



The Victoria Unitarian

Services in March

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

March 3 This Hour has Famous Unitarians
Lorna Anthony

Mado Clarke and Don Armstrong will be interviewing some living and dead notables. We will also be recognizing our partner church in Transylvania. Stay for lunch and have fun learning Hungarian dances.

Daylight Saving Time begins

March 10 Church, Worship, and Other Words We UUse
Rev. Melora Lynngood



Important Note: On this Daylight Savings Sunday, to accommodate our guests from Salt Spring Island, worship will be at 11:30am (which will feel like 10:30am).

“Church.” “Worship.” What do Unitarian Universalists mean when we use these words? Should we use them? What about alternative choices like “Fellowship,” “Congregation,” “Sunday services?” Are we a “religion,” “a faith tradition,” “a movement?” To what extent are we a Protestant tradition? How do the words we use to describe ourselves and the things we do effect how others view us? How do they effect how we understand ourselves?

March 17 Spirituality for Atheists
Reverend Shana Lynngood

Many members of our congregation identify as atheists. What different flavour or quality does spirituality take on when you don't believe in God? Do atheism and spirituality meet or are they mutually exclusive?

March 24 Spring Equinox

We will create a sacred space to make the transition from Winter to Spring. Members of our congregation will share poems, prose and music.

March 31 Roll Back the Stone
Reverend Shana Lynngood

This Easter Sunday we'll look at what a miraculous rebirth of long ago might mean for we twenty-first century types who are leary of the notion of miracles. What happens when we roll back the stones of loss and anger, sadness and regret and find the tomb is now empty? What happens after the miracle?

We know one things that happens after the story: our traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the children (by the youth).



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The deadline for submissions to the
April issue of the newsletter is **March 19**.

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

FAYE MOGENSEN

In reflecting on the children’s and youth program I realize that, although we haven’t set out to focus on history, we spend a fair bit of time considering the past. Looking ahead to March, there are several examples.

March 3 is the Mystery Buddy and Partner Church Party. Everyone is welcome to join the specialty Transylvanian style luncheon - a Fundraiser for our Partner Church in Romania. The lunch is an opportunity to enjoy the tastes, smells, music and dance of Eastern Europe, which is the birthplace of Unitarianism. The service that day will focus on our forebears – and the party serves also as a chance to unite Buddies who have been learning a little about the famous historical UU whose name they have been using as an alias. Be sure to join the fun!

Over spring break, the children will be reminded that the Group of Seven painter, Arthur Lismer, is another historical Unitarian. Our Lismer’s Prodigies art project for the younger crowd is scheduled for March 10 and March 24, and has the intent of creating a display for our library. The project theme is the value of writing down and recording ideas; in other words - the value of books. With Sarah Harris’ creative guidance, the process will include lots of imagination and colour. By the end of the month, you’ll be able to see their work adorning the currently vacant (and rather inaccessible) top shelves of the Library.

Overall this year, it’s the Primary Group that is becoming particularly familiar with UU heroes. Their curriculum includes stories of all sorts of famous Unitarians and Universalists. If you don’t know who Hosea Ballou, Clyde Tombaugh or Sophia Lyon Fahs are, try asking a seven year old (or one of their treasured and lucky leaders)!

The historical focus of the other groups is more general, and more geared towards the deeper questions in life and how various religions explore them. At our Multi-generational service on March 31 and Easter, we’ll have the chance to consider the story of Easter and how we as UUs can continue to relate to it. Prior to that, our art focus on March 17 will be on artful Easter traditions –the decoration of eggs – and why we do it.

History is something I’ve come to love. As a UU, I find it grounding to know about the many activists and critical thinkers who have come before, and how they have helped shape the shift of our religion away from the mainstream. I find it similarly grounding to know the story behind our traditions and how they have evolved over time. I hope you do too!



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

FROM YOUR MINISTER REVEREND MELORA LYNNGOOD

As we've mentioned previously, our preaching theme this year is "Living our Mission: Growing in Spirit." In the first meeting of the class I'm leading this Spring, "Spirit in Practice," we read a story that I thought might serve as a nice supplement to our congregational focus on Spiritual Growth:



Once upon a time there was a Teacher who was known far and wide as one who had mastered all the great disciplines of a spiritual seeker. She wandered the country, and whenever people heard she was near, they traveled to seek her wisdom and her guidance.

Great Teacher," one would say, "I wish to get closer to God." "By what path do you travel now?" she would ask. "I study the scriptures, diligently applying myself day and night to unlocking their mysteries," might come the reply. "Then you should put down your books and walk in the woods—thinking nothing, but listening deeply."

Another would say, "I do good to every person I meet, doing all that I can to serve their needs." "Then for a time," the Teacher would reply, "consider yourself well met and strive to serve your own needs as you have so well served others."

One day the Teacher noticed someone in the back of the crowd, someone not pushing his way to her as most of the others did. She went to him. "What is it I can do for you?" she asked.

"I do not know," he replied. "I feel in need of something, but I do not believe in God and have nothing you could call a 'practice.'" "When do you feel most alive?" the Teacher asked. "When I am playing with my children," the man said without hesitation. "Then play with your children," said the Teacher. "And you will find what you seek."

Questions for your consideration:

- What are some of the things that make you feel most alive?
- Is doing those things a spiritual practice? How so, or why not?
- What makes a practice "spiritual" and not just "emotional" or "mental"?
- What does "spiritual" mean to you?

When our class shared our answers to these questions, we found that many of the things that make us feel alive that we experience as 'spiritual practices' were things that help us to feel connected to something larger than ourselves, be it the human community, the natural world, or the interdependent web of life – things like walking in the woods, gazing at the ocean, taking care of a friend who is ill, playing with children. Others were practices that helped us to 'get out of our heads,' put aside worries, and instead focus on the present moment – things like yoga, rock climbing, creating art, mediation.

