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# The Victoria Unitarian

## Services in August

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

### **August 3    The Right About Being Wrong** **Samantha Magnus**

Pursuing diversity, compassion, and equity in our congregations requires our willingness to be dead wrong about the world. This is a good thing;—why?

[See "About Samantha Magnus" on page 2].

### **August 10    Singing our Faith** **Liz Graham and Isabel Jones**

In this service we will focus on the hymns we love to sing and the readings that inspire us from our grey hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*. Come prepared to sing your faith, or just listen and feel the spirit.

This is Braden's last service with us before he heads off to grad school in Toronto. (He will be doing a Fund-raising Concert on August 15—see notice on page 5).

### **August 17    Learning How to Savour** **Reverend Shana Lynngood**

In many ways, we human beings are hard-wired to appreciate and savor the everyday wonders of life. And yet, we are also very good at allowing fretfulness and busyness get in the way. How can we savour what is? How can we ensure there is room in our living for reverence?

### **August 24    Intergenerational Blessing of the Animals** **Reverend Melora Lynngood**

Come one, come all! Come bipeds, come quadrupeds! Dogs, cats, gerbils, lizards, fish, teddy bears — all are welcome! In this service, we honour the gifts that animals bring to our lives. Bring your pets (appropriately leashed or caged), beloved stuffed animals, or mementos of your pets (eg, If your cat would not enjoy such an outing, bring her photo and her favourite toy or collar.) There will also be a time to remember the pets we have lost; bring photos and mementos of any beloved animal companion you would like to remember with a candle lighting. This is a participatory service for all ages-- kids are welcome to stay for the whole service.

### **August 31    Fiction: History and Theological Concepts** **Norma Elrod**

Many of us regard mystery and detective fiction as nothing more than escapism. Some consider such fiction to be too trivial and a waste of time. Norma Elrod will talk about the history of this genre and about some of the theological concepts, mostly Christian ones, she has found in some of these novels.

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The deadline for submissions to the **September** issue of the newsletter is **August 19**.

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## GREEN CORNER

EDWIN DANIEL

In British Columbia we have received the Canadian Government's decision to proceed with the Northern Gateway Pipeline. Over 200 conditions were added. Fortunately, because then the Supreme Court of Canada has made a crucial decision. The Tsilhqot'in (Roger James) case has crucially changed the game.

It decided that there is aboriginal title to land. Further, this title does not depend, as our title to our houses does, upon the Crown. It is totally independent of Crown interests. Moreover, no longer are developers just required to consult with First Nations in proposing development, they must get consent. Most authorities believe that this ends any fear that the Northern Gateway Pipelines will be built. That is the good news.

The implications of the Tsilhqot'in decision on the proposed tripling of the capacity of the Kinder Morgan Pipeline to Burnaby have not been made clear. The lands of First Nations crossed by this pipeline have so far not been identified.

Meanwhile, the Dogwood Initiative reported recently that the "Port Metro Vancouver Annual General Meeting (AGM) was the only opportunity members of the public have had since last year's AGM to air their concerns and views about the Fraser Surrey Docks-Texada Island coal port proposal". Thermal coal from the U.S. Powder River Basin through Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington and B.C. moved by train to Vancouver harbor would be transported by barge to Texada Island for storage and export to Asia. The plan is for an extra four million metric tonnes of coal annually. This would result in one additional train per day, and two barges to move the coal for storage to Texada Island every other day. The concerns about thermal coal export include an increase in global warming when it is burned, the threat of coal ash spill and air pollution from coal ash. Coal ash contains toxic heavy metals and small particulates which are respiratory hazards.

What if the coal export and Kinder Morgan pipeline expansions are allowed to go ahead? It may be time for individual Unitarians to think about civil disobedience. A recent article explains what is involved and the steps to be taken: (<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2014/jun/11/kumi-naidoo-lessons-in-civil-disobedience>).

The author quotes Gandhi, a long time practitioner of civil disobedience, "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, and then you win". If we must consider civil disobedience, then we need to know what we are doing and make wise and considered decisions.

How should we respond when environmental hazards are forced on us?

### About Samantha Magnus

(service presenter on August 3)

Samantha is a graduate student in UVic's School of Public Health and Social Policy and a mother of two (Luke and Mary-Stephanie, ages 4 and 1). Raised Unitarian in Calgary, her personal theology draws from Buddhism, yogic practice, A Course in Miracles, and from favourite teachers including Pema Chodron, Thich Nhat Hanh, Amma, Byron Katie, Gangaji and Ken Wapnick. She identifies as a Christian-Unitarian.

