



The Victoria Unitarian

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SERVICES IN OCTOBER

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

**Practices to Transform
Ourselves and Our World**



**October's
Theme**



Listening:

**The Practice of Opening Oneself
to the Experience of Others**

October 4 Imagining the Life of Another: Stories from Uganda **Jim Hemstock**



Based on his experience in Uganda, Jim will guide us in imagining how others live. This is our annual service for the Unitarian Universalist-United Nations Organization. The full collection will go to support the work of our representatives at the UN.

October 11 Listening: the Gift of Attention **Rev. Melora Lynngood, Faye Mogensen, and Friends**

On Thanksgiving Sunday, in a service for all ages, we explore October's theme by offering gratitude for listening. How does it feel to be truly listened to? When is listening hard for you? To whom do you give the gift of your full attention? How might you engage in the spiritual practice of listening this holiday weekend, with family, friends or here at the church?

This is an intergenerational service. Children and Youth are invited to spend the entire service with us in the sanctuary. Childminding will be provided for our youngest and/or most restless in the Sunflower room.

October 18 Listening Again **Rev. Shana Lynngood**



I have often found that I listen with an ear to hearing what I expect to hear. This means that too often I make assumptions or hear past what is actually being said. It takes time and intention to listen deeply. The skill of listening is often underestimated; and sometimes we listen but don't hear. This Sunday we'll explore what it means to listen, and then listen again. I'll share some insights uncovered in some recent mistakes.

October 25 Listening to Jewish Experience **Rabbi Harry Brechner with Rev. Melora Lynngood**

As Unitarian Universalists, we strive to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person (our First Principle). We have learned that to do this requires us to go beyond the 'golden rule' (*treat others the way we would like to be treated*), and strive to embody the 'platinum rule' – *treat others the way they would like to be treated*.

We begin by seeking to understand the experience of others. Our faith challenges us to consider, in particular, the dynamics of prejudice, racism, and oppression. We learn to be sensitive to the subtle ways in which these forces work. We learn how, even with the best of intentions, we can unwittingly say and do things that hurt and offend. (See sermon at <http://victoriaunitarian.ca/blunders-and-grace/>).

Small Groups with Emanu-El Congregants
12:15 - 2:15pm, Farmhouse Common Room

Sign up to participate in a small group experience created by Rev. Shana and Rabbi Harry. It will be a rich time of sharing and listening. Focus questions and guidelines for open dialogue will be provided. Childminding available. To sign up, contact rev.shana@shaw.ca 250-891-6331.

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We learn that when we listen deeply and understand one another, we can work it through, and find authentic human connection. Continuing our theme of “Listening: the practice of opening ourselves the experience of others,” we invite Rabbi Harry to share with us some of his experiences of living in Canada as a Jewish person.

Rabbi Harry Brechner is the Rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El, Canada’s oldest synagogue, located on Blanshard Street in downtown Victoria. (See the following item for more about the Rabbi).

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Jim Hemstock (October 4) will recount some of his experiences in a post conflict society as survivors grappled with reconciliation and forgiveness following many years of war involving child soldiers and atrocities. Jim is a consulting engineer by day but he and his wife Nancy were in Uganda in 2005 with a group of Royal Roads students doing a Masters Degree in Human Security and Peacebuilding. The research involved collecting stories in villages.

Rabbi Harry Brechner (October 25) is the father of two amazing young men. He is married to RaeAnn Witkin Brechner who is a counsellor and social worker as well as an incredible life partner. For the past 13 years Harry has been the spiritual leader of Congregation Emanu-El in Victoria, B.C. on Vancouver Island. With his synagogue Harry is involved in various social action projects including outreach to marginal and vulnerable folk in Victoria's Downtown core. Prior to moving to Victoria, he served as Head of School for the New Orleans Jewish Day School and Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education for Greater New Orleans. Harry worked as the director of the J-CC Ranch Camp in Colorado, a rugged outdoor adventure camp and a western ranch. He also directed Camp Solomon Schechter in Washington State.

Harry has a background in early childhood education and child development and has worked as both a pre-school teacher and a special educator. Some of his other sundry experiences include commercial fishing in Alaska, trail maintenance in the Northeast corner of the Cascade Mountains, tying rebar on construction sites in Seattle... Harry served as a combat medic in the Israel Defense Forces and he has had the opportunity to travel with RaeAnn prior to kids throughout Russia, the Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Nepal, India and Thailand. Harry likes backpacking and climbing and he makes a great kosher gumbo and jambalaya.

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The deadline for submissions to the
November issue of the newsletter is **October 13**.

