



The Victoria Unitarian

Services in May

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

May 6 Journey to the Edges Richard Leblanc

Richard Leblanc is the founder of the Creating Homefulness Society-Woodwynn Farms. His Journey to the Edges began on February 14th when he began living in a van and adopted the lifestyle, challenges and obstacles facing a homeless person. His objective is to raise awareness of, and funds for Victoria's homeless community and his Society. Richard intends to stay on the streets until the following objectives are met: 2012 people writing letters to Central Saanich Mayor and Council, and 2012 people donating 99 cents/day to the Creating Homefulness Society. A Q and A session will follow the Service.

Note: Rev. Shana Lynngood, Music Director Phil Hallman, and the Chalice Choir will be participating in the Annual Unitarian Universalist All-Island Service, which this year is being hosted by the First Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo.

May 13 Motherhood: Ideal vs. Real Rev. Melora Lynngood

The ideal of motherhood can be hard for mothers to live up to. Our culture's idealization of the mother-child relationship can be hard on others as well. Today, we hold together the ideal and the real, honouring both what is good and what is sometimes hard in this human relationship. You are invited to bring to church photos or mementos of your mothers or mother figures to place on our altar table.

May 20 Musical Metaphors to Celebrate our Sources. Dana Seaborn

Dana Seaborn will share with us her enthusiasm and inspiration for the original songs on her CD, "Metaphor." Join us for a joyful exploration of our Unitarian sources.

Dana Lynn Seaborn is one of the Lay Chaplains at Capital. She's worked as a gas jockey, karate teacher, musician, and executive director. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education/Psychology. She reads Sufi poetry, Joseph Campbell, neurology texts, and science fiction. She's Red River Métis.

Note: Rev. Shana Lynngood will be preaching at the Canadian Unitarian Council's Spiritual Leadership Symposium in Ottawa. After the Ottawa conference, Revs. Shana and Melora will be at the Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada annual meeting in Montreal from May 21-25.

May 27 Growing in Spirit ☸ Rev. Shana Lynngood

One of the themes that emerged as central to who we are as a congregation when we were composing our mission statement was spiritual growth. One of our lifelong developmental tasks is to find a way to answer and re-answer the big questions. What does living a "good" life mean for me? How do I cope with loss? How do I live with uncertainty? This morning we explore how our community can be a place of spiritual growth throughout our lives.

☸ This sermon is a part of our preaching theme of the year: "Purpose".

 denotes Chalice Choir

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The deadline for submissions to the
June issue of the newsletter is **May 15**.

CELEBRATING WITH FLOWERS

FAYE MOGENSEN

May blossoms inspire me in their many-petalled ways, including in planning for the summer and next year.

Already we know that our summer approach will be “the church of the long grass.” Our child minder (Kiko, most weeks) and her volunteer adult helper will offer child supervision during summer church services, but there will be no formal programming. Instead, there will be ample opportunity for your children to enjoy our beautiful grounds while you attend the service. As well, the Lion Hall will be a family friendly place to watch the service.

Classes will resume in September. Early registration packages will be available by mid-May and we hope you will take time to let me know your plans for both the

summer and fall. When curriculum plans are made, we like to consider the individual children participants as much as possible.

As we plan, we also think of the volunteers needed to make our programs successful. Facilitating a group or assisting in the children and youth programs are important services to the church AND are wonderful, playful opportunities to “build your own theology” and stay young by connecting with the younger generation. Keep in mind that volunteering is *part* of church life, not all-consuming: you can still get to services, help with coffee, be an usher, or sing in the choir. For details, call me at 250-744-2695 or email

FayeM@victoriaunitarian.ca .

But, I’m getting ahead of myself.

For now, as the May flowers unfurl, our program carries on exploring ideas. The OWL and Junior OWL courses continue until the end of May, as do the topics of “Intangible Gifts” and “Evolution” being explored by the younger groups. In June we’ll do some alternate programming, getting outdoors as often as possible. The underlying principle in all the curricula is to look at metaphors and tools that will help the children live as their best selves. In my mind, this is sweet nectar!

Warmly, Faye

Note: Faye will be away from May 16-22 participating in the launching of a study group about religious education in Canada, and attending the CUC Symposium.

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!

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Covenant of Good Relations

Question:

A church member asks you about the relationship of our congregation to the CUC (Canadian Unitarian Council).

How could you best respond?

(see page 15 for answer)

The Business of Church

Most of the time, most of the people involved in a church community only see the surface happenings. They may appreciate the music; the lovely space in which worship takes place, the coffee and goodies that have been prepared that are offered during the conversation time after the service. Less obvious, but no less critically important to the functioning of the church, is all the infrastructure work that goes into making these things possible. It may not be as fun or exciting as the “front of the house” aspects of congregational life, but at least upon occasion all members and friends need to offer input and consultation. This month we have arrived at one such juncture.



In the nearly two years since the beginning of our ministry, one of my tasks has been working with those involved in financial decision-making at the church. We have been asking some fundamental questions about what I call the church’s “philosophy of money”. Year-to-year decisions have been made as the fundraising dictates with little strategic, long range visioning. There is broad agreement amongst us that we need vision and best practices for both fundraising and budgeting. We want people to feel good about giving, not frustrated or annoyed that we ask too often or in ways that don’t encourage our natural impulses to be generous. How do we determine the best uses of our funds? How do we know when to focus spending on one area as opposed to another?. We’re on our way toward this more comprehensive

approach toward our relationship with money.

On the road to this change in approach we need your input on May 13th at our Annual General Meeting. We will be discussing several options as we approach our mortgage renewal in August. We need to find ways to pay for both the capital expenses that are piling up after years of deferring maintenance and the routine yearly care and upkeep our buildings and grounds need. The good news is we have options. The bad news is none of those options is perfect. Come share your thoughts on the best vision for moving forward. The work of the church may not be as exciting as some of the other things we do together, but it is very important. May we undertake it with the sense that it too is spiritual work, the work of tending to our beloved community so that it might flourish and thrive in our care.

With Faith, Rev. Shana

Announcing our Annual General Meeting

12noon, Sunday, May 13



Main Agenda Items

An important decision must be made about financing backlog and ongoing maintenance (see articles in this newsletter)

Election of Board members

Election of Nominating Committee members

FUCV Foundation AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation will be held **Sunday, June 10** in the Sunflower Room at noon.

