



The Victoria Unitarian

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA
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SERVICES IN AUGUST

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

August 7 **“Summer reading, Summer Shepherds - Pastoral Landscapes and Beyond”.**
Reverend Fran Dearman, WA Susan Layng

Summer Reading, Summer Shepherds — Pastoral Landscapes and Beyond". Fran reflects on some themes arising from James Rebanks' recent publication, "The Shepherd's Life: A Tale of the Lake District". How do we relate to animals? How are we to read a landscape? How does human activity impact the very earth we walk upon, after millennia of agriculture, some methods more sustainable than others? James Rebanks' work is grounded in the day to day care of a farm in Northern England - his daily twitters about the work of the farm form the basis of his book. Rebanks' understanding of agricultural impact has taken him far afield with UNESCO, studying other landscapes than his own.

August 14 **Reverend Melora Lynngood, WA Dan Klimke**
A Unitarian Exploration of Women's Issues and Islam

As Unitarian Universalists, we uphold freedom of belief and we affirm the equality of people of all genders. So how is a Unitarian Universalist to respond when someone condemns Islam as a religion based on claims of its unequal treatment of women? In this sermon, Reverend Melora takes a beginning look at Islam's relationship to women, including the various expressions of feminism within Islam.

August 21 **A Life That Matters**
Reverend Shana Lynngood, WA Dar Gareau-Levy

This summer has been full of anguish and wrestling with the value of life. What makes a life matter? How do we struggle against the systems in our world that seem to value some lives more than others?

August 28 **Q and A With Your Ministers!**
Reverends Melora and Shana Lynngood, WA Lillie Lentz

What do you wish you could ask the ministers? "What do you mean by 'spiritual?'" "Is Unitarian Universalism a Christian religion?" "What experiences in your childhood led you to choose ministry?" "If you had one year to live, what would you do?"

Your ministers welcome all sorts of questions – theological, ethical, personal, etc. You can direct your question to a particular minister or welcome a response from either. (Due to time restrictions, we will have to limit questions we both answer). Submit your questions at any time via email to rev.melora@gmail.com, or after August 11, via text or phone (250) 891-6330 (Reverend Melora's cell). Reverend Melora and Reverend Shana will do their best to answer as many as they can.

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**DEADLINE
FOR
SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 16!**

A NEW VISION STATEMENT FOR CANADIAN UUS MARGOT LODS

(The following was adopted at the CUC AGM, May 2016. I hope this year our congregation will consider new ways of incorporating it into our individual and corporate lives.)

As Canadian Unitarian Universalists, we envision a world in which our interdependence calls us to love and justice.

As Canadian Unitarian Universalists:
Seven principles guide our choices.
Six sources nourish our spirits.
Five aspirations help us grow.

As Canadian Unitarian Universalists, we aspire to be:

Deeply Connected

We strive to foster healthy relationships, within and amongst UU communities, and with the broader world and with all life.

Radically Inclusive

We strive to create hospitable, diverse, multi-generational communities.

Actively Engaged

We strive to act joyfully for a just and compassionate society, experimenting with new forms of community.

Theologically Alive

We seek to be ever-evolving in our understanding, open to new knowledge.

Spiritually Grounded

We seek transformation through personal spiritual experiences and shared ritual.

We Care!

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

Daphne Dunbar at 250-381-7648

Val Roberts at 250-477-7192

or your Neighbourhood Group Care & Concern person

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



ABOUT FRAN DEARMAN

Reverend Fran Dearman was born and raised on Vancouver Island, and likes to think of herself as a "founding toddler" at the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, which she and her family have attended since 1958. After a career with the Naval Reserve and on Great Lakes freighters as a ship's officer, Fran went back to school, read Classics, then studied at Vancouver School of Theology. Fran was ordained at First Victoria, then settled for five years as minister serving the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Alaska. Since returning to Canada Fran has undertaken Interim ministries in Winnipeg, Calgary, Halifax, Mississauga, and most recently North Shore Vancouver. This fall she's off to Essex County in Ontario. But first, and always, summer with family and friends here in Victoria, and perhaps a little sailing. Full disclosure: Fran was a shepherdess for three weeks out East Saanich way, many years ago.



