



The Victoria Unitarian

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA
Growing in Spirit, Living with Compassion, Inspired to Serve

SERVICES IN APRIL



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

April 2

The Thread You Follow

Doug Hensley — Guitarist

Reverends Emily and Marcus Hartlief

Worship Associate: Anna Isaacs

As we navigate the complexities of our lives, what guides our steps? What holds us steady? What changes our course? Some reflections on meaning and mysteries on life's journey.

Bio: Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief serve the North Shore Unitarian Church in Vancouver, BC. They moved from Rochester, New York to serve this congregation with their one-year-old son, Henry in July, 2016. They met and studied together at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California.

April 9

Stories From the Street

Reverend Allen Tysick

Chalice Choir

Worship Associate: Dar Gareau-Levy

The heart of the Dandelion Society is relationship, being advocates for those with no power, and speaking out for justice and equality for all. Reverend Al Tysick will share with us some of his stories from the street, interwoven with his own personal struggle with theology and his movement from a conservative faith to a more liberal and progressive one... and how the people of the streets have helped him to do that.

Biography:

Born in Ottawa in 1946, raised by a strong mother who lived on welfare, Allen Tysick, known as "Rev Al" by Victoria's street community, has been committed to the streets – where his heart and "family" are – for over 40 years. He founded the Victoria Dandelion Society in April 2011 as a way to carry his work on the front lines into the future.

Every morning, he hits the streets at 5:30am with coffee, muffins, and whatever warm supplies he has. While those who sleep outside are awakened by the sounds of an awakening city, Al is there to make sure everyone has a safe and welcoming start to their day. He spends the rest of his day going from hospitals, jails and residences, helping those he visits in whatever they need.

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April 16

Resurrecting Hope

Chamber Choir

Christopher Wulff – Ministerial Intern

Worship Associate: Doug McGinnis

Viewing Easter as a moment that celebrates resurrection speaks so much to our hopes for an imagined future, for ourselves and for the earth. As a spring election approaches, how can our democratic practice nurture renewal and inspire us together? What in this world yearns for resurrection?

April 23

The Important Stuff is Invisible

Reverend Steven Epperson

Chalice Choir

Worship Associate: Larry Boldt

On this Earth Day Sunday, we'll check in with some of the latest news from the cosmos and the teeming world beneath our feet, as the world-wide science community reports back to us about their on-going quest to describe the world in which we live. We'll look at the mind-bending, overall structure of the universe and the hidden life network in our soil. It's awe-inspiring and surprisingly wonderful stuff.

Bio: Crossing boundaries has been a constant feature in Steven's life: from rural to urban and Mormon to Unitarian, from university professor to parish ministry, from US citizen to Canadian citizen. There are constants as well: a love of learning, a passion for music (from Bach to Radiohead), a commitment to social justice, and crazy love for his wife Diana, their children and grandchildren. He knows how to darn socks, clean a bathroom, read good stories out loud at bedtime, and shingle a roof.

April 30

First Century Christians

Men's Choir

Margot Lods

Worship Associate: Dan Klimke

Margot Lods, an elder of this church, does not need much of an introduction, but you may not know that she holds a theological degree from Trinity College, Toronto, and served as Dean of Studies at the Anglican Women's Training College, where she lectured in New Testament and Systematic Theology. She considers those days as an important part of her life's spiritual journey, although she now identifies herself as a Unitarian and spiritual humanist. Ever since her theological studies, she has been intrigued by questions about how the first-century church developed after the crucifixion of Jesus. In this sermon, she shares some of these questions with you, but says she can't promise to have the answers.



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
MAY ISSUE OF THE
NEWSLETTER IS
APRIL 11**

SEL**FAYE MOGENSEN****SEL-ections on Delight**

Are you like me, and find that when you are delighted by the wonders of the world that you also experience deep gratitude? Whether it be a beautiful sunrise, a newborn baby, mastering a challenge, or a cosy time with friends, the key for me is to take time to stop and savour the moment. With that in mind, our chosen theme in the children's program this month is *Delight: the practice of noticing and sharing wonder*.

Our mainstream culture encourages us to schedule a vortex of activities, and to buy a multitude of cheap delights. Yet delight is also closely linked to simplicity, as in the Shaker Song:

“When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.”

This month (and always) I encourage you to take a few moments to consider what truly and deeply delights you, and then to make space for that delight.

With spring finally upon us, there will be much to enjoy here on the church grounds and in our programs. Below is a brief overview for this month:

- April 2 - the last Sunday of Spring Break - we'll continue working on two playground projects: the sound board and our 'hearty' fence installations
- April 9 - regular programming, including OWL, but no yU*Uth group (*more than half the group will be away at a conference*)
- April 16 - a Chalice Chapel, followed by our annual ever-popular Easter Egg hunt
- April 23 - regular programming, including OWL
- Saturday, April 29 - at 1 pm - yU*Uth and OWL groups are gathering at Laser World (for more information, please contact me)
- April 30 - regular programming

I hope to see you often - your presence here is a delight to me.

