



The Victoria Unitarian

Services in May

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

May 4 Loving Kindness ♫ Reverend Melora Lynngood

Continuing with our preaching theme of "Living with Compassion," we take a look at the Buddhist practice of "Loving Kindness" meditation, which focusses on invoking and sending out compassion in ever-expanding circles – self to loved ones to community to world. As with living our first Unitarian Universalist principle, affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person ("Really? EVERY person?!?"), living with loving kindness can be a challenge.

May 11 Nurturing our Nature Reverend Shana Lynngood

On this Mother's Day we will look at the nurturing influences in our lives. How can we at every age and stage of life be encouraged toward a fullness of self? What did some of the key teachers in Unitarian Universalist history have to say about how we grow and are educated spiritually? This morning's offering and a festive after service lunch will support Child Haven International. Child Haven was founded by Unitarian minister Reverend Fred Cappuccino and his wife Bonnie, and assists women and children in developing countries with food, shelter, education, and other support. On Mother's Day, help us support mothers and families in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Tibet.

May 18 Peaceful Disobedience Betty Krawczyk

What are the mental and spiritual processes involved in making decisions that may call for great self-sacrifice? Sacrifices that may lead to one's arrest, even imprisonment? Betty Krawczyk will speak and invite conversation on this subject in relation to peaceful civil disobedience surrounding environmental protests.

May 25 Building Bridges, Reaching Out, Making Harmony Rosemary Morrison

Our second Unitarian principle calls us to compassion, our last principle reminds us we are connected to all existence. Connection with ourselves, others and the environment will be explored through the use of story, song and metaphor. In 1995 Rosemary Morrison was introduced to Unitarianism in Kamloops where she spent ten years as their music director/pianist. She moved to Victoria four years ago to be with her children and attends Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Rosemary has been attending Vancouver School of Theology part time and will be moving to Vancouver in September for full time studies. Rosemary is an aspirant with the UUA working on a Master of Divinity degree.

† This sermon is a part of our preaching theme of the year: "Living With Compassion"

♪ denotes Women's Choir

♪ denotes Chalice Choir

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The deadline for submissions
for the **June** issue is **May 13**.

SELECTIONS FOR MAY

FAYE MOGENSEN

A visit to the CUC website reminds me that the first source for our Unitarian Universalist faith is the “direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.” Looking out my office window at the church I feel thankful for our countryside setting, so conducive to that direct experience. In the coming month, we will continue to bring the children outside as often as possible, to soak up the mystery and wonder of springtime beauty here.

Pat Johnston, a native plant enthusiast generously visited twice this spring to work with the Intermediate Group. In between other projects, the children will continue to remove daphne and check the camas she donated and helped them plant. Pat feels we have a true treasure in our forest and encourages us to look after it with these inspirational words: “Fawn lilies and calypso orchids might reappear if invasive species like daphne, holly and broom are removed.” The eleven people who joined me in Gore Park last month know how stunning a native forest in full bloom can be! Pat has offered to continue helping care for our forest, if others are willing to do the same. If you feel inspired, please let me know and I’ll connect you with Pat.

Meanwhile, the children and youth programs continue with a diversity of activities, as is characteristic of our faith. I could list the many inspiring projects; instead, I would like to express my appreciation for those people who, like Pat, have a passion and come willing to share it. There are over twenty treasured volunteer leaders who make the program run. This month, I’d like to highlight Suzanne Beauchamp, Sam Magnus and Sheila Drew, who have all stepped up recently with offers to help. Sheila loves to sing; suddenly and happily, we’ll be hearing more music in the Children’s Wing on Sundays.

Please know that our curricula are broad, and that if you have a passion you want to share with children or youth, I am happy to collaborate with you on ideas! Sharing what you love with children and youth can also be a “direct experience of mystery and wonder”.

Warmly,
Faye

ARTIST FOR MAY

STEPHEN PRITCHARD

My primary interest in painting is the human being and my observations. These paintings are about identity. They are ambiguous in their nature but representative of the human form. The psychological change of self emerges as an image of being, gesturally painted to create movement and thickly painted to give dimension. I work directly on canvas with no reference material or preliminary study. It is an immediate recording that is introspective and autobiographical.





Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 25, at noon in the Sanctuary.

Please note: an agenda with all proposed motions, along with annual reports, will be available fourteen days before the AGM.

The Nominating Committee will also present nominees from the membership for all Board vacancies, all Nominating Committee vacancies, and Financial Review Committee vacancies.

Also please note that under Section 6, Article II of the Bylaws: "A member in good standing unable to attend a duly constituted general meeting may appoint another member in good standing to serve as her/his proxy by submitting a signed statement to the office or other designated area by a stipulated deadline, stating which member is to serve as the individual's proxy for which specific meeting.

"A member in good standing may carry no more than one proxy."

FROM YOUR MINISTER REVEREND MELORA LYNNGOOD

Worship Associates Program

Do you want to engage in an experience of greater depth and meaning on Sundays? Do you want to help others do the same? Would you like to deepen your connection with the congregation? Would you like to work more closely with the ministers? Do you like to use your creativity to care for people and our planet? To that end, would you be willing to weave your own authentic voice into some of our worship services? Do you seek personal and/or spiritual growth?

For years I've been hearing about Unitarian Universalist congregations that run what is called a "Worship Associates" program (or, as one congregation calls it, a "Worship Weavers' Guild"). It's a program in which lay people (that's you) and ministers (that's Reverend Shana and me) work together to create worship services. The minister still does the bulk of the service (e.g., writes the sermon), but the lay people get to add their voices too.

One example I saw in a congregation in Sacramento featured a different lay person every week sharing a brief theme-related personal story for the chalice lighting. The services are enriched by these added stories, and over time, the congregation grows closer through hearing one another speak from the heart about things that matter. As it says on one congregation's website "[The Worship Associates] make us laugh, make us cry, and crack open the sermon theme in surprising and heartfelt ways." [First Universalist, Minneapolis].

Here are two testimonials from people who have served as Worship Associates with Reverend Barbara ten Hove at Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church on Bainbridge Island, WA.



