



The Victoria Unitarian

Services in March

Worship Service and Children's Religious Education at 10:30am. Child-Minding available 10am - noon.

March 4 **Where Do You Come From?**

John Elliott, Guest Speaker

in collaboration with the Welcoming and Diversity Committee and Rev. Shana Lynngood

We will look this morning at the importance of place in our lives. How much have we been formed or shaped by home? How has identity been impacted by our sense of place or displacement? An elder in the Tsartlip First Nation will come share his wisdom.

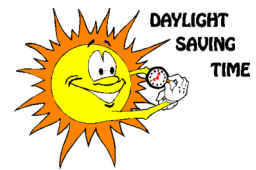
After the service we will have a luncheon that both celebrates our connection to our Partner Church in Transylvania (home to Unitarianism), and reveals our Mystery Buddies with a Mad Hatter Tea Party (Mystery buddies is a program in which adults and kids in the church have been paired up and writing notes to one another without revealing their identity for some time. All will discover who they've been writing to this Sunday after church.)

March 11 **Saving Time in a Bottle** 

Rev. Melora Lynngood

****Special Start Time 11:30am****

(which will feel like 10:30am, as we "Spring forward" for Daylight Saving Time).



On this day when we set our clocks forward an hour, we examine the concept of time. Some gurus of spiritual enlightenment advise us to live in the present moment, for it is the only moment that is really real. Those of us who like to plan, wonder if it isn't wise to spend at least some time planning for the future. And what about the past? Isn't there value in honouring, preserving, learning about and from the past? Past, present, future—how do we find our balance as we walk through time?

We are inviting our fellow Unitarians from Salt Spring Island to join us this morning, and have adjusted our service start time so they can catch their ferry. Welcome, Salt Spring Unitarians!

March 18 **UN Sunday** 

Guest speaker(s)

with our congregational UN representative, Patrick Conroy

Our United Nations Service will explore some of the issues that concern Victoria's citizens.

March 25 **Emily Carr's Spirituality**

Molly Newman, local actor and historian (see 'About Our Speaker' on page 2)

Molly will lead us in understanding more about our town's internationally famous artist.

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The **deadline** for submissions to the **April** issue of the newsletter is **March 13**.

SELEBRATING BALANCE

FAYE MOGENSEN

In my practice of yoga, some of the most challenging poses are ones like the tree, that involve standing on one foot but keeping the torso vertical. It's a dynamic equilibrium; one easily toppled by a wandering mind. Now, as we approach the Equinox, it occurs to me that achieving balance might be one of the important things to celebrate in life. Like collapsing in the tree pose, things can go awry when we're out of alignment with our work/leisure, thought/action, listening/speaking, giving/receiving, planning/spontaneity, care of others/care of self. On the other hand, when we remember to work towards a dynamic equilibrium in

the various facets of life, we feel more stable and more capable of tackling challenges.

Spring Break extends over three weekends this year and we have some special programming. On March 11 and 25, inspired by the March 25 service, we'll be like Emily Carr, and work towards a balance of focussing on art and nature, of being indoors and outdoors. On March 18, the Sunday closest to the Equinox, we'll tie into the sermon topic by asking: What does the UN do to try to keep steady peace? We'll consider what we need to equalize in our lives in order to feel peaceful. In keeping with the need to be

active, we'll play balance games and try the tree pose!

The OWL courses are intensive and, in order to achieve an equilibrium of fun and learning during each session, they will continue for part of the holiday. When the participants are free, they are welcome to join the other children.

March is also a month that balances curriculum planning with party planning. The month begins with the Buddy Party, and the family friendly service auction ends it.

Writing this way is convincing me that, in itself, a balanced life is a celebration!

Happy Tightrope Walking!
Faye Mogensen

About Our Speaker

Molly Rahe Newman, since 1999, has been inhabiting the role of Emily Carr and early in her career she was invited by Ken Lane to come to life as Carr in Victoria's Wax Museum. The public in Victoria at Carr House and elsewhere eagerly and endlessly enter her fantasy. Those who like their Carr sober and rueful might find it hard to accept this ebullient re-enactment, but let's remember that Carr herself cherished her native nickname: Klee Wyck, The Laughing One. Molly's business card reads "artist-actress-musician. We hope to see some of these aspects of Molly when she graces our Sanctuary on March 25th.

Beyond our Walls

When you hear or think about being involved in things beyond the walls of our congregation you most likely think of the myriad social responsibility efforts we pour effort into. This month I'd like to highlight another way that many members of our community (and your ministers) are connected to efforts beyond our front door.

As many of you know, I am a lifelong Unitarian Universalist. This faith tradition has offered me a foundation and a sustaining community throughout my life. Ever since I became a minister I have believed that part of my role is to serve not only the congregation to which I am called, but also the larger well-being of Unitarian Universalism. At this moment, I am serving our larger UU community in two ways. I am a newly appointed member of the UUA's Ministerial Fellowship Committee. This com-



mittee is tasked with interviewing candidates for ministry to determine their preparedness and suitability for ministry. This committee

deals with other ministerial issues as well, but suffice it to say it is critical work that shapes the future and current health of professional ministry in our denomination. I was honored to be asked to serve.

The second involvement I have beyond First Church is one that leads me to an invitation. I have been on many conference calls over the past several months as the co-chair of the Planning Committee for the Spiritual Leadership Symposium hosted jointly by the Canadian Unitarian Council Board of Trustees and the UU Ministers of Canada. During the Victoria Day long weekend (May 18-20) we hope that 200 to 300 Unitarians from across Canada will come together in Ottawa. We have been devising an engaging and exciting program that will engage participants in a

multi-sensory, multi-faceted, full-bodied exploration of what it means to be a spiritual leader in many different contexts and in numerous ways. It has been very interesting work, and it has given me a new appreciation for the many wonderfully talented people in Unitarian congregations across Canada. It has also reminded me that we tend to wrestle with similar problems and questions, so coming together regularly to be reminded that we are not alone can be valuable (not to mention inspirational). I hope you'll consider coming to Ottawa in May. If you can't make it, check the CUC website—www.cuc.ca—for video clips and other information about what the Symposium is stirring up (full details and registration materials are also on cuc.ca). Sometimes, we see our own community and home most clearly when we have the perspective of having seen it from a distance. May we appreciate the gifts of this congregation and the larger community in which it is held.

Blessed Be, Rev. Shana

IMPORTANT NOTICE — Boardroom Closed

The boardroom has been temporarily closed as part of an ongoing building inspection. Please check the Events Calendar on the church web before you arrive for possible recent changes in event and meeting locations.

There are interesting ways our church reaches out to the greater community, while at the same time nurturing our own.

I discovered one of the most spiritually satisfying ways last month when I was invited to take part in an Our Whole Lives session after Spaghetti Night.

