



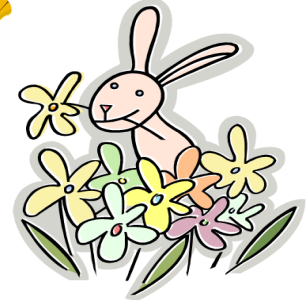
The Victoria Unitarian

Services in April

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

April 7 **What happened to the Great Goddess of our Ancestors?**

...asks Edo Nyland. The answers, also supplied by Edo, will be presented by Pat Kinrade. The location of the Oldest Holy Lands of the Goddess (between 30,000 and 18,000 years before our current time) may surprise you. From 18,000 - 8,500 years before the present, the Centre for the Goddess was in the middle of the Sahara. Then what? Join us for a discussion after coffee hour.



April 14 **Talking with the Right when you think they are Wrong** **Reverend Melora Lynngood**

According to our congregation's mission, we are supposed to seek spiritual growth through embracing diversity - an understandable and worthy goal for progressives when the diversity about which we speak is centered on ethnicity, race, gender, age, sexual orientation, theology, etc. But what is a good progressive to do when confronted with a right-wing conservative or a fundamentalist Christian? Is there any point to dialogue? Can we use our rational minds to find common ground? This is the sermon topic won at last year's Action Auction by church member, Andy Lee, a topic inspired, in part, by his reading of the book, "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion."

April 21 **Earth Day Celebration** **Reverend Shana Lynngood** **and the Environmental Action Team**

 **and Children's Choir**


In our annual honoring of Earth Day we will explore the power of seeds. Join us as we contemplate the beauty of this planet and all we must do to preserve its magnificence.

Note: Reverend Melora will be guest preaching for the First Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo

April 28 **All Island Service — To Compare is Human** **Reverend Shana Lynngood**

All Island Choir

We often look at our lives and stack it up in relation to the lives of others. This tendency may be natural, but is it helpful? How does comparing our life to the lives of those around us serve to separate us further? Can it ever bring us closer together?

 This sermon is a part of our preaching theme of the year: "Living Our Mission: Growing in Spirit".

 denotes Women's Choir

 denotes Chalice Choir

 denotes Handbell Choir

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CELEBRATING SPRING

FAYE MOGENSEN

About spring Rainer Maria Rilke wrote, “Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors...” I say it might sound like the children’s wing, where each voice is as beautiful and individual as the varied flowers of spring.

What draws many of us to Unitarian Universalism is its recognition of our singularities. Our fourth principle states that each person is free to search for what is true and right; in other words, we have the invitation to create our own personal credos. It’s a wonderful freedom, and a responsibility.

Over the few months, we’ll be supporting members of the Coming of Age and Senior Youth groups in writing their credo statements. To grapple with theology, youth and their leaders will be joined by Don Vipond and Phil Symons to consider “The god we don’t believe in, the god we do believe in.” Reverend Shana will lead a values exploration workshop – helping the youth formulate what is truly important to them. Reverend Melora will lead a workshop on Spirituality – helping them articulate how they connect with and harness the power of their theology and values so that it helps them live as their ‘best selves’. Their work will culminate in a special service on Credo in early June – where adults will have the opportunity to see the end results of the process - I’m excited!

Together, there are over twenty youth in the two groups. We are sorry to inconvenience others but, at this point in time, only the Lion Hall is large enough to accommodate so many adult-sized bodies. We have booked it for use during the service on a few Sundays in each of the next two months.

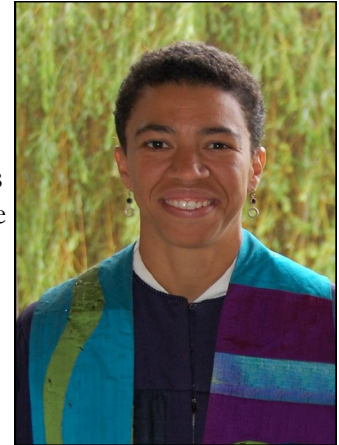
In April, the younger children and youth resume their usual curricula. The emphasis in Primary Group is on peace and life-honouring practices and the UUs who have uplifted these ideals. The Intermediate Group, with their year-long look at *Holidays and Holy Days*, will learn about and celebrate Baha’i, Sikh, Pagan and modern (Earth Day) holidays – several sessions will be outdoors. Junior Youth’s *Big Questions* turn to the soul and other mysteries in life. We’ve found that conversation flows most freely when hands are busy and so crafts will also continue. Their curriculum and conversations are full of material that will serve them well when they begin to work on their credos.

All in all, we hope that one year’s curriculum will lay the groundwork for the next level of exploration. To return to Rilke’s garden metaphor – we aim for rich soil in the Children and Youth program.

Happy gardening,
Faye

The Future of Our Congregation

I have been talking with many leaders in our congregation recently about what the future may hold for FUCV. A congregation is always working to balance its internal and infrastructural needs with its vision and outreach. We have put a great deal of effort on the former - creating a property fund, deciding to repair the boardroom, and working on strengthening our long term financial well-being. There will always be maintenance work of many varieties to tend to, and at the same time we can't overlook the need to reach out. On a recent Sunday we had many new visitors interested in what Unitarianism and a church with atheism as a Sunday topic could be like. The more vibrancy we have as a congregation and the more willing we are to share our message the more likely we can be a relevant source of meaning in peoples' lives. The new mission we drafted a year and a half ago, calls on us to continue this work of welcoming change - growing in spirit, enriched by diversity, and inspired to serve. How are you doing with each segment of this mission? Are you making intentional efforts to grow your spirit (or conscience or compassion)? Are you welcoming diverse points of view and perspectives into your life - even grappling with those with which you don't agree or find resonance? Are you making efforts to, as one of our hymns says, "build the common good"?



A congregation in the twenty-first century has different challenges and possibilities from those of even only a decade ago. While I fervently believe that our message as Unitarian Universalists has timeless power, the way we get that message out and invite engagement in the public sphere has changed dramatically. We need to communicate in many different ways in order to share who we are and what is at the centre of why we gather. This June we plan to engage as many of you as possible in a conversation about the future of our church. I invite you to think about your vision of FUCV five years from now, ten years from now? What vision do you have of your role or participation? How do you want to be involved? What do you want to be receiving from the community? What do you want to offer? What ministries do you hope will be running? Are they the same as the ones that exist now?

May we be a place of growth and change. May we be willing to move forward willing to try new things even when we are unsure of whether or not they will be successful. May we be open to all we can learn from one another and from trying new things.

**SHARE THE PLATE
FOR EARTH MONTH**

For the month of April, our collection basket revenue will be shared with the BC Sustainable Energy Association, a -profit that empowers British Columbians to build a clean renewable energy future. For more information see: www.bcsea.org

**COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS
Question**

Sometimes we feel guilty as we do not do as much for the church and the community as some other volunteers or we fall short of our own expectations of ourselves. Sometimes we might feel frustrated at the lack of people offering to take on some jobs. How can the Covenant help us with these feelings?

(See page 14 for answer.)