"Being a WA has been an exponential growth experience for me; that is, in the less than one year that I have served I have grown spiritually, mentally, and emotionally: Spiritually, in that I necessarily think about and question all aspects of my spiritual being; Mentally, because we are offered educational opportunities that deepen our knowledge of Unitarian Universalism from which I have gained confidence in my ability to handle this important task; and Emotionally, as I have come to care more and more about the Church in general and our community in particular, and I strongly desire to be of service to it. I am truly honored to have this experience."

Elizabeth Dorrell, Cedars UU Worship Associate:

"I would say that in the short six months I've been a Worship Associate, my spirituality and my confidence has grown tremendously. I wasn't sure I would be able to do this, and I recall telling someone that I was really going out on the edge of my comfort zone. But I've received rich rewards in return. I feel more connected not only to my faith but to my congregation. I feel seen and known by a large group of people who I hold in high esteem. And I have found my talents nurtured in a distinctly soulful way, which I don't think you'll find with many volunteer opportunities. I am grateful for the experience and am looking forward to many more months ahead!"

Jessica Star Rockers, Cedars UU Worship Associate:

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FROM YOUR MINISTER (CONTINUED)

I am pleased to announce, on behalf of the Worship Committee, that, thanks to the Ruth Humphreys Innovations Fund, we have engaged the above mentioned, Reverend Barbara ten Hove, to help us create our own Worship Associates Program, which we hope to be in full swing by January 2015. Our current Worship Committee has already begun planning with Reverend ten Hove.

To that end, we are looking for a team of six to eight people to serve as our first worship associates, beginning in October 2014. Each worship associate will serve for a one to three year term. Ultimately, we will stagger terms so that we have a team that shifts every year, so that over time, the program will include a wide range and large number of congregants.

The program will begin with a training led by Rev. ten Hove on Saturday, October 25. We have arranged for her to offer the training as part of the BC UU Regional Gathering that our congregation is hosting this fall, so that our neighbouring UUs can benefit from Reverend ten Hove's wisdom as well.

If any of this peaks your interest, I encourage you to consider trying it out. Check your calendar to see if you could attend the training with Reverend ten Hove on Saturday, October 25, then contact me for further information. (250) 891-6330 rev.melora@gmail.com We are striving to put together a team of six to eight worship associates before the end of June. As much as we can, the team will be chosen to reflect a balance of diversity (gender identity, ethnicity, theology, age, etc.). I look forward to working with you to expand and deepen the practice of our congregation's shared ministry.

What's Up with Our Name?

In response to congregants' concerns, and following the sermon on March 2, "Who Do You Say We Are?" (transcript and audio on our website at <http://victoriaunitarian.ca/who-do-you-say-we-are/>; ask office for hard copies), two "Listening Circles" were convened in which we listened to one another share feelings and experiences related to the words we use to name our congregation, currently: First Unitarian Church of Victoria. Thirty-two people attended the first circle and eighteen attended the second, forty-five in total if you don't count repeat attenders twice.

Both conversations were conducted with a lovely depth of compassion and respect for one another's experiences and opinions, even when they differed. Folks listened and spoke with an understanding that deep opinions are often grounded in painful experiences of being hurt or feeling excluded. (See sermon for examples of these instances of hurt or exclusion.) The *same* word can be warm and inviting to some, harsh and alienating to others. As a group, we tried to work out this question: What words might we use to name our congregation in such a way 1) that it accurately describes us, and 2) that a maximum number of people feel welcomed and a minimum number of people feel excluded?

Here are the 'straw poll' results from the first group:

- Nearly everyone was fine with dropping the word "First"
- Everyone wished to keep the word "Unitarian"
- A good number of folks (more than half?) wished to add the word "Universalist"
- Everyone was fine with dropping the word "Church" in favour of a word that would be more welcoming of more people (including Jews and others from other religious backgrounds, again, see sermon for more on this).
- Nearly everyone (possibly everyone) liked the idea of replacing "Church" with "**Congregation**"
- Nearly everyone wished to keep "**Victoria**" in our name.

A surprising near-consensus, which pointed toward something like this: "**Unitarian (Universalist?) Congregation of Victoria**"

The creative brainstorming portion of our conversation considered various ideas, including:

- The Victoria Multiversalist Congregation
- Community of Multifaith Education (C.O.M.E) J
- The Church of the Red Barn
- All Souls Among the Cedars
- UU Congregation of Victoria: Cedars Spiritual Centre

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FROM YOUR MINISTER (CONTINUED)

Here are the ‘straw poll’ results from the second group:

- No one wished to retain the word “First”
- Everyone (or nearly everyone)* wished to keep the word “**Unitarian**”
- Everyone (or nearly everyone)* wished to add the word “**Universalist**”
- Nearly everyone was fine with dropping the word “Church” in favour of a word that would be more welcoming of more people (including Jews and others from other religious backgrounds).
- Nearly everyone liked the idea of replacing “Church” with “**Congregation**”
- Nearly everyone liked the idea of replacing “Church” with “**Community**”

Interestingly, when the question was posed, ‘how many feel excluded by this word?’ six felt excluded by ‘congregation’, whereas no one felt excluded by ‘community’, which prompted the group to consider ‘community’ more seriously. Nearly everyone wished to keep “**Victoria**” in our name. The consensus of this group, thus, pointed toward something like this: “**Unitarian Universalist Congregation/Community of Victoria**”

This group’s brainstorm list included:

- Unitarian Universalists of Victoria (note the absence of the church/congregation/community dilemma in this one)
- Unitarian Universalist Centre for Spiritual Exploration
- UU (i.e., Unitarian Universalist) Spiritual Community/ UU Spiritual Community of Victoria
- UU Center for Religious Freedom/ UU Community for Religious Freedom/ UU Community for Spiritual Freedom

I had mentioned that if there was a clear consensus, we might move forward with an official name change. It seems to me that we are moving toward a consensus, but have not yet reached one clearly enough to ‘call a vote.’ More discussion is needed. And we want to hear from the rest of you (ie, beyond the forty-five that attended the listening circles).

We’ll set aside some time at the AGM (Annual General Meeting) on May 25 to talk about it in a larger group. We’ll also offer more Listening Circles in the fall, and we’ll see where we are by our annual meeting in January 2015.