The main business will be to review Foundation activities and to award grants for: 1) Out of the Rain which supports homeless youth, 2) Tsartlip Band Emergency Housing Assistance, and 3) two First Nations student bursaries at Camosun College.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact Frances Hancock. The meeting will be brief. Information packages will be available at the church one week prior to the meeting.

Some churches have bread and wine as their sacraments. We have potluck and democracy. So on Sunday May 13 have a coffee after the service, then grab a sandwich and join our fellow members at the Annual General Meeting.

Our major discussion at this meeting will centre around the cost of maintaining our buildings. Should we borrow more or are there other answers?

This Annual General Meeting will be a bit different than the past. Up to now, for each AGM the office printed a fairly extensive package containing annual reports of many of the committees and teams. This year we won't have much of that information until the end of May or beginning of June, since we're trying to match the reports more to the actual church year—for most people that means from the beginning of September to the end of June.

Right now we are restricted under the bylaws to having our AGM before May 15. The reports this time for the AGM will be from the Financial Review Committee, the president, the Nominating Committee and a few others. So the councils, committees and teams reports will be distributed later.

We also hope that under this system most committees and teams will begin setting annual goals so we all can determine at the end of the year how things for the whole church have gone.

As an example, the Board set its goals for this year last June:

1. Live into Policy Model (empower, not micromanage)
2. Establish Montessori Liaison Team
3. Board Visibility Strategy
4. Worship, RE, and Meeting Space Crunch?
5. Revisit Restructure of Councils, Committees and Teams
6. Mission
7. Leadership Development Comprehensive Strategy
8. Building Maintenance Plan Task Force recommendations

By looking at our goals each month we've been able to quickly determine how we're doing. Taking the first goal as an example, Board members now consciously act as a policy-making group, deliberately assigning detail work to

the appropriate committee or team, or establishing fact-finding task forces.

The result is that board meetings are shorter than in the past and cover broader issues. This came about because as we grow we have moved into what the experts call a program church, where decision-making must be made at a "lower" level due to the increasing complexity of the organization.

I'll produce a report for the AGM that will deal more extensively with the goals that the Board set and how we did over the year -- most successes but a few that we have not reached. Better than the Canucks, it appears at this writing, in getting to their goals.

MUSIC NOTES

PHIL HALLMAN

Our annual spring concert is fast approaching! Join us on Friday, May 4th at 7pm to hear some great music from our musical groups including the Chalice

Choir, Children and Youth Choirs, Men's and Women's Choirs, The Jammers, the Pick Up Sticks, and some wonderful soloists.

A few years ago, I attended the Unitarian Universalists Musician's Network (UUMN) Annual Conference in Portland. It was an eye-opening experience where I came back with some new and exciting ideas for our music program

(including our newly formed handbell choir). This year's conference is in Tulsa, Oklahoma (where the wind comes sweeping down the plains) and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to attend again. I'm hoping to come back with ideas that will help our music program grow even more.

Choir Dates

- May 4: Chalice Choir meets at 6pm, Concert at 7pm
- May 6: Chalice Choir in Nanaimo for All-Island service
- May 27: Chalice Choir meets at 10am.

We have accomplished so much since moving to our present location. We have acquired our wonderful property, built a sanctuary, upgraded our building and grounds, expanded our parking, and acquired a daycare tenant we can be proud of. We have a quality staff and outstanding new ministers. Our congregation is buzzing with vibrancy.

But in the past few years we have struggled to balance our budgets, often unsuccessfully. Last year our operating budget deficit was more than \$13,000 and we had to spend an additional \$12,000 to replace a heat pump. Our “cushion”, a surplus in the General Fund that built up during earlier years of surplus budgets, has become smaller and smaller and is now gone—long gone really.

We have been carrying on our books a an shortfall from our Lion Hall renovations. This is shown as the Capital Campaign Fund with a balance of negative \$86,692. Our Property Fund (formerly BEG Fund) also has a negative balance of more than \$7,000 due largely to our recent heat pump replacement. These are holes that we must fill.

We have had another cushion of sorts, one that we overuse at our peril—deferring property upkeep. That cushion has been overused and it is also gone. Paint is peeling, carpets are worn, the sanctuary floor urgently needs refinishing, one heat pump failed last year, and the other will soon follow.

This year we adopted a “balanced” budget but it is tight.

If the second heat pump fails we will be at least \$12,000 in debt for the year. Once again, the biggest problem with our current budget is that it doesn’t meet our property maintenance requirements.

We must address this situation this year. The Finance Committee and Board are discussing options to be presented to the congregation at our Annual General Meeting on May 13. Suffice it to say here that we must acquire money for catch-up maintenance, to better position ourselves to deal with future maintenance requirements, and to restore our General Fund. Generally, there are three sources for us to consider: the bank, our Endowment Fund, and we the congregation.

Here is some background information.

Our mortgage, due for renewal this August, stands at about \$167,000. We are paying 6.3% interest on our current mortgage, or about \$17,400 each year. When we renew the mortgage this summer we expect the rate to be around 4.5%.

We also have a \$100,000 line of credit with the bank. The amount we owe fluctuates with monthly income and expenditure, but it stood at about \$71,000 at the end of March. We pay the bank prime interest rate on our line of credit balance which is currently 3%.

Our combined bank debt, then, is around \$238,000.

Our main liquid asset is our Endowment Fund, which currently stands at about \$167,800. This money is invested in mutual funds, the earnings on which are expected to be about 3%, or

about \$5,000. Another asset, though not one we can count on for relief in the short term, is a loan we made to the Island Montessori House School to assist with their cost of reconfiguring the space they are renting from us. The amount owing on this loan is about \$35,000.

These—our mortgage, line of credit, Endowment Fund...and the congregation—are the “tools” available to us in addressing our current maintenance requirements and restructuring to be better able to stay current with all of our property and program needs.

Specific proposals and recommendations are being developed for presentation to the congregation in advance of our AGM on May 13.

Bob Dobbs, Treasurer



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Margaret McKelvie

It was a great pleasure for me to visit with Margaret McKelvie in the preparation of this profile and I was astonished to learn of the extent of her service to our church!

Of all the committees she has joined, Margaret says the best was the Ministerial Search Committee. She describes it as a wonderful group to work with – and work she did, harder than for any other! For meetings began at 7:30 pm, with resumes to be read and applicants to be evaluated. She is still involved with our ministers on the Committee of Ministry, which reports back to them the concerns of the Congregation. She also serves with the Chaplain's Committee.