CUC Board members from First Victoria

At our February Share the Faith service we honoured two past CUC Board members: Helen Hvodanski, who was CUC V-P in the late 1980s, and Keith Jobson, Social Responsibility Liaison, 2000-2002. We also would like to mention Peter Scales who served 2008-2010 and the Reverend Jane Bramadat who served twice on the Board, in the 1970s and later was Ministerial rep in the late 1980s. John Hopewell also served twice 1994-2000 (his final years in the role of President) and 2010-2012. Kristina Stevens is presently on the CUC Board and has moved into the challenging role of Treasurer. Christine Johnston (served as Social Responsibility Liaison 2002-2006)

THE HEART AS A SPIRITUAL SYMBOL ROSS BEAUCHAMP

Over the ages, the Heart in both its word and symbol forms have always signified love, devotion and strength of character. And still today, in our own UU community, and the wider community, the Heart is invoked to communicate warmth and commitment in relationship. Since it is now known that the heart has nothing directly to do with any of these things, the recent Valentine deluge of Hearts and other daily Heart reminders prompted me to dig into the origin and history of this enduring symbol.

And an amazing history it is. Going back over 2000 years, it features a cast of thousands, including many individuals eminent in their time, such as Plato, Shakespeare, Leonardo, Thomas Jefferson (his "Head and Heart" letter to his mistress), and even God The Old Testament has Yewah saying to Moses: "And I will harden Pharaoh's *heart*, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 7-3). A wide array of organizations, especially the Jesuits, but also including card players, St. Valentine followers, and modern-day marketers, have maintained and reinforced the heart legend.

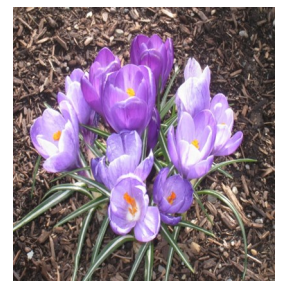
In recent times, modern cardiology and brain science have taught us that love, loyalty, and what might be called human spirituality, arise in the brain, not the heart. Moreover, the brain centres responsible for emotion are not isolated as the Head and Heart phrase suggests, but are intimately linked to nearby neural circuits responsible for intellectual pursuits. I believe this mutually interdependent relationship is important to recognize in our speech and symbology if we are to understand how both our emotional selves and intellectual selves function.

To receive a longer, more detailed discussion of this topic, please email your request to:

"Science and Spirituality" victoriaunitarian@gmail.com. This "Science and Spirituality" feature Sponsored by the SELA Committee

SUSTAINABLE LIVING WORKSHOP

The BCSEA (BC Sustainable Energy Association) is presenting a workshop to celebrate Earth Day 2013 on April 28 in the Sanctuary at 12 noon. At this workshop Marion Pape, (new FUCV member), Guy Dauncey and Doug McGinnis with support from Environmental Action Team members will facilitate focus groups to discuss a new pilot project, a Sustainable Living Co-operative in Victoria. Many people want to live more sustainably but may lack the information, the connections and the know how to make it happen in a meaningful way. We also get energized and motivated when we have a community to work within. The Sustainable Living Co-op may help fill these needs.



OK everyone, pop quiz time! What is our most precious resource?

Our children and youth, of course. The next question is, how do we protect this precious resource?

The answer: by following our Abuse Prevention Policy.

The Board recently approved an updating of the Abuse Prevention Policy. “The purpose of this policy is to prevent harm to children, youth and vulnerable adults in the church’s programs, and to protect staff and volunteers from false or wrongful allegations,” it says.

That’s straightforward and undeniable, but putting a policy such as this into practice and ensuring it’s maintained is never an easy task.

Andy Lee, our insurance company liaison, has worked months on updating our policy. The insurance company provides us with guidelines to help compose the policy. The insurance guidelines are strict, which is not surprising considering what has been going on in some religious institutions. As an example, one of the cardinals involved in electing the new pope was involved in a child sex abuse case. The cardinal was accused of helping a priest evade law enforcement. The complainants sued and, the day the new pope was elected, were awarded \$10 million.

We, rightfully, pride ourselves on being a safe and nurturing community so some of us may find it somewhat disconcerting that as the result of other churches and their misdeeds we must follow strict policy to protect our children, youth and vulnerable adults. Basically, for us that means a person attends church for six months before working with our children and youth plus he or she must have a criminal record check. For the criminal record check, the volunteer has to take a letter issued by our church to a police station where the volunteer’s identity is processed. The criminal record check must then be repeated every five years.

For classroom situations, doors must have windows (which we have) and a designated monitor must be able to move from classroom to classroom.

The insurance company recommends that we make every effort possible to have two adults, who have had criminal record checks, as volunteers with youth, and if possible to have two adults in the car for church events that transport youth and children.

When you read through all of the insurance company’s guidelines and advice it can sound stifling and disheartening for a church that strives to be open and welcoming. But, unfortunately it is the world we now live in.

In addition to the requirements for criminal record checks and working in pairs, our volunteers must adhere to a code of conduct that recognizes youth and children as adults and not as ‘one of the gang’.

Here’s an example from our insurance company on how things can quickly go awry:

“Following a regular youth gathering as young people were talking and playing in smaller groups, some horseplay took place between several participants and an adult male leader. The interaction took place in plain sight in the front lobby and was alleged to have involved the leader chasing and grabbing one of the teenaged girls.

“After approaching the church elders about the incident and being dissatisfied with their response following an internal investigation, the girl’s parents reported the matter to the local police and as a result, two counts of sexual interference with a minor were filed against the youth leader.

“After months of negative media publicity against the youth leader and the church, the criminal proceeding resulted in the court acquitting the leader on all charges.”

Our Abuse Prevention Policy requirements protect not only our children and youth but our volunteers as well.

Two serious environmental concerns in British Columbia have not received the attention they deserve. First is the mining of coal and its export from Vancouver Harbour. Port Metro Vancouver has proposed to expand North Vancouver's Neptune Terminals and the Fraser Surrey Docks. This could boost the amount of coal exported in the region from thirty-two to forty-six million tonnes per year. Coal is the most polluting fossil fuel. Mining it and exporting it to be burned elsewhere does not mitigate our responsibility for contributing to the effects of already apparent global warming. This must become an election issue in May.

Second are the multiple proposals to expand the production of natural gas in Northern BC and build pipelines and LNG terminals to allow export by tankers from Kitimat or Prince Rupert. The BC Government in 2012 proposed to export thirty-five million tonnes/year of LNG by 2025. Already fifty percent of the natural gas produced in BC comes from fracking in shales and planned increases will come from shale. Fracking involves injecting mixtures of toxic chemicals under pressure to fracture shales and release their gas. It leads to contamination of ground water and the air. Already Quebec and several US states have banned it, and other jurisdictions are considering whether to allow it.

The BC Liberal Government has touted major expansion of natural gas exports to Asia as the cure for BC's energy future. This is without serious consideration of the environmental consequences or that it is non-renewable. While burning natural gas contributes less CO₂ to global warming than coal or oil, the total contribution of its mining, transport, liquefaction and consumption of natural gas to global warming is great and ignored. Both the public and politicians need better information before this proceeds.