MEET YOUR BOARD



Back Row, clockwise

Suzanne Beauchamp - Congregational Life Council. Suzanne was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario. She came to Victoria in 2009 and has been a Unitarian for 25 years. She is a retired Family Therapist. The most important thing she believes about FUCV is the caring people have for one another.

John Worton - Administrative Council. John was born and raised in Rimbey, Alberta and later moved to Calgary. He came to Victoria in 2008 and has been a Unitarian for 25 years. He is a retired lawyer. John values the tolerance and support that congregants have for each other.

Jim Jordan - Outreach Council. Jim was born and raised in Portage, Manitoba. He came to Victoria/Sidney in 2005 and has been a Unitarian for 25 years. Jim is a retired Research Engineer. He values being in a community of like-minded caring people.

Front Row, clockwise

Lorna Anthony - Vice-President. Lorna was born and raised in Victoria and has been a Unitarian since 1978. Lorna is a retired Infant Development Consultant. She values the people at FUCV.

Roberta Clair - Treasurer. Roberta was born and raised in Clair, New Brunswick. She came to Victoria in 2013 and has been a Unitarian for eight years. She is a retired high school math and chemistry tutor. She believes the congregation, the ministers, the choirs, the music and the openness are the most important things about FUCV.

Jane Wilson - Secretary. Jane was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta. She came to Victoria in 1970 and has been a Unitarian for 15 years. She is a retired Accountant/Instructor. She values FUCV for providing a spiritual community.

Marion Sollazzo - Spiritual Development Council. Marion was born and raised in Victoria, BC. She moved to Vancouver in 1984 and returned in 1999. She has been a Unitarian since 1969. She worked for 20 years as a Speech and Language Pathologist and is now the Manager of Greater Victoria and Gulf Islands Therapy Services for children 0-5 years. She values the diversity and collective wisdom of the community of FUCV.

Shirley Travis - President. Shirley was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta. She came to Victoria in 2001 and has been a Unitarian since 2010. She is a retired small business owner and Realtor. She values FUCV as a community of shared values.

John Tiffany - Property Management Council. Tiff was born and raised in Cornwall on Hudson N.Y. He came to Victoria in 2012 from Princeton N.J. He has been a Unitarian since 1966, left, and came back in 2001. He is an Indoor Air Quality Consultant. Tiff enjoys the spirit of community at FUCV and the spirited community.

Over the past few weeks, I've been thinking a lot about when real listening takes place. It happens, for certain! But all too often, we are so busy endeavouring to share our own opinions or questions or news, that many conversations could be more truthfully described as a series of interruptions rather than experiences of true listening and exchange. What is it that makes it so difficult to stop and really hear someone?

I've also thought about the daily soundscape that surrounds us. Could it be that our ears are so over-worked by cars and lawn-mowers, aircraft and sirens, televisions and telephones, fridges and dishwashers that we actually suffer from a "quiet deficit"? I suspect that people have felt 'unheard' for as long as there have been people, but I wonder whether the excess of noise in our world today has made listening to one another even more of a challenge than it was 'way back when'.

In the month of October, children, youth and families will have the opportunity to explore questions about listening more deeply. We'll begin on October 4, with the first of our theme-related "Chalice Chapels for Children and Youth". We hope the catchy acronym, "Cha-Cha-Chi-Yo," will help imply that we aim to include plenty of music in the chapels, and make them worshipful in ways that appeal to children, youth (and parents who choose to come). On October 11, at our Intergenerational Service, I look forward to hearing about the challenges of listening from multiple perspectives.

For the remaining weeks of the month and always, I hope that you and your children feel heard here at the church. I think our very high adult-child ratios help facilitate listening on all sides and can assure you that our many wonderful program volunteers love to hear what your children think and feel. Having finally experienced a Parent's Circle last month, I have seen firsthand that it is also a place to be heard.

Warmly, Faye

P.S. For the first time in several years, I will be attending the Liberal Religious Educators Annual Convention this month, where I will be sharing ideas with over 250 colleagues from across North America. I will be away from my desk from Wednesday, October 20 through Monday October 26,.

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MUSIC NOTES**NICK FAIRBANK**

As many of you may know, I had an opportunity to attend a residency in Peru this summer. An artistic residency is a programme in which artists gather for a period of time to work in a particular location. It usually combines an educational component with opportunities for focused work in the artist's discipline. The programme in Peru was exactly this – I was one of 10 artists of various disciplines and from several different countries who gathered at the Centro Selva (near Pucallpa, a town in the Ucayali District of eastern Peru) where we spent 3 weeks learning about the local arts scene, and the history and culture of the Shipibo-Conibo indigenous people. During this time we each worked on our individual projects; mine was to compose a 10-minute piece commissioned by a Victoria choir for performance next spring. I also worked on some other composition projects, one of which was sung as the anthem in church on September 13th.