What are your answers to the questions above? Ask someone else at church and see what they say.

Pleased to be exploring matters of the spirit with you,
Reverend Melora

Story and Questions from "SPIRIT IN PRACTICE" A Tapestry of Faith Program for Adults, WORKSHOP 1: TOWARD A RICH AND MEANINGFUL UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SPIRITUALITY BY ERIK WALKER WIKSTROM © Copyright 2008 Unitarian Universalist Association. Published to the Web on 1/10/2012 8:28:34am PST. This program and additional resources are available on the UUA web site at www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith.

“Lay work is a natural complement to worship, the opportunity to act upon and test your Unitarian-Universalist values.” -- Reverend Erik Walker Wikstrom, [Serving With Grace](#)

The level of “lay work” activity around our church is amazing.

If there’s something to be done there’s always someone willing to do it. Whether making coffee, acting as an usher, greeting at the door, participating in a committee or team, helping at an auction or fiesta night, rallying for social justice, we have numerous willing workers. We join together with enthusiasm, good humour and dedication.

To mention all our volunteers and the jobs they do would fill this newsletter many times over.

But here’s an example of how one volunteer can have a long-lasting effect in what appears on the surface to be a very simple job. Many years ago Ron Neilson, now retired with Wilma in a Colwood retirement residence, had a camera, when having a camera was rarer than it is today.

Ron very astutely used his photo skills to record how things function around the church. Since then his visual record has been invaluable. We used it in preparing for the remediation of the Boardroom.

But there was more to Ron than being a photographer of record. When we moved into our Superior Street church in James Bay more than forty years ago Ron and the late Ted Furnes spent one whole summer -- working seven to eight hours a day -- updating the building for our members, friends and visitors.

When we moved out to West Saanich Road in 1993, Ron and Ted were on the job again, building the religious education centre among other projects. Ron, an engineer, also used his background as supervisor of the Kemp Lake waterworks at Sooke to ensure the well water at our new site passed all health requirements.

Of course, our members’ volunteerism goes well beyond the church walls. Unitarian-Universalism can be as much about supporting active social causes as it is in promoting religious faith.

But when it comes to all volunteering, religion does seem to be the key component. Two years ago Mireille Vezina and Susan Crompton wrote a study on volunteering based on a 2010 Statistics Canada survey of more than fifteen thousand people.

Vezina and Crompton write that the survey found almost two-thirds of those who are religiously connected do volunteer work. That’s in contrast to less than one-half of those without a religious connection.

“It is a basic axiom of research in the non-profit sector that more religious people exhibit higher rates of giving, participating and volunteering,” write Vezina and Crompton.

There are numerous reasons for volunteering at our church, but a prominent one must be to make friends, forming tighter personal bonds. From this we build a stronger community and a healthier world. Ron says this was certainly true in the experience he had while working with Ted—they became life-long and very close friends.

Ron has fond memories of their voluntary partnership. As he says, that’s his best reward. Ron has now retired and Ted has departed from the volunteer life. But the work goes on.

“I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that,” said Lily Tomlin. “Then I realized I was somebody.”



SHARE A SPECIAL OCCASION!

Want to announce a birthday, anniversary or celebration?

Phone or email your announcement to the church office by Wednesday - or reserve a date in the future - and we will make up a display sign for the following Sunday Coffee Hour table. By donation (at church office) with the funds donated to our Coffee & Hospitality Fund.

The Rental Task Force appointed by the Board will begin training five or six volunteers, acting on behalf of the Church, for rental events.

Rental Task Force representative Shirley Travers said the task force is also preparing a support plan for the office including: checklists, contracts, policies, floor-plans etc.

Last year, rentals raised \$14,209 minus expenses for a net of \$12,138 (excluding Montessori and the Farmhouse). The task force is aiming for \$20,000 annually within two years.

The Planned Giving Team of John Hopewell, Frances Hancock and Don Armstrong met with the Board. Following their presentation the Board voted to approve Planned Giving installing a wall plaque containing the names of deceased members and friends who have made donations to the Church. The Arts and Aesthetics Team will be consulted on the design and placement of the plaque.

The Board also voted to establish a 'Sustaining Circle' to recognize those making future gifts in their wills. Donors would be invited annually to an event in their honour, attended by the president and other officers of the Church.

Treasurer Bob Dobbs reported we now have approximately \$80,000 pledged for the Property Fund over five years. He recommended reopening the campaign in the spring to encourage donations from members who have not yet contributed.

The Board also voted to:

- transfer \$287 from the inactive Boutique Fund to the Charles Elliott Sculpture Fund;
- close the inactive Office Equipment Fund;
- close the inactive Sunday Services Fund;
- and close the Charles Elliott Sculpture Fund on April 1, 2013 if the Arts and Aesthetics Team has not used the fund to purchase First Nations art.

The Board welcomed new members John Tiffany, Lawrence Boldt, Sharon Boldt, Adrian Fine and Anne Percival

FLOWER ARTISTS NEEDED!

When we sit in a service, listening to an inspirational talk, often our gaze moves to the beauty around us - the mossy tree trunks outside, the stained glass window, the tapestry or the flowers.

Each Sunday a volunteer creates a small work of art with flowers. Would you enjoy doing that, once a month? Our team needs one more person for the fourth Sunday of the month and one more person as a 'spare' to fill in if one of the regular artists is away. Please think about this creative way of giving to our church. Contact Betty 250-382-4656



SRC ACTION OF THE MONTH

LISA GREENLY

For March the Social Responsibility Committee has chosen to highlight our very popular HOW (Healing Our World) project. Now in its eighth year, HOW has seen our congregation help heal our world locally and around the globe. Watch the SRC shelf for this year's proposals or visit our website at www.victoriaunitarian.ca/programs/src/how.php for more information. Also, see page 6.