SUGGESTED VIDEO**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM**

The Environmental Action Team would like to suggest a video for the congregation members to watch each month.

As April 21 is Earth Day we suggest that The Earth Charter is an important document to be remembered and honoured by all. The Environmental Action Team (EAT) would like to suggest the congregation members view the following videos:

Earth Charter - What is the Earth Charter – three minutes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVTYapkEQr8>

Earth Charter in many nations - ten minutes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pFIpdEAJlk>

PROVINCIAL ELECTION ALL- CANDIDATES' MEETING

(Saanich South Constituency)

Wednesday April 24 at 7pm.

The Prospect Lake and District Community Association will be hosting this event at their community hall at 5358 Sparton Road. In the past the Social Responsibility Committee has hosted it at the church. We remain a co-sponsor and all church members and others are warmly invited to attend and bring their questions. **We have many suggestions for questions at the SRC shelf.**

April is Earth Month

Our concerns for Mother Earth run the gamut: climate change, oil pipelines and tankers, genetically modified foods, coal mining, natural gas extraction by fracking, plastic pollution on land and sea, fish farming, First Nations rights, unsustainable population growth, the list goes on. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and perhaps confused when so much that is going on threatens our environment and our future.



A positive response to all of this is a document finalized in Paris in March of 2000, the **Earth Charter**. While world governments and corporations jockey for a greater share of the world's resources, citizens worldwide who drafted and signed this declaration of responsibility and interdependence seek its implementation.

Earth, as our home, is alive with a unique community of life. We are dependent upon preserving a healthy biosphere with all its ecological systems, a rich variety of plants and animals, fertile soils, pure waters and clean air. The charter states that the protection of Earth's vitality, diversity and beauty is a sacred trust.

The Environmental Action Team of the Social Responsibility Committee will be pursuing the action that the First Unitarian Church of Victoria and the Canadian Unitarian Council become signatories to the Earth Charter found at: www.earthcharterinaction.org

We are also preparing for the BC Election on May 14 by providing questions to ask candidates of all parties. These questions as well as more information on the Earth Charter are available at the SRC Shelf this month.

We encourage congregation members and friends to be aware of what they can do to celebrate Earth Month, whether it is car pooling or riding bikes to church, composting and recycling, or just taking one more action than usual to reduce your carbon footprint.

BOARD SPLINTERS

MIKE GRAHAM

Notes on the March 13 Board meeting

The Board met with children and youth director Fay Mogensen and Children's Spiritual Exploration and Learning Team chair Marion Sollazzo.

Our youth group for the next church year is expected to be larger than ever, and that means we must find space to accommodate them all. The boardroom cannot be used as classroom setting, due to the lack of washrooms and fire protection, so we must look elsewhere for a suitable room. There will be a gathering of interested parties later to discuss this issue and hopefully find a solution satisfactory to all.

Faye and Marion also discussed concerns about child care during the summer Sunday services. Recruiting child minders and supervising and coordinating through the summer is an issue that has not yet been resolved. Most children do not attend through the summer, so the numbers are small. In order to determine requirements a meeting with parents will discuss options. The Board's concern is the cost of maintaining a summer children's program for only a few participants.

The Board voted to adopt a revised Abuse Prevention Policy. Most of the policy is already in operation. The revisions are made to keep pace with the changing requirements of our insurance company.

The Board voted to recommend to the congregation that it rename the Nominating Committee. The new name, the Leadership Development Team, reflects the expanded role for this group. Rather than being limited to nominating candidates for the Board, the group will be developing leadership using strategies to create an adaptive learning culture.

The Board also voted to recommend to the congregation that we "sponsor" David Dubbledam, a former member of our congregation as a candidate for fellowship in the UU ministry. David is currently completing the requirements to become a UU minister.

The Board welcomed John Stewart and Anne Vaasjo as friends.

Nellie Van Leeuwen

Our Chalice Lighter for the month of April is Nellie Van Leeuwen. She is being honoured for the hard work and many practical talents she has brought to our church. Nellie's efforts as a cook, a carpenter, and a fundraiser are often part of the unseen work done by so many at our church.

Says Lorna Anthony, "I've worked most closely with Nellie at the "Unsung Heroes" banquets where annually we served one hundred guests in a fundraiser to honour a volunteer from the larger community. In 2011 when she saw I was overwhelmed, she had the courage to tell me I was in over my head and worked with me in the kitchen for nine hours to produce a meal that met with raves. In 2012 she took over the entire menu planning, got me out of the kitchen and, once again, produced a spectacular fifty dollar/plate fund-raiser dinner. Working with Nellie is an absolute pleasure - lots gets done and there is always laughter along the way".

Edo and I attended that 2012 banquet and Nellie's expertise there as a gourmet cook inspired me to ask if she'd take care of our annual Christmas Lunch, for I too had felt overwhelmed in coordinating it in earlier years. Once again, Nellie and her crew came through - who will ever forget that delicious rosemary chicken?

Those who have shopped at the Christmas Boutique over the years may, like myself, have acquired Nellie's elegant handmade jewellery. In 2012 Nellie's talent for raising money surfaced at her Re-Gifting Tables at the Christmas Fair - Marya Nijland says Nellie just loved collecting items for them, and they raised over \$1,500 for the church.

Using her talents as a carpenter, Nellie has remodeled an old stereo cabinet, which is now a safe haven in the Lion Hall kitchen for purses and our silver tea service. She has replaced the wheels on our Sanctuary podium, and has installed a wooden board on the walls of the Sanctuary hall for easier placement of our brochure holders. The sound room off the choir hall now has framed louvered doors - Nellie's work again.

Nellie came to Canada from Holland at the age of five and her family settled north of Toronto as farmers. As an adult Nellie became a teacher, acquiring experience with pre-schoolers, street kids and the mentally challenged; she also ran a group home. At UBC she introduced a woodworking program for teaching young children.

Nellie joined our congregation some five years ago, seeking a spiritual community that was accepting of lesbians. She and partner Laura Doyle are members of our Diversity Committee, where Nellie's talent for organizing potlucks has come in handy! Nellie and Laura have been together for thirty-one years, and have raised a son, Liam. Liam and his partner have a twenty-month old son, Satoshi Keith, who has been a recent focus of their lives and has added real joy to the family.

A DAY OF MINDFULNESS

This is a one- day retreat at the First Unitarian Church, 5575 West Saanich Road, on **Saturday April 13, 2013, 9:00am to 3:00pm.**

This is a day of mindfulness practise with instructions by Lama Tara, guided meditation sessions, some silence and a variety of opportunities to practice mindfulness in different situations both individually and with the group. There is a Q&A session in the afternoon.

There is a vegetarian potluck lunch at noon and tea breaks both in the morning and the afternoon.

We will meet in the main building in Lion Hall which has a hardwood floor; so, bring cushions for sitting on or you can sit on one of the chairs provided.

Texts will be provided.

Please arrive in time to be seated at least 5 minutes before the start of each session.

There is no fee for the retreat but offerings for the Church and instructions are welcome.

