



The Victoria Unitarian

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SERVICES IN MARCH



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

March 5

Seeds – and Stories – of Change

Chalice Choir

Martin Settle, Co-Executive Director of USC Worship Associate: Doug McGinnis

Seven decades after USC Canada was born as the Unitarian Services Committee, our Seeds of Survival program is giving communities in Canada and around the world a renewed sense of possibility and independence. Protecting seeds and farmers' rights yields much more than good food: it also sows a brighter future for farming families and for our planet. We share with you — our earliest and strongest supporters — our stories of change and hope.

BIO: "Martin Settle is Executive Director of USC Canada, Canada's oldest independent international assistance organization and a global leader in seed conservation. Passionate about global justice, Martin approaches the critical work of enhancing biodiversity as both an end in itself and as a gateway to transforming relationships, lives, and communities. He brings to you stories and firsthand experience of USC Canada's "Seeds of Survival" program in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Mali, Timor-Leste, Bangladesh, and Canada.

March 12

We Who Believe in Freedom Shall Not Rest

Bell Choir

Christopher Wulff, Ministerial Intern

Worship Associate: Anna Isaacs

NOTE: service is at 11:30 (Daylight Saving Time)

For over 100 years we have marked March 8th as International Women's Day with marches and protests, celebrations and laments. How shall we celebrate the extraordinary successes of the women's movement and sit with the experience of those who, at times, felt excluded by it? How do we hold the deep needs in ourselves, so potent in our hearts, and still hear the voices that ask us to draw the circle wider still?



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Services continued...

March 19

What Does Reconciliation Look Like?

Chamber Choir

Rev. Meg Roberts

Worship Associate: Liz Graham

In the journey of truth, healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, what could reconciliation look like? What would need to be in place first before that could happen? I look forward to sharing some ideas from my story as I've been learning how to walk this path.

BIO: Rev. Meg Roberts is in her fifth year doing quarter-time consulting ministry with Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship. She lives in Vancouver and is a guest speaker and workshop leader in congregations around B.C. Meg also does Spirit Arts workshops: using creativity and the arts in spiritual exploration. Meg is offering two workshops on writing homilies in Victoria on Saturday, March 18 and Monday March 20. Contact Anna Isaacs for more information.

She is excited to have been chosen to be in the cast of Theatre for Living's next main stage production, šxʷʔamət (home) which will be looking at reconciliation in human terms between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on this land. If you would like to come see the show in Vancouver, there will be 11 performances, March 3 – 11, 2017 (with a preview on March 2) at the Firehall Arts Centre. If you'd like more information, go to: http://www.theatreforliving.com/present_work/sxwPamet/index.html

For those not able to make it to Vancouver to see the play live, there will be a live-streamed interactive webcast of the show on the final performance, March 11, at 7:30pm. If any of your group want to watch it (on their own or in a group), it is forum style theatre---so you watch the play first (usually about 30 minutes) then we do the play a second time and audience members can stop it at any point, come up and take the role of one of the characters and try out their idea of a better/healthier way of dealing with the struggles in the play (it's called an intervention). There will be web-actors so anyone watching online can also put out their idea for the intervention. Go to <http://theatreforliving.com/> for more details in early March!

PS šxʷʔamət is a Musqueam word for 'home' and is pronounced shwuh-ahmet

March 26

A refugee and me – God's call to service in the global refugee crisis

Chalice Choir

Sabine Lehr, Immigrant Services Manager,

Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria

Worship Associate: Oliver Belisle

Based on her work as manager of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees program at the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria, Sabine Lehr will share some personal learnings from her experience. Of her experience and message to us, Sabine says, "The ability to play a small role in addressing the global refugee crisis has been a wonderful gift I have been given. In the face of this crisis, when it is tempting to ask ourselves, 'Where is God in all of this?', I hope that we can contemplate together how a crisis of even such magnitude can show us a path to a new purpose in life."

Biography:

Sabine Lehr's passion is the protection of refugees. In her professional life, she manages the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program at the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria. She also teaches graduate courses in global leadership and humanitarian studies at Royal Roads University. Sabine is a member of the Executive of the Canadian Council for Refugees and a member of the Council of the (Refugee) Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association of Canada.

Remember our give-and-take food cupboard in the farmhouse hallway.

Take as you need, give as you can.

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**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSIONS TO THE
APRIL ISSUE OF THE
NEWSLETTER IS
MARCH 14!**

SEL

FAYE MOGENSEN

SElections on Simplicity

We'll all miss the Reverends Shana and Melora these coming months, each in our own way. Despite the fact that during their absence the rest of the church is taking a sabbatical from following themes, in the children's program we are continuing with a thematic focus - perhaps I'll miss them less that way. Because some of the groups use curricula developed by the UUA, we aren't able to stick with them absolutely, however, some leaders (including me) find them inspirational for reflection and a good pivot point for creativity in planning.

In March, our selected theme is "Simplicity: the practice of ease." It's a perfect theme to remind me, who sometimes likes to complicate things, that doing what comes easily can often be the best choice. In our two preK-gr.4 programs, and during the Spring Break Sundays, we'll be using stories and leading activities that lift up the value of simplicity. yU*Uth group is likely to consider simplicity in a Soul Round, and we'll aim to run the rest of the program with as much ease as possible.

Of special note this month:

Thursday, March 2 is our annual SEL-CY leadership rejuvenation gathering - dinner included! Chris Wulff will join SEL-CY leaders to spur some creative conversation about spiritual exploration and behaviour management.

Sunday March 5, sadly, is Cheryl's last day of employment with us. She would like to extend her gratitude for the privilege of working alongside the wonderful children, families and volunteers in the Spirit Explorers program. For family reasons, she needs to get a full time job and pull back from working here. We look forward to Cheryl and her family's continued involvement as congregants of this church.

Sunday March 5 - Barbara will be attending a special course on creating a butterfly garden ~ we look forward to the inspiration she is bound to return with.