Warmly,

Faye Mogensen

Director of Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Children and Youth

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**LORNA ANTHONY****Winter Scenes**

We really did have some winter wonderland scenes over the last two months. Our church has its very own snow man – not Frosty but Brad Clarke who checks the state of the snow levels on a snowy Sunday morning. Fortunately, deciding to close church never had to happen this year. Phew! Snowplows were hired several times to clear the parking lot on other snow days for the safety of our staff and members/friends as well as our Montessori neighbours.

Our Ministers, Revs. Shana and Melora, are on their well-deserved sabbatical from March 1st to August 15th. They and the Sabbatical Committee (aka Committee-on-Ministry) have put together a detailed contact sheet – the most updated of which is in the March newsletter. Together with the Worship Committee they have also ensured we have a terrific line-up of speakers.

We saw the transition in our Church office with Karen beginning a new chapter in her life. From the congregation she received a painting done by Betty Sherwood as well as a Memory Book filled with notes of thanks and Mary Cramer's beautiful photos. Our new office administrator, Nadia Kozak, is settling into the position with skill and enthusiasm.

As always, so much goes on behind the scenes with our creative members and friends providing us with many, many opportunities to nourish our physical, mental and emotional needs. One has only to read through the e-weeklies and newsletters to learn of what's happening. There is something for everyone. If anyone is feeling a little alone or at sea, please take the time to find where your interests are and to reach out to a group, team or committee. These are the places where meaningful connections are made as we work together and lean on each other to uphold this beloved congregation.

GREEN CORNER**LOUISE COLE**

April is Earth Month and your Environmental Action Team (EAT) is highlighting a few events to celebrate Mother Earth. By participating together, we are reminded to appreciate and take care of our home planet.

Peninsula Streams

Looking for a fun and rewarding volunteer experience? During the month of April, Peninsula Streams will visit three schools over four days to engage Grade 6 and 7 students in hands-on ecological restoration activities on or near their school grounds. Volunteers are needed for events on:

Wednesday April 12th at Colquitz Middle School

Wednesday April 19th at Royal Oak Middle School (Day 1)

Thursday April 20th at Royal Oak Middle School (Day 2)

Friday April 21st at Bayside Middle School

Volunteer roles will mainly entail supervision of a small group of 5-7 students doing invasive plant removal, garbage pick-up, weeding, planting, mulching, salmon fry releases, etc. You will be supported at the site by teachers and Peninsula Stream's staff. Volunteers will also attend a volunteer training session.

For more information please contact PeninsulaStreams@gmail.com or call 250-363-6480

Earth Walk

Saturday, Earth Day, April 22 will be the 37th Annual Earth Walk. More details regarding route, time and UU's participation will be available in the e-weekly closer to the event.

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Creatively United for the Planet

Saturday April 22, Earth Day, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM festivities, workshops and displays will take place at the Royal BC Museum. Free admission to most activities. Some workshops are ticketed for \$15. Among the presenters is Ann Mortifee, singer and activist. For more information see: www.creativelyunited.org

Home Energy Efficiency Workshop at FUCV

Don Scott will describe a number of home energy efficiency improvements in his residential home in Victoria, including switching home heating from oil to a high-efficiency heat pump. In doing so he has reduced his home heating costs from \$2486 in 2008 to \$901 in 2016 (a reduction of 64%, while electrical rates have increased by close to 50% since 2000). Don is a retired politician, who served as an MLA in the riding of Inkster, in NW Winnipeg, MB. April 23 at 12:30pm after church.

BOARD BUSINESS

LORNA ANTHONY

The following is a quick overview of the March 14th Board meeting. The full set of minutes will be posted on the Lion Hall bulletin board and will be available from the office.

Often I receive e-mails from the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) informing about webinars, opportunities to chat on-line, written information, etc. etc. It is impossible to decide what to disseminate to whom. If you are not receiving regular emails from CUC, I would recommend that you sign up so you don't miss something of interest to you.

Leslie Gillett, Chair of Social Responsibility Coalition, was a guest to discuss GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together) and how to engage the whole congregation. The GVAT discussion will begin in the Fall with a vote at the February General Meeting as to whether we become involved in this most worthwhile organization. More information is available at www.gvat.ca

Among the many things Chris Wulff is doing, he conducted Yvonne Bondarchuk's memorial service and has made several pastoral visits.