HEALING OUR WORLD (HOW) 2013 PROJECT IS HERE!

Below, in the order received, are the five exciting projects you will be voting on.

Full descriptions will be available March 3rd.



Project A: My Own Room - Victoria Human Exchange Society

Location: Greater Victoria

Funds Requested: \$4,800

Description:

Underwriting the first month's rent (\$400) for twelve people coming off the street into supportive communities within houses offering modest but affordable housing. www.humanx.org

Project B: The Rwandan Widows Life Enhancement Project

Location: Rwanda

Funds Requested: \$4,200

Description:

Help 20 Rwandan widows by improving living conditions, mentoring, land lease, seed and fertilizer through a community based program. www.innovativecommunities.org

Project C: BC Schizophrenia Society - Victoria Branch computer upgrade

Location: Greater Victoria

Funds Requested: \$5,000

Description:

Purchase of an Integrated Tracking/Information Management System to support Counsellors serving those living in the Greater Victoria area who have a mental illness. www.bcss.org

Project D: Spectacled Bear Conservation building project

Location: Batan Grande, Peru

Funds Requested: \$3,500

Description:

To build a simple adobe (mud) brick kitchen structure with an extended woven grass canopy to house training workshops for local people and visitors. www.sbc-peru.org

Project E: Children's Camp

Location: Vichuquen, Chile

Funds requested: \$2,960

Description:

Transport 200 impoverished, inner city children to and from a two-week nature camp which is designed to build self esteem, as well as educate.

Voting

Voting will follow the services on **March 7** and **17**. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about all the proposals in the Lions Hall during coffee time on these dates. Voting is open to members *and* friends *and* youth of the Church. The ballot will ask you to determine what order you would like to see the projects funded - 1,2, 3 or 4. Only the top three will be funded. We hope the HOW Project will receive enough donations to match the goals voted for and no project will receive greater than the amount of their goal. Any surplus contributions will be held for H.O.W. 2014. If you wish, you can still designate precisely where you would like your own personal donation to go.

What does the Committee on Ministry do? Who would you like to see as part of it?

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

Responsibilities include:

- serving as a conduit of communication between the Congregation and the Minister(s); avoiding triangulation and supporting direct communication.
- serving as a sounding board for the Minister(s), helping them assess, understand, and tend to Congregational needs;
- soliciting feedback from the Congregation and conducting evaluations of the Minister(s)' work, reporting to the Board as needed;
- helping the Minister(s) identify and work on their areas of strength and need in their continuing professional development;
- supporting the Minister(s)' planning for continuing education, sabbaticals, and other professional development and recommending such plans to the Board and Congregation;
- advocating for fair compensation for the position of Minister(s);
- continually monitoring Congregational life;
- educating itself about ministry;
- modelling healthy and deepening relationships with the Minister(s) and program staff;
- supporting continuing education of the Congregation to promote understanding and skill in "shared ministry," the ministry that is jointly carried out by laity and professional minister(s).

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

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

Members of the Committee on Ministry are: David Andersen and Don Armstrong, co-chairs; Sonya Ignatieff, Reverend Melora and Reverend Shana Lynngood, Martha McDougall and Joyce Murphy.

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.



Securing our future through planned giving

Did you know you can help secure, strengthen, and extend the long-term survival and mission of our congregation by leaving a legacy to First Unitarian or First Unitarian Foundation?

Planned Giving Committee has developed a plan to encourage members and friends to arrange for a gift to First Unitarian or First Unitarian Foundation at the time of your death. This can be done in your will, through an insurance policy or by simply naming the Church or Foundation as beneficiary to your RRSP or RRIF.

Your gift can be directed to the Operating Reserve Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, the Endowment Fund, First Unitarian Foundation, or you can simply name First Unitarian Church of Victoria, and funds will be used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

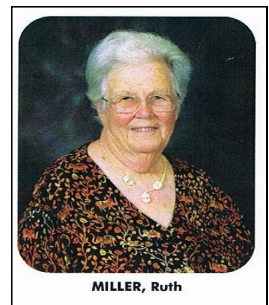
If you let Planned Giving Committee know of your planned gift, you have the option of joining “The Legacy Circle” - our way of recognising you for planning a legacy gift. As a member of The Legacy Circle you will be invited to events celebrating generosity through planned giving. In addition, following your death, your name will be recorded on a plaque to be hung in the Church. However, donors may also choose to remain anonymous.

Talk to a member of Planned Giving Committee about how you can contribute. Members are Don Armstrong, Frances Hancock, John Hopewell and Ted Humphreys.

Why I chose to include the church in my will - by Ruth Miller

“In these challenging times as we face the peril of extinction, I want to leave a legacy that will help to make a difference before it is too late. Membership in this church has made me feel affirmed, valued and challenged.

My contribution can help support the church so that others can feel the same and take action in the future. The church is also the beneficiary of my life insurance policy and the annual premium is a tax deductible charitable donation”.



GREEN CORNER**EDWIN E. DANIEL**

We are facing a planetary emergency. “The Royal Society of London—one of the world’s oldest (founded in 1660) and most respected scientific bodies—declared in its 2012 report, *People and the Planet*, that the environmental threat to the planet as a place of human habitation is now so serious that it is necessary for humanity to ‘develop socio-economic systems and institutions that are not dependent on continued material consumption growth’ ”. *Monthly Review*, January, 2013.