Sundays March 5 and 19 are OWL days. The next one is April 9.

March 19, 26 and April 2 are "Spring Break Sundays" ~ again this year, in a spirit of creativity, we invite children of all ages to join together on a collective project. Our aim this year is to decorate and assemble a musical wall for installation on the playground.

You may be asking:

What about Mystery Buddies? When is it?

After 23 years, we have decided to take a break. Since the purpose of the Mystery Buddy program is to foster intergenerational relationships, we are putting energy into an intergenerational dance. Please mark your calendars for an early evening of fun on Saturday May 6, and watch for details coming in April.

Warmly, Faye Mogensen

Director of Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Children and Youth

ARTIST OF THE MONTH**BRENDA ESTILL****Biography/Artist Statement**

I live on Vancouver Island in Victoria, BC. I received my BFA in Painting (with distinction) at the Alberta College of Art + Design. After graduation, I played an active role in the arts community in Calgary, participating in exhibitions and promoting the arts through various organizations. I relocated to Victoria four years ago as a full-time artist. This is an incredibly beautiful environment where I create my own fantasy world, dreaming of places and spaces which give me a sense of comfort and peace. These spaces are my secret sanctuaries and I can daydream for as long as I want!

French artist Henri Matisse has always been an inspiration in my painting. Like Matisse, I am interested in colour and the effects it can produce visually. At times my work is dreamy and quiet in its palette and then I move to bolder shapes and colours. It is a constant pursuit of new ideas and images which are stored in my memory and eventually show up on the canvas. My work can best be described by this quote from Mssr. Matisse:

“What I dream of is an art of balance, of purity and serenity devoid of troubling or depressing subject matter - a soothing, calming influence on the mind, rather like a good armchair which provides relaxation from physical fatigue.”

I couldn't have said it better!

Most Recent Exhibitions/Residencies include:

Summer/Autumn 2016 - Victoria Airport Art Display

July 2016 - Sooke Fine Arts Show

February 2016 – Art Gallery of Greater Victoria

July 2015 – Artishow, Parkside Hotel, Victoria, BC(Residency)

July 2015- Moss Street Paint In, Victoria, BC

July/August 2015 – Estevan Village Artwalk, Victoria, BC

March 2015 – The Wonder Years, Ruberto-Ostberg Gallery

October, 2014 – VISA, Slideroom Gallery, Victoria

September 2013-April 2014 - Vancouver Island School of Art

June 2013 – Connections, Ruberto-Ostberg Gallery, Calgary

December 2012 – An Evening at the Rancho, Calgary

June 2012 – Connections, Ruberto-Ostberg Gallery, Calgary

January 2012 – Soul, Ruberto-Ostberg Gallery, Calgary



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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

Resources for Congregation During Ministers' Sabbatical

THIS IS THE CORRECT LIST — PLEASE DISCARD THE LIST FROM LAST MONTH

Our ministers, Reverends Shana and Melora Lynngood, are taking a four-month Sabbatical (March 1 – June 30) before their regular six-week summer study leave/vacation. They will return to their regular full-time co-ministry (1/2 time each) on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. As part of their contract with us, our ministers accumulate one month of sabbatical for each year of service.

While our ministers are on sabbatical, the congregation will have both ongoing resources and special supplemental resources to support our continuing shared ministry. We will continue to have ministerial support through our half-time Ministerial Intern, Chris Wulff. The Committee on Ministry's expectation is that the ministers will not be called back during their sabbatical. While our ministers are away, and every day, let us take care of one another, and, as our mission says, “strive to transform ourselves and our world through compassionate action.”

Below is a listing of resources available to the congregation. Copies will also be available at the back of the Sanctuary and/or from the Church office starting January 8. **Feel free to tear off this sheet** (or print it out if you are reading this on your computer) **and post it on your fridge or by your phone.**

	Oversight	
Committee on Ministry Ongoing function Acting as Sabbatical Team	Works with the Ministerial Intern to support congregational health. Do you have a question or need help and you don't know who to call? Call one of us. We will help you find the resources you need to address your concerns.	Kent Haden, Chair 250-479-6563 kent@hadensoftware.com Suellen Guenther 250-727-0454 sguenther@shaw.ca John Hopewell 250-721-3920 hopewell@telus.net Margot Lods 250-920-3893 mlods@shaw.ca Mary-Ellen Nicol 250-590-4107 nicolme@yahoo.com Hanny Pannekoek 250-385-2299 hannyhugo@shaw.ca

Worship		
Worship Committee Ongoing function	Coordinates lay led services and guest preacher services	Chair, Dan Klimke 250-665-8087
Guest Preachers	Preach the Sundays our ministers would normally preach	
March 5	Martin Settle, Co-Executive Director of the Unitarian Service Committee	
March 12	Chris Wulff, Ministerial Intern	
March 19	Rev. Meg Roberts, served congregations in Calgary, Montreal, and Edmonton	
March 26	Sabine Lehr, Inter Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	
April 2	Revs. Marcus and Emily Hartlief Co- Ministers, North Shore Unitarians	
April 9	Rev. Al Tysick, Dandelion Society	

April 16	Chris Wulff, Ministerial Intern
April 23	Rev. Steven Epperson, Minister, Vancouver Unitarians

April 30	Margot Lods, First Unitarian Church of Victoria
May 7	Right Reverend Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop, Anglican Diocese of BC
May 14	Dr. Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria
May 21	Social Responsibility Committee
May 28	Chris Wulff, Ministerial Intern
June 4	Rev. Samaya Oakley, Minister, South Fraser Unitarian Congregation
June 11	Chris Wulff, Ministerial Intern
June 18	Dr. Suresh Basrur, Victoria Hindu Parishad And Cultural Center
June 25	Susan Breiddal, palliative response team counsellor, Victoria Hospice