Don and Clare Vipond were read into the minutes as being installed as Elders at our May AGM. The Recognition and Awards committee will be presenting the details that outline their many contributions to our church community and to the larger community.

Jane Wilson is pleased to report that we are approximately 16% of our way through the year and our income is at 16% with expenditures at 15%.

The strategic plan is ready to go to the congregation for discussion and engagement. Watch for information of how our church community will have the opportunity to discuss priorities. At the end of the process, it is anticipated we will have a number of exciting goals to be put into action.

Please feel free to chat anytime.

Lorna Anthony, President

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



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

HONOURED VOLUNTEER -- DON ARMSTRONG

My journey through life began 81 years ago in Thunder Bay on the shores of Lake Superior, the largest, deepest, coldest freshwater lake in the world. My formative years ended at 18 in order to pursue a career in medicine. That pursuit took me to Kingston, Edmonton, and Toronto, where I specialized in anesthesiology and then Vancouver and for 18 years in Victoria at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. I retired in 2000.

I was first introduced to UUism in Thunder Bay when a neighbour invited me to their fellowship meeting. The majority of the members there were professors from Lakehead University. Most of the discussions were in what seemed to be a new language and were well over my head. I never returned. Something must have stuck because several years later I joined the Vancouver church under Rev. Philip Hewitt, the dean of Canadian Unitarian Universalism. Later still, I joined this church and was fortunate to experience the ministerial skills of Felix Lion, Stanley Sears, Van Knight, Jane Bramadat and Melora and Shana Lynngood.



I have been a member of this church for 30 years. Over those years, when I was overwhelmed by events and responsibilities, this church provided safe, secure, supportive surroundings that enabled me to overcome, what seemed to me to be insurmountable obstacles. For that I am eternally grateful.

Any contribution I have provided to this church pales in comparison to the many, many individuals I used to regard as giants and I often wondered what I was doing in such a crowd. But I have come to realize that each one of us is a giant in some way, that comparisons are futile and that we all have gifts to share.

Andy Lee Says: I've known Don for 25 years, and seldom have I met such a steady, reliable guy. And discreet? If you want gossip, don't ask Don! Don't ask him to promote his own accomplishments, either. He just works quietly and effectively on behalf of the church to get things done.

Hugo Suttmoller says: I have worked with Don on several committees in the past, and they have always been exciting and stimulating experiences. One of the first times was when we shared church board meetings. Don in his last year as president, me in my rookie year of a four year term on the Property Management Council. Don was the voice of reason and humour, balancing my eagerness to get things done. I enjoyed that time on the board and I am quite sure, that Don was a very effective president. A few years later we shared responsibilities on the task force, that examined the logistics associated with increased church attendance. Don was the chairperson and led us through discussions in a relaxed fashion and the resulting report was balanced and fair.

Co-Ministers on Sabbatical

Our Co-Ministers, Revs. Melora and Shana Lynngood are away on sabbatical, followed by summer study leave until August 15, 2017.

The sabbatical team and the ministers have assembled a robust slate of resources to support the congregation in their absence. The resource list was published in the March 2017 newsletter and can be acquired by contacting the church office churchoffice@victoriaunitarian.ca 250-744-2665.

In the case of an urgent matter, contact Sabbatical Team Chair, Kent Haden Kent@hadensoftware.com; 250-479-6563; Congregational President Lorna Anthony lranthony@shaw.ca 250-592-4831; or Ministerial Intern, Chris Wulff chris@victoriaunitarian.ca 647-708-2622 (cell/text).

REFUGEE REPORT

SUELLEN GUENTHER

Christine took Sunny to the production of the Magic Flute in February and she loved it. They met lots of Unitarians during the interval. Sunny is thrilled to have a new computer and Colin is working on upgrading her new bicycle. Sunny is no longer working at the Spaghetti Factory, so she is looking for another restaurant job where she can work one day a week in the winter. She has found a tutor at the Conservatory to teach her Music Theory, a prerequisite for music studies at UVic, but the lessons are \$60 each, so she could only afford one lesson so far.



We have not forgotten the Sari family and Christine Johnston writes, “Kristina and I phoned the Sari family last Thursday with Rola interpreting as before (so they are becoming friends too). The mother was so appreciative that we resolved to phone more often. She said it made her very happy. They are still coping. The mother always answers the phone and Rola was impressed with how smart and resourceful she seems.

We reassured her we are trying to push the Canadian Government here, but to no avail. The family is thinking of moving to the city centre, as the father has a construction job there and the youngest one would be allowed to go kindergarten. So we jokingly said that such a move might provoke fate to send a date for their flight to Canada.

