to us as strangers in turn help us grow in wisdom, in compassion, and in joy of living. Amen.

Marilyn J. Sewell (Adapted)





Splinters from the Board, December 21, 2011

The Finance Committee continues to do an outstanding job for our church. This month the Board approved in principle the following documents prepared by the Finance Committee:

- Draft Budget for the 2012, with projections out to 2014,
- Donations Policy.

Initial meetings have taken place with Paul Mack towards the development and conduct of a Capital Campaign during the spring of 2013. Paul encouraged a focus on a team approach for development of the campaign. The group discussed the purpose of a capital campaign. It is not about money, it is about people and relationships. It is also about Vision. The work done this year on our Mission Statement is vital to the development of a Capital Campaign. Paul has extensive experience with Unitarian capital campaigns, and he has confidence in the success of our campaign.

Next steps: A committee will be set up in order to make initial plans for our capital campaign. During the fall of 2012, the committee will conduct a Needs Assessment which will be followed by Paul Mack conducting a feasibility study to determine a realistic financial goal. The proposed campaign will take place in spring 2013.

~Submitted by Stephanie Ounpuu on behalf of the Board.

A Word of Caution!

Churches are public spaces, and as much as we might wish to think that our sacred space is immune to the challenges of life outside our doors, unfortunately, it is not. Things go missing in churches, too. Sometimes it is necessary to lock our doors to maintain a safe place for staff, volunteers, congregants, and others using our building to be safe.

Please be "safety aware" when you are in our church building. Do not leave doors unlocked for extended periods of time, especially when they are not being monitored. Be sure that you lock the doors after your committee meeting, class, or other gathering has started. Make sure all of the doors are locked when you are leaving the building at the end of your event.

Please be careful of your personal belongings. We have had reports of money, equipment, food, and other personal belongings going "missing" from time to time. Purses, backpacks, computer bags, and other items should be with you at all times. If you need to lock something up for safekeeping, please speak to Rev. Victoria or one of the staff for assistance.

Sunday Morning Worship: Do We Clap or Not?



At First Unitarian, we are blessed with amazingly talented people who graciously and generously share their musical, storytelling, and other performing gifts with us on a regular basis during Sunday Worship. It's natural to want to show them how

much we appreciate their contribution to our community, sometimes by clapping during Worship at the end of their portion of the service.

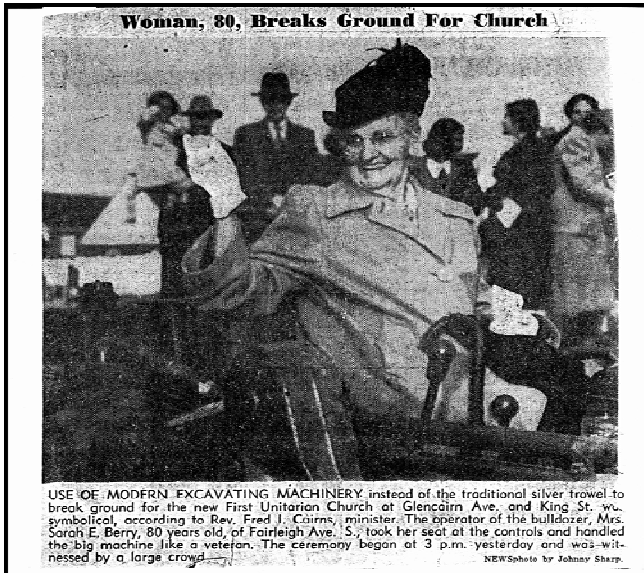
Those in favor of clapping during the service will tell you that they truly do want to show their enjoyment and appreciation for the gift shared. They want to be able to spontaneously show their reaction to a wonderfully rendered story or a moving piece of music. They want to be nice to the performer and respond in a socially acceptable way. They feel it is rude to simply "sit there and keep their hands in their lap" when someone finishes their piece.

And, those who prefer to not have clapping during Worship will tell you that they experience it as disruptive and disrespectful. They would tell you that it is upsetting to them that we often do not clap or respond to people equally, so some may feel like their contribution wasn't as appreciated as other's. They would say that Sunday morning is a WORSHIP service, not a performance, and that people who participate in Worship know that this is different than a concert or public presentation. They feel that clapping disrupts the flow of Worship, as well.