Pastoral Care, Practical

Care and Concern ongoing function	Organized through Neighbourhood Groups; provides practical support with a caring spirit (casseroles, cards, visits). Each Neighbourhood Group has a Care & Concern contact person and a Care & Concern Liaison	Daphne Dunbar, Chair 250-381-7648 d.dunbar@shaw.ca
<i>Neighbourhood Group</i>	Care and Concern Contact	Care & Concern Liaison
Farout	Clare Vipond 250 652 5491	Maggie Nixon 250-656-5922 maggie21@shaw.ca
Nearby	Pam Harte 250-656-4893	
Royal Oak West	Dolores Appleton 250-658-0855	
Gordon Head	Mary Cramer 250-477-1615	Vacant
Cadboro Bay	Valerie (Tibbles) Roberts 250-477-7192	
Royal Oak East	Elaine Dakin 250-744-1357	
Grand Central	Marya Nijland 250-592-6484	Mary-Ellen Nicol 250-590-4107 nicolme@yahoo.com
Oak Bay	Susanne Garmsen 250-592-5195	
Fairfield	Louise de Lugt 778-679-0456	

Western	Susan Lean 250-478-5261	Barbara Boyle 250-381-0264 barbara.boyle@shaw.ca
Esquimalt	Barbara Boyle 250-381-0264	
James Bay	Daphne Dunbar 250-381-7648	

Pastoral Care, Emotional		
Pastoral Care Crisis Team March 1 – June 30, 2017	An empathetic presence to accompany people through crisis; emotional support rather than practical support. Choose any of the following:	Neighbourhood
Elinor Bazar	250-508-2819 elinorbazar@gmail.com	Cadboro Bay
Suzanne Beauchamp	778-433-2829 suz46b@yahoo.com	Royal Oak East
Isabelle Grenon	250-857-0445 igrenon@hotmail.com	Royal Oak West
Pauline Kenneally	250-388-6865 paulinekenneally@shaw.ca	Fairfield
Clare Vipond	250-652-5491 donandclare@shaw.ca	Far Out
Dispute Management		
Dispute Management Resource	This resource is available to anyone and/or group experiencing an impasse in their relationships due to strong difference of opinion in working on Church matters; a block which interrupts the flow of working well together. A solution-focussed process will invite participants to co-create ideas that lead to a successful outcome. This service is really quite "behind the scenes".	Chris Wulff 647- 708-2622 Chris@victoriaunitarian.ca Lorna Anthony 250-592-4831 loranthony@shaw.ca

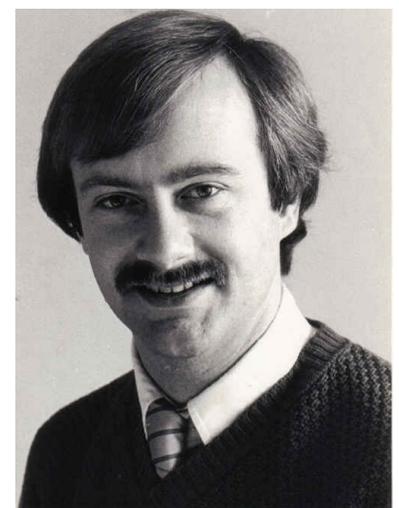
NOTEABLE UNITARIANS

CHRISTINE JOHNSON

Rev. Mark Mosher de Wolfe (1953-1988) was born a Unitarian Universalist in the USA to Barbara and the Rev. Bill de Wolfe (a former St Lawrence District rep for the UUA). However he was also proud of his family’s connections with Quebec, Scotland and the Universalists of Halifax. He was a summer minister at Toronto First and then hired by the South Peel, Mississauga Congregation. He was the first openly gay minister in Canada and contributed to Canadian Unitarianism well beyond his short life.

Apart from being an excellent all round minister he is well known for four things. He pushed “Contextual Theology” i.e. what is unique in our theology because we live in the North? He wrote our Hymn # 295 which we occasionally sing and a book called “Time to Live”. He was a strong supporter of the newly fledged Canadian UU Historical Society and this October in Toronto the CUUHS will broadcast, as its annual lecture (incidentally named after him), a biography of his life and work.

And lastly he became well-known in Toronto for running a very active support group for young men dying of AIDS, doing this right up until his own untimely death of AIDS at aged only 35.



REFUGEE REPORT

SUELLEN GUENTHER

Kristina went with Sunny for an interview in the UVic admissions office in late January to learn what documents Sunny needs to provide to apply for admission to UVic. Sunny has obtained her transcript for grades 1-12 and had it translated, and she is now working on getting her grade 13 transcript and having it translated. Two days later, they had an appointment with Dr. Kirk McNally, an advisor in the program Sunny wants to pursue, the joint Music/Computer Science degree program. There was a gas leak in the building, so they couldn't enter, but they were able to contact him and meet at a nearby Tim Horton's. Kristina says the interview went very well. Sunny lived in Goa, India, after she left Iran and before she went to Turkey, so she had some experience as a DJ there, mixing electronic streams of music, and she was familiar with the terms Dr. McNally used. It is a Co-Op program, so if she gains admission, she will have both study and work terms, giving her both income and work experience.

Sunny's bike was stolen early this year, and after considerable searching, Colin James was able to locate a nice, small Schwinn bike on Used Victoria for \$150. The size is just right for Sunny. It has been ridden only about three times and everything looks brand new. It has very nice hybrid tires, 21 gears, an aluminum frame, and has been kept dry in a garage for three years. Colin was able to supply a bike rack, fenders, and a mirror from his cache of spare bike parts, and we will add the necessary headlight, taillight, and a strong U-lock by purchase or donation.

Members of the Refugee Committee continue to explore options to assist the Sari family to get to Victoria. Christine and Colin are in communication with a local group affiliated with Canada 4 Refugees and their recent meeting notes state that they "met to discuss how best to advocate and to put pressure on the federal govt. to speed up the screening and processing time of refugees waiting lengthy periods to come to Canada. It appears that the process has slowed down over recent time due to limited funds and lack of political will. Our objective is to attempt to put pressure on the federal govt. to put more resources into this file. As it now appears, Syrian refugees may drop down the wait list behind Afghan and Somali refugees."