So what is Canada doing? Canada’s policy is to mine the tar sands, natural gas and coal as rapidly as possible. This continues even as bitumen from the tar sands sells for a substantial discount on world oil markets and prices of natural gas are low from a world glut. This makes no sense in either the short or long run. What Canada needs is a National Energy Policy.

It should evaluate whether mining the tar sands and coal should continue, and at what rate. There will always be need for some oil and coal for running machinery and as sources for chemical processing. While renewable energy sources are developed, some natural gas, bitumen and coal will be needed for energy. But how much needs study, including the consequences of mining, use and export on pollution and environmental and human health. Evaluation is also needed whether bitumen from the tar sands should be refined in Canada or exported. Further, as one of highest per capita carbon dioxide producers in the world, Canada has a global responsibility to minimize its contribution to planet destruction. None of this can be achieved by blindly continuing the current breakneck policies of mining and exporting coal, bitumen and natural gas no matter what the consequences for the survival of our planet and life. Canada must adopt a rational and humane National Energy Policy.

The First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation was established to promote the principles and values of our Church.

A disbursement of \$1,000 will be awarded to support two First Nations students in post-secondary education in Trades or Health and Human Services programs at Camosun College.

An anonymous donor supports the music program and/or social responsibility programs of the Church and around \$800 will be available.

The Foundation is currently seeking proposals from Church groups who need a grant to fund music or social responsibility programs of the Church. Applications must be for enhanced activities not normally supported by the Church budget and must cover costs not yet incurred.

An application form is available at the Church office or from any of the individuals listed below. Deadline for proposals is April 15, 2013.

Please refer questions to Ted Humphreys or Peter Hancock.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

BERT MACBAIN

Are You New to Our Church? Welcome!!

If you have recently started attending worship and/or events at the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, welcome!! We are so glad you are here! If you would like to know more about our church and our faith tradition, you are invited to attend either or both of these events:



Orientation

Date: Sunday, April 14, 12 noon - 1pm

Location: Fireside Room

Whether you just walked in the door or have been coming several months, the orientation will give you basic information about our congregation and ways to make connections in our church community. Light refreshments and childminding will be provided.

Considering Membership

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: To be announced.

A gathering designed to give you the information you need in order to 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 promises to be informative and enjoyable, as we will be talking about things that matter in a small group setting with warm and interesting people. Childminding can be provided upon request.

To sign up 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.

“I’ll bring you hope...when hope is hard to find...”

This is the annual report of the Lifeline List Project, a compassionate activity that this church community has kept alive and working well for more than eight years now.

To get an idea of what it’s about, look at the map on page 11, a picture surely worth a thousand words. On the map, the church community, members and friends, are shown as a star. The lines connect our church community with the people the project helped last year, to their actual addresses, most of them downtown, There are twenty-six of them, an average of one every two weeks, although the calls for help to our church always come in clusters. There is nothing smooth about the needs of our hard-pressed neighbours. Apart from the twenty-two families in town, there was one in Sooke, one on Saltspring, one in Sidney and some folks hard-pressed on their way home to Kelowna.

From one assessor’s report: *“She is on a disability pension for dyslexia and foetal alcohol syndrome and there is no cheque till the end of the month. She had no dish soap, bleach, toilet paper, sugar, tea, coffee, cereal or tinned food and the fridge was bare. She has been to the Mustard Seed and cannot go again this month. Another food bank only allows three visits per year and she has used them. The Disability Resource Centre no longer issues bus tickets so she has to buy them or walk.*

We drove to the Fairway Market and she bought fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, meat, bread, toilet paper and cleaning supplies among other things. She kept thanking me and the church for letting her get healthy food. The only luxury was ice cream that I insisted she buy. Total bill was \$229.86.”

The Lifeline Project does not provide cash. It may pay a critical hydro or fuel or medical bill or help with the rent or a damage deposit, sending the money direct to the landlord. Often the people we help are out of food. As in **none**. In dollar terms, the help given these twenty-six families in 2012 came to \$8,104.51, an average if \$311.71 per family.

Our assessors visit the people who are asking for help, in their homes. These are experienced, sharp-eyed and caring church women who know about the keeping of a family. They are compassionate but look carefully to ensure the need is genuine. This is testing work and right at the heart of the project. Assessors, past and present, include Margaret McKelvie, Ruth Miller, Lorna Anthony, Ellen Gabelmann, Jan Thomson, Joyce Murphy, Suellen Guenther, Louise Cole, Ruth Cleary-Dolan. The assessors are the engine of the project.

The money for all of this comes from people we call sponsors. There are at the moment seventy-seven of them. This is really a communal statement of thanks to them. They are the fuel of the project. Here’s our contract with them. We promise not to call on them more than once a year, to never ask them for more than \$200 (for which they get a tax receipt), to share details of the people in need they are helping. And we assure them that they can have their names taken off our sponsor list with a simple phone call to the administrators, Don Vipond or Bert MacBain.

One of the hidden dividends to the Lifeline List Project is that it tells needy people, in practical terms, that even total strangers care about them. That can engender hope and with hope even the neediest people can achieve remarkable things.

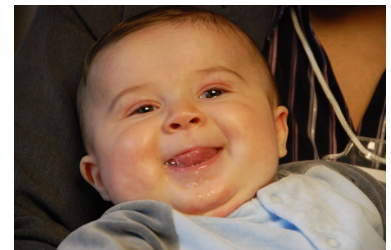
COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

Question: A church delegate to the Canadian Unitarian Council May ACM approaches you in a state of apprehension. She has just seen the many resolutions that are to be presented there. "How can I possibly represent our congregation on all these important matters," she wails.