Margaret presently chairs the Personnel Committee which shares with the Human Resources Committee the duties of drawing up employment contracts and of hiring. As part of the Investment Committee she has been instrumental in promoting a shift toward more prudent investment; she is also a member of the Finance Committee. Margaret once served a term on the Board as Treasurer, a job she describes as "difficult", and I think other incumbents will concur!

Margaret considers her present duty as Lifeline Assessor simply as an extension to her professional career as a community nurse! In Terrace that meant she was in charge of communicable diseases and therefore immunization - which was challenging. She also

offered instruction in planned parenthood, and in a remote Roman Catholic community of New Brunswick was able to bring its women the birth control pill – with the unofficial blessing of the local priest. For too long he had seen the increasingly deleterious effects on the children of prolonged inbreeding among members of just a few founding families, which allows recessively inherited disorders such as phenylketonuria to surface.

Holding her own in the face of entrenched authority was by then not new to Margaret! As a nursing student in Vancouver she is proud that her class was the second to refuse to vacate the elevator when doctors entered. And later she was part of the movement that liberated nurses from those starched uniforms that rattled at night, keeping patients awake, and from those starched caps that were so hard to keep in place.

Membership in our choir is a great joy to Margaret, who appreciates so much Director Phil and the accompanists as well as her choir mates, whom she describes as a "wonderfully supportive group that has a lot of fun!"

Margaret has also been part of the Secret Buddy program.

Those who have worked with Margaret have all kinds of good things to say:

From Lorna Anthony: "Margaret is an absolute rock. I have worked with her on the Search Committee and as a Lifeline Assessor. Her role on the Search Committee was as secretary. Her minutes were circulated within a day of the

meeting and were always thorough and concise. She also played a major role in researching wages, benefits, etc. Her profession as an administrator in nursing provided invaluable talents. As a lifeline assessor she is caring and professional but is definitely not a push-over. She goes an extra mile for those in real need. I'm glad to have Margaret as my friend and fellow church member".

From Fran Pardee: "One of the things that Margaret did on the Search Committee was take responsibility for the minutes of all our meetings. They would be produced - always within 48 hours, usually 24 hours - and kept us on track with all the actions needed and decisions made. She is methodical and clear and tells the truth. In choir I have sat next to her and have appreciated her kind support and encouragement when I was going through a rough time, as well as her solid musical skills!"

From Don and Clare Vipond: "It's a pleasure to write about Margaret. She is one of our favorite people. Margaret has been an assessor for the church's Lifeline List project from its beginning seven years ago and she is ideally equipped to do this testing work. She has a background as a registered professional nurse, has run an inner city clinic and learned to read people in need with uncanny accuracy. To go with this experience, she has great compassion and financial acumen., a perfect blend. Margaret is also a member of our Chalice Circle where her understanding, insights and sense of humour are much appreciated.

Lion Hall: A Kid-Friendly Space During Sunday Services

Our congregation welcomes people of all ages. The intergenerational connections forged within our community bring us a joy and depth that enrich the whole of our beloved community.

The worship committee has been thinking about how to arrange our worship space to be as comfortable and accommodating as possible to all ages.

Last year, when our sanctuary became uncomfortably crowded, we put a video and TV link in the Lion Hall to make a sort of auxiliary worship space. We had a chalice, candles, hymnals, and a 'Lion Hall worship leader' all in place to create a worshipful space for overflow.

Both the sanctuary and the Lion Hall were quiet worship spaces. What we realized recently is that it might be nice to create a space where folks—especially little folks—can be less quiet.

All children are welcomed into the main sanctuary every Sunday for the first 15 minutes or so of our service. After the children's story, children and teachers go to their spiritual exploration and learning classes. Some of our babies and toddlers prefer to stay with their parents instead. We welcome these young spirits in our midst. But they had nowhere to go when/if they get restless and need a space where they can toddle around and make noise. Other churches have what they call "crying rooms" set up where parents can take crying babies and still see and hear the service. We thought we would experiment with designating the Lion Hall as our kid-friendly space—a place where parents can take babies and toddlers who need a bit more freedom to be kids and make kid sounds, a place where parents can be with their children and watch and hear the service at the same time.

So, as of Sunday, April 8th, we have designated the Lion Hall a kid-friendly space. We have dispensed with the 'worshipful' accoutrements (candles, worship leader, etc.) that set the quiet worshipful tone. The TV and sound will be on so that parents, kids, (and anyone else who prefers this option) can watch and hear the service with more freedom to move and make noise. We'll try it at least through June. Let us know what you think by emailing worship@victoriaunitarian.ca

Rev. Melora and The Worship Committee

An Auction Thank You Note From Suellen Guenther

A lot of people worked to make our recent Services Auction such a fun event and a big success. Special thanks go to the Auction Team: Jen Young, Barbara Nyland, Mary Cramer, Penny Boyce, and Sandra Jordan. They did the planning, organizing, set-up, and the auction itself.

A big thank you to our ministers, for providing fresh ideas, working as an auctioneer, and supporting the auction from the pulpit.

Thank you to Jen, Lance and Braden Young & his friend, Kathleen, who helped record and file the bids. To Mary Cramer, Pat Kinrade, and Susie Williams, who worked as recorders and spotters. To Mike Hayes, our guest auctioneer, and Farrell Boyce, who worked the sound system. To Pat Conroy, who ran the Cake Walk. Thank you to the seven women who baked the cakes. To Bob and Nancy Dobbs, who ran the bar.

Thank you to our cashiers: Jean Simpson, Linda Nicholson-Brown, Wally du Temple, Louise Cole, and Sandra and Jim Jordan, who also sold tickets for the raffle and cake walk. Thank you to the Silent Auction Workers: Penny Boyce, Astrid Firley-Eaton, Chris Mion, Shirley Travis, Al Hoffman, and Bert MacBain, who also recorded paddle numbers with Margaret McKelvie.

Thank you to Marion Sollazzo, Victoria Barr and Martha McDougall, who organized and supervised the children's area. Thank you to Edie Taylor for her nail salon and all the children who helped in some way.

Thank you to Val Roberts, John Tibbles, Pat Kinrade, Martha McDougall, Pat Conroy, Mary Cramer and most especially Andy Lee, who stayed after the auction to cleanup and move furniture back into place. If I've neglected to mention someone, please know your help was much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who donated a service or an item, and to everyone who came to bid so generously. It really takes a whole church community to run an auction!