Leslie Gillett contacted the CUC office at the request of our Social Responsibility Coalition, asking for an update on the status of the Sari family, and April Hope sent an inquiry to the Ankara visa office. She received an auto-response acknowledging receipt and stating that the high volume of correspondence they receive prevents them from providing personalized responses. April told Leslie the CUC is representing several other groups whose processing time from Ankara is long overdue. On Feb. 6, April received this message about our family from the Immigration section of our federal government: "The case is still under process. Please be advised that we have made note of your message. Be assured that all efforts are being made to keep the processing time as short as possible. We thank you for your patience." The truth is, patience hasn't produced any results for us, so far.

As a further effort, the CDN Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association, which includes the CUC, issued a press release on Jan. 30, capitalizing on the outrage in reaction to the Trump executive order to suspend refugee admissions. The press release notes that Canada has been recognized as a leader in resettling Syrian refugees, notes the 2017 target of 25,000 refugees is a substantial reduction from the 2016 target of 44,800 resettled, and concludes with these words: "With the USA vastly reducing its commitment to admit resettled refugees in 2017, the unprecedented need for refugee resettlement and the commitment of the Canadian government, supported by the Canadian public, to continue to show leadership in refugee resettlement, the Council of the SAH Association calls upon the Canadian government to increase its 2017 targets."



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LEGACY CIRCLE TESTIMONIAL

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The donors prefer to remain anonymous.

If you have any questions about leaving a bequest to the church in your will, please contact Frances Hancock at [250-477-1310](tel:250-477-1310). Your confidentiality will be respected. Thank you.

HOW 2017

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HOW – 2017



HOW stands for Healing Our World. The following project is practical, urgently needed and gently touches the lives of vulnerable young girls, with respect and hope.

Change Her Life – Washable Sanitary Kits for 100 Girls in Lesotho
Project cost: \$4,750

For a week or so every month, young girls and women in many developing countries are forced by cultural taboos and lack of practical solutions to stay isolated at home or in huts in the bush. Menstruation, a physical reality for all women, becomes a shameful burden and an obstacle to going to school and being in public places. During that time of the month, girls are often bullied.

When your family struggles to put food on the table, the purchase of disposable sanitary products is impossible. Many girls try using old clothing, dirty rags, or even leaves to manage their periods; however these methods are both dangerous to their health and difficult to conceal. The registered charity, *Help Lesotho*, has partnered with a local sewing school in Lesotho to make and distribute washable sanitary kits that last up to three years. Each kit can keep a girl in school for 150 days that she might otherwise miss.

The impact of the reusable sanitary kits is remarkable. They are one of the simplest and most cost-effective strategies for empowering girls to stay in school. Through this project, girls will learn to make healthy, informed decisions about their bodies, will be able to stay in school while menstruating, and will be empowered to be proud of the young women they are. The project will be delivered to 50 girls in each of two locations during November and December of this year.

Lesotho is a land-locked country in Southern Africa, one of the poorest. *Help Lesotho* is a registered Canadian charity whose mission is to develop and deliver holistic, innovative programs that help people heal, learn new skills and strategies, and ultimately take action for the benefit of others. In 2015, *Help Lesotho* was selected by the Financial Post as one of the Top 25 charities in Canada worthy of your donations.

Through this project, we will support a total of 100 girls in Grade 7 by providing them with:

- **A washable sanitary kit** that includes: 2 shields with a moisture proof barrier and ‘wings’ that wrap around a pair of underwear; 8 tri-fold liners. Each square liner can be folded in three to act as the ‘pad’; and Zip-lock bags, soap, and a beautiful carrying bag;

Two days of education to prepare them for the challenges and peer pressure they could encounter in high school. The training sessions will cover:

- Menstruation and reproductive health;
- Self-esteem;
- Making healthy decisions and resisting peer pressure; and
- Preventing teenage pregnancy.

The 100 girls will be selected from *Help Lesotho’s* partner primary schools, on the basis of need and commitment to attending high school in 2018:

Thaba Tseka, a remote community high in the mountains of central Lesotho. Residents struggle to access resources due to the long distance and poverty.

Pitseng: *Help Lesotho* runs a small community centre in the village of Pitseng. The project will make use of this facility to deliver the training and will make clear to girls in the region that the centre is somewhere they can also go when they need help.

This project has been proposed by Margot Lods, supported by Naida Hyde. Both these church members have spent time in Lesotho. They welcome your questions. Your HOW committee – Leslie Gillett, Clare and Don Vipond – also invites your questions or comments.

We are writing on deadline and indications are that there may be a second HOW proposal. If so, we will give you all the details next month. Meanwhile, if you are moved to support this project, please make your cheque payable to First Unitarian Church of Victoria and write “HOW” on the memo line. You can drop your cheque into the collection basket on a Sunday or leave it, to the attention of the treasurer, at the church office. Thanks.

GREEN CORNER**LOUISE COLE****THE EARTH CHARTER**

The Victoria Faith in Action Committee has asked the City of Victoria to endorse the Earth Charter. At an AGM on May 26, 2013, First Unitarian Church of Victoria voted to endorse this grassroots, international document which was created after the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. It is a document of ethics, values and principles for a sustainable future. It is divided into four major areas, under which are many principles.

The first set of Principles describe **RESPECT AND CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LIFE**. Accepting that with the right to own, manage and use natural resources comes the duty to protect against environmental harm and protect the rights of people. With increased freedom, knowledge and power comes increased responsibility. Building democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable and peaceful promotes basic human rights. Actions of each generation must be qualified by the needs of future generations.

The second set of principles come under the heading of **ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY**. Protecting and restoring the integrity of Earth's ecological systems includes concern for biological diversity and the natural processes that sustain life. All levels of sustainable development must include plans and regulations that make environmental conservation integral. Safeguarding nature and biosphere reserves, including wild lands and marine areas protect Earth's life support systems and preserve our natural heritage.