Gathered in the Sunflower Room of the RE centre that Friday night was a group of kids aged 12 to 14 along with three adult volunteer facilitators. Seven of us joined the group that night as a panel to discuss sexual orientation and sexual identity. The young teenagers, many not connected to our church except through this program, were attentive and involved.

Casual and friendly, the experience for me was a long way from what I remembered about my own sex education, such as it was. I seem to recall some fleeting references to physical differences in a gender-separated school classroom. Sex education for young teen boys at that time was more about playground jokes and snig-

gering. No one would have attempted any serious talk of sexual orientation or identity.

But those few hours we spent after the spaghetti dinner was a true example of how our religious movement can operate in the real world -- open, trusting and supportive.

Our Whole Lives--OWL as we now experienced ones call it--started in the late 1990s by the Unitarian-Universalist Association and continues here with the support of the Canadian Unitarian Council. It's an excellent example of our faith in action.

The adult facilitators in the OWL program deserve our gratitude for volunteering so much of their time. They are helping to create a better world for our children and bringing to life our first principle--"the inherent worth and dignity of every person."

One of the panel members illustrated the effect of this program on its participants. She said she has made her best and closest friends from those she met when she was in the OWL program.

Closed-in and made uncomfortable about her sexual orientation in high school, she said she blossomed in the safe surroundings of her fellow OWL members.

When I came out of the OWL session that night I was filled with admiration for those involved. But I was also rejuvenated in the knowledge that my own church can so clearly show its commitment to a better and more just world.

As The Reverend Peter C. Boullata, the Canadian-educated minister of First Parish U-U in Lexington, Massachusetts, writes in his blog 'Held in the Light': "If we gather together for the sake of gathering together, without a sense that we have work to do on ourselves or in the world to which our faith sends us, we risk ossifying into a cozy self-congratulatory group of like-minded people that is guarded, suspicious of others, and openly derisive of those who are not like us...hardly in keeping with the liberal spirit."

Our Partner Church in Transylvania

Since 1997 our church has been connected as a North American UU buddy to the Magyarsaros Unitarian Church in Transylvania, Romania. Four members have visited and some beautiful tapestries have been exchanged. This coming month we will be fund-raising again. As you know from the news Romania has been hit by the European economic crisis as well as by record cold temperatures. Our Partner minister has to manage a small holding to grow his food as parishioners have little cash and the government assistance has been cut 25%. Our Board promised to make up the lost \$600.

March 4: Our fund-raising Transylvanian lunch is combined with the Mad Hatter's lunch but everyone old and young are most welcome. Bring some Hungarian food if you can and/or make a donation.

The after-lunch programme will feature Victoria's Hungarian dance group teaching some very simple dances, as well as a play about good Queen Isabella of Poland, mother of King Sigismund, our Unitarian King of the 16th century.

Services Auction

When is the Services Auction? Friday, March 30. The Silent Auction and Happy Hour begin at 6:00pm with complimentary snacks and treats and a cash bar. Live Auction begins at 7:00pm. (Please see the poster in this newsletter).

Is it too late to offer a service or donate an item for the Silent Auction? We are accepting services and auction items until Wednesday, March 28. Please contact Jen Young at hellojenyoung@gmail.com or 250-598-0020.

How can I find out what services and items are in the Auction? There is an initial list in this newsletter. New items are added as they come in and the updated list will be in each E-Weekly in March. Printed copies of the list will be available after church beginning March 12. The most up-to-date list will be available the night of the auction.



What's NEW this year?

- Children's activities in the Lion Hall
- A Cake Walk
- Two weekend getaways at B&Bs in Port Townsend, WA
- **MORE in the Silent Auction**, including: services, donations from businesses, budget-priced items and services, Early Bird Specials.

What is a Cake Walk? You pay a toonie a turn to walk the Cake Walk. When the music stops, if you are standing on the winning number, you win whichever cake you choose. First Cake Walk starts at 6:45pm.

What is an Early Bird Special? The event goes for a set price to a set number of guests. The first people to sign up will get to attend the event, up to the maximum number of spaces offered.

How can I bid if I am unable to attend? You can ask a friend to bid for you. Or you can contact Jen Young with the item you want to bid on and a maximum bid. We will assign you a bidding number and a member of the Auction Team will bid for you.

When should I bring my item for the Silent Auction? Please bring it to the Church Office beginning Sunday, March 18 or to the sanctuary by 6:00pm on the night of the auction.

How can I help? There are lots of little jobs to do at the Auction. Please contact Suellen Guenther, sguenther@shaw.ca or 250-727-0454 if you would like to help.

Why should I come? It's a fun evening, with lots of laughter. You might find a treasure, a few gifts, or win a place at some wonderful social events, knowing all the money raised helps support our church.

What if I have other questions? Please contact any member of our Auction Team: Jen Young, Suellen Guenther, Barbara Nyland, Mary Cramer, or Sandra Jordan.

We hope to see you there!

Covenant of Good Relations

Question: Your feelings are hurt by something a committee member or the committee itself said or did. You are thinking of quitting the church. What is a better resolution?"

(see page 15 for answer)

I'd like to introduce you to my son Rylan.

Rylan's diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder at 18 months has definitely not dampened his spirit one bit. He just may be one of THE happiest easy-going children I know. From the moment we

brought Rylan home from the hospital his personality has been blossoming at a rapid rate. Rylan understands emotion far beyond his years, making his sense of humor very strong for his age. Imagine spending the day with a little guy, who looks at his life with such an open heart. It's so inspiring!]



The behavioural consultant we first visited back in March 2006 noted that Rylan always turns around as he runs away showing us that he cares, and my heart swelled. The consultant's comment has stayed with me for years. If you take the time to stop for a minute to see into his world, your heart will swell too.

With that said, Rylan's very strong personality also comes with very strong likes and dislikes.

Rylan loves to learn. He thrives on it. but you better be ready to keep up because he will power through mastering his focus before you know it. Animals, reading, computer, letters and numbers—these things make him tick. But don't underestimate him; he's recently taken to yoga as well.]

Just like any kid, he knows what he likes, and he definitely knows what he doesn't like, although it can vary. I don't know if I could pinpoint anything specific, but I can assure you that he will let you know. These dislikes often stem from sen-

sivities. Rylan's hypersensitivity comes out when his environment throws him into overload. Too much auditory input is the most common for Rylan.

This is when he will disconnect, making it harder to get into his world. This is where the work comes in.

Another support Rylan has is a pair of headphones that look like construction headphones. They are intended to drown out some of the noise in his environment. He doesn't need them all the time but periodic breaks help to alleviate some of the anxieties that build up naturally in his day.

Rylan is considered nonverbal; he does have a lot of language but he uses it at his discretion for things that motivate him. The school uses a daily visual schedule with Rylan, so he can see in picture\written form, each activity he will do in his day. This predictability gives Rylan a sense of security, and helps keep his anxieties at a manageable level, allowing him to transition from activity to activity with more ease.