FROM YOUR MINISTER

REVEREND MELORA LYNNGOOD

What do you wish you could ask the ministers?

On Sunday, August 28, Reverend Melora and Reverend Shana will again be offering a "Question and Answer" service. To prepare for that service, they need your questions.

What would you like to ask them? "What do you mean by 'spiritual?'" "Is Unitarian Universalism a Christian religion?" "What experiences in your childhood led you to choose ministry?" "If you had one year to live, what would you do?"

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Submit your questions at any time via email to rev.melora@gmail.com, or after August 9, via text or phone (250) 891-6330 (Reverend Melora's cell). Please submit all questions BEFORE Monday, August 15. Reverend Melora and Reverend Shana will do their best to answer as many as they can.

I will be away on study leave and holiday until Tuesday, August 9.

If your message is regarding a congregational matter that cannot wait until then, please contact our congregation's President, Lorna Anthony [\(250\) 592-4831](tel:250-592-4831) lranthony@shaw.ca.

Alternate contacts: Vice President, Marion Pape marionpape@shaw.ca [778-265-4567](tel:778-265-4567) or Former President, Shirley Travis sjtravis@shaw.ca H [250 386-3455](tel:250-386-3455); C [250 858-5685](tel:250-858-5685).

As I will have a lot of email to sort through upon my return, if your matter is time-sensitive, feel free to call or text me on August 9 or 10, so I know to look for and prioritize your particular message.

Thank you,
Reverend Melora Lynngood
Co-minister of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria

Make Meaningful Connections, Talking About Things That Matter! “Soul Matters” Theme Groups Sign Up Now!

This Fall, we are launching five new “Soul Matters” theme groups. Each group of eight to ten people will meet once a month to listen to one another’s experiences and ponderings related to each month’s theme. Group members will be given thought-provoking resources to explore and intriguing practices to try out in advance of each monthly gathering. Most groups will run for six sessions, September - February. (One or two may launch in October, five sessions).

These are not ‘drop in’ groups – a full commitment to all five-six sessions is required to make the experience as rich as possible for everyone in the group. People who have attended all of their group gatherings and who have engaged with the at-home material have found the program deeply enriching – they report it makes a difference in their daily lives, while also helping them grow in their understanding of big-picture ethical, spiritual, and personal issues.

Look over the schedule and location options below, and then reserve a spot in the group of your choice by contacting Reverend Melora (email anytime rev.melora@gmail.com or text or phone after August 9 (250)891-6330).

Time	Day of the month	Co-Facilitators	Location
1:30pm – 3:30pm	4 th Tuesday	Pat Kinrade & Brenda Pengelly	First Unitarian Church, Farmhouse Common Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm	4 th Tuesday	Fran Pardee & Rosemary Harrison	Fran’s home, 3018 Washington Ave. (near Gorge Rd intersection) Good bus access
7:00pm – 9:00pm	4 th Tuesday	Judy Gaylord & Anne Vaasjo	Judy’s home, 1692 Carnegie Crescent (Gordon Head near University Heights).
6:30pm – 8:30pm *Childminding available upon request	4 th Wednesday	Shelley Motz & Sarah-Mae Adam	First Unitarian Church, Farmhouse Common Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm	4 th Thursday	Donna Warrender & Mary Burcher	Mary's home (Foul Bay Rd. & Fort St. in Oak Bay)

Practices to Transform Ourselves and Our World Themes for 2016-2017	
September	Invitation
October	Blessing
November	Letting Go
December	Expectation
January	Creation
February	Love & Justice

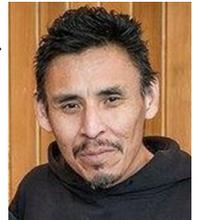
Foundation Aids Students and Music Program

First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation, established to promote our principles and values, is dedicated to supporting First Nations education at Camosun College and our music and social responsibility programs. Members of the congregation are also members of the Foundation, which was established to promote the principles and values of Unitarian Universalism. The foundation had a total of \$75,091.69 in assets in the last fiscal year.

The Students:

First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation members voted at its June 19 Annual General Meeting to fund two bursaries of \$700 each for two First Nations students in trades and human services programs at Camosun College.