So, what do I prefer? While I understand the feelings of folks who hold both of these views, I have to admit I prefer that we save all clapping for the end of the Postlude, at the end of our Worship Service. I would like us to use that opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in creating the atmosphere and experience of Worship for their contribution. And, I'd like to hear more of your comments and feedback on this topic, so give me a call or drop me an email (victoria@firstunitarianhamilton.org) Thanks! Victoria

From the
Library Committee

Memory Lane



Think you are too old to have any fun? Not true. The picture of Mrs. Sarah Berry is a wonderful example. In 1952, at 80 years old, Mrs. Berry was the oldest Unitarian in Hamilton. She had been a member of the Unitarian movement (as it was called at the time) for 50 years. As one of the main instigators of the movement, in 1950 she was given a life membership to the Women's Alliance at which time the society was renamed the Sarah E. Berry Alliance. The minister at the time was Fred I. Cairns. In the above picture Mrs. Berry sits at the controls of the bulldozer that broke the ground for the First Unitarian Church on Glencairn Avenue. I wish I had known this wonderful woman!

~Taken from the archives of First Unitarian Church in Hamilton. Comments or questions addressed to Charlie Pond at writingcharlie@gmail.com or 289-396-3951



from the **Caring Committee**
caring@firstunitarianhamilton.org

Passages

- Dorothy Lambert has had a sore leg
- Janet Hillen's father died
- Rita Mobarak's brother died
- Beth Gray has been ill
- Jerry Foster has been ill
- Dawn Ludbrook had a birthday; her sister is back in hospital after her operation
- Chuck Ivins became a Canadian citizen
- Ann Franklin has had difficulty walking
- Christine Soomet has been in hospital



from the **Adult Religious Exploration Committee**

We have had a request for a Meditation Course or Group to start up in the Fall. Do we have any volunteer facilitators out there who would like to teach/lead a meditation group? If so, please contact Don McFadyen, Nancy McMartin, Irene Laurie, or Barb Jepson.

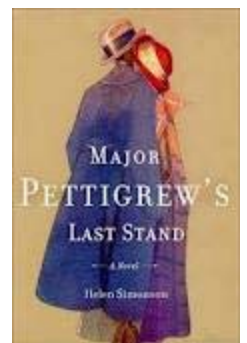
Food for Thought book group

Monday February 20th 7:30
(Room 3 Church Library)

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

Widowed 6 years ago and now facing the unexpected loss of his brother, Major Pettigrew doesn't think that life holds anything more for him. But then he slowly opens up to another soul in similar circumstances. This first novel by Helen Simonson "deftly and wittily addresses serious issues - class, race, religion, frictions and the trying ties of family graceful, funny, perceptive and satisfying"....The Globe & Mail.

Anyone who has read the book is invited to join us in our discussion.. Dawn Ludbrook 905-627-4896.



The GARDENS at First Unitarian Church of Hamilton



Join Us

Feb 19

NOON in the RE area

for a *Winter Picnic*,
review of 2011 and
planning for 2012 *

SPECIAL GUEST:

Watershed Stewardship Technician

Mark Funk

*will make a presentation at 12:30 pm
to begin our meeting*

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We Have
Received a Grant
from HHRWQ
Hamilton-Halton
Watershed Stewardship
Habitat Improvement Project



To receive details of the grant or for other garden information
email Susan Davis at susanajdavis@gmail.com or phone 905-527-1640

SUPPORT HOSPITAL ALBERT SCHWEITZER

HAITI HAPPENING
SATURDAY, FEB. 25, 2012

\$70 per person
CASH BAR
DOOR PRIZES

Michelangelo's, Upper Ottawa
6 PM Cocktails and Silent Auction
7 PM Haitian Dinner

Tickets: Brad Berquist and Kathryn McIntyre



Canadian Friends of
**Hôpital
Albert Schweitzer
Haiti**



from the Social Justice Committee

Black History Month film Sunday February 5

Pick up a sandwich from Carla Williams and stay after church on Sunday February 5 to watch an incredible documentary about a key moment in the American civil rights movement.

Called Freedom Riders, this wonderful film traces the incredible events that began May 4, 1961 when a dozen brave and somewhat naïve black and white members of the Congress on Racial Equality boarded Greyhound and Trailways buses headed for the deep South. They were testing whether Supreme Court decisions banning segregation in interstate transportation, including station facilities, would be upheld by the federal government. They, and others who joined them, faced every kind of obstacle imaginable as southern authorities defied the court and the federal government to try to preserve state laws that separated blacks from whites.

The two-hour film uses period photos and some film but mostly recent interviews with key figures on both sides of a drama. It's spellbinding movie-making, tracing a story whose outcome was far from certain, a tale of courage and determination and ultimately hope.

This is how history should be taught.