In the meantime, you might consider experimenting. In conversation, in emails, in newsletter articles, and so on, we can try out other ways of referring to ourselves:

- We can try dropping “First” and see how it feels.
- We can try replacing “Church” with “Congregation” or “Community” and see how it feels.
- We can try adding “Universalist” or using the abbreviated “UU” and see what that’s like. (And if we don’t already know about it, we can learn more about Canadian Universalist history and identity.)
- We can try out “Unitarian Universalists of Victoria” or some of the other brainstormed ideas above.

Try it out, talk with one another about it. What do you feel is the most accurate and most welcoming way to name ourselves? Ask other people about their feelings about the various words and the experiences they had that gave rise to those feelings. Listen to one another. Take your time. We’ll reassess in the Fall.

* the vote for both ‘Unitarian’ and ‘universalist’ was fifteen each. I think this vote was taken when there were only fifteen people in the room. Three came later to make our total attendance eighteen.

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

This is my last month as your president. Behold the wailing and the gnashing of teeth! Or is that trills of delight? Whatever, it is time to move on. The great danger in staying too long in a volunteer role is that one takes on ownership “This is the way we do it and I know because I’ve been doing it longer than you have. And anyway I know what’s going on and you don’t. So there!” With that kind of attitude others soon feel shut out and volunteerism declines.

We have a good rule that no Board trustee can stay longer than four years – a maximum of two, two-year terms. Chairs of our four major “standing” committees—worship, building maintenance, membership and finance—also are encouraged to pass on the reins after four years.

Occasionally, we hear this refrain: “But what if there’s no one to take your place? You are doing such a great job, no one can replace you. Who has the skills you have.” Etc. etc.

My attitude is that we are all in this together, and that means we float or sink together.

At this stage of the game I suppose I could go all pretentious and reflect on the past three years as president; the ups and the downs, the successes and the failures. Relax, I won’t.

But I will say we have been very fortunate in the past few years and it has been nothing to do with me. Two excellent ministers, a strong Board, an involved membership and a welcoming congregation have meant relatively smooth sailing.

The challenge for us now is how to deal with that success. I see us reaching out and reaching deeper into the wider community, but as we do so our popularity will continue to grow causing some stresses and strains. Some are already beginning to show. The Board Task Force looking into Sunday crowding is one sign of this.

Perhaps we can deal with the crowding issue by tweaking here and there. But I suspect this will be an ongoing situation, increasing as we become more widely known in the community. Of course we could choose not to reach out to engage others and instead erect subtle drawbridges, such as poor or non-existent parking for visitors and uncomfortably jammed seating for latecomers.

But I think bold action will soon be required if we wish to continue on our dynamic path. Change and growth come with challenges. And I am positive we can handle it.

- Trustee John Hopewell informed the Board that the Innovation Fund has approved three applications in its first year. The Fund approved a \$1,300 grant to the Worship Associates Program and a \$2,500 grant for five jazz vespers programs, with Reverend Shana Lynngood, at the University of Victoria chapel. The Innovation Fund trustees also approved a grant equal to fifty per cent for a screen and projector installation in the Sanctuary. The Board voted to seek Canadian Unitarian Council foundation funding for the remaining fifty per cent.
- The Board approved the expenditure of up to \$1,715 to pay facility costs and an honorarium to qualified facilitators to present Spiritual Exploration adult courses for off-site offerings for 2014 and to pay staff time for administrative support of up to forty-five hours. All courses will be approved by Reverend Shana Lynngood. Participants will be charged fees.
- The Board voted to dissolve the Newcomers Team.
- The Board approved hiring Danyel Knapp Fisher as programming assistant for Children's Religious Education department for ten hours per week for forty-eight weeks.
- The Board approved hosting the Canadian Unitarian Council B.C. Regional Gathering on the weekend of October 24-26, 2014.
- The Board welcomed new member Katrin van der Leeden and friends Linda Siegal, Elinor Tennyson, Ray Page and Harry Moore. The Board noted the resignations of Lindsay Bagshaw, Erin Gogal and Margaret Johnson.

Coming soon...

Spirited Jazz: A Series of Jazz Vespers Services

This exciting new initiative funded by our congregation's Innovation Fund and created by Reverend Shana and friend of our congregation, Gary Theal, is coming soon. The first service will be held on Sunday, June 8 at 7pm in our Sanctuary and will feature the group Drinkable Jazz.

Monthly services on the second Sunday of each month will follow beginning again in September. Each service will have different musicians and a spiritual theme. Each hour long service will feature forty-five minutes of music and fifteen minutes of spoken and silent reflection.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates at 7pm and invite a friend--September 8 at UVic Interfaith Chapel, October 12 in our Church Sanctuary, November 9 at the UVic Interfaith Chapel, and a special holiday edition with the music from the Charlie Brown Christmas special on December 14 in the church Sanctuary.

All services are free. A donation basket will be put out to help with funding the services in the future. We hope you will join us.

U.U. Jazz Vespers presents ... Drinkable Jazz



...featuring: vocalist Linda Billings,
guitar Gary Theal, bass Bill Kent, drums Barry Gray

an eclectic mix of
classic jazz and blues with
a new twist on old standards

Quench your thirst

Sunday June 8th - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First Unitarian Church of Victoria

5575 West Saanich Road

(across from the Red Barn Market)

*admission by Donation and much appreciated

CHALICE LIGHTER FOR MAY—DAR GAREAU-LEVY

Of course it's Dar who produces those wonderful E-Weekly newsletters that are so essential in keeping us up to date with the latest at church! Says Mike Graham, "It is a pleasure working and associating with Dar. On occasion I've been lucky to act as her assistant producing the E-Weekly when she had to be away. She is so well-organized that she leaves me wondering how she manages something so complex. I have time to wonder about this, since she does almost all the work before she leaves". Dar is a greeter too, and as Mike affirms, "It's also a great pleasure to see Dar's smiling face at the door when I arrive for church. She's a great greeter and brightens the dullest day".

What brought her to our church?: "In 2010, Alison and I had decided to get married, and I wanted a wedding that held some sort of religious or spiritual significance, and Alison didn't want a traditional 'church' wedding. So I went online looking for someone to officiate at our ceremony, and I found the FUCV. I sent an email off to the Lay Chaplains, and Liz Graham responded.