We asked about the children. The oldest boy, who is nearly 15, loves running and computers, which bodes well for a job in Canada. Omar is sad that he cannot work alongside his father and earn money for the family. The older girl loves drawing and making clothes for her dolls, and the youngest girl is just eager to go to kindergarten like her cousin. She got on the phone to us and said ‘I love you’ in English.”

It’s been a year since our application to sponsor the Sari family was approved, and we are one of many private sponsors who are still waiting for the Canadian government to follow up on their promise to get these Syrian refugees to Canada. Sadly, the government has seriously cut back resources for resettling refugees and their focus seem to be shifting to other regions in the world.

However, we are pursuing every option to encourage the federal government to fulfill their promise to bring in approved privately-sponsored refugees, as the deadline for arrival has long passed. Colin Nelson, a Capital UU Congregation member of the Refugee Steering Committee has been in contact with another private sponsorship group who are approaching other churches and the City of Victoria Mayor and Council to seek a coalition to advocate with the federal government using the template of a Vancouver City Council letter. With a new Minister for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, we are hopeful for more movement on the refugee file.

The Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship has sponsored a Syrian family of 5 and they will be coming to Victoria the weekend of March 18 & 19 so that the father can attend the Sermon Writing Workshop. Samer is fluent in English and has been a Unitarian for 10 years! Members of our Refugee Committee will be assisting with transportation, meals, childcare, and entertainment. Chris and Shirley have generously offered accommodation, even though their kitchen is being renovated! Perhaps you were able to meet the family at the Sunday service on March 19 or at the Souper Lunch afterwards.



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH THE BOARD AND THE SABBATICAL TEAM

Sunday, April 9, Noon-1:00 in the Sanctuary

Bring your comments and questions for an hour of informal conversation with our Board and our Sabbatical Team.

Notes of Spring

Friday April 7 at 7pm
First Unitarian
Church
5575 West Saanich Road



*Presented by our Chalice Choir
and featuring...*

Denis Donnelly & Lanny Pollett

Braden Young

Alex & Thomas Andersen

Farrell Boyce

**Plus
Men's Choir
Chamber Choir
Farmhouse Ringers**

Admission by Donation — Reception to Follow

We Need Your Help We Need Your Help

**WHO WILL OFFER SOMETHING FOR THE AUCTION?
"I WILL," SAID THE LITTLE RED HEN.
AND SHE DID.**




**We need YOUR help to offer the services
for our fun, intergenerational Auction.**

What Would You Say I WILL to?

A Special Skill?	An Adventure?	A Get-Away?
A Party?	A Tour?	A Meal?
Entertainment?	An Event?	Something Active?
Something Homemade?	Something Handmade?	
Something No One Would Think Of?	Something Only You Can Do?	

AUCTION FEVER
FRIDAY APRIL 21
SILENT AUCTION - 6PM LIVE AUCTION - 7PM

Please contact Nancy Dobbs nandobbs@shaw.ca or Jen Young uujenyoung@gmail.com



Mark your calendars

**Hootenanny and Other Whimseys:
An Afternoon Intergenerational Event**

**Saturday May 6 from 3-5pm
in the Sanctuary and Lion Hall**

People of all ages are enthusiastically invited to enjoy an afternoon of live music, dance, games and other activities, including hearty snacks. Come and get to know the 'other' generation!

HOW 2017**DON VIPOND****HOW – 2017****How are things in Le-soo-too?**

by Don Vipond

Our lone Healing Our World project this year will make a difference to 100 grade 7 girls in Lesotho (pronounced Le-soo-too). All of the details on this splendid project are in a fascinating information sheet, just waiting for you to pick off the table near the main door. Check out the poster, too.

But we thought you'd like to hear directly from one of these girls, read about her life and her world, in her own words. Her name is Nthati ("En...tha...ty")

"Lumerla Motsoalle, (dear friend), she writes: "I am a girl of 12 years and I live in Thaba Tseka in the mountain of Lesotho. My village is right in the middle of my country. Lesotho is very beautiful. Our villages are scattered up and down the mountainsides, with our huts snuggled into the slopes, like babies wrapped on their mothers' backs. There are not many trees here, so the mountains are smooth.

"In the summer (from December to March), everything is green with flowers and aloe plants – if there is rain. Sometimes it does not rain for a long time, so the soil is very dry and brown. In the winter (from June to September) the land is either many shades of brown or covered with snow.

"Every family has a garden to grow vegetables in. We plant corn, cabbage, spinach and pumpkin., Some families have peach trees. In our summer vacation from school, we dig in the fields all day, hoping that the plants will grow so there will be food for the winter. When the rains do not come, there is never enough to eat.

"My mother died when I was three years old. I miss her. A year later, my father sent me and my two sisters to live with our aunt and uncle. My older sister is 19 now and married. She has gone away to look for work in the city. I miss her too.