If you have any questions please call Earle Anthony 250-592-4831.

Ross Beauchamp writes...

“Suzanne and I, along with our two golden retrievers Emma and Portia, drove down the coast from Port Angeles to Santa Barbara, California. A two-day trip. On the way, we experienced the excitement of spending New Year’s Eve in a Motel 6. But our destination, Santa Barbara, did not disappoint. This is a jewel of a city, enclosed by the whitewashed Pacific beaches on one side, and the rolling crests of the Santa Ynez mountains on the other. The coastline of California at this location has a bite taken out of it, so it actually runs east and west, rather than north and south. This somehow creates a sunny Mediterranean climate year round, and a winter refuge for migrating birds, butterflies and human escapees from the cold of the plains and northwest. There is wild-life galore, shorebirds running, ducks diving, seals and sea lions barking, pods of dolphins and whales merrily plunging along the coast. The moderate climate, the red-tiled Spanish architecture, and a rich cultural history, have led to favourable comparisons with the Riviera of Europe.



“Hiking up the mountains, bicycling in the canyons, swimming in an outdoor public pool (surrounded by palm trees), all made for an active, invigorating lifestyle close to nature. One of Ross’ goals was to master rolling and wet exiting from an over-turned kayak. Slightly unsettling. He was helped out in the university pool by Chico, a UCSB instructor. Another goal, to improve his limited singing voice, taking lessons from a local songstress, with the hope of someday joining the church choir. Suzanne connected with her Santa Barbara book club buddies, and several other good friends. We both indulged in seafood and excellent cheap California wines in beach-side cafes. So, what with friendly natives, and a wonderful environment, we both had a good time away. But, let’s face it, there is no place like home. We are so happy to be back in our own little house in Victoria, and nearby, all our UU friends.”

MUSIC NOTES**PHIL HALLMAN**

This past month I was invited to sing in the advanced choir at St. Aiden’s United Church called VLQ (Very Large Quartet). I sang at one of their services and it gave me a chance to see how another Music Program runs. The music director also allowed me access to their music library – hopefully we can use some of their music in our services. The experience also showed me that there is more we can do to have music in our service. I am always looking at different ways we can enhance the music program at church, and I’ve been wanting to have a choral offering every Sunday... so, I’d like to introduce: < drumroll here> **The First Unitarian Church of Victoria Solstice Choir! - Directed by Phil.**

The Solstice Choir, the new addition to our Music Program will sing at one or two Sunday Services per month. Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings when the choir sings. We will meet on the lower floor of the RE wing. We will be singing music that includes Rounds, Our Teal Hymnbook, and two- part music. Instrumentalists are welcome and encouraged to join us as well. We will definitely have percussion and rhythmic instruments. This choir is open to anyone who would like to join, no experience necessary. This will be a drop-in choir - but I hope that it can become a regular choir. I also hope that this choir is a fun way for new people to try the music program, and to give current choir members great new music to try. The first date for the Solstice Choir will be April 14.

I will also be holding an evening of hymn singing in May for anyone who is interested in working on some of the hymns we sing on Sunday morning. Stay tuned to the May newsletter for a date and time.

Have a wonderful April - Phil music@victoriaunitarian.ca

Mark your calendars! Friday May 3 is our spring concert! 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Our music program is proud to bring this wonderful concert!

GENTLY CURVING PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

Are you new to our church?

**Have you just discovered our church
or are you a Unitarian from elsewhere?**

Would you like to know more?

We know it can be daunting to get to know people when everyone seems to already know everyone. And we know it can be hard to get to know us during the coffee hour.

So, if you would like to get to know us better, we hope the steps below will help.



STEP ONE: Drop by the Visitor Table in the back corner of the sanctuary. Ask questions. Fill out a Visitor Welcome form where you can indicate if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, weekly electronic mini-newsletter, be connected to your Neighbourhood Group, or have your own name tag.

STEP TWO: Church Orientation. A gathering for all newcomers, whether you have just walked through the door or been coming for several months and want to know more about us, whether you eventually become a member, or choose to be a friend of the church. The Orientation provides basic information about our congregation and ways to make connections. Next Orientation: Sunday, April 14, 12 noon – 1pm. We will share light refreshments, and childminding will be provided.

STEP THREE: Considering Membership session. This will help you determine whether you would like to officially become a member of our church. Whether you join right away, not yet, or not at all, the evening will be informative and enjoyable, as we will be talking about things that matter in a small group setting with warm and interesting people. Next Considering Membership session: Tuesday, May 7, 7pm – 9pm. at the home of Helen Hvozdzanski, at 1651 Barksdale Drive. Call Helen at (250) 477-2189 for directions.

To sign up for the Orientation or Considering Membership sessions, or if you have questions, please contact Reverend Melora at rev.melora@victoriaunitarian.ca or (250) 744-2601, voice mailbox #1 or Cell (250) 891-6330. We are so glad you have found us and we are looking forward to getting to know you.

Another event to watch for: Periodically Rev. Melora offers a two-part event called UU 101 which is designed to give more in-depth information about UUism. Whether you are not yet a member, a new member or have been a member for a long time, if you wish to know more about our denomination, this is for you.



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

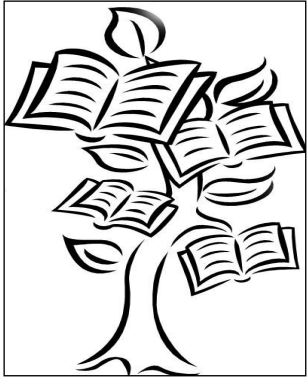
A wedding, child dedication or memorial?

Tell them about FUCV's

Lay Chaplains

It's what we do!

Email: laychaplains@victoriaunitarian.ca



We're Looking for 'Our' Authors – Are You One? – Do You Know One?

The Library Team wants to celebrate those who have published books by having a copy for Our Library. So if you are a published author, come and check if we have a copy of your book(s). We don't? Please consider donating one to us. Or...do you know someone who is (or was) at FUCV and who published? We'd really like to know about them. We're putting a special tree of life symbol on each book written by one of us. Visit the Library and see how many of them you can find. Let us know if we've missed any.

Contact the Library Team through the church office or email
louise.parsons@shaw.ca

We Have LOTS of Books About Unitarians and Unitarianism!

One of the greatest gifts left to us by previous Library Teams is a series of bibliographies on a variety of topics. They are of most use when they are up to date and complete. The current Library Team has begun to update our bibliographies, starting with the one on Unitarianism.

Previous surveys told us that you were most interested in Our Library having books about Unitarianism - and - we have lots of books about Unitarians and Unitarianism.

Are you interested in History? Check out "**A History Of The Unitarians**" by Alan Milne (a FUCV Author, call number 288). Is Biography of interest to you? Unitarians are found in "**Our Stories**" by Gladys Burns (call number 288). Is what we think and believe more to your taste? Try "**Why I Am A Unitarian**" by Jack Mendelsohn (call number 288).