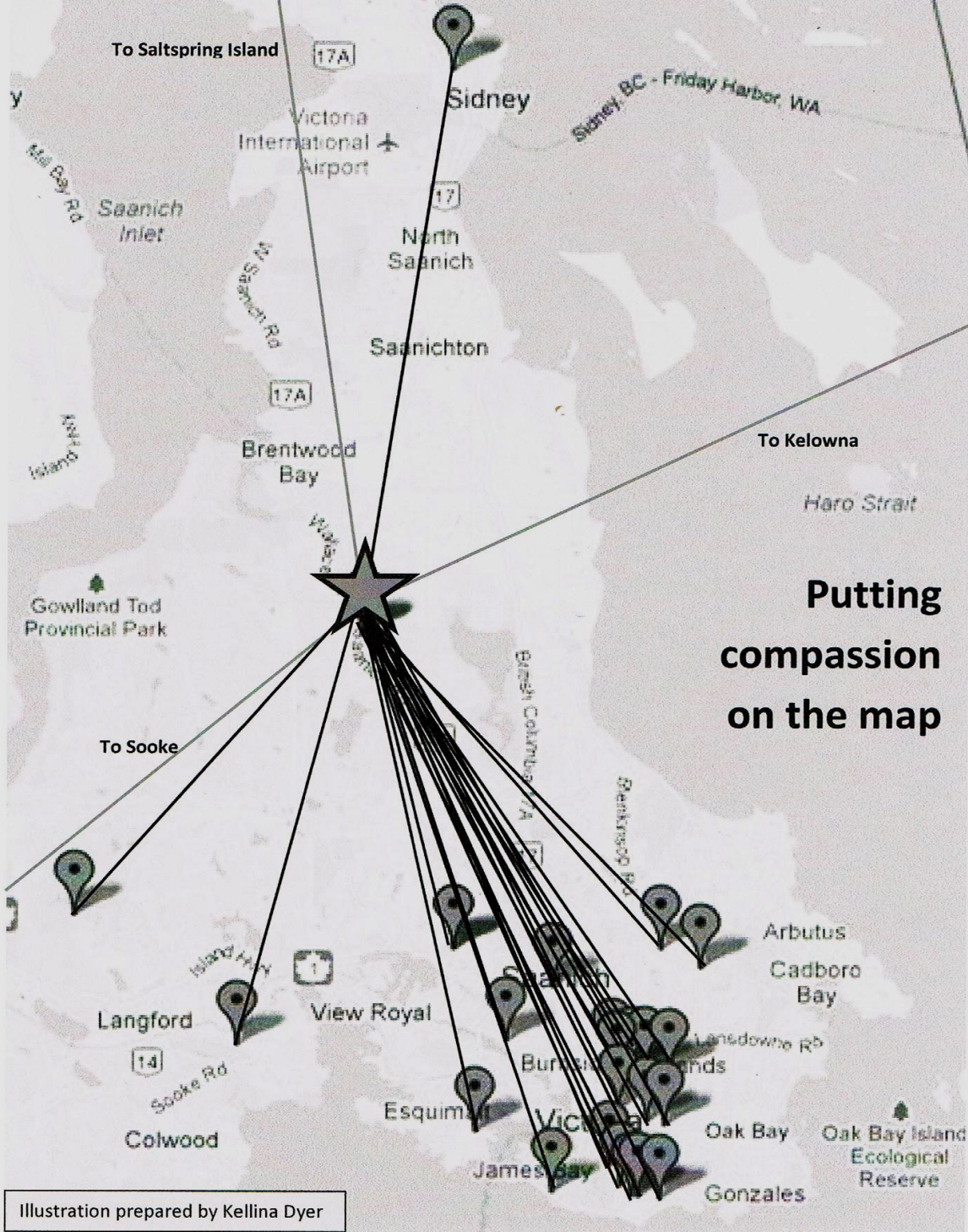
(See page 13 for the answer)

THANK YOU STEPHEN!

A big thank you to Stephen Lentz for installing a baby changing table in the large sanctuary washroom!



The Lifeline List Project in 2012





Barbara Boyle spent three weeks in Cuernavaca, a city in Morelos south of Mexico City. For the first two weeks she was with a small group touring a variety of historical and archeological sites. For the last week she attended the Spanish Language Institute. The home-stay family where she was based for the whole time provided opportunities for her to speak and practise her Spanish. She enjoyed the cultural immersion and found the Mexicans warm, welcoming and extremely patient with her attempts to speak Spanish.

On February 2, **Howard Sturrock** at a formal ceremony at the Saanich Municipal Hall was named Freeman of the Municipality in recognition of a distinguished career in public service. He served as Mayor of the Municipality from 1987 to 1989 and has also been Chairman of the Capital Regional District Board and a Board member of the Municipal Finance Authority and BC Assessment Authority. Howard is only the twelfth person to receive such an honour since its inception in 1906. He has been a member of the Church since 1978.

ISLAND CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2013

SANDY EINARSON

Saturday, May 25, 12 noon to 5:00pm

The Island Children's Festival is an annual event hosted by Island Montessori, held on the grounds of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, in the idyllic countryside of Southern Vancouver Island, and is a celebration of children young and old. This festival was launched in May of 2012 and was a huge success. The concept for the festival was developed based on a demand and need for parents in the Greater Victoria region. On May 25 this event will forge local partnerships with organizations, businesses and associations, building a foundation for a celebration that will welcome children of all ages for a day of music, food and everything fun. The festival is not only a celebration of the children and families of our region, but also a celebration of the region itself, proudly showcasing the strength and beauty of this strong, west coast community.

The Island Children's Festival provides funding for educational access for children who are isolated due to illness, disability or poverty.