"The more I found out about Unitarian Universalism, the more I realized that it was a perfect match for me. I've never really settled down to one belief system or another, but during my lifetime have gleaned bits and pieces of all that I've explored and woven those bits together to create what I thought was my own eclectic religion. So it was quite a surprise for me to discover that Unitarian Universalism not only accepts that eclecticism, it, as a whole religion, had been doing the same for years

"As it turned out, Alison had been brought up Unitarian, back in the day when her parents had been members of our church, and so our wedding ceremony put together from the offered bits and pieces from different traditions, seemed to us to be a truly unique expression of who we both were and where we wanted to go together. After the wedding we decided to check out a church service or two, and from the very first one I attended, I knew I belonged. Officially, I became a member in 2011, but in my heart I have always been a Unitarian Universalist".

"Tiff and I started the Depression and Anxiety Support Circle, after Reverend Melora held a one-time gathering for those who suffered, or who have suffered from depression. A large part of her objective for the gathering had been accomplished by our being introduced to each other, and we thought it was important to continue that association. Even amongst Unitarians there is still a huge stigma associated with mental illness. We are all very good at providing support for those who have physical ailments; we know what to do, but the illnesses of the mind and the heart are approached with caution, if they are approached at all. As someone who suffers from depression, I notice this lack of support, and so when Reverend Melora suggested that Tiff organize such a group, I jumped onboard. We all suffer from depression and or anxiety at one time or another in our lives, and if we look deeply, we all have something that needs to be healed. A large part of any healing process has to do with acceptance and we hope that our support circle can provide a safe and supportive environment for that to happen."

An SRC member, Dar helped make the Celebrating Diversity team one of its sub-committees. She is calling for new members to help with this year's Pride parade and festival participation, and hopefully to get involved in the fight for equality and justice for LGBTQ people around the world. About the church...Dar appreciates the ministers, the services, the people, the music, the community, and feels a sense of belonging as never before and that she's found her home and family. As to our seven principles, she feels that the first and last—individual worth and participation as members of the interdependent web of life—are basic to the rest and so connect them all.

I asked about her past life and Dar replied: "I grew up in Ketch Harbour, a small rural town in Nova Scotia. Got my Bachelor of Fine Art at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, and lived for eight years in Wittenburg Nova Scotia with my partner, raising sheep and growing our own organic veggies. In Nova Scotia I worked in a fish plant, in an auto body shop, in a restaurant kitchen, as a chambermaid, and as a light-table artist for a printing company. Here in Victoria I started my own business, Get It Done Yard Maintenance and Odd Jobs, which I've recently had to give up because of the wear and tear on my arthritic knees. I enjoy kayaking, fishing, camping, writing, photography and playing guitar".

BC: Exporter of Global Warming to the World?

LNG exports. The Pembina Institute estimates that if five of the proposed LNG terminals go ahead producing 82 million tonnes of LNG, the production of the gas would add over 70 million tonnes per year to BC GHG emissions. “Extracting, processing, transporting and liquefying natural gas are all energy intensive processes that release greenhouse gases. These greenhouse gas emissions will all increase if LNG proceeds in B.C., and they will likely make achieving BC's legislated GHG reduction targets impossible.” Then the exported gas would be burned in Asia. The report adds, “The IEA's recent report Golden Rules for a Golden Age of Gas found that a major shift to gas will lead to a 3.5°C increase in global temperature in the long-term. The 3.5°C was less warming than would have occurred absent low-cost gas reserves, but it is much higher than the 2°C global target”. (See: Pembina Institute. BC LNG Proposals and GHG Emissions and http://www.worldenergyoutlook.org/media/weowebsite/2012/goldenrules/WEO2012_GoldenRulesReport.pdf).

Bitumen exports. Two pipelines will export bitumen from BC. The Northern Gateway pipelines have been approved by an Environmental Review with over 200 conditions. One would run 1,177 kilometers (731 mi) and transport bitumen from the tar sands from Bruderheim to Kitimat. Another parallel pipeline would send gas condensate, used to dilute tar sands oil, would move in the opposite direction. The bitumen pipeline would have a capacity of 525 thousand barrels per day (83.5×10^3 m³/d). The condensate pipeline would have a capacity of 193 thousand barrels per day (30.7×10^3 m³/d). From Kitimat the bitumen would be transported by tanker through the narrow Douglas Channel to Asia. The Kinder Morgan Energy Partners operate the 1,150-kilometre (710 mi) long Trans Mountain pipeline system from Edmonton, Alberta to terminals and refineries in central British Columbia, the Vancouver area and the Puget Sound region in Washington. The company has applied to increase the pipeline's capacity by twelve times, up to 600,000 barrels per day (95,000 m³/d) and environmental assessment under restricted public participation is underway. Building of these pipelines would allow major expansion of the tar sands, and according to Dr. James Hansen would cause disastrous global warming (<http://www.climatefast.ca/book/game-over-climate-james-hansen>).

Coal exports. There are several plans to increase coal exports from Vancouver's Harbors. In January 2013, Fraser Surrey Docks applied to build a terminal to export up to four million tonnes per year of thermal coal, used to produce electricity. Also Delta Westshore Terminals announced in February plans to increase its thermal coal capacity to 33 million tonnes per year. Much of the increased thermal coal for export will be mined in the USA and exported to Asia, especially China and India. Lafarge, Canada, in collaboration with Fraser Surrey Docks is proposing to build coal-handling facilities within its existing terminal operations that would allow the direct transfer of thermal coal from trains originating in the United States to barges, which would transport the coal up the Strait of Georgia to Lafarge's Texada quarry for transshipment to Asia. Lafarge plans to expand the area that is used to stockpile and tranship coal so it can handle 800,000 tonnes annually. The Provincial Mines Minister, Bill Bennett, suggested in January that coal was just another commodity, and nothing special had to be done to examine the requests. In Washington State protests have so far prevented massive expansion of thermal coal export, leading to plans to send it to Vancouver (<http://www.sierraclub.bc.ca/our-work/mining-energy/spotlights/texada-islanders-oppose-coal-export-expansion-plans>)

Does it make sense to argue that exporting LNG is environmentally friendly, while exporting bitumen and coal? In fact, this will put British Columbia on track to join Alberta as a major exporter of Global Warming to the world.