For the complete list either visit the library or check out the updated web site:
<http://www.victoriaunitarian.ca/programs/library/bibliographies.php>

Probably the most rewarding way to find out what we have is to come to Our Library and see for yourself. You'll have noticed that many have call numbers around '288', those shelves are outlined in yellow. Many of our UU holdings also have a yellow bar on their spines (with a tree of life if they were written by one of 'us').

Most Sundays you'll find someone to help you in Our Library one half-hour before and one half-hour after service. Whether someone's there or not, you're welcome to take a book out for four weeks by putting the date it will be due (four weeks from the day you're there), your name and telephone number on the card inside each book then putting that card in the basket by the window.

If you think we are missing something specific you are welcome to contact the Library Team (email louise.parsons@shaw.ca). We gratefully receive donations and need your guidance in choosing books to purchase.

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

SPAGHETTI NIGHT

Friday, April 12 at 6pm

Spaghetti with a choice of yummy meat or vegetarian sauce will be served - plus garlic bread!

Spaghetti 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.

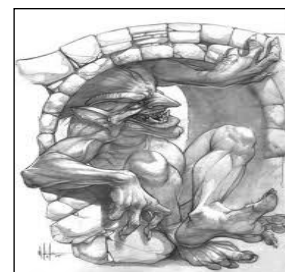
Mark your calendar for future gatherings!
May 10 and June 14 are Fiesta Nights

APOLOGIES

from Barbara Nyland

My troll has been at it again: before I could catch up with him he'd omitted two Neighborhood Group reports from Suellen's column in the March newsletter! I'd likely forgive him if he was better-looking...

Here they are:



Nearby: Jean Simpson reports that Nearby are gathering at Brad and Mado Clarke's in the church farmhouse for an appy and dessert get-together on February 23. They are also supporting the wedding plans of Kimberly Bramadat and Michael Ramsey.

Royal Oak West: Fran reports they are deciding on a date and a host for the next potluck.

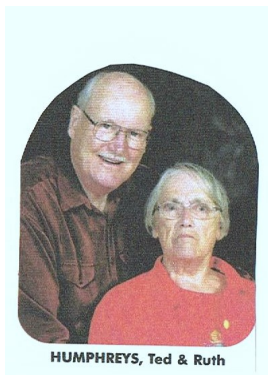
PLANNED GIVING

by Ted Humphreys

"I donate to a number of charitable organizations and the Unitarian Church is first on my list because it stands for the kind of things and actions in which I believe.

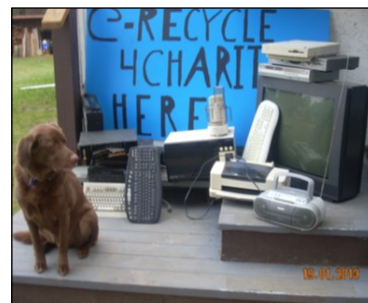
I plan on contributing part of my annual RRIF payments to the church because it is a charitable donation for which I receive a tax deduction."

For more information please contact the Office or Don Armstrong, Frances Hancock, John Hopewell, Ted Humphreys or email: plannedgiving@victoriaunitarian.ca.



E-RECYCLE 4 CHARITY

Thank you to all for your donations so far! This photo shows what is in this e-waste. Computer towers have the most gold, copper, silver, and aluminum - about \$10



worth each. Monitors and televisions have approximately \$3 worth; DVD players, VCRs, stereos, and video game systems - \$2. Connecting wires from all these, plus their power cords are all worth money as well. Small appliances have motors and transformers with lots of copper. Bring old cell phones too; they're worth \$25!

Please bring all your donations, working or not, to the recycling bin at the back of the gravel parking lot.

All members, friends, and newcomers to the church can be part of the Neighbourhood Group where they live. Groups meet monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or occasionally. If your group is missing from this column, there was nothing to report this month. If you don't know which group you are in, please phone the church office.

Cadboro Bay will be the busy bakers for after-church coffee time in April.

Esquimalt: Betty Sherwood writes, " We will be meeting in early April to discuss the suggestions generated by our survey on how we want to change our potluck to make it possible to accommodate the growing number in our group." It's wonderful to see so many people gathering regularly with their neighbours. Too many people is a great problem to have, so it will be interesting to see what this group decides to try next.

Fairfield: Members of this group worked with the Oak Bay NG to host the very successful Souper Lunch on February 17.

Grand Central: Convenor Linda Nicholson-Brown reports that this group is meeting for a spring gathering at her house at 5:30 for a potluck meal and a discussion about how they would like future NG get-togethers to be regarding food, discussion topics, and locations for play. They will also figure out arrangements for the Souper Lunch they will host with the Western NG on April 21.

Gordon Head: This group has been busy in March, baking for the after-church coffee time. Also, Mary Cramer writes, " We had our first drop-in coffee time at our local Tim Horton's one afternoon in early March. Eight folks attended and spent an hour talking and on a myriad of topics. We definitely will be doing this again. We are working on nailing down a date for a potluck, at the Hvozdanski's, in the next few weeks where more of our group can meet our newest members, Anne Percival and Adrian Fine."

James Bay: This group will be gathering at Pat Kinrade's for a potluck lunch on Tuesday, April 2. They also worked with Royal Oak East to offer the very popular St. Patrick's Day Souper Lunch on March 17.

Nearby: Jean Simpson reports that they had more than twenty people attend their drop-in gathering at Brad and Madeleine's between 4:00 and 8:00 on Saturday February 23. Guests brought appetizers and desserts and the conversation was lively. This interesting idea is one that other large groups might want to experiment with occasionally.

Oak Bay: Karla Thomson wrote the following to members of her NG on February 17, following the Souper Lunch they co-hosted with Fairfield: "Wow, we sure had a big group for lunch today at the church. I just want to thank everyone who contributed with soups, breads and goodies. Also many thanks go out to three men who were indispensable: Tiff, John Worton and Tom. Everyone who helped was so willing to do what needed to be done. What a great team we have. Also it was nice to be able to leave near the end of clean-up knowing that our partner group's co-ordinator, Lynn Beak, was able to supervise the last of the work and make sure everything was left ship-shape." (Karla and Jim were leaving town the next day.) The diners at this lunch donated more than \$500 to the church.

Royal Oak West: This group will be gathering for a potluck dinner at Dolores Appleton's on Saturday March 30. Dolores lives near Beaver Lake Park, so some guests plan to arrive early and walk over to the lake. Royal Oak West is pleased that one of their members, Johanna Billung-Meyer has joined the church as a Friend. Johanna is an artist whose work was displayed in the sanctuary last year

Continued on next page...

AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (cont'd.)

Western: Elaine Hanson reports that nine adults and three children gathered in Mac Elrod's log house on February 23 for a potluck with a western theme. Some of the guests wore western garb, but a western sing-along didn't work out so well. Maybe the key is to be sitting around a campfire with your horse beside you to really get into the mood! Now they have their sights on working with Grand Central at the Souper Lunch April 21.

Royal Oak East: This group gathered for a potluck on February 26 at Hanny and Hugo's. Quite a few of their members are off to warmer climes, so it was a smaller group than usual. They also worked along-side James Bay to prepare and serve the Souper Lunch on March 17.