"Where I live, there are two round huts and one square one at the back. I live with my aunt and uncle, my sister and three cousins. In the hut where we sleep, our beds are mats that we roll up in the morning and roll out on the floor to sleep at night. During the day, our family uses this space to cook and eat in. We eat 'papa,' which is cornmeal and vegetables when they are available. On special occasions, we eat chicken and eggs if we have them . . ."

More to come. Meanwhile our HOW project, which has a goal of \$4,700, is half way there at the time of writing. That's a great start. The information sheet tells you how to make a donation. Please do. We have friends in "Le-soo-too" who need our help.



Child Haven International Fund Raising Dinner



Saturday April 1

Doors Open: 6pm Dinner: 6:30pm

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

\$35/ticket (Cash or cheque only)

TICKETS may be purchased from Hanny Sutmoller, Katherine Jones, John Worton or Christine Johnston, all members of the Child Haven team, or after service during March.

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!

AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**SUELLEN GUENTHER**

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. **Please note that some of the events will have happened by the time you receive this newsletter.**

Esquimalt: Pat McMahon writes, "Three of us missed connecting with one another for coffee Tuesday afternoon-Feb 21. We will try to do better this month — Tuesday March 21, 2:30 at Cafe Fantastico on Harbour Road. Our next potluck gathering will be April 7."

Fairfield: Lynn Beak and John Taylor hosted a finger food potluck on Feb. 26, enjoyed by 15 people, including guests Andra, Ethelyn, and Michael, who are new to the group. They shared things they were taught, characteristics, or attributes they received from a past generation and then John played his guitar and sang to close the gathering. Fairfield worked with James Bay to host the Souper Lunch on Feb. 19 and the group is now looking forward to a get-together at Herb and Phyllis Girard's, probably near the end of April.

Far Out: Phyllis Aherne reports that 21 people, including some new faces, met at Penny and Farrell's on Feb. 17, sharing tasty treats and drinks. Penny had mulled cider simmering on the stove and everyone shared where they came from when they moved here. Then, Farrell got out his guitar and everyone stayed for a sing-along! Phyllis adds that they will be helping Grand Central host the Souper Lunch on Mar. 19 and they are looking forward to all the wonderful soups and goodies they will provide.

Gordon Head: Mary Cramer writes, "We met on Feb. 19 at the home of Sue Clement Thorne and Mic Thorne. All 14 of us arrived early and enjoyed dinner and conversation. After dinner, we shared how we each were introduced to Unitarianism and where we first attended. As I remember, only two of us attended a Unitarian church with family as a child. Amazingly, many years ago, one of our members first heard about Unitarianism when presented with information of various religions and their beliefs, during a home visit she received from Mor-mons. She read the beliefs listed for Unitarianism and decided that was the church for her! And for this, we are grateful! We are looking to set a date for our next meeting in May."

Grand Central: This group will be very busy in March, hosting the Memorial Reception for Yvonne Bondarchuk on March 4 and then working with Far Out to prepare the Souper Lunch on Mar. 19. Marya reports that all the damage from their burst pipe has been repaired and she hopes to host the NG in May where they may be able to welcome several new members to their group.

James Bay: Lynn Hunter tells us that the February 19th Souper Sunday went very well with the terrific teamwork of James Bay and Fairfield Neighbourhood groups. Together we raised just under \$400 for the church. It is a lot of work but the rewards are numerous, aside from the money brought in. She adds, "The James Bay NG is meeting for a potluck lunch on March 4 at the home of stalwart member, Myra Rippon. So far, we have a dozen of us signed up to attend. Good food and conversation will be served."

Nearby: Elaine Klimke tried valiantly to gather her group in February with no success so she's hoping April may be a better window for the members. Nearby were the busy bakers in March, supplying coffee time treats.



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Oak Bay: Jan Li and Tiff sends this news, "On February 18th, Saturday night, 12 (happy) members of OBNG attended the potluck at Doug and Mice's newly renovated house. Their warm hospitality made us feel homey and loved. Thanks to the host's choice, the topic of this get together was 'your inspiration and quality in your life'. Everyone opened his/her heart, talked about his/ her touching experiences in life, and appreciated today's special quality of life, especially expressed in the strong family-like closeness of our OBNG group. A special mention to Frank, who sang songs (Champagne Charlie) and told funny stories, which added more flavour to our party, let alone all the delicious food and drinks. Next potluck will be at Mary Burcher's place, a fun time to come in April." In addition, "OBNG organized the reception at Menno Tromp's Celebration of Life service on February 25th. A large outpouring of volunteers from OBNG helped to make it all run smoothly. And there was a great response from the congregation at large in providing delicious food, and a special mention to Phillip & Marya and Pat & Mary, who helped out the OBNG crew in the kitchen. OBNG will be doing our regular monthly luncheon at the Fern Cafe on April 19th, the third Wednesday of the month."