Rylan's biggest challenge is transitions. The school uses a Daily Visual schedule with Rylan. It is important that everyone spending time with Rylan makes sure that these supports are used consistently at school and at home. This gives him a sense of security and he finds it easier to transition between activities.

Since Rylan started at Island Montessori in September 2010, he has managed to grow and learn faster than we expected. He works so hard, each and every day. This comes from his passion for learning.

He constantly blows us all away. The environment that IMHS has provided for my son has been the most proactive program that he has ever been a part of.

Months before entering school, Rylan had attended a daycare program where I had never seen him participate in circle time, where he was always on the other side of the room reading books. Occasionally he would listen in if the topic piqued his interest.

Last year at school, Rylan was reading to his class, a book he had brought from home. He was amazing and it wasn't just me that was proud. I was greeted by so many of the staff at IMHS at the door when I arrived. One of the staff even had a video on their cell phone to show me.☺ What a great Milestone for us to celebrate. Or when I come into school and hear that Rylan was telling his classmates about all of the continents on the map. I feel proud. At home Rylan started speaking French; his reading has continued to reach inspiring levels.

The school also offers extra special programs such as music therapy, occupational therapy gym at Queen Alexandra Centre, and staff that come out from Queen Alexandra to offer extra occupational therapy, speech and physiotherapy services. The staff at IMHS is so amazing. They always make sure that Rylan's needs are met. I could not have my child in a better environment. I feel so extremely blessed!

I know that Rylan's time at IMHS won't last forever; one day we will have to say goodbye. But as long as we are blessed to be a part of their programs, I am confident that my son will continue to grow and learn and blow us all away, ultimately giving him the best foundation for his future.

Green Burial and Alternatives

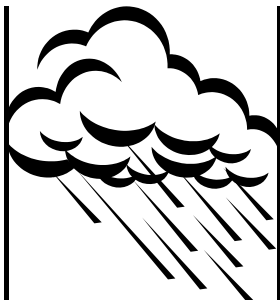
Sunday, March 11, after church* in the Board Room

Green Burial and Alternatives is a presentation and discussion led by Stephen Olson, Executive Director of Royal Oak Burial Park. He will deal with the history, philosophy and details of a green burial comparing it to alternative methods.

Green Burial can be considered both the oldest and newest form of burial. At present, Royal Oak Burial Park is one of the only two natural burial sites in Canada which means that, unlike most Canadians, we have this additional choice. The seminar will give us information about environmental impact, cost, and personal preferences that will help us as we make our end-of-life plans.

For more information, contact Rev. Melora or Margot Lods.

***Note:** Because we have invited the Salt Spring congregation to join us in worship on March 11, the service will start at 11:30am (which will feel like 10:30 because this is the day we change to Daylight Saving Time). **The Semi-**



Out of the Rain Youth Shelter Update

Our congregation was very generous in its support of the Out of the Rain Youth Shelter in December as the Share the Plate recipient and SRC action of the month. We collected 301 pairs of socks, 68 pairs of gloves, 10 jackets, 88 toques, 42 coffee cards, 10 phone cards, as well as, scarfs, hats, blankets, towels, toiletries and \$1090.18. We continue to provide hot meals for 30 youth 4-7 times a month. If you would like more information about this project please contact Lisa and Mike Greenly. Thank you for your support.

GREEN CORNER

NIKKI WRIGHT

Living with the Belief in the Equality of All that Lives

A total of 246 direct jobs were promised on a permanent basis for the Quinsam Coal Mine in Campbell River in the 1970s. Jobs have been similarly promised for the Enbridge oil project, the Bamerton Land development slated for the Saanich Inlet, and the BC aquaculture industries. How do these jobs pertain to clean groundwater for the Campbell River watershed? How many clams, salmon, seaweeds and oysters do these jobs equal for the Gitga'at community in Hartley Bay, the carrying capacity for sediment into the Saanich Inlet, and the wild salmon habitats of the

Central Coast? Jobs versus the Earth and its people's livelihood are persistently pitted against each other.

It seems we are constantly faced with the choice between people and the earth, as if we come from somewhere else.

Perhaps this is our dilemma and our challenge as a Unitarian community – Are we of the Earth or separated from Her? If we are truly of the Earth, jobs versus environmental health would be a contradiction to the interconnectedness of the web of life. We could be working for Earth and ourselves. Poverty, hunger, home-

lessness, social injustices are reflections of how we treat ourselves and our home.

To help heal this split so predominant in the news and sometimes in our conversations, we may want to share our thoughts and feelings about the degradation of the Earth and our social problems within this community over the coming year. We may want to reflect on healing this separation within and between ourselves and our Home. As a new member of the Environmental Action Team, I am eager to partake in this dialogue.

Cadboro Bay teamed up with Royal Oak West on January 29 to organize the Souper Lunch after church. It was wonderful for both groups to have extra hands for the cooking, baking, setup, and cleanup. This NG meets next for a gathering on March 18th at Lorna and Earle Anthony's.

Central: New convenor, Linda Nicholson-Brown, reports that their next gathering date conflicted with the Youth Coffee House on February 18, so they have moved their potluck to March 3. They will gather at Linda's and will be deciding whether to change the name of their group to better describe the location of their neighbourhood.

Esquimalt is gathering at Barbara Boyle's complex on February 17, just past the deadline for this newsletter, so we'll be hearing about their potluck in the April newsletter.

Fairfield: Phyllis and Herb Girard hosted a Valentine party for 14 people in the afternoon on February 12. People brought savoury or sweet finger food and since it was a valentine theme, Phyllis reports some of the desserts were deliciously decadent. In future, they are thinking it would be good to have more savoury and fewer sweet choices. The afternoon format appealed to the group and the finger food style of food meant there was very little cleanup.

Phyllis notes that when she and Herb were the convenors who got this group going quite a few years ago, their focus was on nurturing fellowship and friendship. It has been a winning formula ever since for this very close-knit group.

At this event, focussing on love, Diana Smith writes, "We shared our thoughts about romance, the challenges, and surprises of love. We shared stories, poems and sayings that were personal, poignant, positive and inspiring. We also played with song titles which were silly, subtle and funny, breaking into song as we laughed at all the ingenuity and inventiveness. We next meet for a Sunday evening potluck on April 1 – who knows what *fool*-ish happenings there might be!!! Join us."

Farout is another group caught by a date conflict with the Youth Coffee House on February 18, so they will now be gathering at Ted & Ruth Humphrey's for a potluck on February 25. It is wonderful to see the NGs moving their events so that people can attend the Coffee House, if they wish.

Gordon Head will be supplying the hospitality baking for coffee time after church in March, and they are also hoping to settle on a date for a NG gathering in late February or early March

James Bay: Pat Kinrade reports that Ellen Gabelman is hosting a potluck lunch for the James Bay NG at noon on Tuesday, March 6. This group will also be cooking and baking with Royal Oak East for the Souper Lunch of March 18, so March is shaping up to be a busy month in James Bay.