Loonie Lunch

Tuesday, February 21st, 2012 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

Our next Loonie Lunch is Tuesday February 21st. Our committee has seen firsthand the generosity of time and donations to support this outreach project. We ask that you come again to have lunch or to volunteer your time and effort. Come and enjoy the warmth of a loving community in the depths of winter, as 68 people did in January..



Food donation Sundays

Please bring donations of non-perishable food on the second Sunday of each month—this month, February 12—and put them in the bin to the right of the main bulletin board near the entrance. We take the donations to the Neighbour to Neighbour Centre whose food bank is part of a range of programs to help people achieve self-sufficiency. Total donations during 2011 topped 1,890 pounds, the church's highest total ever. Thank you for your generosity.



Welcoming Congregation

from the Social Justice Committee

Back in 1998, this congregation voted unanimously to become a Welcoming Congregation, a designation created by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. You may have seen a sign in our foyer or noticed the rainbow on our large street sign.

Here's what it is supposed to mean. Welcoming Congregations publicly and successfully welcome bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender/transsexual people. They include them and address their needs at every level of congregational life, incorporating their experiences throughout all programs. They have an affirmation and nondiscrimination clause in their bylaws, engage in outreach to the LGBT community, offer congregational and ministerial support for marriage and memorial services for LGBT persons, seek to nurture ongoing dialogue between gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual persons, and speak out when the rights of LGBT people are at stake. Welcoming Congregations have Interweave groups, "dedicated to the spiritual, political, and social well-being of Unitarian Universalists who are confronting oppression as lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender persons, and their heterosexual allies."

This congregation does a number of those things but not all and not always actively. It hasn't had an Interweave group to spearhead these efforts for some time. Sometimes issues affecting the LGBT community arise and individual members of the congregation bring them to the congregation's attention for action. But it's ad hoc.

As an interim step, the Social Justice Committee has decided to act as the congregation's Welcoming Congregation committee and Paula Bourner has agreed to keep tabs on issues affecting LGBT people. If you have concerns or ideas, there is now some place to take them. See Paula or either of the committee's co-chairs, Bill Johnston and Margaret McFadyen.

Better yet, if you think there should be a committee focused on these issues and would like to help create it, contact any of those three people and we'll work with you to create it.

The Social Justice Committee is also planning a June 3 Pride lunch after the Sunday service that day, where we will also show a film, Stonewall Uprising, a documentary on the 1969 riot that many see as the beginning of the gay rights movement.

Church Emails

Booking Rooms

bookings@firstunitarianhamilton.org

Order of Service Submissions

oos@firstunitarianhamilton.org

Deadline: Wed 9:00 am

Committee Minutes:

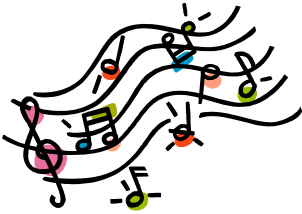
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MUSIC NIGHTS AT FIRST UNITARIAN

NEW FOR YOUTH!!!! (Ages 13 – 18)

Friday, February 3, 2012 7 p.m.

OPEN MIKE NIGHT

Hey! If you are a young person who plays guitar, writes songs, plays drums, sings, play piano, sax or any other instrument come out to the sanctuary and play....bands are also welcome!!

We want this to be a night for our young people to have some fun, jam a bit and have a night of their own.

If you need more information, please contact Rachel Derry or Mary Ann Forbes.

Friday, February 24, 2012 - 7 p.m.

Come and join us for our monthly music night where we sing, play and make noise. Hopefully we won't be too tired from watching the Royal Wedding!

All are welcome to come and share either a piece on an instrument or a song from your heart!

There's no childcare, but we encourage kids to come and share their gifts too!

Also, we like to bring a snack to share at the end of the evening.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rachel,

rachel@firstunitarianhamilton.org

Greg Greenway Concert

Sunday, February 5, 2012 - 4 to 6 pm

Sanctuary



Greg will be in concert on Sunday, February 5th in our Sanctuary from 4 – 6 p.m. Described as “one of the strongest, and finest, voices in folk music,” Greg uses his rich, deep lyrics and fine musicality to entertain, move, and inspire. Please plan to enjoy his music not only during our morning service this Sunday, but at his afternoon concert, as well. \$15 suggested donation, at the door. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.