EARTH WALK 2013

On Saturday, April 20, Earth Walk festivities begin at Centennial Square behind Victoria City Hall at 12:00 noon. FUCV members and friends are invited to meet at the SRC banner to prepare to walk down Douglas Street at 12:30 to St. Anne's Academy where a festival for the whole family will take place. Organizers of Earth Walk are teaming up this year with Creatively United for the Planet. www.earthweekvictoria.ca See you there!



Choir Notes

- April 7 Women's and Handbell Choirs meet at 10:00
- April 14 Solstice Choir meets at 9:15
- April 21 Chalice Choir meets at 10:00
- April 28 All Island Choir meets at 9:45

CIRCLE DINNERS

Circle dinners are an excellent way to get to know people beyond the Sunday "Hello". We meet in small groups of six to eight people in each other's homes; each person contributes to the meal and everyone takes their turn at hosting.



What some diners have said:

"It is great to meet and talk with people outside the church setting"...

"deepens sense of community to get to know people on a more intimate level"...

"one can hear better and contribute more easily to the conversation"...

"we like the way the menu is planned, not like a potluck where you may end up all salads and no dessert".

Circle Dinners are 'adult only'. The next dates are April 26 and May 24.

If you are new to the church (you don't have to be a member) or even if you are a long-time member who just wants to re-connect with friends from long ago, you are invited to join us.

To join or if you would like more information please call or email Elaine Hanson 1-250-743-9644 elainehanson@shaw.ca

COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

Answer to question on page 3

The Covenant suggests that we show compassion to all and this includes ourselves. Each of us will take responsibility for our personal well-being and show generosity of spirit to others' needs and contributions.

ART IN THE SANCTUARY IN APRIL

by

THE CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH



Where is everybody going?

To THE AUCTION, of course!

It's a family-friendly fun event with food and friends. Even better, the fun continues when you collect your services.

Food + Friends = Fun.

**And, sometimes, Food + Fun = Friends
(But Friends + Fun may not = Food)**

**But Food + Friends + Fun definitely =
Funds to support our church!**

When is The Auction? Friday, April 19, 6:00-9:00pm.

Please see the poster on page 16.

Wondering what The Auction is like? Please see the Auction Guide on page 17.

Wondering what items and services are offered? Please see the lists on pages 18-20. You can pick up the most up-to-date lists at the auction.

Is your budget tight? You can still get in on the excitement. Munch on the complimentary snacks, maybe buy a bag of popcorn or a raffle ticket, browse the Silent Auction where some of the items will go for \$10 or less. Children's activities and childcare are free.

Can't come for the whole time? Come when you can. Leave when you must. Our cashiers will help you pay for your bids and collect your Silent Auction items whenever you need to leave.

Don't drive after dark or need a ride? Phone someone in your Neighbourhood Group. After all, practically **everybody** is coming to the auction!

Can't come to The Auction? Fill out the advance bid form in this newsletter and get it to the church office by Monday, April 15.

Want to offer a service or an item for The Auction? We are accepting offers until Wednesday, April 17. Please contact Jen Young at hellojenyoung@gmail.com or 250-370-5106.

Come be part of the fun!

Join the Fun

Friday April 19 at the church
 Silent Auction – 6pm
 Live Auction – 7pm

Services Auction 2013

Grab A Paddle

Growing in Spirit, Living with Compassion, Inspired to Serve

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Did you miss the March 19 deadline to submit your service or special item for the auction? Fear not. We will keep adding items to the list until the week of the auction.



It really does help us, though, to know early what we will be able to offer, so we can have the lists and bidding sheets ready. So please take pity on your auction team and let us know as soon as you can.

Are you bringing something for the silent auction? Please let us know what is coming, so we can add it to the list and make display space for it.

However, please hold all silent auction items until April 14 before bringing them in, because storage space is limited with the Boardroom under construction.

We hope you are planning to come to the Auction. It's going to be fun!

HELP US FILL A GIFT BASKET!

We are preparing gift baskets for the Auction on April 19 and we need your help.



Could you contribute decorative items, toiletries, wine or spirits, jams & preserves, chocolate, treats? What would **you** like to find in a gift basket?

Last year, the gift baskets that contained chocolate or alcohol generated the highest bids.

Please bring them to the church office and put them in the container marked, Gift Basket. Help us fill a few baskets with treasures!

AUCTION GUIDE

6:00: Silent Auction Opens.

Print your name on the sign-in sheet and pick up your bidding number. Pick up the latest Live and Silent Auction Lists. Check out the **Early Bird Specials**. The price is listed, so the first people to sign up are in, until all the available spaces are filled. No advance bids.

Place your bids in the Silent Auction, support the Children's Corner, visit the complimentary refreshments table and the cash bar, get your raffle ticket and a ticket for the cake walk, buy a bag of popcorn, and find a place at a table.

6:00: Activities for Children and Child Care Open in the Lion Hall.

This area remains open until the auction closes.

6:45: Cake Walk.

One Cake Walk per ticket. Buy a ticket and walk on the numbers until the music stops. The winning number chooses a cake or a pie. The **first Cake Walk will be for children only**. Consider sponsoring a child in one of the Cake Walks. They have the fun and they might win a cake. Or, consider asking a child to walk for you. If they win for you, you tell them which cake you want.

Cakes and pies remaining after the last Cake Walk will become part of the Silent Auction.

7:00: Live Auction Begins.

Please feel free to move around, bidding on items in the Silent Auction during the Live Auction. We want you to enjoy your friends, but when the noise level rises too high, we will sound the gong and ask you to quiet down.

We plan to project successful bid numbers on a screen during the live auction, so if you think you are one of the successful bidders, please ensure your number is recorded for that service.

7:20: Silent Auction Begins To Close.

We will ring a bell and announce which Silent Auction Shops are closing in five minutes. The shop closing time will also be listed on the shop sign. The warning bell will sound five minutes before each closing until all shops are closed. Bids are not accepted after a shop closes.

Winners of an item in the Silent Auction will find a payment slip in their envelopes. The bidding sheets will be collected, winning bids recorded, and then the sheets will be returned to the shops. Please leave the bid sheet on the table in the shop, so that everyone can see the name of the successful bidder. This also helps sort out misunderstandings. Keep checking the shop if you are wondering who won.

If you need to leave before a shop has closed and you are the successful bidder, please tell one of the Auction Team so that we can facilitate your departure.

8:20: Silent Auction is closed. Bar closes. Auction continues with no break.

9:00 or When You Need To Leave:

If you are leaving early, please avoid disrupting the auction. Go to one of the cashiers at the back and a runner will bring you your envelope. Please hand in your paddle and check to see that the slips for your items and services are in your envelope. One of the cashiers will add up your total, while the other cashier will take your cheque or cash payment and mark your envelope "paid".

If you have silent auction items to pick up, please take your proof of payment to the shop and carry away your items.

Please remember to pay and pick up your items before you leave.