Just yesterday, the federal minister of Natural Resources, Joe Oliver, announced that new legislation is coming that will change Environmental Review processes both federally and provincially. The changes include reducing 40 monitoring agencies to three, limiting the process to two years and mandating only one review to be held; larger projects to be held by the federal government, smaller ones by the provincial government. There is risk of much less representation from the public and First Nations.

Whether you interpret this change as streamlining the process or gutting it, two major projects affect us in British Columbia. Kinder Morgan plans to triple the capacity of its pipeline connection

from the Alberta tar sands to Burnaby, increasing the bitumen flow by over 500,000 barrels per day. A spill of bitumen already happened near Burnaby. A future spill would be more devastating.

The proposed twin pipelines of the Enbridge Gateway Project would cross hundreds of fish-bearing streams, degrade one of the world's last temperate rainforests and introduce tanker traffic to BC's northern coast. Waters there have long been considered too unpredictable for safe passage. Hearings on this project are underway, but we don't yet know how this new law will affect or shorten these hearings.

As an Action this month, we encourage you to check out these websites for further information

and write to your MP and/or MLA regarding these changes: www.ecojustice.ca; www.dogwoodinitiative.org; www.raincoastconservation.org.

Further actions will be available at the SRC Shelf in the church foyer for the month of May which includes buying locally to help reduce carbon emissions. (See Green Corner).

SHARE THE PLATE for May will go to Ecojustice, an organization that uses the law to protect and restore Canada's environment. Ecojustice represents the interests of Canadians by working to protect the healthy environment we all need to survive.

GREEN CORNER

NIKKI WRIGHT

For April, the Environmental Action Team was responsible for the SRC Action of the Month. We initiated our new theme based action by encouraging car pooling to church to reduce our collective carbon footprints. For May, we ask the community to participate in local food production, distribution and consumption so we can continue to reduce our carbon emissions into our local air-streams.

Your Environmental Action Team, (EAT—such an appropriate acronym for the month of May!) is encouraging participation in the new local Farmer's Market at the recently renovated Prospect Lake Community Hall at 5358

Sparton Road (off West Saanich Road) on **May 26th from 10am to 4pm**. We will have a table there to raise our profile in the broader community and participate in the promotion of local food security. If you would like to contribute baked goods or crafts, please contact me at: seachange@shaw.ca

We will have more information available at the SRC shelf in May about other Farmers' Markets and Food Fairs. On Sunday **May 6th** after church there will be a Food Forum with Robin Tunnicliffe, local organic farmer and board member of USC, in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!

A few words about guilt. I have noticed that sometimes when an opportunity arises to change old habits, I react with guilt – “Oh yes, I *should* be doing this or that, but...” I will then tend to avoid that which provokes a feeling of guilt. When I am changing old habits, such as driving alone, discarding soft plastics and vegetable waste, or forgetting to lower the thermostat, it takes time and support from others. The Environmental Action Team is working on the same issues as the whole community, as we are all in this together. Please know when we suggest an action, we are working together to change this lovely planet of ours for the better.

Sognando l'Italia

(Dreaming of Italy)

Benefit Concert

Friday, May 25, 7:30pm in the Church Sanctuary

featuring

Hillary Young, soprano,
singing a selection of repertoire from Barber, Raminsh, Debussy and Mozart

Braden Young, pianist,
performing a solo work by Prokofiev

Philip Manning, violinist, performing Beethoven accompanied by Braden Young
as well as some surprise performances

**ADMISSION BY DONATION WITH PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS
HELPING FINANCE HILLARY'S ATTENDANCE
AT THE CENTRE FOR OPERA STUDIES IN ITALY (see below).**



Yes, I am dreaming of Italy. My name is Hillary Young. I am the 'ginger' who sings in the Church now and again. I used to be in the choir before I left to attend UBC in Voice Performance.

Last fall, the Centre for Opera Studies in Italy (www.co-si.com) conducted auditions in every major city in Canada. I auditioned in Vancouver and was one of 56 singers offered a place in the summer program that runs from June 19 to July 18. The program is located in Sulmona, about 90 minutes east of Rome. Classes run six days a week from 9am to 10pm. We will receive intensive Italian language training, voice lessons and coachings, master classes, lyric diction coaching and movement instruction. We will also be performing in one of two operas and several concerts. I have been offered a minor role in Suor Angelica by Puccini.

The program is expensive but very highly regarded. It will provide me with the opportunity to study with voice coaches from Europe and North America. Tuition (including accommodation and a partial meal stipend) is \$5275. Dinners and other expenses will be about \$700. Airfare, insurance and ground transportation is roughly \$2000. Additional field trips will cost about \$300. This adds up to a total of \$8275.

To fund this opportunity, I have been applying for scholarships. I received \$1200 for the Nancy Hermiston Scholarship in Opera. Nancy Hermiston is the head of the UBC Voice/Opera program. She is also my teacher. Recently, I applied for the 2012 Joseph and Melitta Kandler Scholarship for Advanced Music Study. I competed in an audition with seven UBC graduate opera students and won the scholarship for \$1300.

This May, I will graduate with my Bachelor of Music Degree in Voice Performance. I have been accepted into UBC's Graduate program in Opera for September 2012. I will continue to hone my vocal and acting skills under Nancy Hermiston's direction. I am passionate about music and feel very privileged to be able to pursue a career in this field.

I hope you will be able to attend my concert. I have been working on this repertoire all year in preparation for my graduation recital on April 13. I am so excited to perform my recital repertoire for the church community that recognized and supported my dream of singing long before UBC ever heard of me.

We Care!

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

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HOW 2012

The voting for the HOW 2012 project is now complete.
135 ballots were cast. Thank you for voting!

The 3 projects and order chosen are:

- 1st Project A - Brown's Town Primary
- 2nd Project B - Dandelion Society
- 3rd Project D - Yellow Wolf Powwow

Three great projects await our funding. *Please make your donation today!*

Cheques can be dropped off at the church office or during Sunday service.

Please write 'HOW' in the memo line.

If you wish to support a specific project please indicate clearly.

Project One : 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 Two: 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 Three: Yellow Wolf Powwow

Location: Tsartlip Reserve, near Brentwood Bay, 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.



Auction Wrap Up

This auction we experimented with having both goods and services in the Silent Auction and limiting the number of items in the Live Auction. We also solicited gift certificates or items from local businesses. On the whole, it all worked out very well. We were so pleased with the intergenerational turnout and the positive energy during the evening. Services went for more affordable prices, and it was wonderful to have so many children and their families come. The noise level during the evening, sometimes drowning out the auctioneer, was not quite so wonderful. We have a few ideas about how to address that next time.