Nearby: Many interesting ideas for gatherings are being sent around by members of this NG and Jean Simpson reports there is a strong interest in planning some outdoor events. In the meantime, they are thinking they will have a gathering at the church in late February or March to give them a chance to get to know each other. Several members of Nearby have recently joined the church as members or friends, and their new convenor just recently joined the church as well. Since they will no longer be meeting with the Farout NG, this seems to be an opportunity for new beginnings.

Oak Bay: After quite a few years of relative inactivity, Oak Bay is smoking! Karla Thompson writes, "The Oak Bay neighbourhood group is busy baking up a storm and stirring big pots of delicious soups for the Souper Sunday on February 19. We will try to label as many of the ingredients as possible to help those with allergies etc. We also will have gluten free rolls and a gluten free dessert for friends with gluten allergies.

Last Month on January 21 we had another pot luck dinner. This time it was held in Jean Evans lovely home. There were fifteen members plus one guest.

It looks like we have been busy and there is another potluck happening on St. Patrick's day in March."

AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD cont'd.)

Royal Oak East: Hanny Pannekoek reports that this group will have their first potluck gathering for the new year in March, and they are also working with James Bay to organize, cook and bake for the Souper Sunday lunch on March 18.

Royal Oak West: Fran Hancock was the energizer bunny who coordinated the efforts of Royal Oak West and Cadboro Bay for the Souper Lunch on January 29. There were 10 pots of soup, many delicious desserts, and they fed over 100 people. They ran out of bowls in both kitchens, so Barbara Nyland is ordering more bowls for the church. Fran initiated a new layout for the tables, making the room feel less like a dining hall and more like an intimate café. People enjoying the lunch and conversation donated just over \$600 for the church. Fran has also been busy getting a date for the next Royal Oak West gathering.

Sandy and Dennis Jaques, newcomers to the NG, have kindly offered to host a finger food potluck lunch at their home after church on Sunday, March 25 at 12:15. Sandy and Dennis have already met some members of the NG when they pitched in to help with the Souper Lunch.

Western: Our Western members are eagerly awaiting the return of Susan Lean in March to get them organized for their next potluck. They often meet on the last Saturday of the month

Covenant Groups

We had such an overwhelming response to our renewed small group ministry efforts—Covenant Groups—that we were unable to fit everyone who wanted to participate into a group due to a lack of facilitators. The members of the Spiritual Exploration and Learning Team (Adult RE) are hoping to remedy that situation by training new facilitators for Fall 2012. We plan to have all new groups begin in October and run through June 2013. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a facilitator for one of these small groups please mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 31st from 1 to 4pm.** Diana Smith will be leading a workshop entitled The Art of Facilitation. Please email or call Rev. Shana if you plan to attend rev.shana@shaw.ca or 250-744-2601. No previous experience in facilitation is necessary.

Workshop for Neighbourhood Group Care and Concern People Sunday, April 1 at 12 noon

in the Boardroom with Reverend Melora.

You may bring your own lunch but there will be fruit, muffins and tea. If you need coffee please bring it from the Lion Hall.

This is for all Care & Concern people and the back-ups.

Daphne Dunbar, Chair, C&C

MUSIC NOTES

My Dad likes to tell the story about one of my very first piano recitals. I believe I was about 5 at the time. I got up to play a piece of music but I didn't sit centre at the piano, so when I went to play the piece I was completely on the wrong notes. I kept going—I didn't think anything was wrong. They stopped me, shuffled me down the bench a little, and I started again, happy to be playing.

It doesn't matter what you play or sing or act or dance or paint or draw or engage in any of the arts. The joy comes from being able to create something of your very own. Never let anyone tell you

that "you can't sing" or "you can't draw". The arts can be a lifelong journey that can bring you a lot of happiness. Anyone can participate in the arts, and I encourage everyone to try.

Choir Notes

March 11 - Chalice choir meets at 11am
(service starts at 11:30am)

March 18 - Chalice choir meets at 10am



NEW ARTWORK IN THE SANCTUARY IN APRIL

As you may know, the church has been given a very beautiful tapestry created by Carol Sabiston. It is in 3 pieces, a triptych called 'Arbutus Coast'. The panels are three 8x8-foot squares, measuring a total of 8x24 feet. Its value is just under \$20,000. Carol Sabiston is also the artist who created the tapestry 'Continuous Rhythms' that hangs at the front or north end of the Sanctuary. In September we hung this work on the west walls of the Sanctuary for the congregation to see it and we asked for your comments.

For the month of April we will hang this work on the north wall and store the current tapestry for that month. On April 1st there will be a sermon by Rev Melora about how to hold opinions in a



beloved community. When we put it up it will challenge the congregation on how to be in community when there is a difference of opinion. During that month, we would like to receive opinions from most of the congregation. After the Service on April 29 Rev Melora will conduct a listening

circle to share how the tapestry that you prefer adds to your spiritual practice.

Your Arts & Aesthetics Team

Hanny Pannekoek, Val Tibbles,
Mariko, Matsumoto, John Waters
and Betty Sherwood

International Women's Day 2012

March 8 is a day to celebrate and to remember. There will be many events for IWD in Victoria around this time. WOMEN in BLACK will hold its monthly vigil on MARCH 1, noon-1pm on Douglas Street beside City Hall. Its leaflet will list some of the coming IWD activities. All supportive people are welcome to join all or part of this silent vigil.

Our Church Library has many books written by women that are relevant for this time, including:

"Gemma", a novel by the actor Meg Tilly who grew up in British Columbia. Childhood sexual abuse by close family members and friends is one of the last taboo subjects in our society. Although this is a novel, Tilly says she suffered abuse from men her mother knew in her childhood; this novel is based on some of her experiences.

"Missing Sarah". A Vancouver woman remembers her vanished sister" by Maggie de Vries. Many families are still seeking their disappeared sisters in our province.

"The Perfection of the Morning" by Sharon Butala is one of our most treasured books about a woman and her place in the world, southwest Saskatchewan.

And for poetry check out: Anne Swannell's latest poetry collection, "Shifting, Shifting, Shifting", Dorothy Livesay's iconic and famous, "The Woman I Am" as well as Theresa Wolfwood's, "Believe in an Ongoing Universe". Theresa' poetry is also in GADRAN III, an anthology of Victoria women poets.





Healing Our World (HOW) 2012 Project Proposals are here!

Below, in alphabetical order, are the four exciting projects you will be voting on.

Project A: Brown's Town Primary School
Location: Jamaica
Funds requested: \$3,400
Description: Feed 30 pupils from poverty-stricken families breakfast five school days a week for one school year.

Project B: Dandelion Society
Location: Victoria, BC
Funds requested: \$5,000
Description: Supply Rev. Al Tysick with the goods he needs to care for members of the street community afflicted with addictions or mental illness.