One of the students, Brian Madam, is Carrier from the Lake Babine Nation. He is in his first year of Camosun's Indigenous Studies program and plans to complete his undergraduate degree continue at the University of BC.



One of Brian's teachers says he is, "one of those star students that make teaching so gratifying."

Brian wishes to use his life experiences to fight for human rights and be a voice for Indigenous people across Turtle Island.



Victoria Smith is Cowichan and in the Camosun's pre-employment program at Tsartlip's Band Office. Once this program is completed Victoria plans to enter the Early Learning and Care program to fulfill her lifelong dream of working with young children. As the mother of two little ones, Victoria has to be resilient and consistent to balance the needs of her family with her schoolwork. One of Victoria's instructors says: "Returning to school takes courage, and sustaining one's commitment in the face of personal and family pressures and obligations requires perseverance and motivation."

Music and Social Responsibility Programs:

Foundation members also voted to award \$1,200 from its Music and Social Action Fund to assist in financing musicians for Sunday services when our choirs are not performing.

Foundation executive members are appointed by the board. Emily Whitney is a current director. Nominated directors are Becky Denlinger, Trish Henry, Penny Boyce and Mike Graham. Pat Conroy in the foundation's auditor. Ted Humphreys retired this year as president and Peter Hancock retired as secretary-treasurer.

For further information, or if you wish to donate to the Foundation, please email the foundation's president Adeleine Morris at adeleine.morris@gmail.com or phone 250-384-6576.



Foundation president Adeleine Morris presents a \$1,400 grant to Philip Symons, on behalf of the Social Responsibility Coalition, for bursaries for two First Nations students at Camosun College. Retiring secretary-treasurer Peter Hancock presents a \$1,200 grant to Penny Boyce, on behalf of the Music Committee.

Linda Butcher, BA

I was born in Edmonton Alberta, but have called Victoria home for over 30 years. We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world, with its lush growth, majestic mountains and the water that surrounds us. It is all this beauty that helps inspire one's artistic inclination.

For some reason or other, I was always drawn to the idea of painting with watercolours, so in 2001 I decided to invest in some good quality watercolour paints and enroll in a watercolour class. Since then I have taken classes from many of Victoria's very talented artists. Every time you take a class from a different instructor, you come away with a little bit of that artist's technique, so in the end you create your own method and style from the bits and pieces that you've learned along the way.

Watercolour paints can be tricky to work with, but the end result is often a beautiful, soft and flowing rendition of the original subject matter. I like to work from photographs, so have many photos of flowers and through travel, have quite a collection of photos from different destinations. Italy was a great source of inspiration with its beautiful stonework and quaint architecture.

I belong to Studio 30 Art Club, SPAC (Saanich Peninsula Arts and Crafts) and I take part in the Scattered Artist's Studio Tour in the Spring.

To view my work, please go to www.lindabutcher.weebly.com and I can be reached at 250- 479- 0953 or lkbutcher@shaw.ca



BABY SHOWER!

Royal Oak East Neighborhood Group got together for a baby shower for Bekki Myers and Paul Chad-dock on July 24. It is not too often that we get to celebrate a birth, so we were very happy to have a occasion to meet baby Lavina.

Picture from left to right, Lavina, Bekki,Paul,and Brigitte.



I have attended several of the CUC Conferences but this was my first experience of the AGM and I was very impressed by all that it does. I know there is some criticism about the fees each congregation is expected to pay but I came away from the meeting thinking that the money is put to very good use.

The meeting was most efficiently organized and run, without the feeling of being rushed or railroaded. Delegates from FUCV were Lorna Anthony, Stephanie Ippen, Pat Kinrade, Margot Lods, Forrest Smith, and Shirley Travis, (with Mike Graham and Christine Johnston as alternates). There were about ten delegates who attended via Zoom (through the internet) and we could see them on screen. There was time given to have their votes recorded, and they could speak at the meeting just as the delegates physically present could.