The third set of principles come under the heading of **SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE**. Eradicating poverty as an ethical, social and environmental imperative is essential in achieving this goal. We must ensure that economic activities promote human development in an equitable and sustainable manner. Under this broad category also comes affirming gender equality and equity as prerequisites to sustainable development.

The fourth set of principles come under the heading of **DEMOCRACY, NON-VIOLENCE AND PEACE**. The global consensus works to strengthen democratic institutions at all levels and provide transparency and accounting in governance. Inclusive in nature, everyone has the right to receive clear and timely information on plans and activities that are likely to affect them. These principles seek to integrate into formal education and life-long learning, the knowledge, values and skills necessary for a sustainable way of life.

For more information on the Earth Charter see: www.earthcharter.org

You can help the City of Victoria endorse the Charter by signing a petition at:
http://www.victoriavoice.ca/earth_charter



SPRING VARIETY CONCERT

FRIDAY APRIL 7 at 7pm

**Presented by the Chalice Choir
and featuring a variety of musical groups
and guest performers**



Admission by donation to support the ministries of First Unitarian Church

AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**SUELLEN GUENTHER**

Around The Neighbourhood

All members, friends, and newcomers to the church can be part of the Neighbourhood Group where they live. Groups meet monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or occasionally. If your group is missing from this column, there was nothing to report this month. If you don't know which group you are in, please phone the church office.

Esquimalt: Pat McMahon writes, "Esquimalt had a potluck dinner Friday, Feb. 3 at Cedar Shores. It was a snowy night, and flu season, but 12 of us persevered through the weather to enjoy a convivial meal. Marion Pape's intention to attend was thwarted by a fender-bender en route (no injuries and car drivable). Coffee hour at Cafe Fantastico/ Fol Epi is coming up Tuesday Feb 21 at 2:30. Also, Esquimalt was the group providing us with coffee treats after church in February.

Fairfield: Lynn Beak shares an interesting topic their group will be discussing: "Fairfield NG is planning a gathering on February 26. The discussion theme is a gift, characteristic, or attribute that you have received from the past generation." They will be inviting two people from our church new to the Fairfield area. This is a busy month for Fairfield because they are also hosting the Souper lunch on Feb. 19 with James Bay.

Far Out: Penny and Farrell will be hosting Far Out for a wine and cheese on Friday, Feb. 17 from 5:00-7:00. They will be planning for the Souper they are providing with Grand Central on Mar. 19, and since the gathering is at Boyce's, there will probably be music.

Gordon Head: Mary Cramer writes, "GH is preparing for our next potluck on February 19th at the home of Sue Clement Thorne and Michael Thorne. It will be our first one at their home as they recently moved into our area. Also, we have several folks from GH who have recently started attending our church and have expressed interest in our NG. We hope that we will be able to meet some of them at this potluck."

Grand Central: This group will have a busy March. Marya Nijland writes, "Longtime church member Yvonne Bondarchuk's Celebration of Life will be on March 4th and our group will look after the reception and it will be our turn to help organize the Souper Sunday on March 19. Philip and I will be visiting our family in Europe in April and we hope to come back with 'spring in our steps,' refreshed with new ideas and plans!"

James Bay: Lynn Hunter writes, "The James Bay Neighbourhood Group will be teaming up with Fairfield to do the Souper Sunday on March 19th. Then our next get together is a potluck lunch at noon at the home of Myra Rippon on Saturday, March 4th. We look forward to good food and lively conversation."

Nearby: People in this group were too busy to gather in February, so they will try again in spring. However, the church will keep them busy because they will be providing treats for coffee time in March. Nearby will miss Sylvia McDonald, who has moved back to Vancouver to be closer to her children and the choir is missing Sylvia as well!

Oak Bay: Tiff reports that Oak Bay has homework for their next potluck on February 18 at Doug McGuinness' house. Their custom is for the host to choose the theme for the potluck, so Doug writes, "Our theme will be QUALITY, and as your host I am asking everyone to begin thinking about what brings quality into your life. My challenge to you is for you to bring a **piece of art, picture, short description, poem, haiku, dance, song or piece of music** that expresses *qualitatively* that soul-fulfilling and magical "*je ne sais quoi*" that brings genuine quality to the treasured experiences of your life (sensory, cerebral, emotional, spiritual)"

Tiff adds, "OBNG will be having our monthly luncheon on the third Wednesday of the month. Last month, 7 people showed up and ate & talked for over 1 1/2 hours." Oak Bay will be very busy in Feb. because they will also be organizing the reception after the memorial service for long-time member, Menno Tromp on Feb. 25.

Royal Oak East: Hanny Pannekoek writes, "At our last meeting we realized that one of the positions in our group was not covered, namely the telephone tree back up position. Despite the fact that we hardly need to use the telephone tree our 'pride' moved us to make the roster complete. Suzanne Beauchamp volunteered. Our next potluck gathering will be on March 7.

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Around the Neighbourhood cont'd

Royal Oak West: Fran Hancock has sent out this plea to her NG: “Royal Oak West is looking for volunteers who would be willing to host an afternoon or evening potluck where our NG may be able to brainstorm ideas to come up with a fundraiser for **Auction Fever** on April 21. Please contact me if you are able to host a gathering, as this would be very much appreciated. Thank you.”

Western: This group is looking forward to having Susan and John back to get them organized for their regular potlucks.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

First Unitarian Church of Victoria has signed an agreement with the Municipality of Saanich designating our church as a gathering place in the event of an earthquake or other emergency.

How much water will you need? Do you know how to make and use a Compositin commode? Where should kits be stored? Families welcome!

Come and hear how all of us can be better prepared during such an event.

When: Saturday, March 25, 2017

Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: FUCV Lion Hall

Representatives from Saanich will lead the discussion and will provide each household with a workbook containing useful information.

There is no charge for this workshop but it is important that we know numbers. If you plan to attend, please contact Peter Hancock - hancockp@telus.net.