Project C: Pacific People's Partnership
Location: West Papua, Indonesia
Funds requested: \$10,000
Description: Construct five centres for indigenous women to coordinate the distribution and sale of local products, including traditional food, clothing and handicrafts.

Project D: Yellow Wolf Powwow
Location: Tsartlip Reserve, near Brentwood, BC
Funds requested: \$2,400
Description: Cover the cost of the host Drum and Emcee for the Powwow which is a free gathering intended to encourage aboriginal youth back into their community. All cultures are invited to participate. Dancing, drumming and singing.

Voting

The congregational survey late last year told us you wanted a limit on the number of HOW projects in a year and that the voting should determine the order in which projects would be *fully* funded. So the ballot will ask you to determine what order you would like to see the projects funded—1, 2, 3 or 4. Only the top three will be funded. We hope that all three projects will receive donations to match their goals and no project will receive greater than the amount of their goal. Any surplus contributions will be held for HOW 2013. If you wish, you can still designate precisely where you would like your own personal donation to go.

Full descriptions will be available March 15th and the congregational presentation will take place **March 25** with voting to follow services on **March 25** and **April 1**. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about all the proposals in the Lion Hall during coffee time.

Voting is open to members *and* friends of the church.

OUR PALESTINIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

Our Palestinian refugee family project is shared with the Victoria Interfaith Refugee Committee.

When our family arrives soon from Syria, we will need both short term and longterm housing.

We are on a waiting list at the Cridge but will need a two-bedroom home for four adults very soon. Are you or anyone you know rattling around in a big house or know of any such suite?

Could anyone help short or long term? We plan to afford \$900 a month maximum but less would help the budget too. Do let Marya Nijland or Christine Johnston know if you have any suggestions.

SRC ACTION OF THE MONTH

From Attawapiskat to Vancouver Island: The Crisis in Housing for First Nations People

There has been much in the news lately about housing on First Nations reserves. Who has not seen the reports and pictures about Attawapiskat, and shaken their heads, and wondered, "How did it come to this?" Closer to home, we have all felt the horror of a life lost in a trailer fire in December on the Tsartlip reserve, or two little boys killed in January in a house fire on a reserve near Nanoose.

According to the president of Fire Prevention Canada, due to substandard housing, people living on a reserve are at much higher risk of death or injury in a fire than other Canadians. Another risk to residents of reserves is the respiratory and other health problems caused by mould. A recent study by a UVic medical anthropologist called housing conditions on many reserves "deplorable and dangerous", due to

the presence of mould and other toxins.

What can we, as caring citizens and Unitarians trying to live by our principles, do about this threat to our neighbours' safety and lives? When I asked this question of Sylvia Olsen, a former housing manager on the Tsartlip Reserve and a consultant on First Nations Housing, she said "first of all, make yourselves informed." When I asked my friend Jean Crowder, MP and longtime (former) Aboriginal Affairs critic for the NDP, for some suggested reading on the topic, she said "there really isn't any."

So, the SRC Action of the Month for March is to make ourselves informed about the issue of the Crisis in First Nations Housing by meeting with the experts. On March 18, after the Sunday Service, we will all have a chance to meet with Jean Crowder, MP for Nanaimo/

Cowichan. (This is a Souper Sunday, so grab a bowl of soup and try to join us in the Boardroom by 12:30.) Jean has visited First Nations communities around the country (including several visits to Attawapiskat).

On March 25, after the Sunday Service, (also in the Boardroom) we will hear from Sylvia Olsen. Sylvia is completing her Ph.D. at UVic on the topic of First Nations Housing (and she tells me that once her academic work is completed, she hopes to write that missing resource book on the issue.)

We trust that these speakers can give us both a better understanding of the complex issues involved in housing on and off First Nations reserves and direct us to some actions in cooperation with local First Nations that could truly be helpful in improving the situation over the long term.

March Birthdays



- 3 Wally du Temple
- 5 John Hopewell
- 6 Caroline Startin
- 9 Ella Small, Danielle Walker
- 10 Ruth Humphreys, Winnifred Bocking, Betty Sherwood
- 12 Irene Guilbault
- 14 Isabel Jones
- 15 Sandra Jacobsen
- 18 Mira Yarwood, Kjerstin Mackie
- 19 Roger Sandford
- 20 Phyllis Girard, Margot Lods
- 22 Alastair Dillistone, Bill Gaylord
- 23 Mac Elrod
- 26 Gwen Buttemer, Joyce Murphy, Shirley Travis
- 27 John Hall, Athena Lynngood
- 29 Curran Dobbs

Do you have a friend in need ... of a ceremony?

A wedding, child dedication or memorial?

Tell them about FUCV's

Lay Chaplains

It's what we do!

Email: laychaplains@victoriaunitarian.ca





Fiesta Night (aka Spaghetti Night)

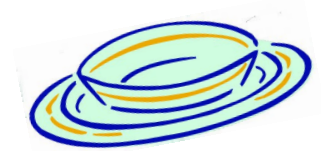
Friday, March 9th at 6pm

Instead of spaghetti we will be serving tacos, chilli and much more!
Vegetarian options will be available.

Fiesta Night is a multi-generational event and an opportunity to meet new people or catch up with friends over a casual, fun, delicious meal.

Everyone is welcome!! Please join us!!

Dinner is by donation. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
To help with clean-up please bring your own plate and dessert bowl.
A rinsing station will be provided.



Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry acts as a conduit linking the Congregation to the Ministers. If you have information or an issue you would like the Committee to take to Rev. Melora and/or Rev. Shana, contact any one of the members listed.

The CoM members are:

- David Andersen • david.andersen@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca • 250-479-1499
- Don Armstrong • armstrongdon@shaw.ca • 250-220-2240
- Astrid Firley-Eaton • afedesign@shaw.ca • 250-384-3405
- Martha McDougall • martha.mcdougall@broadmeadcare.com • 250-744-1541
- Margaret McKelvie • mmckelvie@Richmond-Systems.com • 250-380-6356
- Don Vipond • donandclare@shaw.ca • 250-652-5491

CUC Annual Meeting

Canadian Unitarian Council will be holding its annual meeting in Ottawa during the long May weekend. Details of the programme will be out soon in the CanU magazine. Rev. Shana and Diana Smith are two of the planners.

Anyone who is interested in being a delegate, please speak to Christine Johnston. Delegates have \$150 fees paid; a charitable tax exchange on expenses, and the opportunity to dialogue with UUs across Canada on Spiritual issues. Always an inspiring experience.

Hearing Loop Show-and-Tell

Are you hearing the services as well as you would like to? As well as you can? As well as possible?

Bring your questions and your "T" switch on Sunday, March 25 after service (11:30am) in the Sanctuary for a review of the latest in loop listening at our church. Invite a friend who you know has hearing difficulties. McNeill Audiology will be present, as well as our AV technicians. Contact Stu Whitney at [250 477 5546](tel:2504775546)

First Unitarian Church of Victoria
SERVICE AUCTION 2012

MARCH 30, 2012
SILENT AUCTION— 6:00PM
LIVE AUCTION — 7:00PM

What's Happening?