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

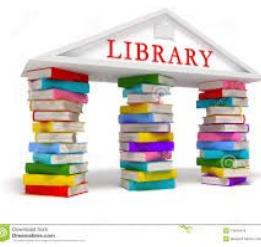
Sitting quietly behind the library desk, watching the day unfold, wondering what to say that may be of help to those who use the library? The answer possibly lies in how the Library is organized – it all comes down to numbers. That does not mean that browsing is out, browse by all means and discover a good read, or an answer to that question, a book of poetry. Browsing is a great way to spend some time. Yet some arrive with a search in mind and herein lies the value of “numbers”.

One of the common searches seems to be looking for opening and closing words, words to set the tone of a meeting, words for a meditation, words for a closing, words to inspire, sum up, perhaps even elicit a smile.

You need a number...try 242. It has ten volumes on the shelf every one crammed full of “Meditations.” Take a look at 242 Dem - “Taking Flight : A Book of Story Meditations.” It is a great collection of simple stories covering a large area of interest.

Want something more to the point, '242 One' will be a help with the title of “100 Meditations”. It simply covers life from start to finish. Page 79 has an account of *Baptism* that blurred my vision for a while. The other end of life is poignantly shown on page 62 with *Heaven in a Wildflower*.

There are other numbers of interest so please stay tuned.



So you want your money back...

Many of you purchase items on behalf of the church, then submit a requisition for reimbursement. When the paperwork is in order and everything goes smoothly it will take a week, often two weeks, to receive your reimbursement cheque. Our bookkeeper, Karen Potts, has to print the cheque, then the cheque has to be signed by two authorized signers. Since Karen comes in about once a week, and signers may not show up for a few days, there's not much we can do to speed up the process.

But there are ways that you can slow down the process. Since you probably would like your reimbursement as soon as we can get it to you, you should know what these are...then avoid them. One way to slow the process is to leave important information out of the requisition, and another way is to provide improper receipts.

Requisitions

The requisition must name the applicant, indicate the budget account or Fund to be charged, and provide the particulars and amounts of the expenditures; and it must be signed by the applicant and authorized by the person responsible for the budget account or Fund. The two requirements most often omitted are the account to be charged and the authorizing signature.

Receipts

Receipts are required as proof of purchase—not just for us but also for Canada Revenue Agency. They are required for us to remain in compliance with the terms of our charitable status and they help us keep track of our assets.

What counts as a receipt? A receipt is an original document indicating the name of vendor, the date of sale, the item(s) purchased, the amount paid with both GST and provincial sales tax broken out, and the vendor's GST registration number.

What is *not* a receipt? A credit card transaction voucher is not a receipt. Neither is a credit card statement, a bank statement, or a photocopy of a cheque. Our bookkeeper is familiar with all of these. She does not have authority to issue a reimbursement cheque to an applicant unless proper receipts are provided.

GST Rebate

We get back about half of the GST that we pay...as long as we have receipts proving that we paid it. To help us track this, we ask that applicants break out their GST expenditures and show these in a separate column on the requisition.

Here a dollar, there a dollar, and by the end of the year \$4,000-5,000 of GST paid out comes back to the church.



Auction Fever

It takes a whole church community to create a big event like our recent Auction Fever...a whole church community to thank.

Thank you to the people who donated the services and to those who came to buy them.

Thank you to all those who worked on auction night, even though it was a challenge to also participate in bidding for things they wanted. And a special **thank you** to the workers who were willing to clean it all up and put everything away after the auction, a most necessary and thankless job.

Thank you to the children and youth for the portraits and the popcorn. We love to see you with us.

Thank you to the bakers who provided the cakes for the cakewalk and food for the refreshment table.

Thank you to the church office staff, the E-Weekly editor, and the Treasurer, who worked behind the scenes to help publicize the event and take care of the money.

Thank you to our entertaining auctioneers, Farrell Boyce and Shirley Travis! You kept things moving right along in an interesting way.

A particular **thank you** to the Auction Team, who worked tirelessly to plan the auction, create the publicity and the auction signs and lists, recruit the workers, solicit the handmade items and services, and set it all up: Jen Young, Astrid Firley-Eaton, Shirley Travis, Martha McDougall, Penny Boyce, and Sandra Jordan.

Through the efforts of all of us, we raised just over \$12,400 for the church!

from Suellen Guenther

And an enormous THANK YOU to you, Suellen, for coordinating it all!

Child Haven Fundraiser

Sunday, May 11

The Child Haven Committee invites everyone to our second Bollywood fundraiser and dance lesson on Mother's Day, following the service in the sanctuary. Lunch consisting of various East Indian and Canadian finger foods will be served followed by chai tea and mango ice cream cones.

The Kumbana Marimba band will be performing high energy beautiful music on their marimbas (like wooden xylophones): See <http://kumbanamarimba.com/> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFO8kBmX-Bo>

As well, our Indo-Canadian teenage dancers are back to teach us all to Bollywood dance

There will be a silent auction of Asian treasures as well as a sales table of many beautiful items from India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Tibet in the Lion Hall. Shopping starts at 12:00noon.

Come help us raise much needed money on Mother's Day for all the children who do not have a mother or father, living in some of the poorest parts of the world. All proceeds go to Child Haven which provides the basic necessities of life—i.e., shelter, nutritious meals, clothing and education for 1400 children.

Unfortunately Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino, who have received the Order of Canada and UNESCO Humanitarian Award, as well as many other awards, will not be here with us as Bonnie will be in India.

Tickets: \$20.00 for adults; \$10.00 for youth (six to seventeen years old); children (five and under) are free. Tickets are available from Christine Johnston (250-385-5444); Tanners Books in Sidney (250-656-2345); Munros Books Victoria (250-382-2464).



Lay Chaplain Recruitment

The Lay Chaplain (LC) program has been growing stronger and more vibrant over many years. First Victoria has been particularly successful in attracting interest for our services from the broader community, and is one of the few programs in Canada that requires three LCs to perform the whopping number of ceremonies (forty) booked in 2013. People know that they can count on the Unitarians to provide a rich spiritual experience in the delivery of a ceremony.