CUC had to amend its purposes to conform to the requirements of Canada Revenue (CRA) Agency to keep its charitable status, just as FUCV did. We voted on a new statement of purpose, which while it does not include the old phrase "Work for justice in the world" (this was too vague for the CRA) the idea is imbedded in the four statements of the new Canadian Unitarian Charitable Purposes. You can find this on their website. Unfortunately, this past year, a lot of time and effort has had to be spent by the staff and executive on the CRA audit.

I was excited by the report of the Vision Task Force with its five aspirations. I liked the symmetry of seven principles, six sources, and five aspirations. At the meeting we made one change, amending "Boldly Inclusive" to "Radically Inclusive". Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the complete Vision Statement. Read it carefully; it is inspiring.

I was intrigued with the report of the Lay Chaplains which outlined some of the less expected services they might provide: a ritual at the birth of a baby, a ceremony before surgery, an honouring of the life of a pet who has died, a ritual at a girl's first menstrual period, a ceremony for a dying person. You may think of something else which would be meaningful to you.

We were entertained by an excellent video supporting transgendered kids - and other people. There were lots of faces in it that I recognized from this congregation.

Our own Kristina Stevens who is CUC treasurer, introduced us to the concept of basing CUC fees from Unitarian congregations not on the number of members but on the amount of our disbursements. This was not motion, only notice that it is under consideration. Local congregations will be consulted and no doubt you will hear more about it during the coming year.

I was impressed by the amount of social justice work CUC does.

The developing of Truth Healing and Reconciliation Reflection Guides for All Ages relating to the indigenous peoples of Canada. This includes pilot projects held across the country.

The work of the CUC as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder for refugees. Thank you, April Hope, Vyda Ng, and 38 congregations across the country.

The CUC has been a long time advocate for legislation on Medical Assistance in Dying, was an intervener in the Carter case, and will continue to be actively involved to establish thorough, equitable and consistent legislation.

There will be a continuation of resolutions on climate change, national housing strategy, trans - Pacific partnership, pipelines, and others.

Thank you for allowing me to be a delegate this year. Maybe next year, you will be one.

Frank Lloyd Wright (1867 – 1959) was one of the USA’s foremost American architects, as well as an interior designer, writer, and educator, who designed more than 1,000 structures, 532 of which were completed. Wright believed in designing structures that were in harmony with humanity and its environment, a philosophy he called organic architecture. This philosophy was best exemplified by “Fallingwater” which has been called "the best all-time work of American architecture". Wright wrote 20 books and many articles and was a popular lecturer in the United States and in Europe. His colorful personal life often made headlines, such as the murders at his Taliesin Studio. His creative period spanned more than 70 years.



His mother Anna was a member of the large, prosperous and well-known Lloyd Jones family of Unitarians, who had emigrated from Wales to Wisconsin, settling in Madison. One of Anna's brothers was Jenkin Lloyd Jones who became an important figure in the spread of the Unitarian faith in the Western United States. Wright identified as a Universalist throughout his life. His legacy to our religion can be seen in the two distinguished Unitarian Universalist churches he designed, Unity Temple in Oak Park, Illinois, and the Meeting House in Madison, Wisconsin.

MEET

DR. WIM PANNEKOEK

**A Physician from the Netherlands
Hear about the practice of
Physician-Assisted Dying
as it is practiced in Holland**

- Find out what has been the Dutch experience of PAD over the past 30 years.
- Learn what it has meant to a Dutch physician.

Format: Presentation followed by Q and A.
Update on Canadian situation

Where: Farmhouse Common Room

When: Sept. 8, 2:00 pm.

Sponsored by **Choices In Dying Victoria**

choicesindying@shaw.ca

or contact Margot Lods (920-3893)

(Dr. Pannekoek is Hanny’s brother)

**OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE
YOUR MICROSOFT PUBLISHER
SKILLS**

If you are familiar with the Microsoft Publisher program, the Church is looking for someone to produce the logo nametags used for members and friends of the church. Due to the sudden death of Bob Dobbs, we currently have a backlog of about 20 tags that are required immediately. Templates for the tags have been transferred to a memory stick. Colour printing is required. Please contact Gloria Turner gloriainvictoria@shaw.ca for further information.