- ⇒ Activities for the Kids
- ⇒ Awesome Silent Auction
- ⇒ Cake Walk
- ⇒ Complimentary Snacks
- ⇒ Cash Bar
- ⇒ Amazing array of services offered by members of our church in support of church ministries! Donors and winning bidders enjoy opportunities to share time and talent with each other!
- ⇒ **EVERYBODY WINS!!!**

Growing in Spirit, Living with Compassion, Inspired to Serve

Committee on Ministry – vacancies coming up

The Committee on Ministry meets each month and is intended to enhance a strong and healthy relationship between the professional ministers and the congregation by serving as a communication channel. The committee also advocates for the professional development and fair compensation of the ministers and evaluates the relationship between the ministers and the congregation.

How are members of the Committee on Ministry chosen? The committee consists of our co-ministers and six others who serve three-year terms, staggered such that two new members join each year. Members are appointed by the Board of Trustees from a list of prospective members, half of which are proposed by the Board and congregation and half by the ministers. The next selection will be in April, prior to the annual general meeting in May.

If you would like to propose someone for a place on this committee or if you would like to join the committee yourself, please let a board member know.

Current members of the Committee on Ministry are: David Andersen and Don Armstrong, co-chairs; Astrid Firley-Eaton, Rev. Melora and Rev. Shana Lynngood, Martha McDougall, Margaret McKelvie and Don Vipond.

First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation Call for Grant Proposals

The First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation was established to promote the principles and values of our church. Currently the Foundation has contributions invested with the Victoria Foundation totalling approximately \$53,000. Income from approximately \$28,000 of these funds is dedicated to supporting First Nations post-secondary education through the church. Income from approximately \$24,000 is directed by request of the donor to support the music programme and/or social responsibility programmes of the church.

The Foundation board recommended to the annual meeting in June 2011 that the church enter into a three-year agreement with Camosun College to fund a bursary of at least \$500 for a First Nations student with income from the First Nations fund. This year the board is recommending a second 3-year bursary of \$500 for a total disbursement of \$1,000.

This year we anticipate around \$800 will be available from the remainder of the funds. The Foundation is currently seeking proposals from church groups who need a grant to fund music or social responsibility programmes of the church. Applications must be for enhanced activities not normally supported by the church budget and must cover costs not yet incurred.

An application form is available at the church office or from either of the individuals listed below. The **deadline** for proposals is **March 31**.

Please refer questions to Frances Hancock or Judy Gaylord.

Covenant of Good Relations

(see question on page 5)

Resolution: The person hurt should ideally speak with the person who hurt you or with the committee chair directly. If you do not feel comfortable talking with the person or chair on your own, you could take a sympathetic friend or consider asking a minister to accompany you. Possible too is a member of the Dispute Management Group. Ultimately forgiveness is involved, of self and others.

The Covenant states: "While respectfully truth speaking, I will be aware of how others may respond... I will be responsible for getting the facts for myself... I will learn the appropriate skills to communicate in clear, sensitive and compassionate ways."

Contact Changes

New Email Address

Janet Silman
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Far Out NG

Astrid Firley-Eaton
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Royal Oak West NG



New Street address

Jackie Bennett
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James Bay NG

Name change

Lil Lawrence would like to be called Lillie Lawrence
Esquimalt NG

New Members and Friends

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Western NG



Lesley Duthie and Kent Haden
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kent@hadensoftware.com
Royal Oak West NG

Do you like belonging to a church with a library?

We are sad to announce that after many, many, years of combined service, most of your current Library Committee are retiring. So, if you like being a part of a church that has a library, now is your chance to join in a new Library Committee. As a committee member you can choose what contribution you would like to make. Perhaps it is through taking a librarian's shift, recommending books for the collection, writing a review, assisting in occasional book sales, creating library displays, or perhaps you have a whole new vision for our library! It is a time for change and renewal. No previous library experience is necessary—just an interest in books and in being part of a resource for our church.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, you can telephone Joyce at 250.656.2790, or email Karen at klpotts@uvic.ca.

Circle Dinners

Circle dinners are a great, informal way to meet and socialize with other church members and friends. We meet in each other's homes in small groups of six to eight people on the last Friday of the month. Circle dinners have been a long time tradition in our congregation. If you would like to join us for good food and fellowship, call the coordinator, Elaine Hanson at 1-250-743-9644 or email elainehanson@shaw.ca.

PLEASE NOTE: To avoid conflict with the Service Auction, which is on the last Friday in March, the date for the March circle dinners will be **Friday, March 23**.

We Care!

Care and Concern Committee for hospital and home visits, or just to talk...

Contacts

Daphne Dunbar at 250-381-7648 • Val Roberts at 250-477-7192

SERVICES AUCTION 2012

- **A BBQ Chicken Lunch** for 8 on Saturday August 11 at noon donated by John and Gloria Hopewell.
- **B&B** offered in a sunny house by the sea in July. King-sized bed or two single beds, for two adults. Nearby walks in the forest or sea shore. Special tea on arrival before 5pm. Scrumptious breakfast when you wake. Donated by Betty Sherwood.
- **High tea by the sea** in August. Served in a garden with flowers and bird song. Homemade scones, squares, tarts and delicate vegetarian sandwiches. Limit 8. Donated by Betty Sherwood.
- **History Tour of Victoria** presented by Peter Scales, MA. Two hours. Up to 3 people. Cash value \$50.
- **One hour table massage** in your own home donated by Patty Disbrow.
- **Clean out the clutter!** I'm offering one day of support in cleaning and organizing. I have a strong back, ample patience, a knack for sorting, and the objectivity for respectfully asking the ever-important question, "and do you want to keep or donate that?" Donated by Anna Isaacs
- Barb Nyland will offer "**3 pies, your choice of filling**, even kidney or oysters!"
- From Earle and Lorna Anthony, **delivery and pickup to/from airport** (4 passenger max) – two offerings.
- **A decadent cake** called "Death by Chocolate" donated by Ruth Pozer-Telford.
- During the month of March I will be displaying my **photographic art** and would like to offer one unframed print from the exhibit that a person would like to choose. Donated by Marguerite Hobbs.
- Three hours of **minor repairs around the house or yard cleanup services** donated by Andy Lee.
- **Dinner, Wine and Music from Around the World:** Six course dinner for 10 featuring international cuisine, wine pairings from Kristina Stevens and musical performances by Braden and Hillary Young. Saturday August 11. Donated by the Young Family and Kristina Stevens
- **Icelandic Vinarterta:** This is a cake made up of five layers of a thin cake with a cooked filling of prune and ground cardamom seeds between each layer. It will be iced with an almond icing and keeps quite well. This could be delivered at a convenient time around mid December, in time for Xmas celebrations. Donated by Karla Thomson.
- **Rev. Shana will preach** on the sermon topic of your choice.
- **Rev. Melora will preach** on the sermon topic of your choice.
- **Vacation in Port Townsend, WA.** Two nights lodging to be arranged with hostess for August or September 2012 (excludes 1st weekend of September) Value: \$300 for two nights. Donated by the Quimper Unitarian Universalists Fellowship in Port Townsend.
- **Another vacation in Port Townsend, WA.** Two night stay at Cape George (15 minutes from Port Townsend) overlooking the water and sunsets. Downstairs guest room is for two with a queen bed, sitting area and shower room. Donated by the Quimper Unitarian Universalists Fellowship in Port Townsend.
- **A "gourmet brunch"** on Saturday the 21st April at 10.30am, to be followed by a walk around Ten Mile Point (weather permitting). We will be able to accommodate 6-8 people, and dogs are welcome. Donated by Shirley Travis and Chris Mion.
- 3 cans (300 gr each) of my popular **spiced nuts** donated by Astrid Firley-Eaton.