The best part of the auction for me is creating opportunities for people to gather all year, as we meet for meals, outings, or to collect our services. The next best part is the money we generate to support our church.

This year, the auction cleared **\$12,408** after expenses. Here's a breakdown:

Children's Activities	\$180	Live Auction	\$6,960
Cake Walk	\$154	Silent Auction	\$3,360
Basket Raffle	\$146	After-Auction	\$1,516
Gift Baskets	\$121	Expenses	\$340
Bar	\$299		

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this auction such a success!

Out of the Rain Youth Shelter Update

from Lisa Greenly



On April 15th we delivered our final meal of the season to the Out of the Rain youth shelter. That was the last night the shelter was open, closing until October 15th. Many of you have asked the question “where do the kids sleep after that?” so I asked Jennifer, the shelter coordinator. She wrote

“I have no good answer as far where the youth will go when we close. Those 19 and over will need to access the adult shelter system. Many youth will sleep rough, camping for the summer and others will head out of town to other communities for summer employment, etc. Those under 19 can access Kivani's Emergency Youth Shelter if required with a social worker or parents consent. We have such a difficult time during these last few weeks knowing that we are wrapping up and that our doors will close. We are grateful that we are able to provide our service during the worst months of the year but acknowledge that it is never a good time to be homeless. As of March 29, we have seen 270 different youth. These youth have accessed our service for shelter and for food, or for food only. We have been thrilled with the response we have had from the food volunteers this year. It has created a wonderful environment where we do not have to turn away a youth who is hungry.”

Over the six month of the shelter season our church's generosity has been amazing! You have offered your skills, your compassion, your resources and your love to this program. We provided 810 meals of a hot, protein rich main dish, buns, fruit and cookies and augmented 333 more with buns, fruit and cookies. We also provided 302 pairs of socks, 68 pairs of gloves, 10 jackets, 88 toques, 42 coffee cards, 10 phone cards, scarves, hats, blankets, towels, a vast amount of toiletries and \$600. Also, since our meal nights fell on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday we marked the occasion with special Christmas stockings and Easter goodies.

October 7th, 2012 will be the first Sunday of the new season for our cooking program which will cover every Sunday until April 14th, 2013. Watch for more information in September. If you would like more information about our program please contact Lisa and Mike Greenly at greenlygrove2@gmail.com.

Cadboro Bay provided the delicious baking during coffee time in April. However, they would like other groups to note that when there is a Souper Lunch after church, less baking is needed for refreshments in the Lion Hall.

Central worked with the Western NG to host Souper Sunday on April 15. A plus for new convenor, Linda Nicholson-Brown, was the opportunity to meet a few more people from her NG as they worked together during the lunch. Central is looking for a Care & Concern rep and will meet soon for a potluck, possibly May 5. They are hoping to choose the new name for their NG at their next gathering.

Esquimalt: Betty Sherwood writes, "On April 1st Stephen, Lillie and Emma welcomed us to their cozy home for a potluck lunch after church. Surprisingly all 10 of us were able to fit into their living room. There was a very rich cross-section of dishes. Afterwards Gloria Turner presented a new plan for car-pooling. She gave out maps that showed four clusters of people according to their address. We decided to communicate to those in our cluster by email to arrange rides. She encouraged us to try this new plan for the month of April."

Esquimalt NG has been proactive about ride-sharing to church for quite some time now, but this plan takes the idea to a whole new level! We look forward to hearing how their plan worked out.

Fairfield's planned potluck for April 1 had to be cancelled, as not enough members could gather on that date. Now they are looking toward the Souper Lunch they will host with Far Out on May 27.

At the recent after-church information session on Advance Care Planning, presented by Deanna Hutchings, Fran Pardee noted that she got the idea for the session after listening to Deanna at one of their NG gatherings--another wonderful connection coming out of a NG.

Far Out: Barbara Nyland notes that the date for their Souper Lunch with Fairfield was changed to May 27 because of the church AGM on May 13. There are several advantages to two NGs working together on a lunch. There are more soups, more treats, more hands to help with the jobs, and people get to know each other better across NG lines. Working side by side in the kitchen is a great way to make friends!

Gordon Head: Mary Canty's beautiful garden will be in bloom in May, so the Gordon Head NG will gather at her home on May 6th to enjoy both the food they bring and Mary's flowers.

James Bay will gather on Tuesday, May 1, for lunch at Christine and Mel Johnston's home. Convenor Pat Kinrade notes that they would like to find the 3 people who live in James Bay and occasionally come to church. She met them earlier this year at a Souper Lunch. If this describes you, you are invited to contact Pat at kinradep@gmail.com.

Nearby: This group are lacing up their walking shoes for their gathering in Butchart Gardens on April 29.

Oak Bay: Sadly, this group has lost member, Jean McBean, and they will be hosting the reception following Jean's memorial service on April 28. Then the group will gather at Liz and Mike Graham's on May 12th and perhaps be treated to pictures of the Graham's new grandson.

Royal Oak East: Convenor, Hanny Pannekoek, writes, " On March 18 we, together with the James Bay group, served Souper Sunday lunch. Organizing it is quite a bit of work, but it was made so much easier because of the wonderful response by our members. Most everyone came forward and

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AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD cont'd.)

Royal Oak East (continued from previous page)

contributed by cooking and baking a delicious variety or/and by doing all the work needed before, during and after the lunch. It was a pleasure to see how it all fell in place and to watch everyone doing their share with efficiency and in good spirits. Afterwards many of us sat down together to have our lunch as is our tradition. We made \$484.50 Less than 2 weeks later we had our first potluck gathering of this year. I was wondering if people would find it too soon after the Souper Sunday, but nearly everyone came (20), showing the same enthusiasm and generosity. Our home was humming with happy talking right from the appetizers through dinner. As usual we ended the evening in one large circle and a lively discussion. Our group feels fortunate because we like getting together and enjoy each other's company. A special note: we acknowledged that 6 of us have recently become official members of our church!" (This is a perfect example of how small group gatherings, such as in the NGs, do help newcomers feel connected and welcome.)