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# SRC ACTION OF THE MONTH AND SHARE THE PLATE

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## Back-to-School Backpacks

Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services does a project every summer to provide school supplies in a backpack for about 2,000 First Nations children on Vancouver Island.

This is the ninth August that our church has taken part in the funding of this challenge to help children start school with needed supplies. Please make your cheque payable to the First Unitarian Church of Victoria and write "Backpacks" on the memo line.

Surrounded by Cedar has a vision of healthy children connected to their families, communities and culture. For information about Surrounded by Cedar: [www.surroundedbycedar.com](http://www.surroundedbycedar.com)



## Vancouver Island Unitarian Summer Camp

August 8 to 10, 2014

### "Building Bridges, Reaching Out, Making Harmony"

Friends new and old are waiting to meet you at camp on the shores of beautiful Shawnigan Lake. Camp Pringle offers a lovely outdoor setting to have fun, relax, deepen friendships, explore spirituality and feel part of the larger Unitarian community. Take part in campfire, a Friday BBQ, talent show and family dance. As well, Saturday morning offers great programming for all ages, and the fabulous waterfront will be open in the afternoon. Docks, kayaks, canoes and sailboats will add to the fun!

Vancouver Island Unitarian Camp has something to offer everyone. Whether you are part of a family, single, senior or young adult, you are welcome here, and are sure to have a wonderful and enriching experience.

This year there are two streams of adult programming to choose from, a youth program, children's program, as well as wee care on Saturday morning.

To find out more details about the programs, registration forms and brochures please check out the website at: <http://viuc.unitariancongregation.org>



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## NOTABLE UNITARIANS

## CHRISTINE JOHNSTON

### Laurence, Margaret

Margaret Laurence, novelist (b. Neepawa, Man 1926; d. at Lakefield, ON., 1987). She and her husband lived in England, Somalia and Ghana. For a time she attended the Vancouver Unitarian Church but later settled in Lakefield. Her most famous novels are **The Stone Angel**, **A Jest of God** and **The Diviners**.

She was constantly active in organizations promoting awareness of the problems of emergent nations and the cause of world peace, particularly in Project Ploughshares. She was awarded the Order of Canada and honorary degrees by fourteen Canadian universities as well as being Chancellor of Trent University. She was much beloved and will be remembered for her works and for the personal warmth, strength and humour which she shared so generously.



With the beautiful summer weather we're having, a leisurely bicycle ride to church is a wonderful way to begin each Sunday. Not only does biking help our health and our environment, it also gives us a chance to connect with the natural beauty all around us!

If you're newer to cycling, like me, the thought of riding to church might feel daunting. Sharing the road with cars can be challenging, finding and navigating trails can be confusing and it is often hard to predict whether a route is appropriate for beginners. To keep up the great momentum that began with our RideShare program, the EAT will encourage cyclists by sharing tips, mapping bike routes to church, organizing meet-up points so cyclists can ride together, and more! Watch for more articles in newsletters and E-weekly mail outs.

For those travelling to church from town, one of the handiest trails for beginners is the Interurban Rail Trail, which allows cyclists to avoid the car traffic on W. Saanich Road. The trail follows a former railway line, beginning at Interurban and Goward (just before the intersection of Interurban and W. Saanich) and runs parallel to W. Saanich all the way to church and beyond into Central Saanich. Between Goward and church, the trail is off-road and mostly gravel, with a few sections being shared as driveways for farms and homes. It is mostly flat and takes you past beautiful farmland and woods. The simplest way to get to this trail is straight up Interurban Road, which is a posted cycling route with wide bike lanes. On Sunday mornings there is minimal car traffic. There are two hills that may be challenging for beginners. As a moderately active, beginner cyclist I've been able to manage them. And there are plenty of downhill stretches to rest and catch your breath!

We hope to see more and more cyclists making their way to church! For more information about the Interurban Rail trail visit: [http://www.saanich.ca/parkrec/parks/trails/pdf/interurban\\_rail\\_trail.pdf](http://www.saanich.ca/parkrec/parks/trails/pdf/interurban_rail_trail.pdf)



## EAT Recommended Film

'Who Killed The Honey Bee' . Sixty minutes.  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEY9tcZS\\_eY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEY9tcZS_eY)



## Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Reverend Samaya Oakley, minister at The Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo, has announced that they are celebrating the tenth anniversary of the occupancy of their building.