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SERVICES AUCTION 2012 (continued)

- **Explore Hornby Island:** Stay on our treed acre, near the ocean, for a week in July or August, as you enjoy Hornby's many attractions. There is a one-room cabin (queen hide-a-bed but no indoor plumbing), 23-ft travel trailer (sleeps two adults and two kids) and a grassy areas to set up tents. Call us for details. Donated by Allan Dakin.
- **A bundt sherry cake** to be baked whenever the buyer requests donated by Margaret Shortliffe.
- **One-hour massage** donated by Lindsay Bagshaw.
- Enjoy a **shiatsu or rolling massage** on your aching back or shoulders in the comfort of your home (or workplace) by using my massage chair insert for 2 weeks. Your bid includes lavender bath salts, a candle, poetry book, and delivery and pick up of the chair pad, if you live in Victoria, or we can meet at church one Sunday. Donated by Margaret Rose. Up to 10 offerings.
- **A three-hour de-clutter consultation** (transferable to downsizing, upsizing, making room for baby, etc.) I took training with and belonged to the Professional Organizers in Canada (www.organizersincanada.com) donated by Madelaine Clark.
- **One day on the Salish Sea** on our 29' Sailboat, ` Sitheach Mhara `` (`Spirit of the Sea`), hosted by Philip, Marya and Timber Dog, includes lunch and dinner. For two adults (we will offer this item twice).
- **East Indian dinner** for a group of 6, a delicious meal cooked by chef Philip Symons, hosted by Marya Nijland and supervised by Timber Dog.
- 2.5 hours of **babysitting** donated by LeAnn and David Andersen.
- **Storytelling Concert.** An hour long program of stories to delight your heart. Perfect for your child's classroom, your parent's long term care home, a fundraiser you're planning or your living room! I'll tailor the program to suit your audience. Most of you know me - visit fayetales.com to learn more about my storytelling. Storytellers of Canada recommends a fee of \$250 for an hour-long program. Donated by Faye Mogensen.
- **Lunch and Bridge** for three or four. Donated by Myra Rippon.
- **Jewellery workshop** - make a chunky summer bracelet (4 seats offered) Saturday April 7, 12:30 - 4:00pm. Learn basic jewellery techniques by making a copper wire chain and attaching beads and other charms. Tools and materials supplied, bring your own beach shells or treasures to incorporate if you wish. Tea and cookies included. Donated by Pat McMahon.
- **A game night** for up to three players ages six and up, featuring a wonderful game called Qwirkle. This game is easy to learn, but lots of strategic elements come into play as you master it. If you like Scrabble, Set or Rummikub you will likely enjoy Qwirkle. I have lots of other board and card games, good for general fun and for word geeks like myself. Snacks provided and laughs guaranteed; on a Saturday evening, date to be mutually determined. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qwirkle>. Donated by Sherry Ewings.
- **Interior Painting:** We will paint the interior of one room in your house. No ceiling over 9 feet. You provide the paint. Donated by Pat Conroy, Mike Graham and Barry Wiebe.
- **A drive to and from the airport** at an agreed upon time. Donated by Mike Graham.
- **A custom designed quilted table runner or small quilt project.** Donated by Liz Graham.
- **A hand-knitted garment** (not black or navy). You supply the yarn. Donated by Nanw Cariad.
- **Two guitar lessons** (one hour each). Donated by Bob De Wolff.

SILENT AUCTION 2012

- Brand new Jack Lalanne power juicer donated by Jean Simpson.
- An acoustic guitar with stand, case and some music and chord info donated by Jean Simpson.
- Kisi stone chess set from Uganda. Value \$160.00 donated by Joyce Murphy.
- Water colour by Paul Poulson, a local artist donated by Phyllis Ann.
- Two 20-minute back massage sessions by certified eldercare chair practitioner Kimberley Bramadat. The best thing would be for me to have the chair set up after church and give both massages on the beautiful outdoor front lawn or inside.
- Bright table runner (quilted of course) with a sunflower motif donated by Pat Kinrade.
- Bowl and matching candlesticks, Norwegian pewter donated by Barb Nyland.
- Stemmed silver candy or petit fours dish. "Duchesse". Wilcox S.P. Co. donated by Barb Nyland.
- Low silver candy container. Toronto S.P. Co. donated by Barb Nyland.
- Large etched glass cake plate donated by Barb Nyland.
- Crown Ming breakfast set, white pattern on white china with silver trim. Eight of each of cereal bowls, bread and butter plates, large plates, eight saucers but just seven cups donated by Barb Nyland.
- Composted manure **just in time for spring gardening** for \$5/bag or bucket or \$40/pick-up load (A tractor will load your truck for you). Donated by Peter and Fran Hancock.
- Visit a micro-farm with your children or grandchildren. Feed two miniature donkeys and a pygmy goat. Throw a ball for a little black dog to retrieve. Meet a friendly white dog who loves to be petted. Have tea with Andy and Astrid. Up to eight whole-family tickets are available. You can come on different days as mutually agreed. Donated by Astrid Firley-Eaton and Andy Lee.
- Office steno chair, Fischer cross country skis (6' high) and poles, Blonde wooden three-fold room divider or accent, with photo inserts and two wicker lamp shades donated by Margaret Rose
- Princess Indian Head Spinning Wheel. **NEW.** Never been used. Spins both bulky, thick yarn and very fine yarn. Excellent for plying yarn. **Plus:** a bag of fleece. Minimum bid: \$80. Value: \$200.00 Donated by Donna Greenberg.
- A tin of my famous sugared nuts (filberts and/or almonds and/or walnuts) from an old family recipe. Makes a great gift. Delivered in December for holiday entertaining or whenever you request it. Minimum bid: \$10. Offered to the **three highest bidders.** Donated by Suellen Guenther.
- Gift certificate for a 60-minute therapeutic massage with Registered Massage Therapist Cheryl Varney. Value: \$91.00. Donated by Cheryl Varney.
- A colourful loop scarf, hand-knitted by Marya.-STARTING BID \$25.
- A set of preschool puzzles donated by LeAnn and David Andersen.
- Time to Bug Out, a unique turned wood timepiece by West Kootenay artist Ted Crosfield. It is about 16 inches in diameter, and turned from Vancouver Island chestnut wood that has been altered by the activity of powder post beetles. It could be used as a serving vessel, hung on a wall or stood on a plate rail. <http://www.tedcrosfield.ca>.
Donated by Sherry Ewings.
- A \$25 gift certificate from Russell Books. Russell's is a family business and one of Canada's largest used and new bookstores, including antiquarian, out-of-print and discount books.
- Card table and four folding chairs, TV trays with stand, tabletop fan, vintage pole lamp, leather stool, office chair donated by Grace Mercereau.