Royal Oak West: This NG recently gathered at the home of newcomers to our church. Convenor, Fran Hancock writes, "The Royal Oak West NG enjoyed a lovely potluck dinner at the home of Sandy and Dennis Jaques on Sunday, March 25th. It was the largest number of members of our NG ever assembled (16) as there were a couple of

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Royal Oak East (cont'd from previous column)

newcomers and those who had just returned from travelling. As Dennis loves to paint, he had a collection of his work as well as that of his grandchildren on display. The host and hostess were very gracious and made us feel very much at home.

Ovens will be snapping open in this NG in May, baking for after-church coffee time.

Western: Susan Lean organized the Souper Lunch on April 15, and with the help of Central, found she had lots of help in all areas. Most of the soup in the 10 pots was gone by the end of the meal and all the tables were full. The lunch generated \$409 in donations.

A combined gathering of Western and Esquimalt met at Mac Elrod's on April 14 for a potluck, and the group included a few people from other groups especially invited by Mac. The group was especially pleased to welcome new member, Penelope Hagan-Braun and her husband.

Elaine Hanson writes, "The next pot luck will be at our place on Saturday, May 19 at 1:00. We have the potluck at our place in May and September. Many people don't like to drive the Malahat in the winter or at night, so we always have it in the afternoon. It has worked well, and has always been well attended. We usually invite Jean Evans and Donna Greenberg as well."

Running for Biodiversity Victoria Team



Let's celebrate World Food Day (October 16) by *Running for Biodiversity* at the Goodlife Victoria marathon, half marathon and 8km—October 7th, 2012! You can support USC Canada's innovative work with seed-saving farmers in remote regions of Honduras. We're helping farmers grow more food for their families, in ways that are kind to the environment and nurture biodiversity.

Register at <http://usc-canada.org/run-for-biodiversity/> or contact our Victoria team Captain Mike Greenly at greenlygrove2@gmail.com for more information.

A special invitation to First Unitarian Church of Victoria families

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Help Requested

in putting on the Island Children's Festival

(see poster on page 14)

The Island Children's Festival is a one-day community event on May 12th that welcomes families for an afternoon of great food and live entertainment, featuring highly acclaimed children's entertainer, Fred Penner.

Afternoon festivities will also feature local performances by some of Victoria's favourite bands and multiple children's activities, including face painting, a bouncy castle and hands-on crafts by the local experts at *Crafty Victoria*.

All proceeds from the event will go to support the *Island Education Access Fund*, a bursary program that will provide financial support for low-income families and with children with special needs. The *Island Education Access Fund* has been established by the Island Montessori House Society, which will begin offering bursaries in 2012.

Island Montessori House Society has asked us to let church members know that they have insufficient volunteer help to stage the Festival. They would be grateful for any help we can give them. If you are willing to help in advance of the Festival or during it, please contact Christina Filipovic at 250-592-4411.

Accommodation Wanted for Visiting Ministers

Wanted: Accommodation for the visiting ministers who will be preaching while Rev. Shana and Rev. Melora are off on Maternity leave. Will you be out of town during any of these dates? Would you mind letting our visiting ministers live in your home for two nights over a weekend? Dates: Sept 16, Sept 30; Oct 7, Oct 21; Nov. 4, Nov 18.

Please reply to worship@victoriaunitarian.ca

Postage Stamp Reminder

Please don't throw away your used postage stamps! Our church collects them for the SPCA, who then sells them to stamp dealers. The proceeds are used in their neutering and spaying program. Please drop off your used stamps at the church office.

For more information, please call Doreen at 250-384-7564

Camp Pringle Weekend August 10-12

This year's Camp Pringle weekend will be run by Martha McDougall of First and Rosemary Kinley of Capital for all UUs on the Island and beyond. As usual a couple of camperships are available on request from the FUCV Denominational Affairs Committee for this fun Family and Singles weekend. Speak to Christine Johnston (christine_johnston@telus.net) in May or after that to Martha McDougall.

Covenant of Good Relations Answer to question on page 2

You could refer the member to the CUC Corner in the April and May Newsletters where our CUC Board Member Kristina Stevens is outlining information about the CUC on a monthly basis. The Covenant says: 'I accept responsibility to become informed about how the church operates and will seek information through the various communication channels such as Board members, Newsletters and E-Weeklies?'

Here is an excerpt from the Rev. Antonia Won's recent newsletter to congregations in the BC and Western regions:

"Spring greetings to you. Spring always brings lots of news, and this year perhaps more than usual. News on the CUC front is that three staff positions have been cut due to financial constraints. At the end of May, Linda Thomson (Congregational Development), Ben Wolfe (Communications), and Phil Strapp (Finance) will be leaving and much missed. Please feel free to send them your best wishes and gratitude. Email addresses are "firstname@cuc.ca". More below on these changes.

"The Staff are working away on a variety of initiatives. The Manual for Regional Fall Gatherings is

being revised. Each of us is involved in a Stream at the Leadership Symposium, and CUUL School planning is well underway. A flurry of requests always comes to us from you before the end of the church year. I will be traveling widely in response to these.

"I am looking forward to the Leadership Symposium in Ottawa. I will be co-leading a stream on 'Using Power and Authority Effectively, Ethically and Spiritually,' as it relates to congregations. (We like to call it 'the Power Stream!') I would love to see you there!"

In faith, Rev. Antonia Won
Congregational Development -
BC and Western Regions Canadian Unitarian Council

As Antonia mentions, the CUC Board has made some hard decisions to bring the CUC budget into balance by 2013. Staffing for the four congregational development regions (BC, Western, Ontario and Eastern) has been maintained, as well as for youth and young adults. A hiring process is under way for a new Executive Director, as your Board continues to do its best to "enhance, nurture and promote UU religion in Canada". Please let me know if you would like more information on any of this.

Kristina Stevens,
CUC Board Member

Avatar Movie Night

Friday, June 1, 7pm at the Lion Hall



Get ready for the June 3 Avatar Sunday service with this Avatar movie night. Donations gratefully accepted (but not expected). We'd love to have you join in the fun, so don't let money stop you! If you can't afford to pay, please come anyway. Money raised will support young adult ministry.

Reprise Workshop: What is a "Good Death?"