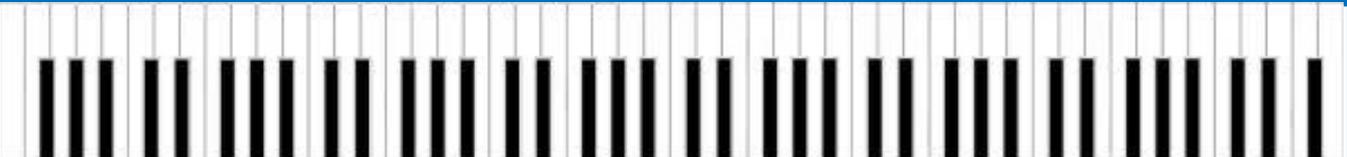
All are invited to celebrate at a special Sunday service at 11:00 on September 28, with lunch to follow.

**Rand Harrison**

Rand has been a landscape photographer for many years, an interest driven to a large degree by his professional background in earth sciences, much of which encompassed mineral and petroleum exploration, extensive field work, and teaching geosciences in university undergraduate programs. In particular he has always been interested in capturing the light, shadow, and rhythm of landscape as experienced in the mountain, prairie, or coastal settings where he has lived or worked.

Rand grew up on the west coast, and spent almost forty years working elsewhere in Canada before returning to the west coast and taking up residence in Saanich in 2006.

All revenue generated through the sale of his photographs is donated to organizations which provide supportive services to those in need.



# Organized Sound

**A FAREWELL CONCERT**

**SHOWCASING BRADEN YOUNG ON PIANO**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 15, 7PM, IN THE SANCTUARY**

**Featuring guest artists performing:**

Guitar Concierto de Aranjuez by Joaquin Rodrigo

Tuba Sonata by Paul Hindermith

Piano Trio in D Minor by Felix Mendelsohn

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**and much much more**

**A FUND RAISER FOR BRADEN'S EDUCATION**

**ADMISSION BY DONATION — RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

Plans for the CUC BC Regional Fall Gathering, Pathways of the Spirit, are underway!



# Pathways to the Spirit

**BC Fall Regional Gathering**  
October 24 – 26, 2014  
First Unitarian Church of Victoria

Our plans to gather with other UUs from across B.C., under the theme ‘Pathways of the Spirit’ on October 24 to 26 are beginning to take shape. There will be an ingathering for all ages on Friday evening, with the Youth Con beginning at 9:00pm. There will be workshops, meals and entertainment on Saturday, and our church service on Sunday. Youth and children will have separate programming but will join the adults for Saturday dinner and entertainment, and for the Sunday Service.

The Howard Johnson Hotel on Elk Lake Drive (only minutes away from the church) is offering special rates for out of town guests, and we are planning to provide a shuttle from the hotel, to and from the church.

Four Streams Of Adult Programming will be offered:

Stream A: Worship Associate Training with Reverend Barbara ten Hove, Co-Minister at Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church in Washington, and Co-Author of ‘Articulating Your UU Faith’.

Stream B: Storytelling with Wedlidi Speck, Namgis First Nation member and Director of Aboriginal Service Change for the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Stream C: Morning—Choices in Dying with our own Galina Coffey Lewis.

Afternoon—Planning your Own Memorial, with Jasha Ramsay from Vancouver.

Stream D: Singing with Barb Slater and Kevin Wilkie from the Unitarian Fellowship on Salt Spring Island.

Registration will be available from mid to late August until October. Mark your calendars and plan to join us this fall for ‘Pathways of the Spirit’.

“In life, it’s not where you go, but who you travel with.” ~ Charles Schulz

## New Board Members

*We Welcome...*

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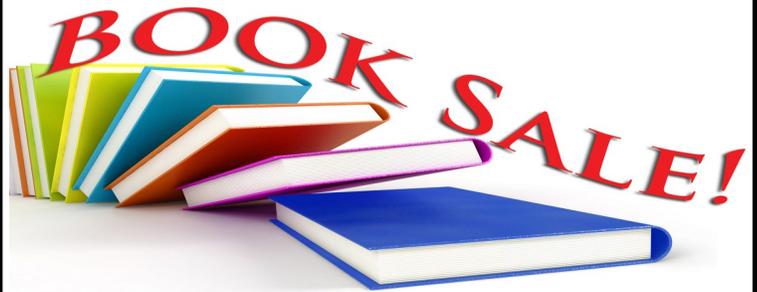