BOARD MEMBERS ON DUTY



August 7	John Tiffany
August 14	Marion Pape
August 21	Patty Disbrow
August 28	Karen Furnes

Are you wondering why there is a refugee report in the Newsletter and also the E-Weekly? The report in the E-Weekly is meant to communicate up-to-date information on the progress of our sponsorship. The Newsletter report is a summary of each month's information and is intended especially for people who do not have access to a computer.



The suite we have rented for the Syrian family is painted, fully furnished, and sitting empty. Some people may be wondering if it was a mistake to rent a suite for the Sari family before we received an arrival date. It is true that we are paying money for an empty suite, but the steering committee believes it was a wise decision. We were able to secure a three-bedroom place for a very reasonable rent near UVic, within walking distance of Ali's home and also many services, including three grocery stores. The extra time enabled us to upgrade the suite by painting, adding towel racks in the bathroom, having the broken screen in the back door replaced, doing other minor repairs, and also time to put all the furniture in place. It gave the landlady time to have the deck repaired, and best of all, we had very little competition for the suite. One month later, a suite in a similar location, close to UVic, had 80 applications for that one suite. In a situation like that, we likely would not have been the successful applicant. During our recent Open House at the suite, Ali took photos of the furnished rooms and sent them to the Sari family. He reports that they are delighted with the suite and very thankful they will have a home to move into.

To prepare for the arrival of the family, Astrid has stocked their kitchen cupboards with quite a few non-perishable staples, including coffee, tea, rice, flour, salt, sugar, honey and spices, based on a list from a website called "The Syrian Pantry." She also found a shopping list in three languages: English, French, and Arabic, and has taped that inside a kitchen cupboard door. When we have an arrival date, we will stock the kitchen with fresh food for their first few meals, until they can go grocery shopping.

We are also preparing for the arrival of an Iranian woman, who will be housed with one of our volunteers at the beginning, as recommended by a UU experienced in sponsoring LGBT persons. With the help of Aria, a Farsi speaker of the Baha'i faith, Christine and Kristina were able to phone the woman in Turkey. Christine writes, "We were impressed by her English, which is amazingly good, even though she has not spoken it for a year. She is working as a waitress in Ankara and is not in a camp. She knows from her interview that she was to be helped by a private group when she arrived but did not know what all this meant and for how long... She does not expect to come until mid August as she has not got her passport back nor her visa. She sent us her photo which shows a most attractive young woman. She was showing her hair, which suggests she is liberal minded". After the recent turmoil in Turkey, Kristina texted her in Ankara and she replied that she is "safe and sound".

We have a large number of volunteers willing to support the refugees, when they arrive, so on July 17, Christine called a meeting, to enable the members of the various teams to meet each other and share information. If you have information, questions, or items to offer, these are some of the team leaders to contact:

Steering Committee and Single Woman: Christine Johnston

Budget: Roberta Clair

Housing: Andy Lee

Electronics: Ryan Kinrade

ESL and Schools: Shelagh McCormick and Margot Lods

Clothing and Shopping: Pat Kinrade

Medical/Dental: Mariko Matsumoto Food: Suellen Guenther/Galina Coffey-Lewis

Food Shopping: Suellen Guenther/Galina Coffey-Lewis

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GOOD WORKS AT OUR SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY APARTMENT

Last month Suellen reported on our progress in fixing up the apartment we are renting for the Syrian refugee family. Here are a few of the many volunteers who came together to make it all happen! Mary Cramer says she hopes to get shots of what everyone's work created and when she does, we'll bring them to you.



Pat Conroy doing edging for the first coat of paint in the kitchen. Son Elliot helping him reach the paint. Elliot painted the first coat after Pat edged it all, then Pat did the second coat.



Mary Cramer using the Goo Gone to get the sticky stuff off the nice fridge.



Hanny Pannekoek washing the walls in the bedroom that didn't get a fresh coat of paint.



Betty Sherwood sprucing up the bathroom cabinet with shelving paper.

The UU Men's Retreat

Please join an amazing group of men for the 27th Annual UU Men's Retreat from Friday, September 30 to Sunday Oct 2, 2016 at the Sasamat Outdoor Centre this fall. Surrounded by the forest bordering beautiful Lake Sasamat (about 30 minutes from Vancouver, BC), this event is a rare opportunity to reflect on your quality of life, work with and learn from other men, discover more of yourself, and build relationships both new and old. More importantly, this is a chance to relax and have FUN in the company of strong, gentle, witty and wise men – all in a serene, inspiring, natural environment.