Saturday, May 26th

TWO Sessions (Choose one):
9:30am-12:30pm or 1:30-4:30pm

We had so many people on the waiting list when we did this workshop in February, that we're offering a reprise. Using readings, music, and meditation, Dr. Betty Donaldson invites people into an interesting and meaningful exploration of the concept of a "good death". Participants will have an opportunity to share their experiences of being an observer of people who have had such passages; and will have a chance to consider what they might do to prepare for their own. Suggested donation \$5. Sign up by contacting Margot Lods 250-920-3893 (phone number is valid after May 4) or mlods@shaw.ca (anytime). For those of you who were on the waiting list for the workshops offered on February 4, you have a space in the May 26 session if you confirm your reservation with Margot before May 4 via email. Please specify your morning or afternoon preference, and whether you can do the other if your preferred session is full.

Call for Nominations

At our Annual General Meeting on May 13, we will be electing nominees to the following positions on our Board of Trustees.

Vice President (for a one-year term)
Trustee, Administration Council
Trustee, Outreach Council

At present, Laura Doyle and Lynn Hunter are allowing their names to stand as nominees for the Council positions.

It is the duty of members of the congregation to submit their nominations for these vacancies to the Nominating Committee Chair, Barbara Nyland. (phone 250-656-9276; email barbcher@islandnet.com). This is best done well before May 13, so members will have ample time to look for nominees. Although the Societies Act decrees that nominations may also be submitted from the floor at the AGM, in my (Barbara Nyland's) opinion this allows the congregation little time for serious evaluation of prospective candidates. As soon as possible, a list of the candidates you nominate will be made available to the congregation.

The Nominating Committee is a committee answerable to the congregation alone, not to the Board. This prevents the Board from becoming an "old boys' club", whose future members are forever selected by it; indeed, no member of the Board may hold a position on the Nominating Committee. However, as members of the congregation, Board members may certainly make suggestions as to suitable candidates.

Candidates interested in learning further details of the jobs available should contact present members of the Executive and Councils. They are listed in your directory.

As you consider nominees, bear these guidelines in mind. Candidates must be current FUCV members, and ideally should also have the following attributes:

- ✓ enjoy working in a team environment
- ✓ have good interpersonal communication skills
- ✓ enjoy analyzing, brainstorming, and policy-making for the smooth running of our beloved community
- ✓ have past experience that would be transferable to the position i.e membership on a Committee
- ✓ attend monthly Board meetings
- ✓ facilitate committee meetings, as needed
- ✓ communicate as needed, and stay in the loop (via email or phone)

IN A SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE...

KEITH JOBSON

"In a spirit of gratitude and respect, we acknowledge the Saanich First Nations, on whose traditional land we gather."

This statement appears on our Orders of Service. Have you ever wondered why?

Our church is located on the traditional lands of the Tsartlip First Nation, lands over which adjoining First Nations also have had various traditional rights of travel and other rights. Incoming

traders and settlers simply took these lands for themselves and eventually sold them to us, all without the consent of the First Nations who kept protesting the take-over. Then about thirty years ago the courts ruled that the First Nations were right and still retain aboriginal title to their traditional lands unless it could be shown that they had consented to giving them up. The Saanich First Nations never gave that consent. So

underlying our fee simple title to the church land is the usual underlying Crown title and now an underlying Aboriginal title.

In the light of our Seven Principles, it is appropriate to show respect and appreciation to the peoples of the Saanich First Nations by acknowledging that we occupy their traditional lands to which they still hold Aboriginal Title.

Last September Robert Brooke Taylor (Szabo Robbi in Hungarian) again visited our partner church in Magyarsaros, Transylvania, Romania, and plans to return this September. This coming month FUCV member Dorothy Williams is going on a Canadian UU pilgrimage to Transylvania and hopes to visit our village which is not far from Torda.

This is a medium size village (750-1000), slightly smaller than when the Johnstons visited in 2002. Each serving minister since 1583 has been immortalized in the church yard in a row of carved wooden posts called "kopfalya". The present building was erected in the mid 18th century and was designed by the same architect who designed the First Unitarian church in the Transylvanian capital, Kolosvar/Cluj/Napoca. (After a war of Independence in 1848 this building was given to the Roman Catholics.)

Although 500 villagers are Hungarian-speaking Unitarians, only 120 or so attended the Thanksgiv-

ing Holy Communion Service last September, but I heard that at the Christmas and Easter Holy days 300 attend and it takes several hours to service everyone. The tapestry we gave them still hangs in a place of honour in the men's entrance alongside a map of Vancouver Island. About 200 ethnic Romanians attend the small Romanian Orthodox church in the village. (Interestingly some Protestants celebrate Lamas or "First Fruits" on August 1 as is the Celtic tradition.) A few Roma families complete the mix and they all seem to co-exist amazingly well.

Everyone farms to some extent to augment their income as many private lands were given back by the state in 1989. Ministers, teachers, doctors, police, and the mayor and municipal staff are paid a very small stipend by the state which was cut 25% in 2010. So our minister farms corn and wheat, and keeps chickens, turkeys, a few pigs, and a nanny goat for milk and cheese. The minister's mother-in-law had broken

her hip, so I stayed with another family (also Szabo or Taylor) who are teachers at the local school. Their son speaks excellent English. The parents speak Hungarian, Romanian, and French. (Some locals also speak German and most educated young people, English.)

One church member (engaged to the Treasurer's son) is studying Maths in Kolosvar and is a President of the David Frances Youth and Young Adults organization so I am suggesting part of our donation be used to send her and the young woman Cantor (Music Director) to the big ICUU Women's Conference being held this Fall near Magyarsaros.

This Easter our church received a nice thank-you letter for the money we sent last year as well as a card from the Women's Group which is now on the bulletin board in the Lion Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Brooke Taylor,
Partner Church team

15th Annual Vancouver Island UU Women's Retreat

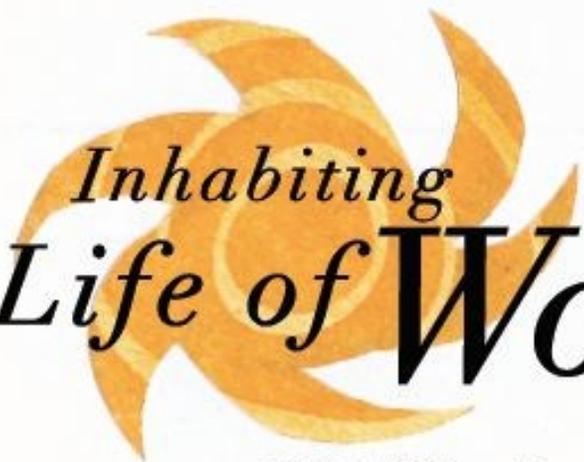
September 21-23, 2012 — Bethlehem Retreat Centre, Nanaimo

Come enjoy a fabulous weekend with UU women. Newcomers to the event are most welcome. The registration cost is \$225.00 before July 31st and \$240 after that date.