Royal Oak East: Hanny Pannekoek writes, "Royal Oak East will have a potluck gathering on March 7 in the home of Hanny and Hugo. Mariko will be in Nepal by then to volunteer in Child Haven, and Suzanne and Ross will be back from a few months in southern California. April is the month that it is our turn to provide hospitality cake. Perhaps we could get this all planned at our potluck? I may just try that! Our group has not met since November, so we are looking forward to getting together."

Royal Oak West: Fran Hancock is happy to report that "Lesley Duthie and Kent Haden have graciously offered to host a 'finger food' potluck at 370 Goward Road on Sunday, March 5 after the church service. The Neighbourhood Group will discuss ways to help support the church through the Services Auction, including supporting Chris Cook, Shirley Travis, Jen Young and Martha McDougall through their 'progressive dinner' for a party of 10. Working and planning together is such a nice way to build friendships and a sense of community."

Western: This group is hoping to resume their monthly potlucks when Susan and John return.

CHILD HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

MARIKO MATSUMOTO

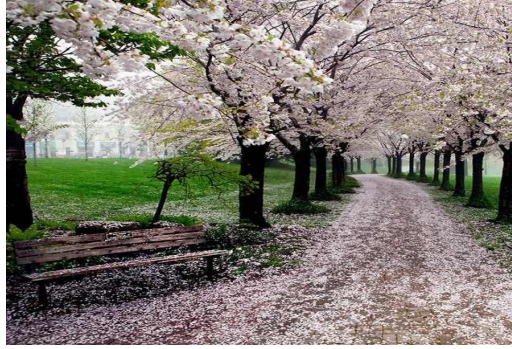
"My second day here. It has been busy and crazy. There are lots to get used to but people and kids have been great. There are lots of smiling faces. It is going to be a local festival here tomorrow called " Holli". Look forward to it."



Child Haven International Projects



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 is 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.

Richard Wagamese: A Reader Remembers



Richard Wagamese died last month, and I am grieving. Canada has lost an important voice. A voice that has helped many people move along the journey of truth, healing and reconciliation that we as a nation are embarked upon.

Last February, Rev. Melora asked us all to consider what we would personally do in order to prepare ourselves for reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples on whose land we live. She asked us to write our plans on colourful flames.

Well, I wrote on my flame that I would commit myself to learning about the point of view of indigenous people by listening and reading. By living with the stories of people, I believe I can develop understanding and empathy for them. I wrote that I would listen to Indigenous speakers — especially to Rosanna Deerchild who presents ‘Unreserved’ on CBC Radio One — and I would read the works of Canadian Indigenous authors, one of whom is my favourite, Richard Wagamese.

His novels that I have read — four of them — have opened my heart and made me think and feel differently. I could say that his characters have broken my heart open.

I have heard him speak on radio and been equally moved by his personal stories. He calls himself a second generation survivor of Residential Schools... and he himself was a survivor of the Sixties Scoop, living in 15 foster homes and one abusive adoptive home before living on the streets.

As a CBC report said “Wagamese was always open about his struggles with alcoholism and PTSD and the impact the residential school system had on his family. ‘I know that if I don't look at my whole history and embrace the dark and hard parts, I don't know my own story. And if I don't know my own story, I can't heal myself.’”

Last summer I heard him tell CBC’s Candy Palmater — and the whole country — about being a street kid in St. Catharines, Ontario hanging out in a public library for the warmth and quiet. In order to blend in, he started to read a book... and another... and another, fed to him by sympathetic librarians. And a writer was born. We are the greater for having had him tell us his stories. And I am so sad that his voice is now silent.

For those who might be interested in reading some of Richard Wagamese’s novels, here are the ones that I have read and loved:

‘Indian Horse’ tells the story of Saul Indian Horse, his experience in Residential Schools and his salvation one could say, through hockey... It explores the repression of memory and how those memories seep through to the surface eventually.

‘Medicine Walk’, is a story of reconciliation between a young man and his father. The father, who had neglected the son, probably as a result of his own experiences in residential school, is dying and asks his son to help him die in a traditional way — out in the woods, laid to rest as a warrior.

‘Keeper and Me’, is a semi autobiographical novel about a young Indigenous man searching for his own identity after being a victim of the Sixties Scoop.... He finally finds his own people and the title character ‘Keeper’ teaches him how to be who he is.