There are many benefits of the LC program including extensive outreach into the community, which results in new memberships to the church. However LCs say that their main benefit is the personal spiritual growth they experience, as they meet and work with people who are forever changed through the intensely meaningful personal ceremonies they craft and deliver together. Many LCs describe the special poignancy of the memorial services they deliver.

The Lay Chaplaincy Committee is tasked with replacing LCs and is aware of the urgency of replacing those LC's who retire, and implementing the year long training program alongside the current LC's during the busy 2014 summer months, before the next LC's retire in February 2015.

Length of service and lack of summer time off have been identified as two impediments to people considering the LC calling. In response, the LC committee is exploring the possibility of having four chaplains instead of three to allow for some summer vacation flexibility. A term of four years instead of six is also being considered. If you are considering the LC path but not sure if now is the time, please also consider joining the LC committee.

If you have ever thought that being a lay chaplain is something you might want to do, now is a good time to let your interests be known, and explore the opportunity.

Please contact a lay chaplain—Liz Graham, Joyce Murphy, Kjerstin Mackie—or the Lay Chaplain Committee chair Chris Cook by phone or email. We look forward to your response.
laychaplains@victoriaunitarian.ca

Choices in Dying

invites you to a Speaker Meeting with Robert Salmond, Attorney at Law

Wednesday, June 11th 2014

7:00-9:00 pm

Lion Hall, First Unitarian Church of Victoria
5575 West Saanich Road

Mr. Robert Salmond will be speaking on legal issues in support of aging, including the difference between a Power of Attorney and an Enduring Power of Attorney. This is an important meeting if you are making changes to your will and general estate planning. Remember every adult should have a will no matter how young you are.

We will also discuss future plans for our group. The Steering Committee has a number of exciting ideas to share. Questions or Comments? Email choicesindyingvictoria@yahoo.ca or phone Margot at 250-920-3893



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: This group is looking forward to their next NG gathering in July or August. They will also be working together to put on the very popular event they offered in the church auction: Bocce, Beer and Burgers on August 9, which raised \$720 for the church! Working together on a common project is another way to build community.

Esquimalt: Betty Sherwood writes, "On April 4th we gathered at Barbara Boyle's for a potluck supper. Afterwards Marion Pape told us about the Ride Share plans for April and the idea that Esquimalt will challenge Oak Bay to see if we can offer more rides. We will meet again in June." We'll find out next month which group won the challenge! In addition, Esquimalt will be the group baking for coffee time in May.

Fairfield: Nanw Cariad has stepped down as convenor of this NG, as she finds she is no longer able to hear at social gatherings. A few group members will be meeting in May to consider some new ideas for their group.

Far Out: Oceanna Hall, a Unitarian who has recently moved to Victoria from Edmonton, has volunteered to be the new convenor for Far Out, and retiring convenor, Barb Nyland will be her support crew in the wings.

Gordon Head: April was a busy month for Gordon Head. They provided the treats for coffee time, and they also gathered at the home of Anne Percival and Adrian Fine for a potluck, with twenty people attending. Mary Cramer reports that in addition to enjoying good friends and good food, they discussed the Ride Share program and the issue of the Sanctuary Squeeze. A member of their group, Diane Berry, also told them about the Land, Sea, and Sky benefit concert which she has organized, featuring original music by local composers, including two of her own pieces.

Grand Central: Reverend Melora facilitated a very successful gathering for this group at the Souper Sunday on April 6. Twenty-seven members of Grand Central sat as a group at the same table, enjoying soup while they participated in an interactive questionnaire that helped them get to know their neighbours better. The group is now considering a possible gathering in May at a local park.

James Bay: Pat Kinrade writes, " James Bay Neighbours enjoyed a delightful potluck lunch on March 8 at my home; because it was held on the weekend, we were able to have some of our 'gainfully employed' attend. We hope to do a repeat in a month or so. Many neighbours participated actively in the Services Auction."

Nearby: Nancy Dobbs reports they are considering an outdoor gathering in May.

Oak Bay: Karla Thomson writes, " For this month I would like to report that our neighbourhood group met for a "real" pot luck at Philip and Marya's. This time we had a more equal number of sweets and savouries. Last time we had a few too many desserts (not a problem that we complained about). The topic for the discussion after the meal was, 'When and where did you discover Unitarianism?' This proved to be a very stimulating and informative discussion. Everyone shared and we all learned a bit more about each other. We are now facing a challenge from the Esquimalt Neighbourhood group for "ride share" points for this April, Earth Month. This is all in fun, but helps make everyone more aware of the major reason for this project."

Royal Oak East: Hanny reports that they had plenty of people willing to donate food and do the work for the Souper Lunch they hosted with Western on April 6. They fed more than 120 people and took in donations of just over \$600 for the church. Hanny always sets aside a plate of desserts and a pot of soup for the workers, so after the pots of soup were cleared away, they all sat at those tables and ate together. What a great way for members of two NGs to socialize!

AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (CONTINUED)

Royal Oak West: Fran Hancock writes, "Royal Oak West participated actively in the Service Auction with creative ideas, so a special thank you goes to Suellen Guenther who helped so much with the organizing of the event. ROW is supportive of the Ride Share programme at church and appreciates the efforts of the environmental committee."

Western: This group has had a busy month! They worked with Royal Oak East to host the very successful Souper lunch on April 6 that enabled the Grand Central NG to gather as a group. On March 21, Emily Whitney hosted a brunch for elderly members in their group who are no longer able to attend church. Reverend Melora attended and was able to meet and visit with these long-time church members. The next day, Emily and Stu hosted the March potluck and were pleased that Elaine and David were able to join them from Cobble Hill. Now they are all looking forward to a potluck at Mac's on April 19.

Notable Unitarians

Dr. Brock Chisholm (1896 –1971) was a WW1 vet (won a Military Cross), a psychiatrist, Director of the UN from 1948–53 and then the first Director-General of the World Health Organization. His great-grandfather was Sir Isaac Brock of the War of 1812 fame. Brock received many honours—e.g. the Order of Canada and several honorary degrees. He was a strong advocate of religious tolerance and often commented that man's worst enemy was not disease, which he felt was curable as long as men worked together, but man himself. He also wrote: "To achieve world government, it is necessary to remove from the minds of men their individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism, and religious dogmas."