Since 1990 this (mostly) annual event has been organized by and for (mostly) Unitarian men who celebrate and welcome persons, who identify as male, of all traditions, backgrounds, orientations and faiths. There is no membership or belief required other than respect for yourself and others.

Much of our time is spent in both structured and informal discussion and conversation, but there is also plenty of opportunity to visit the private beach, walk the trail around the lake, or take on the local biking trails. We'll also enjoy campfires, opportunities for artistic and musical expression, story-telling and humour, as well as informative workshops celebrating our inherent expertise.

The spacious lodge where we meet daily (which also houses washrooms and showers) has covered porches with indoor and outdoor fireplaces; five meals and snacks are included. We sleep in simple, shared, heated cabins in the forest (bring your own towels, soap, sleeping bag and pillow). It's a camp – no hotel, but not roughing it. No one else lives around the lake. This is a wonderful, quiet, inspiring place for this event. The facilities can accommodate over 80 people but we limit our group to between 40 and 60 men to support connection and cohesion. Don't miss out!

We gather at 5:00 pm, and start at 7:00 pm on Friday and end after lunch on Sunday. If cost is a barrier, we may have support available – please ask.

To register or for more information go to heyuu.ca and follow the links

Ticket prices are based on sharing the costs of about \$5400 among 40 men (that's \$135 each), so we encourage those who are able to choose a higher level of support so that all men can afford to attend.

On the web site, as you register, when you are asked to pay you will have four options as to the amount of your payment. The first three are based on your assessment of what you can afford and the last one is for first timers. We have about 50 people registered so, if you want to join us please register soon. There are men from Comox and Nanaimo registered so car pooling from the Island will happen. There is no deadline for registration other than that once we fill up we can sadly take no more men.

Tier 1 - \$130

Tier 2 - \$160

Tier 3 - \$180

Newcomers - \$115

Unitarian Universalist Island Network Summer Camp August 19 - 21, 2016

"I am on a voyage of discovery. I search for those of you who will go on a great adventure...if you are one of those audacious few willing to dare that then to share...then come with me". ~ William H. Danforth ~

Unitarian Universalist Island Network 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 – Come be part of a diverse, intergenerational, intentional community!.

Easter Seals Camp Shawnigan offers a lovely outdoor setting to have fun, relax, deepen friendships, explore spirituality and feel part of the larger Unitarian community. Take part in campfire, a Friday BBQ, variety show and family dance. As well, Saturday morning offers great programming for all ages, and the fabulous waterfront will be open in the afternoon. Hike up Mt. Baldy for a 360 degree view of Shawnigan Lake, explore the Kinsol Trestle, board games and crafts are other offerings for you to explore. This year there are three streams of adult programming to choose from:

Singing the Spirit with **Denis Donnelly** who will introduce songs, chants and rounds from a variety of spiritual and religious traditions.

Enjoy Somatic Experiencing and embodied Buddhist mindfulness meditation with **June Fukushima** to connect with the wisdom of your mind-body-spirit.

Compassionate Communication with **Selinde Krayenoff**. Learn to listen for and speak from life-serving needs instead of alienating thoughts.

A youth "play" shop program, children's program, as well as wee care on Saturday morning.

**Please note that you can come for the day if that fits better for your schedule. It is only about a 45 minute drive from Victoria. What a wonderful way to spend a summer day!!

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



NEW MEMBER PHOTOS: THEIR BIOS APPEARED IN ISSUE 7



Caroline Tashish-Rentz

Marg Rose



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.

Some Neighbourhood Groups take a rest in the summer, but many church members are meeting this spring and summer across NG lines as they socialize at events they purchased at the services auction in April. Building community never takes a break!

Esquimalt: Pat McMahon writes, "Esquimalt has added one delightful new member, baby Nola, born to Forest Sterling. A few of us have delivered meals to the busy family. Our next scheduled potluck dinner is at Hopewell's on August 5."