**Emergency
Preparedness**

The CUC board has had a team planning how to promote and celebrate our new Vision Statement. We are doing so with two contests, and hope you can get your members excited about participating. Full details of these contests is now on the CUC website at <http://cuc.ca/vision-and-mission/>

In brief, here's what they are:

Interconnected Faith Sermon Contest: Write a new sermon/homily of 1,800 to 2,500 words on any aspect of the Vision Statement and its five attached Aspirations. Deliver that sermon to a Unitarian congregation sometime between today and the contest deadline of Feb. 2, 2018. Participants can be ministers or lay people and must be connected to a Canadian UU congregation. The winner will receive a \$150 prize, plus an invitation to present their sermon during the CUC 2018 ACM held in Hamilton.

Canadian Unitarian Art Contest: Create a piece of art that celebrates our new Vision Statement – the statement itself, not the five attached Aspirations. The art can be in any medium – painting, sculpture, songs, videos, poems. Participants should submit their original work or, if the work can't be mailed, send photographs of the work. There will be three categories, based on the creator's age range: age 12 and under; age 13-17; and age 18 and older. Group projects, such as from an RE group, are welcome. Prizes of \$50 will go to the winning piece in each category. Deadline for submissions: Oct. 1 2017. Participants must be connected to a Canadian UU congregation. The winning pieces will be shared online with Canadian Unitarian Universalists.



**CONTEST
ALERT!**

Submitted by: Susan Ruttan, CUC board member, Western region

Path to Membership



Are you new to our church?

*Have you just discovered our church or are you a Unitarian
from elsewhere?*

Would you like to know more?

We know it can be daunting to get to know people when everyone seems to already know everyone. And we know it can be hard to get to know us in the coffee hour. So, if you **would** like to get to know us better, we hope the steps below will help.

STEP ONE: Drop by the Visitors' Table near the front of the sanctuary. Ask questions. Fill out a Visitor Welcome form on which you can indicate if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, weekly electronic mini-newsletter, be connected to your Neighbourhood Group, or have your own name tag.

STEP TWO: Church Orientation, April 23, 12noon – 1pm

This is a gathering for all newcomers, whether you have just walked through the door or been coming for several months and want to know more about us, whether you eventually become a member, or choose to be a friend of the church. The Orientation provides basic information about our congregation and ways to make connections.

STEP THREE: Considering Membership, May 7, 12noon-2pm.

This session will help you determine whether you would like to officially become a member of our church. Whether you join right away, not yet, or not at all, the session will be informative and enjoyable, as we will be talking about things that matter in a small group setting with warm and interesting people.

Events are held on Sundays, after the church service, in the Farmhouse Common Room, in the building just north of the main sanctuary building. A light lunch will be available and child minding will be provided on request. To sign up for either or both of these events, or if you have questions, please contact **Chris Wulff (Intern Minister)** at Chris@victoriaunitarian.ca or Cell (647) 708-2622.

STEP FOUR: Application for Membership. Fill out the application found in the membership packet. Submit the application and a financial pledge or contribution to the office. Your name will be read into the membership records at the next board meeting. Voting privileges commence 60 days after and you will be recognized at the next New Member Ceremony.

Another event to watch for:

Periodically, a two-part event called **Introduction to Unitarian Universalism** is offered which is designed to give more in-depth information about UUism. Whether you are not yet a member, a new member or have been a member for a long time, if you wish to know more about our denomination, this is for you.

We are so glad you have found us and we are looking forward to getting to know you.

ORION VESPERS PROJECT

ON A DARK COLD WINTER'S NIGHT....LOOK UP.....AT THE SAPPHIRE CLOAK OF THE NIGHT SKY

THE CONSTELLATION ORION HAS RISEN....THE HUNTER OF STARS



Bringing together the talents of Rev. Frances Dearman and Nicholas Fairbank to create a uniquely Unitarian Universalist *Vesperae pro Serveto*, Rev. Dearman has written a seven-part Vespers in Latin addressing the darkness of winter and Unitarian Universalist responses to it. See the Latin text and English translation on our church website under Music Program, or click [here](#). (Paraphrase below.)

Nicholas Fairbank, our Music Director, has been commissioned to set the text to music. The commission will be for four-part choir (soprano, alto, tenor and bass), piano, and six other instruments to be chosen by the composer in consultation with the FUCV project management team. The length of the seven part work will be approximately 3 ½ minutes each, for a total of 25 minutes of music.

Grant applications are well underway to the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Canadian Unitarian Council, and our own church's Foundation to help fund this inspiring project. Individuals are also making donations: we are almost half-way to our individual funding goal of \$3,000!

THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN BRINGING THIS WORK TO LIFE! Make a tax-deductible donation to the First Unitarian Church of Victoria with "Orion Vespers Project" in the memo line. Together we can make it happen!

**MAY YOU ALL BE CHERISHED WARMLY, ABUNDANTLY....MAY WE HAVE PLEASANT
REST...AMEN**

I observe the signs of imminent nightfall with awe, thanks, and reverence, with gratitude for peace and plenty. As rest and sleep approach, I am mindful of those who will not rest this night, of those who sacrifice their sleep to care for others. I walk into nature in the gathering darkness to a place of observation. Observation leads to reflection, recognition of the harshness life can bring, as well as life's beauty. Mindful of the inequities of life, I pledge action towards the healing of the world. I praise and respond to the interconnected world, commit to a life of purpose, and surrender to the blessings of sleep.

Child Haven International Fundraiser Dinner

Let us get together to enjoy a multicourse Indian gourmet meal, an educational presentation by Nanci Burns, MSW, R.S.W. from Child Haven International, and entertainment provided by talented dancers: Nishi Lakhwara, the Iyer sisters.

Date: Saturday, April 1st, 2017

Where:
Ukrainian Centre
3277 Douglas Street - Victoria
(between Mayfair Mall & Uptown)

Time:
6:00pm Doors open
6:30pm Supper

Tickets: \$35/ticket (Cash or cheque only)

To purchase ticket(s), please contact Christine Johnston at 250-385-5444, Mandy at 250-881-1982, ext. 2100, or Ann Kumar at 250-532-3719 or annskumar@hotmail.com.