‘Ragged Company’, follows a group of people living on the street in a major city as they form a family, support one another the best ways they know how. Their stories of how they came to be homeless are a real lesson in compassion.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (SRC) ACTION OF THE MONTH

Site C -More Considerations

In February our Green Corner article was directed to the Kairos Site C vigils at the legislature in which SRC and other church members were involved. These mainly focused on First Nations issues around the project, but in this Earth Month of April it seems appropriate to emphasize the environmental impacts.

One of the most important of these is the loss of 31,000 acres of some of BC's best agricultural farmlands. The Peace River has an amazing micro climate, which combined with the soil quality could produce an annual, local sustainably produced supply of fresh vegetables to over a million people. It is the only large tract of land in BC which remains for horticultural expansion. The province currently supplies only 43% of our fresh vegetables and fruit. Given the increasingly uncertain future of Californian food production from the growing impact of climate change it seems unwise, at least, to drown a resource that may be desperately needed by coming generations.

Another impact, which would indeed be borne mostly by First Nations, is the contamination of fish, rendering them unfit for human consumption due to the reservoir resulting from Site C. This has already occurred in the other reservoirs in the Peace system and their tributaries. The other dams in the system have already impacted the UNESCO world heritage site in the Peace Athabaska delta and Site C could be “the straw that breaks the camels' back” according to hydrological expert Martin Carver.



There are now many alternative ways of producing the same amount of power as site C. Clean energy jobs (e.g. wind and solar) can be created locally across the province with much lower environmental impact than a huge mega project, and without incurring the enormous (\$9 billion and rising) debt which will have a huge impact on our hydro bills in years to come.

The BC government has ignored the findings of a joint federal review which identified 22 significant adverse environmental impacts, and also failed to refer the project to the BC utilities commission. In view of the fact that we have a provincial election approaching it seems like a good moment to ascertain the views of candidates on the environmental and financial viability of Site C.

More information is available at the SRC shelf. There will be a petition to sign urging both levels of government to halt construction until a far more thorough assessment is completed. One of the petition sponsors is the Sierra Club BC, a registered charity and the recipient of this month's Share the Plate. Sierra Club BC's mission is to protect, conserve, and educate the public about, B.C.'s wilderness, species and ecosystems – within the urgent context of climate change impacts.



Community Meditation Practice and Potluck

Greetings Everyone,
Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Adults is happy to announce an annual opportunity to practise meditation with Lama Tara. It is ideal for people beginning meditation practice.

If you are able to, you are welcome to attend the community practice and potluck day on **Saturday April 1, 2017, beginning at 9 am and continuing to 3 pm, in Lion's Hall.** The day will include guided meditation, some silence, potluck lunch, tea breaks and time for questions and discussion. If you prefer a cushion to a chair bring one with you.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

BRYONY WYNNE-JONES

Bryony Wynne-Jones is a British-born watercolourist. Her chosen subject matter is from nature focusing on the details of botanical portraits and birds. She loves to get into the spirit of her model and bring out the 'character' and therefore the essence.

Wynne-Jones has been teaching for over twenty years and her main objective is to teach her students how to fall in love with their subject and represent it from swooshing in colours and form to dotting the 'i's' of detail. Calligraphic gestures and freedom of strokes and no mixing of colours for she prefers to blend the colours on the paper and watch what you get as they move and fuse together. Glorious colour and 'happy accidents'!

W-J has had over twenty-five one-man exhibitions and is delighted to be sharing her work in this new venue.



Will You Help Fill a Raffle Basket?

We are preparing a raffle basket for the Auction on **April 21** and we need your help.

Could you contribute small decorative items, toiletries, wine or spirits, jams & preserves, chocolate, treats? What would **you** like to find in a raffle basket?

Please bring your items to the church office and put them in the container marked, Raffle Basket.

Help us fill an amazing basket with small treasures



**AUCTION FEVER TIMELINE
FRIDAY APRIL 21**

- 6:00 Doors open. Silent Auction opens. Bar opens. Snacks available.
 - 6:45 Cake Walk begins.
 - 7:00 Live Auction begins.
 - 8:00 Silent Auction closes.
 - 8:20 Bar closes.
 - 9:00 Raffle Basket draw. Auction over.
- Home with your treasures.



Do you need Child Care so you can attend Auction Fever 2017?

Please contact Faye Mogensen
(FayeM@victoriaunitarian.ca)
Before April 9

See you at the Auction!



Auction Fever Sampler

lots more to come...

Don't Miss It!

Friday April 21

Silent Auction: 6pm

Live Auction: 7pm

Grey Cup Party: Sunday, November 26 at 2:30 p.m. at Earle and Lorna Anthony's home 6 spots

Downsizing: 'Downsize in Comfort' I will do either a feng shui consultation or an uncluttering service of 2 hours. Offered by Sandra Jacobsen.