Aug. 3 Bob Dobbs  
Aug. 10 Suzanne Beauchamp  
Aug. 17 Shirley Travis  
Aug. 24 John Hopewell  
Aug. 31 Susan Layng



## August

- 1 Galina Coffey-Lewis
- 2 Oceanna Hall
- 3 David Hoadley
- 5 Gayle Elson
- 6 Dolores Appleton
- 7 Sylvia McDonald
- 8 Kimberly Bramadat  
Frances Dearman
- 9 Marya Nijland,  
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- 21 Emma Lentz
- 21 Sharon Wright
- 22 Karla Thomson
- 24 Rosanne Beuthin  
Marie Drew
- 27 Patrick Conroy
- 28 Astrid Firley-Eaton
- 30 Sandra Emerson  
Shurly Mazerolle
- 31 Herb Girard



## Did You Know?

- Our Giant Book Sale has a great reputation! People come from all over Victoria for our sale.
- A customer last year told me it was the best book sale in Victoria-- great selection, wide variety, well organized so books are easy to find, rock-bottom prices.
- Another person told me he was impressed by the quality of the books.
- Unitarians are great readers with eclectic interests, so we can offer a wide range of books.
- We're like a mini-Times Colonist book sale --lots of books, but not so overwhelming.
- Russell Books supports our sale, buying many boxes of books for their store.
- All the proceeds of the sale support the many ministries of our church.
- The volunteers who sort and organize the books or help sell them have a lot of fun and discover some wonderful reads. (All those boxes: it's like Christmas!)

## Are you coming?

**Giant Book Sale**  
Saturday, September 20th.

## Would you like to help?

Contact Suellen Guenther at [sguenther@shaw.ca](mailto:sguenther@shaw.ca)  
or 250-727-0454

## Do you have books to donate?

Please keep them until September. However, if you need to clear them out now, please bring them to church in boxes and put them in the storage space under the sanctuary.

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

# "Spruce up the Building and Property Day"

Saturday, September 6, 9:00am - 1:00pm

**ALL INVITED**

On September 6, Saturday, from 9 am-1 pm, all members and friends of FUCV are invited to an annual cleaning-up of various parts of our buildings.

Work that needs to be done includes:

- Outside window washing of windows that are easily reached (not the tall or awkward ones - as we hire people to do those). Also the outside office windows.
- Clearing out the storage rooms, especially under the Sanctuary and Lion Hall.
- Dusting off tops of shelves, ledges, baseboards, lights, etc.
- Checking out all of the chairs, to make sure they're in good shape for us to sit on.
- Cleaning out window wells in the Lion Hall kitchen.
- Paint touch-ups.
- Mopping / cleaning bathroom floors.
- Cleaning out floor vents.
- Vacuuming carpets.
- Suggestions [?]; please feel free to contact me with more ideas.



We will need some volunteers to set up the coffee/tea ahead of time. We also need some baked goodies to be provided by volunteers, to keep the work gang refreshed. Plus we need lots of rags for cleaning and four vacuums.

Any people/committees with items stored in any of the basement storage areas are asked to go label those items for what they want kept before September 4 (so we can quickly toss out unwanted stuff on the actual day and not wait around to see what's what in these areas).

This is an important opportunity to take care of a number of items that are just too much for the Building Maintenance Committee to take care of themselves. The more hands on deck the more we can do! Hope to see as many of you as possible. Feel free to come by for only one hour, as a lot can get done in that time with a bunch of us.

Property Management Council Chair, John Tiffany (Tiff),  
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johntiffany0705@gmail.com

## 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 or your Neighbourhood Group Care & Concern person**

*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:** Valerie Roberts reports that their group will be so busy hosting the "Bocce, Beer, and Burgers" auction event on August 9 that they have decided they will not have their garden party in August. Instead, they will be looking forward to gathering again in the fall.

**Esquimalt:** Betty Sherwood writes, "This month we will be meeting at Gloria and John Hopewell's on August 22."

**James Bay:** This group is not gathering in August, but convenor Pat Kinrade has issued this invitation: "Some of us are enjoying a swim in Durrance Lake after church each Sunday and would welcome others."

**Oak Bay:** Karla Thomson is back on her feet and writes, "With so many of our members travelling over the long weekend at the end of June we still had twelve great folks out for a fun evening at Mice Albano and Doug McGinnis's. Our subject for discussion was to bring a favourite quotation to share. This was very interesting and stimulating. We would recommend it for other neighbourhood groups to try. We decided that we would wait for our August potluck at Kit Filan's to do the draws for the prize we won from the Ride Share competition in the spring where we beat Esquimalt by only one point. We hope that many more of our members will be there for that fun."