The climate in this region of the Amazon basin was extremely hot and humid, even though it was the "dry" season. Temperatures averaged around 33 degrees with 85% humidity. We were living in fairly primitive conditions during most of our stay with no running water, no refrigeration (or air conditioning!) and only a few hours of electricity each day (from a generator). While the whole experience was extremely interesting and productive, at the end of the programme I was glad to return to Lima on the coast where the Humboldt Current keeps the temperature round about 20 degrees.

I'd like to thank all those who supported me in this venture, either by attending the fund-raising piano recital which I played last May, or through individual donations. In the end I was able to cover most of my costs and still have a few dollars left to buy some groceries on my return to Victoria!

I will keep you all posted as to the performances of the new piece "Canción amazónica" for choir and small instrumental ensemble. Concerts are planned for April 23rd and 24th, 2016 in Sidney and Victoria.



—Nick Fairbank, Director of Music

Practices to Transform Ourselves and Our World



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Listening:

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to the Experience of Others

Pick a Question to Ponder

Read these over and choose one question (or see which question chooses you). Live with that question for a while and see where it takes you. Journal about it, draw or doodle, talk to friends about it, journal some more; actively wrestle with the question, let the process of pondering take you somewhere deeper than you were before.

1. What makes you feel heard?
2. What, if anything, is the connection for you between listening to yourself and listening to others?
3. Who is the person who has listened best to you? The one who has been the worst at it? What has this meant for your life?
4. What personal factors block effective listening for you? Which ones enhance it?
5. What were you taught about “deep listening” growing up? How did others listen to you? How were you told to listen to others?
6. What did you listen to? (Nature? Stories? Music? Friends?)
7. What elements in today’s global village setting necessitate listening in different ways?

Credit for many of materials with which we explore each month’s theme goes to the Soul Matters Program designed by Rev. Scott Taylor. Special credit for these questions this month goes to Rev. Karen Fraser Gitlitz in Saskatoon.

For Families of All Ages to discuss over a meal or in the car

This year, in addition to the individual reflection questions for adults (see above), we will suggest questions to help families discuss together each month’s practice. You could ask one another these questions when you share a meal together. Or, if sharing a meal together is a rare occurrence, you might try using the question as something to discuss while waiting for a bus or while riding in a car (maybe with your carpool on the way to church 😊).

Here are the questions for October’s theme of “Listening: the practice of opening oneself to the experience of others.” Feel free to edit at will, adapting the language to suit the age level of each family member.

Questions: Have you ever felt like someone was listening to you really well—deeply and with their full attention? If so, when did that happen and who listened to you? In general, who listens to you best? To whom do you listen deeply?

Try this: Try listening to someone (friend, family, you choose) extra carefully for at least 5 minutes. Notice their expressions, gestures, and feelings as well as their words. What did you learn—about what they said, about them, about what it is like to be them?

Out of the Rain Youth Shelter Cooking Bee

As the weather begins to cool it is time to organize the meal-making program for the Out of the Rain Youth Shelter. This year FUCV will be providing two meals per month from October 2015 to April 2016. We will be making hot, protein rich main courses for thirty homeless youth. In addition it would be great if we could supply a steady stream of muffins for them to freeze and use as needed.

Ways to help. There will be two cooking bees with the first one scheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the church kitchen off the sanctuary. The second will be scheduled for a Saturday in early January.

We will need lots and lots of muffins of any flavour as long as they freeze well. Costs can be reimbursed.

If you can help all or some of the time, or if you would like more information, please RSVP Martha McDougall at marthaj.mcdougall@gmail.com

Thank you for your support

Co-Minister Portfolio Split

First Unitarian Church of Victoria, 2015-2016

The ministers were advised years ago to switch up their portfolios every now and again. This gives the congregation the benefit of their different insights and skills in different areas. It also gives the ministers a chance to continue to develop their professional skills in all areas of ministry. This chart represents our ministers' most recent portfolio shift. You will note in particular that Rev. Melora is now the lead minister for Spiritual Exploration for Children and Youth, and Rev. Shana is now the lead minister for Administration.