February Speaker

February 26th Speaker: Anne Bokma



Anne Bokma traces the beginning of her writing career back to age 11, when her parents presented her with a portable Olivetti manual typewriter for her birthday. She's been pounding at a keyboard ever since. A full-time freelance writer and editor, Anne writes for many of Canada's major magazines. She has written about her personal faith journey from religious fundamentalism to the Unitarian church in a May 2009 article titled "Looking for Light" in *Homemakers* magazine and the challenges facing those who try and leave an authoritarian religion in a June 2011 article titled "Casting Off" for the *United Church Observer*. She and her husband, Jeff Mahoney, and daughters Ruby and Lucy have been members of First Unitarian Church for six years.

Sat, Feb. 11th, 2012
12 noon - 4 p.m.



Snow Day,
Feb. 18th, 2012
12 noon - 4 p.m.

*Blooms for Africa
Book Exchange &
Afternoon Tea
Sat. Feb. 11th, 12-4
Entrance by Donation
Tax Receipts for
Donations of \$20 or more*

All proceeds go to the
Stephen Lewis Foundation's
Grandmothers to Grandmothers
Campaign.



Donate 6 books,
choose 7 in exchange.
Take as many as you wish
from the 'freebies'
table!

www.bloomsforafrica.org

Don't forget to visit the Blooms Café
for Coffee, Tea and Nibbles
First Unitarian Church
170 Dundurn St., S.
Hamilton, L8P 4K3

Our website: <http://firstunitarianhamilton.org/> **Check it out!**

FEBRUARY 2012

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM First Unitarian Lay Chaplains Service 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM C to C Rm 1	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Auditors Rm 9 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Rental HAHN-FH 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Rm 1 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM ARE-Tai Chi-Foyer	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Auditors Rm 7	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Auditors Rm 7 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Seniors Advisory-Rm9 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mtg Doreen Knol Rm 9	2 Groundhog Day 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Auditors Rm 7 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bookmaking workshop Rm9 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rm 1	3 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Auditors Rm 7 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Seniors art class Fh 2:30-4pm 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM "Plugged In" Music Night Rm1 - Event time 7 pm 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ARE-Drumming Circle FH	4 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Regional Membership Committee Chairs - FH/Kitchen 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM FLUD-Rm 9 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Giggles & Gims Event (Grandmothers of Steel)-Foyer & Kitchen
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Have you had a chance to check out the new catalog

of classes offered by Adult Religious Exploration? It is completely to their credit that while I continue to spin my plates in CYRE, these folks have put together an impressive array of courses. I am looking forward to dropping in on a few of them myself, to learn more and get to know you better.

I hope you have had a chance to see all the chalice banners, hanging like beautiful prayer flags, in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall.

After a rousing day of “Reindeer Games” on New Year’s Day (we played Dreidl, Maq and musical chairs,) the children of CYRE officially kicked off their January lessons by constructing banners in Spirit Play (preschool,) Chalice Club (young elementary,) and “7P” Seven Principles (older elementary.)

We’ve also spent January learning about the work of some important Unitarian “ancestors” of ours, recreating some of Joseph Priestley’s science experiments and

Maria Mitchell’s constellation charts.

I am looking forward to February and my first “Creative Spirituality” month with you. We’ll be exploring the idea of “superheroes” with the kids, based on the innovative ideas of our chair, Jennifer Reid. What makes a superhero? What would it be like to be a superhero, and what would they wear? What would they eat? What does it all have to do with what we believe in? We’ll be exploring these questions and more by creating art, music, and food.

Beyond February, we will explore how each of us is capable of being a superhero in our own lives, especially when we know about first aid, CPR, and what to do in an emergency.

We’re also looking forward to the return of “Mystery Friends” in March, so if you would like to be part of the fun of having a secret pen pal, please let us know. The more the merrier!

In Fellowship, Tamara McClellan



2012 Events for UU Families

Games Night - Fellowship Hall

- February 18, 2012

6-9:00 pm

Bring your favourite games and a treat to share.

Family Potluck

Fellowship Hall

March 24th, 2012

6PM

Bring a dish to share.

Family Hike

April 28th, 2012

Meet at Maplewood.

1:30PM

Unicamp UU Families Weekend

May 25-27, 2012

Lodging \$22-24/adult 16 and up

Half price children 5-15

Children under 5 Free

More details TBA

Contact Melanie asap to reserve.

Optional night May 24

Family Picnic

June 16th, 2012

Dundas Driving Park

11:30

Bring picnic foods to share, plates,

silverware and beverages, balls, frisbees and outdoor games, and swimsuits for kids for the splash-pad

Rain or Shine

Unicamp Family Camp Dates

(For all)

Aug 12-17

Aug 19-24 (dogs allowed)

For more information on these events, please email

coachparish@gmail.com or check

for updates on the UU Families

Facebook Page or Yahoo Group.