In retirement he was a member of First Victoria. When I first came here in 1997 his gift of an old organ was considered nearly a "holy relic" but finally was sold. Who bought it? Please let me (Christine Johnston) know.

Ministerial Evaluation Survey

Thank you for your participation in the Ministerial Evaluation Survey.

Reverends Shana and Melora and the Committee on Ministry wish to thank everyone who took the time and made the effort to answer our survey to evaluate the ministers. Over one hundred members and friends of the congregation have had their say and the Committee on Ministry and ministers are busily reading your reflections, suggestions and occasional criticisms.

Even a cursory look at the results suggests that an overwhelming number of respondents are thrilled with the jobs our co-ministers are doing. The ministers and our Committee are interested in everyone's voice, though, and the ministers are truly interested in ways they can improve.

While we're still digesting your comments as of this writing (April 15), the Committee on Ministry will release the results for everyone to look at by the end of May with a summary published in the June newsletter.

Thank you again for your participation. If you missed the survey and still want your opinions of the ministry heard, please feel free to contact the ministers directly or talk to a member of the Committee on Ministry.

Your Committee on Ministry,

David Andersen – co-chair (drandersen1@gmail.com)

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Allan Dakin

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Joyce Murphy

...but it's really about WHO

The Healing Our World (HOW) projects we undertake each year are always about people. Wouldn't it be interesting to meet them if we could? And in a manner of speaking, we can. Here is Rekha Gudme, aged 13, who lives in the slums of of Pune, India.

Rekha is one of the older students of Emmanuel Public School, where our HOW project is to raise \$3,800 for another classroom and three more teachers. Her father is bedridden with a serious disease and is unable to provide for the family. Her mother works as a maid but her income is unable to meet the rising medical costs of treating Rekha's father and providing for the family.

In fact, Rekha was also working as a maid when she first came to the school to drop off her nephew who studies here. She liked the school and wanted to be a part of it. It took a great deal of counseling and convincing to get her mother to send her to this school, but she finally relented. Now, Rekha jokes that her mother does not allow her to miss school for any reason!

When Rekha joined the school, she was a shy and timid girl. Today, she is a beautiful young lady! She can converse in English and is working hard to do well in her studies. With constant help and support from her teachers, Rekha has now reached Grade 8. She is always ready with a smile and helping hand, and is a role model for our younger children. She dreams of becoming a "District Magistrate" one day as she seems inclined towards the empowerment of women

If you have not yet made a donation to our HOW projects, please consider doing it today. Make your cheque payable to First Unitarian Church of Victoria and on the memo line write "HOW." Donations will first go to Project A – Solar units for Tanzanian women and then to classroom support for children in Pune, India. Drop your donation in the collection basket on Sunday or put it into a marked envelope and leave it at the church office. Tackling poverty which suppresses children is not a spectator sport.



Creativity Micro Retreat

Sunday, June 1, 12:15pm

Library (social) & Chaplains Room (silent)

Last one of the year!

Be inspired by the beauty of nature surrounding you. Be supported by community shared with others who value creativity so much that they are sitting beside you and actually creating too. Any activity that can be done at a shared table works (lego, doodling, writing, sketching, knitting, etc).

Space is limited, so sign up now to avoid missing out (text or phone 250-472-0117, email isaacs.anna@gmail.com, facebook.com/events/461239800680273). All welcome. Invite others.

Youth welcome as participants. Free child minding if you register before Friday, May 23rd. Space open until 3pm but you may come and go at anytime.



Your Values and Your Investments

Sunday, May 4, noon–1:00pm in the Farmhouse Common Room

with Financial Planner Stephen Whipp

How do you apply your personal values to your investments? Stephen Whipp is an investment advisor who specializes in providing ethical investing and values-based financial planning services. Stephen will talk about ethical investing, trusts, estate planning, Registered Retirement Income Funds(RRIFs), Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs), probate, etc. and then respond to your questions of a general nature.

If you would like to speak privately to Stephen immediately following this session, about arranging a legacy gift to the Church or Foundation, please contact Frances Hancock at 250-477-1310

Enjoy your tea or coffee in the Sanctuary then head to the Farmhouse Common Room by noon for Red Barn sandwiches, by donation.

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Covenant of Good Relations

Question

You become aware that a highly respected and hard-working member of the congregation for whom burnout is becoming a fear, is becoming increasingly incapacitated in fulfilling their particular leadership position within the church. How can the Covenant of Good Relations offer you advice on this delicate issue?

See page 18 for answer.

Community Dinner

Friday, May 9 at 6pm

Everyone is welcome at this multi-generational event. An opportunity to meet new people or catch up with friends over a casual, fun, delicious meal.

At 6pm we gather in the sanctuary for a joyful time together. Spaghetti will be served with a choice of two very yummy tomato sauces, meat or vegetarian, – plus garlic bread. 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.



New Email



Thane or Helen Waldie
hewtcw@gmail.com

New Telephone



Penelope Hagan
250 995-2997.

Thank You

from Friends of Tod Creek Watershed

Thank you very much for including us in that wonderful event on Friday, April 4. The concert was truly amazing. What a lot of work must have gone into it.

Also, thank you for including us in your April offering. It means a great deal to us to have this community recognition and support. We will not stop until you have a lively view from your windows.

thank you
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Summer Solstice Service

The Solstice/Equinox Planning Team will soon be starting to create a service for summer solstice. Anyone wishing to be involved in this creation is invited to join our planning meetings to be held in the library at 12:15pm on each of the following Sundays: May 18, June 8 and June 15.

The Solstice Service will take place Friday, June 20 at 7:00pm, in the sanctuary. See you there! If you have any questions, please call Christine Petronis 250-479-7112



Planned Giving

Ella Small

"I have been a member of this church since 1964 when Reverend Evans was the minister.

The church is my only family and I miss going to it."