Rev. Melora and Rev. Shana both do:	
Preaching and Worship	
Teaching	
Pastoral Care and Counselling	
Rites of Passage*	
<i>We both meet with:</i> Board, Committee on Ministry, Staff	
Rev. Melora is primarily responsible for ministry in these areas:	Rev. Shana is primarily responsible for ministry in these areas:
Worship & Worship Associates Program	Music and Choirs
Congregational Life: membership; recognition & awards	Congregational Life: care and concern, depression group, neighbourhood groups, fun and fellowship, coffee, etc.
Outreach: Social Responsibility Coalition	Outreach: lay chaplaincy, denominational affairs serving as chaplain at UVic, jazz vespers
Soul Matters Program	Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Adults (SELA): including chalice circles, AHA, spirituality, library, etc.
Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Children & Youth (SEL-CY) : including children's programming, parent circle, children's chapels, teacher training	1 children's chapel, 1 teacher training, winter spiral ritual
Property Management Council	Finance
Administration: Chief of Staff (staff meetings, HR, staff compensation, etc.)	Administration: All Admin except HR; includes: church office, computers, dispute management resources, communications
Leadership Development (renamed "Shared Ministry Team")	
Denominational: UU Island Network, mentor one UU minister, Confluence Lecture 2016, attend UUMA, UUMOC, CUC meetings	Denominational: UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee, mentor two UU ministers, attend UUMA, UUMOC, CUC meetings
Supervises:	Supervises:
Director of Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Children and Youth (who, in turn, supervises Sunday child-minders), Bookkeeper	Church Administrator (who, in turn, supervises office staff, custodians, and maintenance technician) Director of Music (who in turn, supervises Accompanist),

*In general, for Saturday rites of passage, the officiant will be the minister who is not scheduled to preach the following day (Sunday).

Contacting Your Co-Ministers

We, Rev. Melora and Rev. Shana, share one position. We split the areas of church work between us (see portfolio split above). We also split the minister's work week.

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When are Rev. Melora and Rev. Shana available to see me?

The simpler answer:

We are available for meetings Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Friday is our sermon writing day, which we try to reserve for service preparation. Monday is our day off (a Sabbath from church business, but we are still on call for emergencies. Call our cell phones).

The more detailed answer:

Usually, our work week looks something like this.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:30am-2:30pm	Day Off; available for emergencies	Rev. Melora & Rev. Shana	Rev. Melora & Rev. Shana	Rev. Melora & Rev. Shana	Worship Prep	Sometimes work special events – workshops, rites of passage, etc.	Rev. Melora & Rev. Shana
2:30pm-9:00pm		Rev. Melora	Preacher works until 5pm	Rev. Shana	Preacher continues worship prep.		Off except for Jazz Vespers

The bottom line:

We care about you. We want to be available and accessible to you! Please feel free to call our cell phones or email or set up a time to meet in person.

Rev. Melora (250) 891-6330 rev.melora@victoriaunitarian.ca

Rev. Shana (250) 891-6331 rev.shana@victoriaunitarian.ca

NOTABLE UNITARIAN

Helen Beatrix Potter (1866 – 1943) was an English author, illustrator, natural scientist and conservationist, famous for imaginative children's books featuring animals such as those of Peter Rabbit and Mrs TigglyWinkle (hedgehog washerwoman).

She was born into a wealthy and large Unitarian family. Summer holidays were spent away from London, in Scotland and in the English Lake district where she developed a kinship with the natural world. She wrote 23 books in all, as well as publishing some research into fungus spores. Her stories continue to sell.

Potter was also a prize-winning breeder of Herwick sheep and known for her land management and preservation. She left almost all her property to the National Trust of Britain which promotes love of nature.



CO-HOUSING UPDATE

Dockside Green

Recently the “Urban Group” of the Co-housing initiative was contacted by officials at Dockside Green, asking if they would still like to be considered for space at the upcoming expansion of the Dockside Green Development. Marion Pape was among those who met with the Dockside folks in early September.

In a report on that meeting, Susan Link reported that Dockside Green would like us to be part of their new development, and have assigned us some space, which can be seen on their website under the “Development” section. (We would be the long, four-story building with a north/south orientation, directly under the words “Learn About”.)

When more information—such as projected cost—is available, a meeting will be called. Please contact Susan Link at mlink2@shaw.ca if you are not already on the Co-housing mailing list and would like to be notified of the next meeting.

—Laura Doyle

SHARED MINISTRY

Make Connections, Find Meaning

The Shared Ministry team connects members and friends with ways to participate in the ministry of this church. There may be an opportunity just waiting for you.



Property Management Opportunity

John "Tiff" Tiffany, Chair, Property Management Council, writes "My ministry is providing guidance and oversight to the upkeep of FUCV's buildings and grounds, utilizing our wonderful community."

Opportunity: **Building Maintenance Chair.** If your passion is being handy with repairs, you may find this most rewarding:

- respond to our property's needs
- build close and lasting connections as, together, you and members/friends of FUCV provide a welcoming and safe environment

If you are interested in the Building Maintenance opportunity, please contact Tiff at johntiffany0705@gmail.com or [778 432-0881](tel:7784320881).