At Island Montessori, we are very excited about our second annual Island Children's Festival. Fred Penner will be returning as well as "unique programming provided for children ages 2 – 12 encouraging creativity, activity and participation." There will also be a greater focus this year "on healthy eating, environmentally sustainable practices and community engagement through all of the programming." Please mark this date on your calendar and consider coming out, bringing your children, grandchildren, neighbourhood children and/or just your own inner child to celebrate with us. When was the last time you had your face painted?

We need volunteers at the Festival (e.g. for face painting, arts and crafts). If you know anyone who might be interested in volunteering (which then entitles you to sing and dance uninhibitedly – in fact, it is a requirement – along with Fred Penner and other performers), please let us know. Thank you! Hope to see you at the Festival!

VICTORIA INTERFAITH REFUGEE COMMITTEE

This project, approved by the SRC a year ago, has been going well and we have nearly fulfilled our commitment to provide support for 12 months. Several of you have met the parents who escaped last July from a UN Camp in the midst of the civil war in Syria. Their family was originally from Palestine.

Unfortunately the federal government recently demanded a large and immediate payment of \$3,800 from us for the air travel (Damascus-Victoria) of the parents who are unable to work. The government accepted a gradual repayment from the two boys who can pay in installments from their part-time work.

As result we have to fundraise \$3,800 for the final two months of our commitment re rent, food and transportation.

The project is run by the Interfaith Refugee Fund of Cadboro Bay United Church assisted by the Quakers and they have organized fundraisers but we Unitarians have to do our share so we are requesting donations from concerned individuals in the near future. Cheques can be funneled through our church office (marked on bottom left corner) or given directly to VIRAC.

PARTNER CHURCH LUNCH, *March 3*

Everyone welcome. Another enjoyable lunch after church. This one has a Hungarian or Eastern European focus but we do offer **vegetarian** too. Goulash, pasta, salads, Bundt cakes.



This is shared with the Child-Adult-Youth Buddies Lunch and is followed by a visit from the Victoria Hungarian dancers who will demonstrate and teach us some simple steps. **Donations at the service and at the lunch.**

As you may know, our congregation offered to add to the minister's salary after this was seriously cut. Our Partner is a modest rural Unitarian church in Transylvania, Romania.

ARE YOU COMING TO THE ARTISTS AND ARTISANS FAIR?

Sunday, April 7, 11:30am-12:30pm
Lion Hall

There will be:

- Jewellery
- Unique bags
- Knitting
- Photographs

Artisans: Nan Fairchild, Danielle Walker, Isabel Jones, Lillie Lawrence, Marya Nyland, Thea Revoy, Nellie Van Leeuwen.

Last Call for Artists and Artisans. Please contact Suellen Guenther, sguenther@shaw.ca to reserve table space.

Proceeds will be split: 80% to the artisan, 20% to the church.

COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

(Answer to the question on page 10)

You could mention that it says in the Covenant: 'I will participate in the life of the Church by sharing my skills and talents' but point out that that does not mean you have to have all the answers, just that you 'aim to listen with the intention of understanding what others have to say'.

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.

Esquimalt: Betty Sherwood writes, "We were a large and joyous group of twenty-three people who gathered at my house for a delicious potluck dinner on February 3. We were so glad to welcome new Neighbourhood Group members: Marion Pape, Adriana Templeton, Anne Vaasjo, John Stuart, and Justin Traverna with his lovely four year - old son Findlay. There were six birthdays that we celebrated with song and a special cake. After the meal everyone put on sticky notes answers to the questions: what do you like, what can we do differently? How can we accommodate everyone if all thirty-eight people came?"

Gordon Head: Mary Cramer reports that they are trying out a concept in February where a few members of the group meet for coffee at a convenient Tim Horton's. Small gatherings of this sort may help group members stay connected in large NGs where it can be difficult to find homes large enough to accommodate everyone. Members in Gordon Head are also heating up their ovens to bake for coffee time in March.

Oak Bay: Karla Thomson writes, "The Hibernation "Brupper" or shall we say breakfast for supper was a big success. Some of us wore our PJ's or housecoats which were suitable garb as we start to surface while the light lasts longer each day. The food was amazing as usual but I must say this time it was a little more decadent than other potlucks we have had. I guess jams and maple syrup have something to do with that. We are now looking forward to our next potluck on April 6, at Joyce Murphy's home. Also on February 17 we are co-hosting Souper Sunday with the Fairfield neighbourhood group. We have new members, John Tiffany and his wife Jan. Welcome to the Oak Bay group Tiff and Jan!"

Grand Central: This group gathered on January 19 for a potluck and scrabble night at Paula Steele's home. Their next potluck will be at Linda Nicholson-Brown's on March 23. They are talking to families in their group to create an outing attractive to children.

James Bay: Pat Kinrade writes, " We are baking up a storm in James Bay to satisfy the hunger of Unitarians during the coffee hours in February. Our next lunch potluck will be on Tuesday April 2 at the home of Pat Kinrade. We will be joining Royal Oak East on March 17 to host Souper Sunday.

Royal Oak East: This group is gathering at Hanny and Hugo's for a potluck on Feb. 26 at 5:30pm. Hanny notes that many of their members are away on holiday to warmer places, so it will be a smaller group than usual. They are looking ahead to March 17 when they will work with James Bay to provide the Souper Lunch.

Western: Elaine Hanson writes, "Our last gathering was on Saturday, January 19 at the home of Joel and Oz Tilson; we were eight adults and six children in total. One of the children was Chida, a delightful child, a girl of twelve- a guest of the Tilson family. She is from Thailand, came to Canada a year ago with her mother and brother. She kept our table entertained with stories and even contributed a Thai dessert to the pot luck.". For their potluck on February 23 at Mac Elrod's, they plan to have a western theme, with chili, hot dogs, jeans and other western garb, and lots of country and western music. They also plan to teach the children cowboy songs. To make it even more authentic, Mac lives in a log house. Sounds perfect for a NG with the name, Western!"

AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (cont'd.)

Fairfield: Lynn Beak and Diana Smith write, "Fairfield met on Sunday February 3 at the home of Lynn Beak and John Taylor for an afternoon of finger foods and community. We are enjoying the simplicity of meeting in the afternoon with savouries and sweets. We were invited to share a story, poetry, quote, art or song about the 'transforming power of love'. The stories and memories shared were touching and intimate, and were respectfully and deeply acknowledged by the group. John Taylor and Tracy Sitter (a newcomer to our neighbourhood) offered their guitar music and singer-songwriter skills as part a memorable part of the afternoon. We also planned for the February 17 Souper Sunday that we will be co-hosting with the Oak Bay group, and realized in the process how many people in our neighbourhood are away at this time of year.

SPAGHETTI NIGHT Friday, March 8, at 6pm

Everyone is welcome!! Please join us!

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.

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

Mark your calendar for future gatherings:

April 12 is Spaghetti Night. May 10 and June 14 are Fiesta Nights



CIRCLE DINNERS

Reverend Melora said in a sermon last year that we often hear things about people that we wish we had known while they were still with us.

Circle dinners are an excellent way to get to know people beyond the Sunday "Hello".

There is no agenda, just good food and interesting conversation.

Would you like to know:

- Who was once a reporter for the Winnipeg Free Press?
- Who lost her crinoline dancing the Twist at the Inaugural Ball?
- Who grew up in a family of fifteen?
- Who, at the age of nine, watched in horror as bombs fell nearby during the Second World War?
- Who won first prize for cattle roping at the rodeo when she was fifteen?

Which are facts and which is fiction? We sometimes play this game at circle dinners; you are invited to join us for fun and fellowship.

We meet in small groups of six to eight people in each others' homes; each person contributes to the meal and everyone takes their turn at hosting.

We invite you to join us; we meet monthly; March 22, April 26, and May 24 are the dates for the next three months; for information call the coordinator – Elaine Hanson at 1-250-743-9644 or email elainehanson@shaw.ca



Choir Dates for March

March 10: Chalice Choir Meets at 10am
March 31: Chalice Choir Meets at 10am

The Time Has Come To Pile On the Services for the Auction!

Offers are starting to trickle in. Thank you to those of you who have already sent yours in. Please see the lists for the Silent and Live Auctions on Pages 18 and 19..

But we have room for a lot more! If you are new to this, perhaps you are wondering:

What is a Services Auction? It's a fun, family-friendly evening when we bid feverishly for goods and services offered by members and friends of the church.

Who comes? People who want to have fun while they support the church. Everyone is welcome.

Why would I come? It's a party with lots of excitement, suspense, and laughter. It's an opportunity to purchase special meals, trips, professional expertise, and handmade articles, knowing all the proceeds will go to support the church.

What happens? You receive a bidding number and a list of services when you arrive. The auctioneer announces each item and we bid on it until the bidding stops. The auctioneer announces the successful bidder (s) and moves on to the next item on the list.

What if I don't have a lot of money? Some items will go for reasonable prices, while other popular items will fetch a higher price. Some of our dinners go for about the same price as you would pay in a good restaurant, except the money goes to the church.

Why is the Auction important? It's a great opportunity to create connections between members. When you attend an event you purchased, it can be a fun way to get to know other people in our church better. The auction also raises much-needed money to balance our church budget, which makes our Treasurer, who is also the bartender, very happy!

What can I offer?

- Anything handmade or home-baked. Gardening or home repairs.
- Feed the cat, walk the dog &/or water the plants. Airport rides. A professional service.
- Knit, crochet, quilt, mend, sew doll clothes. Babysit. Build a birdhouse.
- A meal with a theme: ethnic menu, mystery night, costume event. Breakfast, brunch, lunch, appies, tea, picnic, dinner. Bake a cake or pie or cookies.
- Bridge party. Games night. Charades. Poker night. Lead a hike. Fishing. Haul trash.
- Fresh veggies or fruit from your trees.
- Paint, carve, write a poem, create jewellery. A boat ride or stay in your cabin.

Offer something no one else would think of. Or something only you can do.

Who do I contact to offer a service or an item for the silent auction?

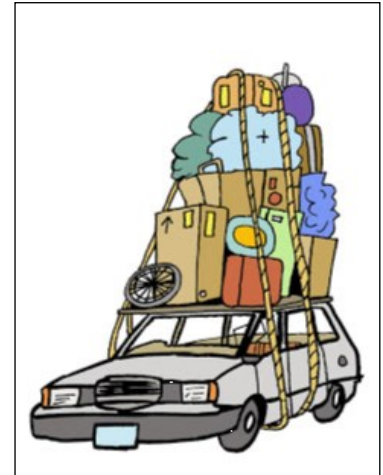
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When do you need my offer? We'd like to publish a list in the April Newsletter. The Newsletter deadline is March 19. Offers received after that will be published in the E-Weekly and added to the list provided at the Auction.

What if I can't attend the auction? Watch for the new Advance Bid Form in the April newsletter and E-Weeklies.

Will you help us load up on services?

And, of course, plan to come!



Join the Fun

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

Services Auction 2013

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*The honour of your presence is requested at the
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 To
 Mr Michael Ramsay
 Saturday, March 23, about 7:00-9:30pm*

We Care!

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

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SILENT AUCTION 2013

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS (No Advance Bids)

- *Buon appetito!* **August 10 at the First Unitarian Church.** Thirty 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.
- **Travelling 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.