Fairfield: As well as providing coffee treats in June, Lynn Beak reports that many of their group were not aware of the church's Tuesday potlucks every month at the Cook Street Activity Centre in the Fairfield neighbourhood, so an enthusiastic group attended the June potluck to hear John Taylor provide the musical entertainment. The group is planning a picnic for August, but have not yet set the date.

Grand Central: Just home from sailing, Marya Nyland writes that they will have "A TEA & TALES- TO- TELL PARTY" on Sunday August 28 from 3- 5pm at the home of Philip and Marya. They will share finger food and hope to hear some memorable tales of summer adventures. They will also welcome new members to the group. Grand Central has been the busy group supplying coffee treats for July.

James Bay: This group has suspended summer gatherings and will meet again for a potluck in October.

Nearby: This NG, assisted by the choir, will be hosting the memorial service reception on July 29 for much-loved member, Bob Dobbs. And now, after several years as convenor, his widow, Nancy Dobbs, is gratefully passing the torch to Elaine Klimke, who will be the new convenor. Elaine and Dan have graciously invited the NG to their home in Willis Point for a potluck at 6:00 pm on Saturday, August 27. Carpooling is recommended, due to the steep driveway and limited parking.

Oak Bay: The big news in Oak Bay is that they are also having new convenors! After five fun-filled years convening a very active NG, Karla Thomson is taking a well-deserved rest. The team of Jan Li & Edith Jasechko-Burton will be the new convenors and Jan sends this message, "Sunday, August 21, @ 2 p.m. the OBNG will be having a summer mid-day potluck at Jim & Karla Thomson's home. Jim and Karla are requesting that you bring cold foods (salads and/or finger foods) and drinks (hopefully it will be a warm day), but NO desserts please. This party will be part of Karla's birthday celebrations so CAKE for everyone is on the Thomson's. As birthdays usually mean presents Karla is asking for items for the city's food bank."

And here is another change for the group: "For the OBNG lunch get together on every third Wednesday of the month, we are now moving to a new place at a new time. We will be meeting at 12:20 PM at the Monterey Recreation Centre's Fern Cafe. The food is less expensive than Oak's - and the food is very tasty. We had to move up our meeting time in order to get the main course offering [it tends to sell out fast]." As if all this isn't enough, Oak Bay will be providing August coffee treats.

Royal Oak East: Hanny Pannekoek writes, "We had the memorial service for Marie Horncastle on June 25. It was a very lovely gathering, led by Rev. Shana, and it clearly showed how important a memorial gathering is: many stories about Marie were shared and it turned out to be a re-connecting event for the family. They expressed their thanks and appreciation to all of us for organizing this event." **AND, another baby!** Hanny continues, "Our members, Bekki and Paul, have a new baby girl called Lavina, sister to Bridgette. On July 24 they will have an 'open house' baby shower for our group. We will bring finger food and a set of Anne of Green Gables as a gift for both girls. Our next gathering will be on September 6.

Royal Oak West: People are on the move, and they are moving to Royal Oak West! Fran Hancock writes, "Royal Oak West is pleased to announce that several church members have purchased homes in our neighbourhood this summer. Jennifer and Lance Young, who have recently moved back to Victoria from Kelowna, and Chris Cook and Shirley Travis, who are moving from Ten Mile Point to the Christmas Hill area. All four have a reputation for hosting great get-togethers, so we are looking forward to having them settle in. WELCOME TO YOUR NEW NG!

Western: Susan Lean reports that their group took a rest in July, but they are planning their regular potluck on the second Saturday of August, probably at Susan's and John's. They will miss long-time member and enthusiastic potluck host, Mac Elrod, who passed away peacefully on June 16, surrounded by his family and friends.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST

Date	Time	Event	Location
8/1	All Day!	BC Day, office closed	
8/7	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
8/14	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
8/21	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary
8/23	4:30PM to 6:30 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Common Room
8/28	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	Sanctuary

NEW (OLD!) MEMBERS

Jen and Lance Young are moving back to Victoria and have become members again.

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Phone and e-mails remain the same.

Neighbourhood Group is Royal Oak West.

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BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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E-mail and phone numbers remain unchanged at this time.

New Neighbourhood Group is Royal Oak West

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