Detailed information is available at

<https://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&ik=c127c729d1&view=att&th=136a42a6236479cc&attid=0.1.1&disp=safe&zw>

For answers to questions or for a registration form, please contact Janice Hocking (tjhocking@shaw.ca or phone 1-250-390-1332.



Inhabiting *A Life of Wonder*

2012 All-Island Service

May 6, 2012

Hosted by the First Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo

Old myth stories and new science help us re-imagine our relationship to the world around us. Join us for a time of fellowship, song, and celebration.

Featuring performers from Nanaimo's VestaFire Entertainment and choirs from First Victoria and Nanaimo, as well as the one-time-only All-Island Choir.

8:45am Coffee, tea, juice and muffins

for volunteers, participants in the choir workshop,
and anyone else awake and in the building

9:15am Choir workshop

Childminding is available from 9am if needed—please register

11:30am Worship service

with Rev. Karen Fraser Gitlitz, Rev. Shana Lynngood and Mr. John Soer

12:45pm Lunch hosted by the Nanaimo Fellowship

To register for the Choir Workshop

contact Leah Hokanson leahokanson@gmail.com

To register for Childminding & Children's Programming

contact Janice Hocking jhocking@shaw.ca (250) 390-1332



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For more information see our website ufon.ca or phone (250) 755-1215

Circle Dinners

Circle dinners are held on the last Friday of the month with the exception of June, July, August and December.

We meet in each other's homes in small groups of 6 to 8 people. Here's a chance to find new friends, renew longtime acquaintances and/or give new people an opportunity to get to know you beyond the Sunday coffee hour. There is no agenda, just good food, fun and fellowship. If you would like to join us on Friday, May 25 call me, the Coordinator, Elaine Hanson at 1-250-743-9644 or email elainehan-son@shaw.ca



Giant Book Sale

Mark your calendar and sort your books!
The next Giant Book Sale will be
Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Do you have books you need to get out of your hair now? Please contact Peter Hancock, at pdhancock@shaw.ca, 250-477-1310, or bring them to his home at 5510 Forest Hill Road and leave them by the sheltered entrance, if no one is home. If you bring them to the church, please let Peter know where you have put them.

Please do not donate textbooks, encyclopaedias, Reader's Digest Condensed books, computer books, or magazines. They don't sell and we have to haul them to recycling.

Spaghetti Night

Friday, May 11th at 6pm



Please come join us for this fun-filled multigenerational event.

Everyone is welcome !!

Spaghetti is served with a choice of two very yummy tomato sauces, meat or vegetarian, – plus garlic bread.

Dinner is by donation.
Please bring salad, dessert or beverage to share.

Please remember to bring your own plate and dessert bowl. A dish rinsing area will be provided.
Thank you for your help!

Board Members on Duty for May



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Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
5/1	9:30am to 12:00pm	Learning Circle	Library
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Considering Membership Meeting	1651 Barksdale Dr, Victoria
5/2	1:00pm to 2:30pm	Executive Meeting	Library
5/3	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5/4	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Spring Concert	Sanctuary
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Contemplative Yarncraft	Offsite Location
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Meditation	Library
5/5	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Central Neighbourhood Group Potluck	Offsite Location
	5:30pm to 8:00pm	Senior OWL	Sunflower Room
5/6	8:30am to 1:00pm	Sunday Service	Piano Room
	10:30am to 11:30am	Youth Choir	Sanctuary
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Climate Change Talk	Sanctuary
	12:00pm to 1:30pm	Book Worms Group	Offsite Location
5/8	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Covenant Group	Library
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Covenant Group	Library
	1:30pm to 4:00pm	Food Preparation for Sandy Merriman House	Kitchen Sanctuary
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Social Responsibility Committee	Library

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Date	Time	Event	Location
5/9	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Board Meeting	Library
5/10	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5/11	1:00pm to 3:30pm	Jammers Practice Resumes	Sanctuary
	4:00pm to 10:00pm	OWL	Sunflower Room
	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Spaghetti Night	Sanctuary
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	OWL Parents	Big Sky Room
	10:00am to 6:00pm	Montessori Kid's Fair	
5/12	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Library
	MOTHER'S DAY		
5/13	8:30am to 1:00pm	Senior OWL	Sunflower Room
	9:30am to 10:15am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Piano Room
	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	
	12:00pm to 2:00pm	AGM	Sanctuary
	12:15pm to 2:00pm	Covenant Group: Parents	Fireside Room
5/14	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Awakening Joy Support Group	Lion Hall (+1 more)
5/15	June Newsletter Deadline		
	9:30am to 12:00pm	Learning Circle	Library
	12:30pm to 2:00pm	Committee on Ministry	Minister's Office
	2:30pm to 4:30pm	Worship Committee	Library
5/16	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Care & Concern Committee Meeting	Sanctuary
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Finance Meeting	Library
5/17	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5/18	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Contemplative Yarncraft	
5/19	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Fireside Room
5/20	9:00am to 10:00am Library Committee Meeting		
	10:30am to 11:30am Sunday Service		
	11:30am to 1:00pm Bake/Plant Sale		
	12:00pm to 12:30pm Youth Choir		
	12:00pm to 1:00pm Library Committee Meeting		
	10:30pm to 11:30pm Parents Meeting		
	VICTORIA DAY		
	5/21	1:00pm to 3:00pm Book Worms	
1:00pm to 3:00pm Covenant Group			
5/22	-----		
5/23	-----		
5/24	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5/25	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Circle Dinners	Offsite Location
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Hillary Young Benefit Concert	Sanctuary
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	What is a 'Good Death'? (am Session)	Lion Hall
5/26	9:30am to 12:30pm	What is a 'Good Death'? (am Session)	Lion Hall
	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Fireside Room
	1:30pm to 4:30pm	What is a 'Good Death'? (pm Session)	Lion Hall
5/27	8:30am to 1:00pm	Senior OWL	Sunflower Room
	9:30am to 10:15am	Children' Choir Rehearsal	Piano Room
	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	
	11:30am to 1:30pm	Souper Sunday	Sanctuary
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir	Piano Room
	12:15pm to 2:00pm Music Committee		

	5/28-30	-----	
5/31	7:30pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary

DOES YOUR HOME NEED..

- Renovation work?
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