LIVE AUCTION 2013

Singing Lessons. Four one-hour singing lessons with voice teacher, Sylvia McDonald. \$175 value. Minimum bid: \$90. Sylvia McDonald. smamcdonald@gmail.com. [250-652-1255](tel:250-652-1255)

Bed and Breakfast Getaway in Port Townsend, WA. Two nights' accommodation for two couples, at a mutually agreed time in May thru September 2013, at the home of Abby Kimball. Master with a king bed and a guest room with a queen bed, separate baths. We will serve a hot breakfast and the fabulous coffee the Pacific Northwest is known for. Guests are invited to make themselves at home in the house and surrounding wooded garden. We are a ten-minute walk from Old Fort Townsend State Park and our Kala Point Beach, and a ten-minute drive from Port Townsend, Victorian seaport and arts community with quaint shops and tasty restaurants, whale-watching and other activities. Or take a day-trip to Olympic National Park or Tacoma's Museum of Glass. Email maryashby.kimball@q.com or call 360-379-1979.

Reverend Shana will offer 'sermon on a topic of your choice' . rev.shana@victoriaunitarian.ca

Reverend Melora will offer 'sermon on a topic of your choice' . rev.melora@gmail.com

The Lynngood family will take care of your SMALL dog for a week. We will walk him/her, feed him/her, and give him/her lots of love. Reverend Melora and Reverend Shana are both experienced and devoted dog owners. We have a six year old, a baby, and a fish, so your dog need not get along with other dogs (or cats)—just kids. We miss having a canine member of our family - your little one will be most welcome, and appreciated, in our pack. rev.melora@gmail.com

Native Garden Consultation: I would like to offer my services as a Native Plant Gardening Consultant for your Services Auction in April. I will donate one hour of my time. I will visit your home, walk your garden with you and suggest native plants that would fit into your yard. Donated by Pat Johnson. patty.j@shaw.ca

Christmas Dinner 2013: It's not much fun having Christmas dinner alone so.....for the Services Auction Jim and I are offering Xmas dinner in our home on December 25, 2013 for up to six people. The meal will include turkey with all the trimmings, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, potatoes, veggies, plus carrot pudding with special sauce. Everything will be made and / or cooked by me. Here's looking forward to a fun filled and happy Christmas day. Donated by Jim and Karla Thomson. kajimthom@shaw.ca

Barbeque Chicken Lunch: For eight people on Saturday August 17. Donated by John and Gloria Hopewell. hopewell@telus.net

Lunch for Gardeners. Would you like to join a hen party? Like to scratch in the dirt and cluck about your adventures with plants and gardening? Come for lunch and a tour through a country garden at Astrid's. (Maximum seven) (Sorry, no roosters.) afedesign@firley.ca

Picnic at China Beach in July or August for ten people. Must be able to walk twenty minutes down to the beach and back up. We will carpool. Offered by Suellen Guenther. sguenther@shaw.ca

French Dinner for Eight: Good food, good wine and spirited conversation «*en français*» - a perfect way to spend a summer Friday evening! Kristina Stevens and her daughter Cecilia will provide the food and wine, you will help with the conversation. The date is Friday, July 5. *Bon appétit!* Kristina Stevens [250-595-5949](tel:250-595-5949)

Full Blown Brunch for Eight: on Ten Mile Point, Saturday 11 May at 10:30 am. Followed at 11:30 am by a walk in the garden and a visit to Linda and Howard Petch's water front garden one block away. Donated by Chris Cook and Shirley Travis. 49chriscook@gmail.com

Vegetarian Dinner and Music: a five course vegetarian dinner for six followed by a thirty minute concert of classical music by David. Donated by Elaine Hanson and David Person. elainehanson@shaw.ca

LIVE AUCTION 2013 — continued

Games Night for Nine: Games night for fun loving people. We will play non-competitive games to have laugh and giggles. You can bring games you want to play as well. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Saturday June 22, 7pm -10pm. Donated by: Sherry Ewing, Bruce Edwards, Mariko Matsumoto. Place: #12-4291 Quadra St. Ph-[250-592-8016](tel:250-592-8016) marikom2@hotmail.com

Intimate Dinner for Four: a dinner for four featuring cuisine from Southern California. Date to be determined. Donated by Suzanne Beauchamp. suz46b@yahoo.com

Pilgrim Supper: Suzanne and Fran Dearman are offering a Pilgrim Supper on St. James Day (Tuesday June 25 at 6pm). Santiago-Spanish Pilgrim experience for five people. 250-592-4835.

Carwash. SEL-CY will lovingly wash your vehicle during the church service on June 16, 2013. Top two bids are the winners.

Carwash. SEL-CY will lovingly wash your vehicle during the church service on June 23, 2013. Top two bids are the winners.

Learn the Basics of Sailing. A full day on my boat for four people. Please bring your own lunch. Offered by Philip Symons. philmar@islandnet.com

Three dessert pies and a pie plate. The plate and one apple pie at the auction. The other two pies of your choice when you want them. Donated by Bob Dobbs. bobdobbs@shaw.ca

Two tourtieres and a pie plate. Cameron Egyeda pulled a fast one on me last year and specified a tourtiere. I had never made one before, but here's what she said about my first one: "...the most delicious tourtiere ever eaten!!!" (hyperbole; but it was pretty good). Donated by Bob Dobbs. bobdobbs@shaw.ca

Room Painting. The now-famous painting team of Pat Conroy, Barry Wiebe and Mike Graham will paint a room, limited to a nine-foot ceiling.

BBQ for Eight with Bob and Nancy Dobbs with Central Saanich corn-on-the-cob and pie for dessert. (Vegetarian option will be available). Nancy will lead a sing-along if guests are so inclined. Latter half of August. Up to eight guests. Offered by Bob and Nancy Dobbs. bobdobbs@shaw.ca

Vancouver B&B during the Folk Festival. One couple will enjoy two night's stay during the Vancouver Folk Music Festival (July 19 - 21) in a private guest room in a centrally located modern condo. Enjoy breakfast on the large penthouse terrace and wander up to the rooftop garden to take advantage of breathtaking 270 degree views of Vancouver. The apartment is located in Vancouver's popular South Main district. You can park your car in the secure parking garage and take advantage of the easy access to buses, the Skytrain and the Canada Line. Value: \$400

Quilting. Liz will design and make a small quilt project for you in your colours and with your home in mind. Your quilt can be a lap quilt, baby quilt, wall hanging or table mats. Maximum size forty-five by sixty inches. Donated by Liz Graham. liz.graham@shaw.ca

Extra Help: Three lucky people will receive their choice of one of the following - decluttering (one day); babysitting (one evening and/or overnight); elder and dependent adult respite (one evening and/or overnight); Pet sitting (one overnight). Donated by Anna Isaacs. isaacs.anna@gmail.com

Tapas by the Sea. Come at 5:00pm to Pam' Harte's waterfront condo for the spectacular view, appetizers, and conversation on Saturday, September 7. Offered by Pam Harte. pharte@shaw.ca

Salmon BBQ for eight. Salmon BBQ dinner with all the trimmings at our James Bay condominium home overlooking the inner harbour. We can comfortably accommodate eight guests. Friday evening, June 14 for this gathering. Lynn Hunter and Don Armstrong. hunterlynn@shaw.ca

LIVE AUCTION 2013 — continued

Introduction to Stained Glass. Terry Czyz will offer one individual a two to three hour introduction to stained glass. Learn the basics and go home with a handmade treasure. All materials included. Minimum bid: \$30. terrcz@gmail.com

Crabbing in Sooke. An afternoon of crabbing off the Sooke public dock followed by a yummy seafood feast for dinner at Janice and Scott's house in Sooke (we hope, but are not promising, that the seafood feast will include fresh caught dungeness crab). June 22. Room for four adults, plus any children who would like to tag along. (The dock is safe, and has plenty of room, for kids to run and play). Donated by Janice Hlady and Scott Branch. branchfamily@shaw.ca

BBQ with Homemade Ice Cream. Barbeque for eight featuring a variety of Red Barn burgers, hot dogs and more. Dessert will be chocolate cake with homemade ice cream. Backyard croquet is a possibility. Hosted by Mary Cramer and Pat Conroy on July 6.