**Royal Oak East:** Hanny Pannekoek writes, "I just want to report how impressed I am with the members of the Royal Oak East neighbourhood group. Namely, it had slipped my mind that it was our group's turn to do the hospitality baking for July. I sent a "HELP" notice in the last week of June and right away I received e-mails with offers to provide some baking. The first Sunday was covered, and the following Sundays will be fine too. Some women actually sent a loaf or a cake to put in my freezer because they are going away. Now that is devotion! To top this off, some women also came forward to help out with providing hospitality cakes for August! (Note: Volunteers from several NGs are covering baking for August.) Our next neighbourhood gathering will be on September 9. In the meantime I hope everyone will have a great and relaxing summer."

**Royal Oak West:** Fran Hancock writes, "ROW will be having a child-friendly pot luck dinner on Saturday, August 9 or 23, at 6:00pm at the home of Fran and Peter Hancock at 5510 Forest Hill Road. Children of all ages are welcome, as there are horses to feed, two ant hills to watch and a pond to explore. The merganser and wood duck ducklings unfortunately have flown off."

**Western:** Susan says after their potluck at Mac's on July 19 they will probably take a break in August.



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

**A wedding, child dedication or memorial?**

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## Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
8/1	-----		
8/2	12:45- 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
8/3	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
8/4	BC DAY 7:30-9:30pm	HOLIDAY Pub Night	Offsite location
8/5	-----		
8/6	noon-2pm	Care and Concern	Farmhouse Common Room
8/7	-----		
8/8	-----		
8/9	12:45- 2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
8/10	10:30-11:30am Noon-2pm	SUNDAY SERVICE AHA, Atheists, Humanists, Agnostics	Sanctuary Farmhouse Common Room
8/11	-----		
8/12	10am-4pm	Sandy Merriman cooking	Kitchen Sanctuary
8/13	-----		
8/14	-----		
8/15	7-9pm	Braden Young's Farewell Concert	Sanctuary
8/16	12:45-2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
8/17	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
8/18	-----		
8/19	2:30-4:30pm	Worship committee	Farmhouse Common Room
8/20	-----		
8/21	10:00am-noon 7:30-9:30pm	Planned giving committee Choir Rehearsal	Farmhouse Common Room Sanctuary
8/22	-----		
8/23	12:45-2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
8/24	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE (Animal Blessing Ceremony)	
8/25	-----		
8/26	7-8:30pm	Membership Committee	Offsite location
8/27	-----		
8/28	12:30-2pm 6-9:30pm	Staff meeting Choir Rehearsal	Farmhouse Common Room Sanctuary
8/29	-----		
8/30	12:45-2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
8/31	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE (Ingathering service)	

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## Workshop: Supervised Consumption Services in Victoria

September 14, 12 Noon, Common Room

The **Drugs and Health Subcommittee** (of the SRC) will host a workshop given by an organization which believes that access to safe and dignified health care is a right for **all people** regardless of financial, housing or health status. They share our Unitarian principles in a commitment to social justice and public health.

This workshop will discuss the importance of developing **supervised (drug) consumption services** in Victoria. The Supreme Court of Canada, in a unanimous decision (2011), ruled that 'grave consequences' would follow if North America's first medically supervised injection site (Insite, Vancouver) closed. Yet a few miles away, eleven years after Insite opened, we have no comparable facility. Using the same data accepted by the Court, our citizens already suffer these 'grave consequences' which include higher HIV risk behaviour, poorer treatment of addiction, a higher death rate from overdose and many other harm enhancing practices.

Please support this event. Share-the-Plate donations for September will be directed to this organization.

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## Pebbles of Hope and Remembrance During our Offertory

Instead of tying clooties this summer, we will drop pebbles into a bowl of water to mark our special times. The ripples of each pebble will carry your hopes and memories much as the flame of the candles you light during the winter months.



## Fellowship Luncheon: Save the Date

Our Generosity campaign this year will kick off with a Fellowship Luncheon on Generosity Sunday, September 28. This will be a full luncheon with no charge and with entertainment to follow, so please plan to attend and save the date. More information to follow.

This year we will be conducting face-to-face conversations about our church as part of our Generosity Campaign, a process that will be familiar to many of our long-term members. If you would like to assist as a visiting steward or support the Generosity Team in other ways please contact

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