Arts & Aesthetics Opportunity

Betty Sherwood, Chair, Arts and Aesthetics Team, writes "My ministry is to help maintain the church setting to promote a harmonious atmosphere for worship and social activities."

Opportunity: **Maintain the Lion Hall Bulletin Board.** If you like to work solo, maintaining the Lion Hall bulletin board provides an option for participating in this ministry:

- collect new postings from the office
- take down expired notices
- keep the board tidy and professional but fresh and interesting to read

Or, if you prefer to work with the team:

- share the job of finding and assisting artists to display their work in the sanctuary
- respond to requests from other committees to help maintain the harmonious church atmosphere

For more information, contact Betty at bsherwood@shaw.ca or [250 382-4656](tel:2503824656).

Stop by our Shared Ministry information table on Sunday, September 27, October 18, November 8 or December 13 for more participation ideas. You are also welcome to contact Lorna Anthony at lrAnthony@shaw.ca or [250 592-4831](tel:2505924831) for a list of current opportunities.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Betty Sherwood

I have just finished a series of watercolours and pen and ink drawings of the mountains and lakes around Lake O'Hara; they will hang in the Sanctuary this month. I have become smitten by the beauty of that region of Yoho National Park. I was there this August to celebrate my 75th year. It was my fourth time of hiking up there. Although I have been painting all my life, retirement is allowing me the luxury of time, to really indulge. I hope you enjoy my paintings of this exceptional and inspiring part of BC.

USC Run for Biodiversity

The Annual USC Run for Biodiversity is on October 11. We salute the FUCV families who are "listening" to the needs of people in Nepal, and raising funds to help reconstruction efforts in farm communities there. If you want to support them, there is a special UU Kids fundraising page where individuals can sponsor UU Kids:

<http://www.raceonline.ca/donate/?fg=23b22f59-27d7-4d08-b861-70a5d1887a12>.

REFUGEES and the MIDDLE EAST are hot issues at this time. Some want to help those waiting to come to Canada and some prefer to help those on the ground in Syria or in one of the neighbouring countries, so the Social Responsibility Coalition decided to do some of both this month. There will be more later on how we all decide what to do as a congregation.

In October half will go Faeza's Family of six, who are ready and waiting to come to Canada but the fund is still many thousands short. Luckily the local Anglican church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Esquimalt (a registered Canadian charity) has underwritten the money in order that the family might arrive soon and not be held up in Turkey, but they still have to fund-raise. The family consists of two parents, three children under seven, and the grandmother. Two of our members have been involved with this sponsorship for over a year, Adrian Fine and Galina Coffey-Lewis; and Adrian has let us know in this news-letter about a fundraising banquet on October 10.

The other on-the-spot registered Canadian charity is the well-known and long-admired Oxfam, who do some wonderful and dedicated work in the make-do refugee camps, and wherever they are needed. Most of you have seen pictures of the sick, tired, traumatized and hungry Syrians in the boats and struggling along the roads on their escape from the bombing and hardships. Oxfam is one of the agencies who are in partnership to have your donations doubled by the Canadian Government.

We also encourage questions or letters to the election candidates regarding the plight of these thousands of men, women and children seeking refuge, medical help and countries offering sponsorship.

Vegetarian Dinner Fundraiser for Oxfam

6:30pm, Saturday, October 3

Ukrainian Hall at 3277 Douglas Street

Speaker and Silent Auction

Tickets are \$30, available from Mandy
250-881-1982 ext. 2100,
or mandy.t@vecima.com,
or contact Christine_Johnston@telus.net to form a group.



Mediterranean Thanksgiving Meal Fundraiser for Syrian Refugee Family

5:00pm, Saturday, October 10

St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Parish, 1379 Esquimalt Rd

The Refugee Committee of The Anglican Diocese Of British Columbia invites you to support this event in order to sponsor a Syrian refugee family (mother, father, three young children), currently in Turkey, to join their other family members in Victoria. A SILENT AUCTION will accompany this event. We hope FUCV members will, once again, show their strong support for this family.

SUGGESTED DONATION (charitable receipt): \$25, payable at event. To order tickets, please call me at 778-433-7777 or email adrianfine@yahoo.ca (preferably before October 1). I look forward to seeing you there!