Board Members on Duty



May 4	Lynn Hunter
May 11	Mike Graham
May 18	Shirley Travis
May 25	John Tiffany

IARF Congress

IARF, or the International Association for Religious Freedom, was founded by the Unitarians in Boston in 1900 and is the oldest interfaith organization in the world. IARF has over ninety affiliated groups, spread over twenty countries, with a wide range of faiths represented, including Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Shintoism.

So if you are going to the UK this summer, do think to include the IARF Congress in Birmingham England, August 24-27. Karen Armstrong and other world class figures are speaking and the cultural events and trips are always interesting. Christine Johnston is again the CUC delegate to the Congress and Mel is also signed up. So speak to either of us if you might be interested.

In case you missed it on page 3...



Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 25, at noon in the Sanctuary.

Please note: an agenda with all proposed motions, along with annual reports, will be available fourteen days before the AGM.

The Nominating Committee will also present nominees from the membership for all Board vacancies, all Nominating Committee vacancies, and Financial Review Committee vacancies.

Also please note that under Section 6, Article II of the Bylaws: "A member in good standing unable to attend a duly constituted general meeting may appoint another member in good standing to serve as her/his proxy by submitting a signed statement to the office or other designated area by a stipulated deadline, stating which member is to serve as the individual's proxy for which specific meeting.

"A member in good standing may carry no more than one proxy."

May Birthdays



- 1 Daphne Dunbar, Susan Layng
- 2 Sean van Gessel, Abby McCallum
- 3 Donna Greenberg
- 4 Susie Williams
- 5 Sherry Ewings
- 6 Pamela Harte, Josha Petronis
- 10 Elijah Marrett-Hitch
- 11 Roberta Clair
- 12 Tracy Ann Taylor, Charles Gee
- 13 Karen Potts
- 14 Grace Scarabelli
- 16 Louise de Lugo
- 17 Amalia Schelhorn, Marguerite Hobbs
- 18 Mertie Chilton
- 19 Emma Wilson-Pease
- 21 Pat Kinrade
- 23 Alex Andersen, Stephanie Ippen, Helen Waldie
- 24 Lara Bannister, Dee Heston
- 25 Jennifer Young
- 25 David Andersen, Terry Czyz,
- 30 Jim Thomson
- 31 Elaine Dakin

Covenant of Good Relations

Answer to Question on p. 16

In the spirit of the Covenant of Good Relations, it would be your responsibility first to address the concern directly by compassionately exploring with the member in question how they were feeling about their situation and offering any support and assistance to ameliorate it. Failing some form of resolution, you might want to consult with the appropriate minister about how best to handle the next step.

Regifting Sale

Nellie will be offering a one-day only regifting sale on Sunday, May 4, just in time for Mother's Day. Come to the Lion Hall before or after the Service, and get great gifts at even better prices for Mom--or whoever's on your list this spring.



CUC BC Regional Fall Gathering

Mark your calendars for October 24-26. We at FUCV will be hosting this year's gathering—a great chance to connect with UUs from across BC and to attend informative and thought-provoking workshops. Stay tuned for more details.

Giant Book Sale

Save your books and mark the date:
September 20



If you cannot store your books until September, please put them with the other books 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.

Correction!

In spite of what I wrote in Fran Pardee's Chalice Lighter profile last month, Joyce Murphy is not a **retired** Lay Chaplain but will remain active in that capacity until February 2015!

Barbara Nyland

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Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
5/1	7:30-9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5/2	7:15-9:30pm	Mindful Yarning	Offsite location
5/3	12:45-2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
5/4	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
	9:30-10:30am	Exploring Other Religions	Farmhouse Common Room
	11:30-1pm	Re-gifting Sale	Lion Hall
	11:30am-2pm	Planned Giving Seminar	Farmhouse Common Room
	12:45-2:30pm	Atheists, Humanists, Agnostics	Fireside Room
5/5	7:30-9:30pm	Pub Night	Offsite location
5/6	6:30-8:30pm	Articulating your UU Faith	Farmhouse Common Room
5/7	noon- 2pm	Care and Concern	Farmhouse Common Room
5/8	7:30-9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5/9	6 -10pm	Community Dinner	Sanctuary
5/10	9am-4pm	Gardens & Grounds Plant Sale	Lion Hall
	12:45-2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
5/11	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE (Mother's Day)	Sanctuary
	11:30am-6:00pm	Child Haven fundraiser	Sanctuary & Lion Hall
	noon-1:30pm	Diversity Group	Chaplains' Room
	noon-1:30pm	Environment meeting	Library
5/12	-----		

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Events Calendar (continued)

Date	Time	Event	Location
5/13	10:00am-4pm 1:30-3:30pm 7:00-8:30pm	Sandy Merriman cooking Social Responsibility Committee New Member/Friend Reunion	Kitchen Sanctuary Farmhouse Common Room Lion Hall
5/14	7:00-8:30pm	Depression & Anxiety Support Circle	Library
5/15	11:00am-2:00pm 7:30-9:30pm	Board Meeting Choir Practice	Farmhouse Common Room Sanctuary
5/16	7:15-9:30pm	Mindful Yarning	Offsite location
5/17	12:45-2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
5/18	10:30-11:30am 9:30-10:30am 10:30-11:45am	SUNDAY SERVICE Exploring Other Religions Parents' Group	Sanctuary Farmhouse Common Room Farmhouse Common Room
5/19	VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY		
5/20	2:30-4:00pm	Worship Committee	Farmhouse Common Room
5/21	6:30-8:30pm	SELCY meeting	Farmhouse Common Room
5/22	7:30-9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5/23	-----		
5/24	12:45-2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room
5/25	10:30-11:30am Noon- 2:30pm	SUNDAY SERVICE AGM	Sanctuary Sanctuary
5/26	-----		
5/27	12:30-2:00pm	Committee on Ministry	Farmhouse Common Room
5/28	7:00-8:30pm	Depression & Anxiety Support Circle	Library
5/29	7:30-9:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
5/30	7:00-11:00pm	Montessori Casino Night	Sanctuary
5/31	12:45-2:30pm	Meditation	Sunflower Room

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Vancouver Island Unitarian Summer Camp “Building Bridges, Reaching out, Making Harmony” August 8-10

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 for us to gather in community to have fun, relax, deepen friendships, explore our 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 all 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, and a children’s program, as well as wee care on Saturday morning.

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