SILENT AUCTION (Advance Bids Welcome)

- **The Hobby Horse**
Bridge and lunch for four. Afternoon; date to be determined. A place at the table for the four highest bidders. Myra Rippon.
- **Green Thumb Shop**
Composted manure **just in time for spring gardening** for \$5/bag or bucket or \$40/pick-up load (a tractor will load your truck for you) donated by Peter and Fran Hancock.
- **The Pro Shop**
Handyman Services. Three hours of minor repairs around the house or yard cleanup. Offered by Andy Lee.
- **The Book Shop**
Book: The Genius of James Barber- His Best Recipes. \$26.95 value. Donated by Munro Books.
Book: Gumboot Girls - Adventure, Love and Survival on British Columbia's North Coast. Thirty-four personal stories. \$18.99 value. Donated by Suellen Guenther.
\$25 Gift Certificate. Donated by Russell Books.
- **The Sugar Shack**
Murchies: Two \$20 gift certificates to Murchies. One each to be awarded to the two top bidders.
Christmas Cakes: I will make four Christmas cakes for the auction. They can be ordered dark or light, brandy soaked or not. Will contain nuts, candied fruit and gluten. Will be available in early December. Awarded to the four top bidders. Minimum Bid: \$20 per cake. Donated by Barry Wiebe.
Sugared Nuts: A tin of my famous sugared nuts (filberts/almonds/walnuts) from an old family recipe. Minimum bid: \$10. One tin each to the three highest bidders. Offered by Suellen Guenther.
- **Family Fun**
Family Outing: Pet the donkeys, play with exuberant little dogs, enjoy cookies and lemonade and explore a country garden. \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Drop in on Sunday, June 2, between 1:00 and 4:00pm Donated by Astrid Firley- Eaton and Andy Lee.
- **Magic Carpet Rides**
Transportation to/from Airport or Ferry (three trips): Will provide three trips return transportation to/from the Airport or Ferry Terminal. Donated by Earle and Lorna Anthony.

LIVE AUCTION 2013

- **Singing Lessons.** Four one-hour singing lessons with voice teacher, Sylvia McDonald. \$175 value. Minimum bid: \$90. Donated by Sylvia McDonald.
- **Bed and Breakfast Getaway** in Port Townsend, WA. Two nights' accommodation for two couples, at a mutually agreed time in May through 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.
- **Reverend Shana** will offer 'sermon on a topic of your choice'.
- **Reverend Melora** will offer 'sermon on a topic of your choice'.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Christmas Dinner 2013:** It's not much fun having Xmas dinner alone so.....For the Services Auction Jim and I are offering Christmas 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.
- **Barbeque Chicken Lunch:** For eight people on Saturday August 17. Donated by John and Gloria Hopewell.
- **Lunch for Gardeners.** Would you like to join a hen party? Like to scratch in the dirt & 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.)
- **Picnic at China Beach** in July or August for 10 people. Must be able to walk twenty minutes down to the beach and back up. We will carpool. Offered by Suellen Guenther.
- **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! Donated by Kristina Stevens.

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March Birthdays

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/1	7:15pm to 9:30pm	Mindful Yarning	Offsite location
3/2	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
3/3	9:30am to 10:00am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	10:30am to 11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	12:00pm to 1:30pm	Secret Buddy Party	Sanctuary
	12:30pm to 2:30pm	Covenant Group	Fireside Room
3/4	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Covenant Group	Fireside Room
3/5	10:30am to 12:30pm	HR Meeting	Library
3/6	-----		
3/7	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
3/8	6:00pm to 9:30pm	Youth Group Gathering:	Fireside Room
	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Spaghetti Night	Sanctuary
3/9	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room

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Events Calendar (continued from previous page)

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/10	10:30am to 11:30am	Parents Group	Library
	10:30am to 11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
	11:30am to 1:00pm	HOW Voting	Lion Hall
3/11	-----		
3/12	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	Library or Sanctuary
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Spirit in Practice	Lion Hall
3/13	10:00am to 11:30am	Library Team	Library
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Dying with Dignity	Lion Hall
3/14	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Finance Committee	Library
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
3/15	7:15pm to 9:30pm	Mindful Yarning	Offsite location
3/16	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
	6:00pm to 9:00pm	SRC Enchanted Evening Event	Sanctuary
3/17	9:30am to 10:00am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	10:30am to 11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
	11:30am to 1:00pm	HOW Voting	Lion Hall
	11:30am to 1:00pm	Souper Sunday	Sanctuary
	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	12:30pm to 2:30pm	Covenant Group	Fireside Room
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Hall Rental-GH	Sanctuary
3/18	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Covenant Group	Lion Hall
	12:30pm to 2:00pm	Committee on Ministry	Library
3/19	2:30pm to 4:30pm	Worship Committee	Library
	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Care & Concern	Library
3/21	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:00am to 4:00pm	Cooking	Kitchen Sanctuary
3/22	3:00pm to 9:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Circle Dinner	Offsite location
	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Wedding and Inter-Generational Dance	Sanctuary
3/23	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
	9:30am to 10:00am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	10:30am to 11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
3/24	12:00pm to 12:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Piano room
	3/25	-----	
3/26	9:00am to 12:00pm	Learning Circle	Library
	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Spirit in Practice	Lion Hall
3/27	6:00pm to 9:30pm	Board Meeting	Lion Hall
3/28	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
3/29	GOOD FRIDAY		
3/30	12:45pm to 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
3/31	EASTER SUNDAY (church office closed Sunday and Monday)		
	10:30am to 11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary

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March 10	Allan Dakin
March 17	Laura Doyle
March 24	Anna Isaacs
March 31	Mike Graham