MEET OUR LAY CHAPLAINS

Kjerstin Mackie

My parents were Swedish/Irish and Finnish/Welsh-Americans. They met at a Unitarian Liberal Religious Youth Camp in Minnesota, and emigrated to Argentina, in the 1950s, where I was born. We came to Canada in 1967, finding here a haven of political and religious tolerance. My parents embraced diversity in cultures and living styles, and my parents and grandparents taught me Unitarian values directly and by example. My upbringing resulted in a fascination with comparing human relationships and experiences across time and geography. I've worked in South America, the Middle East, the UK, the US and Canada. In the museum, where I now work at my "day job", I bring to bear my understanding of the inherent worth and dignity of every human being and also the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part. I bring these values to my work as a Lay Chaplain, and also a love for ceremony. I am happy to help recognize the shift from one chapter of life to another through ceremony. I deeply appreciate and value the trust and endorsement of my clients, and this congregation.



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: Lorna and Earle Anthony will be hosting a potluck for Cadboro Bay on Sunday, September 20.

Esquimalt: Pat McMahon writes, "Esquimalt NG's next potluck dinner will be Friday, October 2, at Cedar Shores hospitality room, courtesy of Barb Boyle."

Fairfield: A family new to our church has filled out a Welcome Visitor form and is hoping to connect to this NG, as they live in Fairfield.

Far Out: Phyllis Aherne writes, "The Far-Out Neighbourhood Group enjoyed a late afternoon get-together with Rev. Melora on Saturday, September 12. Shared summer holiday stories, finger foods, wine, soft drinks, juice, tea and coffee helped make this a very pleasant easy-to-host- gathering on a perfect fall afternoon at the home of Phyllis Aherne. Rev. Melora's presence was a lovely addition to the afternoon event." Far Out will be providing goodies for coffee time in October.

Gordon Head: Mary Cramer advises that Gordon Head expects to meet in October. They are just sorting out where and when the gathering will be.

Grand Central: Marya Nijland writes, "On Sunday August 30, we had an afternoon tea, with 16 adults and 4 children having a great time at our small house, loving each others' company, the Dutch Apple pies and the chocolates, etc. etc. We enjoyed having SuelLEN, Donna and David from other neighbourhood groups joining us in deep discussions about art, politics, history, good food and our own individual stories. It was all about having a great relaxing time with the children frolicking about!"

James Bay: Lynn Hunter sends this report, "We had a potluck lunch at the home of Daphne Dunbar on Monday, September 7, Labour Day. Eight people including guests Marya Nyland and Betty Donaldson were in attendance. Betty is considering moving back to James Bay so Marya connected her to the neighbourhood group. The conversation mainly focused on politics but also included discussing housing options for Betty. Our next gathering is going to be a Halloween potluck lunch at Christine and Mel Johnston's home on October 31 which includes guests wearing costumes."

Nearby: Nancy Dobbs writes, "Souper Sunday in late September was brought to you by the Nearby and Western Neighbourhood Groups. Thank you to all of those who contributed. Welcome Dan and Elaine Klimke to the Nearby NG. Hope you will join us in November for our fall Nearby Potluck. Details TBA

Oak Bay: Karla Thomson writes, "Oak Bay enjoyed a lunch time pot luck at Mike and Liz Graham's in August. We all brought water from our vacation destinations or water that was symbolic of the problems of saving water for the planet. The discussions were very interesting and we all entered into the topic. After this several played bocce and the rest of us just continued to visit or head off to another event. Our number for this day was approximately 20. Sunshine and good food plus friends brings out a good number. This month's lunch will be next week and our next pot luck is to be held at Kristina Stevens' in October."

Royal Oak East: Hanny Pannekoek writes, "We met last night for a potluck at our home. As always delicious food was brought by all, enjoyed while having lively conversations. In our usual circle after dinner we talked about what we like about having a neighbourhood group. The personal connections was high on the list. We decided to revive our buddy system, but with a different slant: this time we will mix up men and women. We are a liberated group indeed because everyone was okay with being paired up with whatever gender! We will also continue with having one of us telling their life story to enhance the way we know each other. Our youngest member, two year old Bridgette, was happily playing in the middle of our circle; she certainly added a special flavour to our gathering. We will meet again on November 28."

Royal Oak West: Fran Hancock reports, "The Royal Oak West NG will be meeting at the home of LeAnn, David, Alex and Thomas Andersen, 4131 Borden Street on Saturday, October 10 from 3:30 to 5:30pm. This is a child friendly household! If you're in ROW, please join us and bring along a plate of appetizers. We encourage newcomers and visitors to the church to come meet their neighbours."

Western: This NG has been working flat out in September, as they provided the coffee time treats and worked with Nearby on the September 27 Souper. They had their usual monthly potluck at Mac Elrod's and their October potluck will be hosted by Oz Tilson and held at Mac's. Susan says they'll take advantage of his hospitality before the icy weather makes his home difficult to reach.