The net proceeds will be donated to Child Haven International.

www.childhaven.ca

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TICKETS for April 1 can be bought from Hanny Sutmoller, Katherine Jones, John Worton or Christine Johnston, all members of the Child Haven team, or after service during March.

The speaker is Nanci Burns, a recent Intern/volunteer from Ottawa who is also a well-known educator.

Indian items will be on sale, sent by Bonnie.

Menu includes chicken korma, chickpea masala, palak paneer, naan , mango ice cream, etc.

Child Haven Committee (from Christine Johnston)

There was a collection exclusively for Child Haven on Feb 19 as part of the Sunday Service but the main event will be the annual Dinner April 1st in the evening at the Ukrainian Hall on Douglas St. Tickets will be available closer to the time from Hanny Pannekoek, Kathryn Jones, John Worton and Christine Johnston.

Mariko Matsumoto and her son have completed the Training in Maxville, Ontario, and are now signed up for a three month stint leaving shortly for the CHI Home in Kathmandu, Nepal. We wish them a happy and safe life-changing experience.

UUIN NEWS

SHARON FULTON

UUIN NEWS

The UUIN would like to spread the word about upcoming events that are open to all interested Unitarian Universalists on Vancouver Island and surrounding Islands. We are better together!

Share Your Story: A Homily Writing Workshop

Sat March 18, 2017, 9:30am – 3:30pm

More information from Anna Isaacs isaacs.anna@gmail.com or 250-472-0117

Spirit Play Curriculum Training

The Spirit Play Curriculum is a 'New Model' for offering Religious Education within Unitarian Universalist Congregations for three to ten year olds. The program is an adaptation of the original Godly Play, developed by Reverend Jerome Barryman, and used by Christian Congregations Curriculum. This methodology is based on Maria Montessori's theory of children's learning processes. The curriculum incorporates hands-on, aesthetic story and art materials to help the children make sense of life's religious questions and spiritual experiences. The stories come from our six Unitarian Sources and our seven Unitarian principles.

Training Day: Saturday, April 29th, 2017 from 9am to 5pm

And Optional Sunday Service presented by Joy Silver

www.ufon.ca 595 Townsite Road, Suite 1, Nanaimo BC V9S 1K9

\$120 Canadian per person - includes lunch, Curriculum CD, and Handbook

Presenter: Joy Silver, Registered Spirit Play Trainer

You will:

- Experience a Spirit Play model classroom
- See Spirit Play stories modeled for you
- Be introduced to the Philosophy of Spirit Play based on Jerome Berryman's and Maria Montessori's Work
- Become familiar with and present one story
- Hear about success stories and how to begin a Spirit Play Program
- Receive a packet of materials including a CD of Spirit Play story scripts and basket layout ideas

More information available here <http://ufon.ca/children-and-families/> or contact Sharon Fulton at sharonfulton@shaw.ca

Registration deadline *March 15, 2017*

Islands Chapter of CUSJ

The monthly meeting will be held mid March date TBA

You can participate via Zoom

Contact leslieucv@gmail.com for more details

where's the Party??

Friday April 21
Silent Auction — 6pm
Live Auction — 7pm
At the Church
Payment by **cash/cheque**

Auction Fever 2017
Fun Food Friends Funds! Don't miss it!

Calling all Innovators

Do you have an idea for doing things differently in our church community: a new program or service or a new way of doing an existing program?

We have a deal for you: The Ruth Humphreys Innovations Fund trustees are calling for proposals.

The Innovations Fund will provide funding for opportunities and new ideas that add value to our congregational life.



Applications will be received for time-limited grants to projects, of up to \$10,000 per year that:

- Apply new and different methods to existing programs,
- scale up successful and innovative programs and services,
- ‘beta-test’ or experiment with new ideas,
- offer collaborative approaches to address an issue or opportunity,
- improve the delivery of current programs and services.

Al Hoffman, John Tiffany, Betty Sherwood, Lorna Anthony and Gerry Brimacombe are the trustees. Rev. Shana serves as trustee *ex officio*. You can contact any of the trustees with your questions.

Further information and funding application forms are available from the Church website (Innovation Fund) and the Church office. DEADLINE is Thursday, March 31, 2017.

It’s time to get those creative juices flowing and get those applications in. We are anxious to give you money. How often do you hear that?

SRC

Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) and Relationship Building

In a time of “alternate truths” and polarized thinking, our UU principles are a bulwark against the anxiety caused by competing world views. One of our main principles is “justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.”

At his January 29 sermon, visiting Reverend Lawrence Scyner of St. John the Divine Anglican Church, reflected on the challenge to keep our society open to compassionate human relations. He suggested that we must go beyond reacting to the symptoms of social injustice and find a way to reach those in power who can bring about change. Reverend Scyner introduced GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together) as an organization that has the power to make a difference in this age of individualism where many voices compete for attention.

In the information forum after church, Peggy Wilmot of St. John the Divine explained that GVAT’s first step is to concentrate on building strong personal connections—by authentic listening—within one’s own organization. This process is an essential precursor to joining up with other faith groups and like-minded components of civic society to share a collective wisdom that leads to joint action. She told us that this process is being used across the UK, Australia, Germany, and US.

Over the next few months, we will explore how GVAT's approach can strengthen and clarify our commitment to acting on the side of love and justice both personally and through the FUCV community. We need to know our own passions and goals before we can work with others towards a defined common good. Through deep listening practices, we hope to discover these motivations, joys and concerns. After that, the congregation can decide by vote whether we want to join with other faith and civic groups to work within GVAT.