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SILENT AUCTION 2012 (continued)

Book for Children and Youth

- Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. Picture book. Winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal. Ages 3-8. Donated by Munro's Books.
- Brave Irene by William Steig. Picture book. A fairy tale about a plucky little girl. Ages 3-9.
- The Devil with the Three Golden Hairs, a Brother's Grimm Folktale retold by Sherry Meidell. Hardcover picture book. Ages 5-10.
- Looking for X by Deborah Ellis. Winner of the Governor General's Literary Award. Story includes homelessness, autism, and a non-conformist, coming of age. Ages 9-13.
- The Solstice Cup by Rachel Dunstan Muller. A fantasy about 12-year-old twins and the faerie folk in Ireland on the winter solstice. Ages 10-14.
- Goldstone by Julie Lawson. A tale of suspense, featuring a 12-year-old girl, based on real events in Roger's Pass, BC at the turn of the century. Ages 10-14.
- Ice Storm by Penny Draper. Twelve year old cousins cope with the 1998 ice storm in Quebec. Signed by the author and dedicated to a girl named Rachel. Ages 10-14.
- The Freedom of Jenny by Julie Burtinshaw. Set in the 1800s, a black slave girl is freed and moves with her family to California and then Salt Spring Island. Based on historical events. Ages 10-16.

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March 2012 — Events and Meetings

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The boardroom has been temporarily closed as part of an ongoing building inspection. Please check Events Calendar on the church web site for information on location changes.

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/1	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir practice	Sanctuary
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	1:00pm to 3:30pm	Jammers practice	Board Room
	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Contemplative Yarncraft	Offsite location
3/3	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Board Room
3/4	Diversity Sunday today		
	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	
	10:30am to 12:00pm	Junior OWL	Board Room
	11:30am to 1:30pm	Partner/Buddy event	Sanctuary
	12:00pm to 1:30pm	Environment meeting	Library
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir	Piano room
	12:00pm to 2:00pm	Democracy in CUC Workshop	Big Sky Room
3/5	11:45am to 2:30pm	Rental: Yoga	Lion Hall
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Rental: GH Choir	Sanctuary
3/6	9:30am to 12:00pm	Learning Circle	Board Room
	12:00pm to 2:00pm	James Bay Neighbourhood Group Lunch	Offsite location
	5:30pm to 7:30pm	Unsung Heroes Meeting	Board Room
3/7	10:30am to 12:00pm	Services Auction meeting	Library
	11:30am to 1:00pm	Staff Meeting	Board Room
	1:00pm to 2:30pm	Executive Meeting	Board Room
3/8	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir practice	Sanctuary
3/9	1:00pm to 3:30pm	Jammers practice	Board Room
	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Spaghetti Night	Sanctuary
3/10	SCHOOL SPRING BREAK BEGINS		
	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Board Room
3/11	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME CHANGE (Note: service time change today)		
	9:30am to 11:00am	Environmental Action Team	Library
	10:30am to 12:00pm	Junior OWL	Board Room
	*11:30AM to 12:30PM Sunday Service today is later		
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir	Piano room
	12:30pm to 2:30pm	Green Burial presentation	Board Room
	12:30pm to 2:30pm	Jesus the Man rehearsal	Sanctuary
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Music Committee	Library
3/12	11:45am to 2:30pm	Rental: Yoga	Lion Hall
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Awakening Joy Support Group	Board Room
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Rental: GH Choir	Sanctuary
3/13	Newsletter Deadline Today		
	9:30am to 12:00pm	Learning Circle	Board Room
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Covenant Group	Board Room
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Book Worms Group	Offsite location

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March 2012 — Events and Meetings (continued)

Date	Time	Event	Location
	1:30pm to 4:00pm	Food Prep for Sandy Merriman House	Sanctuary Kitchen
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Social Responsibility Committee	Board Room
3/14	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Board Meeting	Board Room
3/15	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir practice	Sanctuary
3/16	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Contemplative Yarncraft	Offsite location
3/17	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Board Room
3/18	9:00am to 10:00am	Library Meeting	Library
	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	
	11:30am to 1:00pm	Souper Sunday Lunch	Sanctuary
	12:00pm to 1:00pm	Library Meeting	Library
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir	Piano room
	12:15pm to 2:00pm	First Nations Housing	Board Room
	10:30pm to 11:30pm	Parents Meeting	Board Room
3/19	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Rental: GH Choir	Sanctuary
3/20	2:30pm to 4:30pm	Worship committee	Board Room
3/21	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Finance Meeting	Library
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Care & Concern meeting	Board Room
3/22	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir practice	Sanctuary
3/23	1:00pm to 3:30pm	Jammers practice	Board Room
	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Circle Dinners	Offsite location
	7:00pm to 10:00pm	Youth Movie night	Board Room
3/24	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Board Room
3/25	END OF SCHOOL SPRING BREAK		
	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	
	11:30am to 1:00pm	Hearing Loop Workshop	Sanctuary
	11:30am to 12:30pm	H.O.W. Voting	Lion Hall
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir	Piano room
	12:15pm to 2:00pm	First Nations Housing	Board Room
3/26	11:45am to 2:30pm	Rental: Yoga	Lion Hall
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Rental: GH Choir	Sanctuary
3/27	9:30am to 12:00pm	Learning Circle	Board Room
	12:30pm to 2:00pm	Committee on Ministry	Board Room
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Book Worms	Offsite location
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Covenant Group	Library
3/28	-----		
3/29	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir practice	Sanctuary
3/30	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Services Auction	Sanctuary
3/31	1:00am to 4:00pm	Small Group Ministry Facilitators	Fireside Room (or Lion Hall)
	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Board Room

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Board Members on Duty for March



Mar. 4	Forrest Smith
Mar. 11	Philip Symons
Mar. 18	Jen Young
Mar. 25	Anna Isaacs

With our boardroom table in mind...



"It has been moved and seconded that we add a leaf to the table.
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