Spirited Jazz

Jazz with a splash of spiritual inspiration by Reverend Shana

The Maureen Washington Quartet

Karl Roessingh Piano, Joey Smith Bass, Damian Graham Drums

Theme: Am I Blue

Sunday October 18, 7:00pm

Sanctuary, First Unitarian Church of Victoria



She slips easily from sassy to sexy within a single line of lyrics, at times echoing the haunting tones of Etta James and Carmen McRae, then faster than the mind and ear can make the transition, Maureen Washington exudes the impish irreverence of Jann Arden and the vocal agility of Holly Cole. And yet, with all splendor attached to such comparisons, Maureen's musical style remains distinctly her own. She has more than a half dozen discs to her credit.

Maureen is blessed with a growing entourage of fans in Victoria as she performs with duos, sextets, and solo artists, including singing back up on Canadian Folk legend Valdy's 2011 album, *Read Between the Lines*. An always popular performer at a wide range of events and venues around Vancouver Island including the Victoria International Jazz Fest 2008 - 2014,

Other accolades include:

2014 Black Canadian Award's Best Jazz and Soul Artist.

2011, 2013 and 2014 Monday Magazine's Jazz and Blues Artist of the Year.

2011 Nominated Vancouver Island Music Awards - Female Vocalist of the Year.

2012 Nominated Vancouver Island Music Awards for Best Live Act.

2014 Black Canadian Awards-Best Soul and Jazz Act.

UUIN

The Unitarian Universalist Island Network has representatives from each Vancouver Island and Gulf Island congregation as well as the support of the three Island Ministers. These representatives are working to foster connections between the Unitarian Universalists in our area. If you'd like more information about the UUIN feel free to ask your congregational rep.

Capital	Amanda Tarling and Rosemary Morrison
Comox	Jane Fox, Heather Kennedy-MacNeill and Rev. Meg Roberts
First Victoria	Martha McDougal, Christine Johnston, Pat Kinrade and Rev. Melora Lynngood
Nanaimo	Sharon Fulton and Rev. Samaya Oakley
Salt Spring	Sue Wood

If you are coming to the BC Regional Fall Gathering, October 2-4, we would love to chat with you about your ideas for greater connections. We will meet at 12:15 on Sunday October 4 at a well-labelled space. Please come and say hello.

Rental Coordinator

The Board would like to offer the position of Rental Coordinator (Single Time Events) for Guest User Rentals (non-church members) at our Church. The Rental Coordinator will be setting up events such as weddings, corporate events, training events; etc. The Rental Coordinator is also expected to further develop promotional materials and website development for FUCV, as well as develop various written materials related to the rental agreement.

The Rental Coordinator would have a commission rate of 15% per rental user. If interested, please contact John (Tiff) Tiffany, Property Council chair, at john.tiffany0705@gmail.com or 778-432-0881.

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October 4	John Worton
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Getting Out the Vote.

The September and October Social Responsibility Actions of the Month are concerned with the Federal Election slated for October 19, 2015. This is when we will see how the “Fair Elections Act” passed last year will affect the federal voting process. Nearly 40% of eligible Canadians did not vote in 2011, and we do not want tens of thousands more kept from the voting process, just because they cannot meet the new identification requirements.

In 2011, over 500,000 Canadians relied on the Voter Registration Card or some form of vouching for Voter ID. For this election, in order to vote, you need one piece of ID with photo, name and address (eg. driver’s licence) **or** two pieces of ID from Election Canada’s authorized list. Both must contain your name, and one must have your current address **or** be vouched for by a registered voter at your polling station who has not vouched for anyone else.

See your SRC Shelf in the Foyer for more information.

These new requirements will be unnecessarily onerous for First Nations groups, seniors in care homes, students, and the homeless.

Voting is one of the few ways we, as citizens, have to express our voices whether the federal government is pursuing directions that support our values. Let’s make sure we have a say in ensuring our children and their descendants inherit a worthwhile planetary legacy.

GREEN CORNER

DOUG MCGINNIS

Guy Dauncey’s 2015 White Paper: *Green to the Very Last Page.*

Award winning BC author, futurist and environmentalist, Guy Dauncey, has produced a highly significant and timely “green paper” to help Canadians deal in a positive way with a future that must, unambiguously, be free of the vast array of existing economic dependencies on fossil fuels. Entitled “*Green Jobs in Canada in the Transition to 100% Renewable Energy*”, this paper is a comprehensive and thorough analysis concerning the impact on jobs of an achievable transition, over the next twenty-five years, to a stable Canadian economy supported by established sources of renewable energy. That includes, for examples, solar photovoltaic, geothermal, hydro/current and wind powered electricity generation means, and the many possible gains in energy efficiencies.