SILENT AUCTION 2013

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS (NO ADVANCE BIDS)

Buon appetito! **August 10 at the First Unitarian Church.** Thirty (30) treasured guests will be treated to a **six course authentic Italian dinner** prepared by Jen Young and her skilled crew with **wine pairings** by Kristina Stevens. **Entertainment will be provided by Braden and Hillary Young** – with a special guest or two. *Piatto ricco, mi ci ficco.* \$75 per person. Donated by the Young/Stevens families.

Traveling to China or Wish You Could? Learn some basic Chinese language as well as cultural background. Three one-hour classes from 7-8pm on Wednesday, May 8, May 15, and May 22, 2013. \$75 per person for the first four people to sign up. Offered in their home by Jan Yuanxin Li, wife of John Tiffany.

Tea for Seven on Saturday July 6 at Pam Harte's waterfront condo in Brentwood Bay. Come at 2:30pm and enjoy the spectacular view. \$15 for the first seven people to sign up. Transportation can be arranged. Offered by Pam Harte.

The Bagpipe!!! How it's played and how it works. You are most cordially invited to a (participatory) demonstration of this instrument for both the young, seniors and everyone in between. You should come prepared to do bit of dancing and marching. We will examine (and listen to) the component parts of this instrument. (Actually, we'll be looking at two kinds of bagpipe: "The Great Highland Bagpipe" and the "Shuttle Bagpipe".) We'll hear the types of music played on them and learn a bit about their history. We might even have the chance to play one these unique musical instruments. \$7 per person. Twenty spaces available in the Sanctuary. 12:00 noon, Sunday May 5 following the service. Because the instrument is mouth-blown, a health problem arises. This could be overcome by cleaning the mouth-piece with a tissue soaked in rubbing alcohol and limiting the playing to only one or two brave souls. Offered by Mel Johnston. christine.johnston@telus.net

Tea in the Garden: Bring a poem to share, celebrate midsummer, and enjoy tea in my garden on June 20. \$15, limit nine. Offered by Dee Heston. dheston@telus.net

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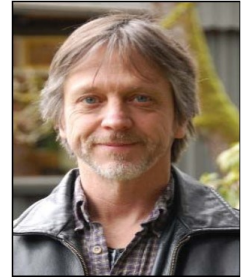
New Phone

Laura Anderson 250-532-1345
no NG

New Member

Michael Ramsey

I decided to become a member last fall, after volunteering at the church as a Youth Advisor for a year. I have enjoyed both the Sunday services and spending time with church members afterwards. Everyone that I have met has extended a welcome hand to me and has made me feel comfortable and among friends.



I have been in Victoria for almost two years now, but often return to the Seattle area where I have a home and have operated a painting business for over twenty-three years. My future hopes are to settle in Brentwood Bay with the woman of my dreams and to grow as a family in this wonderful, nurturing community. My fiancée, Kimberly Bramadat, and I will be opening a new home and garden business.



Board Members on Duty for April



April 7	Lynn Hunter
April 14	Forrest Smith
April 21	Thane Waldie
April 28	Jennifer Young

New Friends

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Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
4/1	EASTER MONDAY	church office closed)	
4/2	-----		
4/3	-----		
4/4	5:00pm to 6:30pm	Two Board meetings	Lion Hall
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
4/5	7:15pm to 9:30pm	Mindful Yarning	Offsite location
4/6	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
4/7	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	9:30am to 12:30pm	Jewellery & Art Fair	Lion Hall
	9:30am to 10:00am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	12:30pm to 2:30pm	Covenant Group	Fireside Room
4/8	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Covenant Group	Lion Hall
4/9	9:00am to 12:00pm	Learning Circle	Library
	1:30pm to 4:00pm	Food Prep/Sandy Merriman House	Kitchen Sanctuary
	6:45pm to 9:15pm	Social Responsibility Committee	Sanctuary or Library
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Spirit in Practice	Lion Hall

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Events Calendar (continued from previous page)

Date	Time	Event	Location
4/10	10:00am to 11:30am	Library Team	Library
4/11	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Finance Committee	Library
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
4/12	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Spaghetti Night	Sanctuary
	6:00pm to 9:30pm	Youth Group Gathering	Fireside Room
4/13	9:00am to 3:00am	Meditation Retreat - day-long	Lion Hall
4/14	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	9:30am to 10:00am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	10:00am to 12:00pm	Youth Workshop	Lion Hall
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	12:00pm to 1:00pm	Diversity Group	Chaplains Room
	12:00pm to 1:30pm	ORIENTATION	Fireside Room
4/15	-----		
4/16	12:30pm to 2:00pm	Committee on Ministry	Library
4/17	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Care & Concern	Library
	6:30pm to 9:30pm	Board Meeting	Lion Hall
4/18	12:00pm to 6:00pm	Set-up for Services Auction	Sanctuary
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
4/19	6:00pm to 9:30pm	Services Auction	Sanctuary , Lion Hall
	7:15pm to 9:30pm	Mindful Yarning	Offsite location
4/20	8:30am to 5:00pm	Rental: Conservatory flute choir	Lion Hall
	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
4/21	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	9:30am to 10:00am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	10:30am to 11:30am	Parents Group	Library
	11:30am to 1:00pm	Souper Sunday	Sanctuary
	11:30am to 1:00pm	After Auction Sale	Lion Hall
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	12:30pm to 2:30pm	Covenant Group	Fireside Room
4/22	-----		
4/23	9:00am to 12:00pm	Learning Circle	Library
	2:30pm to 4:30pm	Worship Committee	Library
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Spirit in Practice	Lion Hall
4/24	-----		
4/25	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Choir practice	Sanctuary
4/26	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Circle Dinners	Offsite location
4/27	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
4/28	10:30am to 11:30am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	9:30am to 10:00am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	10:30am to 12:00pm	Youth Workshop	Lion Hall
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	12:00pm to 1:30pm	Future Youth Room discussion	Library or Lion Hall
	12:15pm to 2:00pm	Earth Sunday talk	Sanctuary
4/29	-----		
4/30	-----		

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