Submitted by: Sonya Ignatieff, Leslie Gillett and Philip Symons for the SRC

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

- 1 John Tiffany
- 3 Wally du Temple, Eleanor Lloyd, Todd Webber
- 4 Elijah and Jasper Motz Fox
- 5 John Hopewell
- 6 Caroline Startin
- 9 Fiona O'Dell
- 12 Emerald Pringle, Andrew Niven, Gabriel Adam
- 14 Isabel Jones
- 15 Sandra Jacobsen
- 16 Victoria Gray
- 17 Nancy Gray-Hemstock
- 18 Kjerstin Mackie
- 19 Roger Sandford, Julia Webber
- 20 Phyllis Girard, Margot Lods
- 21 Michael Ramsey
- 22 Alastair Dillistone, Bill Gaylord
- 26 Shirley Travis, Donald (Don) Lloyd
- 27 John Hall, Athena Lynngood
- 29 Curran Dobbs

CONTACT CHANGES

Erin Kinrade Families' current address is below. All other contact information remains the same:
 104 - 724 Sea Ter.
 Esquimalt, BC V9A 3R6

Sylvia McDonald has moved to the mainland. No phone number for us yet.

335 - 5th St.
 New Westminster, BC V3L 2X3

BOARD MEMBERS ON DUTY

- Mar 5, Marion Pape
- Mar 12, Karen Furnes
- Mar 19, TBA
- Mar 26, John Worton



You are invited to
The Community Dinner
 Friday, MARCH 10, 6:00 pm



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This month is Baked Potato Night. Big fluffy baked potatoes with tons of toppings to choose from - including vegetarian and gluten free options. Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Dinner is by donation. Please bring a dessert, salad or drink to share.

To help with cleanup please bring your own plate and dessert bowl.

A rinsing station will be provided.

What is the Community Dinner? It is our once-a-month dinner gathering on the second Friday of the month - September to June. This is a very popular multi-generational event offering a great opportunity to meet new people or catch up with friends over a casual, fun, delicious meal.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/1		Ministers' Sabbatical starts today: away Mar.1-Aug.14	
3/4		Memorial for Yvonne Bondarchuk (please check website calendar for memorial time)	Sanctuary
3/5	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	
3/10	6-9pm	Community Dinner	Sanctuary
3/12		DAYLIGHT SAVING (clocks move forward)	
	11:30am-12:30pm	Sunday Service@ 11:30am	Sanctuary
3/19	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	
	11:30am-1pm	Souper Sunday	Sanctuary
3/26	10:30-11:30am	SUNDAY SERVICE	

Good bye and thank you!!

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity of working for you these last 9 ½ years. I have had the honour of working with people I admire, love, and am proud to have known. My most powerful feeling has been gratefulness – which is why I try to always end my emails with a “Thanks” – as a conscious everyday acknowledgment of thanks for the gift of my job.

When I was interviewed for the position of church administrator I knew very little about Unitarianism. I dropped by the church office looking for more information as it was important for me to feel happy about whichever organization I worked for. I gathered various pamphlets and liked what I read about Unitarianism. The one piece that stood out for me, however, was the children’s version of the 7 Principles. I admired the clarity of the values presented to young lives: kindness, fairness, freedom to search for one’s own values, acceptance of each other and caring about the planet (principles which children often inherently know). The 7th principle talked about Earth being ‘the home we share with all living things’ – sharing, rather than the more common belief that humans are Earth’s most evolved caretakers. I decided I wanted to work for people who espoused that belief.

I have come to know and love the various gatherings of people - of sometimes disparate beliefs, but unified by common principles – who meet under our roof. I have felt, with awe and amazement, the united deep love and caring of people gathered at memorials where I felt honoured to be present. I love Sunday mornings when I arrive early and the empty Sanctuary holds a peaceful feeling of anticipation. Slowly it comes alive. Nick, our music director, may be practicing a piece on the piano, the ushers move about quietly placing hymnbooks on chairs, the AV person is opening up the sound console to set up for the service, the greeters are talking together by the front door and the coffee crew is setting up tables and chairs in the Lion Hall. The Worship Associate and Sunday minister soon turn up and are conferring quietly near the podium. A little later, in the farmhouse, the sound of the choir’s voices drifts through the hallway. The world feels right.

As part of my job, I am also aware of how each Sunday presents the culmination of meetings, music practices, theme and homily creation, publications, and of much communication between various participants - with discussion and decision-making bouncing back and forth throughout the week before.

I will miss the morning tree-lined drive to work, the views across the valley as I step out of my car, and the light-filled view from my desk. I will miss seeing the changes of the seasons in the field across the way and how the position of each day’s sunset moves from north to south, and back again, across the breadth of the office windows with each year. The high pitched whistling sound of strong winds curling around the farmhouse, and the inevitable power outages – most of which are luckily brief. The open spaciousness of winter tree branches and the richness of the same cloaked with green in summer. I will miss the mass croaking of frogs in the spring dusk, and the murmured conversations between ducks, geese and swans on the winter lake in early evenings, and the sound of incoming flocks calling out as they arc in the dark above the lake and how the lake birds call back in answer. I will especially miss the Trumpeter swans. I now understand why swans are sometimes viewed as otherworldly.

I would like to express my ongoing gratefulness to Bert MacBain and Bob van Alstyne for suggesting that I apply for this job back in 2007. Bert was a gentle and supportive trainer and told me the work was not brain surgery, but it would take at least a year or two to feel comfortable. I must be a slow learner as it took 4 years before I felt I had an overall handle on my work!

I will miss the camaraderie of everyone who works in or passes through the farmhouse. I will miss you all - you have felt like my extended family. I am aware and deeply grateful that I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work for and with you. Thank you!

Karen

Outside Rental Coordinator Position Available

Involves consulting with potential renters, securing agreements with them, overseeing the arrangements, and checking the rented spaces after the rental period is finished. The rental coordinator works closely with the Church Administrator. The successful candidate must have a car, as travel to and from the church is required.

Payment is a commission totaling 15% of the rental fee. The coordinator is self employed and is not an employee of the Church. If interested, please contact John Tiffany (*Tiff"), Property Council Chair for more information: johnstiffany0705@gmail.com or (778) 432-0881.

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