For those who might worry that a change to a future that is free of fossil fuels might bring economic hardship, Dauncey’s analysis reassuringly provides objective evidence that a future economy based on renewable and sustainable energy choices is not only achievable, but attractive in terms of both transitional and new permanent employment opportunities. Thus, while Dauncey’s analysis could be construed as “heavy” reading, because it draws support from 100 authoritative references and a dizzying number of facts and figures, the paper is nevertheless uplifting.

As a comprehensive socioeconomic paper, Dauncey’s analysis necessarily depends upon the acceptance of various assumptions about key social factors that generally reflect how, and to what extent, Canadian society will take responsibility for the inherent challenges of this transition. In making realistic jobs estimates, therefore, Guy has applied sound judgement on such factors as government-set renewable energy targets, lifestyle changes, the rate of uptake in electric vehicle ownership, and changes in public transit investments, just as examples. A close examination of the 33 factors he applies would certainly leave each reader with a clear sense of the societal and individual choices that would be impactful, during and beyond the transition to a green economy. With a federal election at hand, those highly relevant choices certainly includes who our elected leaders will be, and how well-informed the winning candidates will choose to become.

A free copy of Guy Dauncey’s paper can be obtained at www.tiny.cc/almost-twice-as-many. For information on the Unitarian sponsored Candidates Debates on Energy, Climate and Our Future, please visit www.bcsea.org/victoria. Additional information on this subject can also be obtained at <https://guydauncey.wordpress.com/2015/09/15/a-bold-new-climate-vision-if-i-was-prime-minister-of-canada-how-would-i-tackle-the-climate-crisis/>.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
Oct. 4	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
Oct. 9	6:00-10:00pm	Community Dinner	Sanctuary
Oct. 11	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
Oct. 18	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
	12:00- 1:30pm	Generosity Lunch	Sanctuary
	7:00- 9:30pm	Jazz Vespers	Sanctuary
Oct. 24	3:00- 5:00pm (time not yet confirmed)	Ron Neilson's Memorial Service	Sanctuary
Oct. 25	10:30-11:30pm	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
	12:30- 2:30pm	Soul Matters Group	Library

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cedar Thokme
- 3 Forrest Smith, Winnifred Bocking
- 6 Mike Thorne, Francois Durvisseau
- 8 Karen Furnes, Sarah Harris
- 11 Mariko Matsumoto, Doreen Wood
- 12 Margaret McKelvie, Brock Brown
- 13 Mary Canty, Barry Wiebe, Scott Branch
- 14 Doreen Burgess, Stu Whitney
- 15 Menno Tromp, David Smith
- 16 Trish Henry, Maria Hoffman, Bruce Edwards
- 19 Bonnie Halvorson
- 20 Lorna Shaw,
- 22 Sharon Boldt
- 25 Virginia Daniel, Marion Pape
- 26 Fran Hancock
- 27 Allen Milne, Don Armstrong
- 28 Susan Lean
- 30 Diane Berry, Helga Jacobson, Kent Haden
- 31 Ruth Ellen Pozer-Telford

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MILESTONES

We would like to announce the arrival of our first grandchild, Brielle Victoria Stewart. Born September 3, 2015. She is the first child of our youngest daughter, Leia Stewart. Leia grew up in the Unitarian Church, attending R.E. classes and Youth Group. Leia and Luke Stewart were married in August of 2013 by Fran Pardee. Brielle will be the fourth generation of Unitarians in our family, the first being her great grandparents Barbara and Phillip Williams.

Susie and Simon Williams



Community Dinner



October 9 is Fiesta Night!
6:00pm

We will be serving tacos with all the fixings, chili and much more! Vegetarian options available. Fiesta Night is a multi generational event and an opportunity to meet new people or catch up with friends over a casual, fun, delicious meal.

Everyone is welcome!! Please join us!!

Dinner is by donation.

Please bring a dessert to share.

To help with clean-up please bring your own plate and dessert bowl. A rinsing station will be provided.

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Tuesday Dinner with Poetry and Humour

Pat Kinrade, Adeleine Morris and Gloria Turner share
some of their favourite poetic humour.

**Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00pm at
Cook Street Village Activity Centre,
380 Cook Street, Victoria**

Please enter by the parking lot door on the South side.
Parking is available in the adjacent parking lot, on the right
side only, and on surrounding streets.

Please bring:

- some pot luck dinner food to share
- your preferred beverage (no alcohol)
- a small financial contribution (as able) to help cover
the cost of the room

Plates and cutlery are provided

Tuesday Dinners, consisting of a potluck dinner followed
by a speaker are also planned for November 17 and Decem-
ber 15 with guest speakers to be announced later.

NOTE: If you plan to attend in October it would be
helpful if you email hopenwell@telus.net so we'll know about
how many to expect.