Bites and Pieces, Act 2: The Young family returns with another extravaganza! A small-plate, multi-course dinner featuring delicious and unusual food, artistically presented, with music to match. Food by Jen, Allison, and team; music, including jazz and classical, by Braden and Hillary. Beer and wine will be served. 6:00 Saturday, July 29. 16 spaces. Offered by the Young family in their home on High Quadra.

Sermon: Rev. Shana will offer a 'sermon on a topic of your choice'. Offer includes a meeting with the minister to discuss the topic chosen

Handyman Services: Three hours of minor repairs around the house, yard cleanup, or hedge pruning. Offered by Andy Lee. Three people will get the service at the winning price. Minimum bid \$100.

Sermon: Rev. Melora will offer a 'sermon on a topic of your choice'. Offer includes a meeting with the minister to discuss the topic chosen

Watercolour portrait of your pet or your home: Betty Sherwood will create a watercolour portrait of your pet or of your home.

Handmade Quilt: Custom Quilt by Liz Graham: Liz offers either a baby quilt, a table runner or mats or equivalent size project made especially for you after consulting with you about colours and style. Value \$100+

Sermon: Chris Wulff will offer a 'sermon on a topic of your choice'. Offer includes a meeting with Chris to discuss the topic chosen

Pulled Pork and Kebob Dinner with Homemade Ice Cream: Dinner for 14 featuring pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw, baked beans, grilled veggie kebobs and dessert including homemade ice cream. Date: Saturday, June 24th. Hosted by Mary Cramer & Pat Conroy and Lisa & Mike Greenly.

Soufflé Brunch for 4: I will come to your home and prepare a brunch for 4, which includes your choice of a cheese souffle or a crab souffle, fresh fruit salad, croissants and champagne or mimosas. Offered by Brenda Pengelly. Minimum Bid: \$75

Picnic at Sidney Spit: Travel by ferry to beautiful Sidney Spit for an old-fashioned picnic of deviled eggs, chicken, potato salad, watermelon, cookies, and more for 10 people in July or August. You pay for the ferry (Adults \$19, Seniors \$16) and I'll bring the feast! Offered by Suellen Guenther.

Continued on next pages...

Auction Fever Sampler cont'd

Sailing with Philip and Marya: "One day out sailing on Philip & Marya's boat in June or in August for two people- (lunch and supper included)- starting bid \$100.00 We will be anchoring out off two different islands and do some walks there as well. Great fun!"

History Tour of Victoria: presented by Peter Scales, MA. Two hours. Up to 3 people. Cash value \$50.

West Indian Dinner for 8: We (mostly Gloria) will put on a West Indian dinner for 8 on Saturday August 19th. Hosted by John and Gloria Hopewell.

Three pies of your choice: Betty Sherwood will bake three pies of your choice (excluding meat pies)

Paint a Room: Have brushes, will travel. Pat and Mike are again this year offering to paint a room. You supply the paint and room. We supply the equipment. No height over nine feet please. Offered by Pat Conroy and Mike Graham

Hungarian Dinner: John Tibbles and Val Roberts will offer a Hungarian Dinner for 4. Details to follow

Hornby Island Getaway: Hornby Island is a great place to visit; swim at sandy beaches, walk, bike or kayak in many beautiful areas. Stay on our treed acre, near the ocean, for a week in the summer of 2017. There is electricity, an outhouse and a simple one-room cabin (queen hide-a-bed, but no indoor plumbing). Also, there is a 23-ft travel trailer (sleeps two adults and two kids) and a grassy area to set up tents. To find out more, contact the Dakins at 250 744-1357.

Boat Use and Rowing Lesson: Row, row, row our boat gently around Langford Lake this summer! Paddles, life jackets and lessons supplied for your choice of an afternoon in July. Seats three in a stable aluminum craft.

Bring your fishing gear if you are feeling lucky! Offered by Marg Rose 250-896-4633. Minimum Bid \$40

Peninsula BBQ: Join Nancy Dobbs, Francois Duruisseau and Isabelle Grenon for a chicken BBQ, with peninsula corn, salads and dessert, on Saturday August 12. Available for 8 guests. Perhaps there will be a sing-a-long? Offered at Nancy's home in Brentwood Bay.

Progressive Dinner on May 12: Admire the stunning view from Chris & Shirley's garden while you enjoy delicious appetizers. Move on around the corner to Jen and Lance's welcoming table for your mouth-watering main course. Finish off with creative desserts and coffee at Martha & Al's (stairs involved.) 6:00pm on Friday, May 12. 10 spaces. Sponsored by the Royal Oak West NG.

Indonesian Dinner for Four: Indonesian Dinner at the home of Philip and Marya for four people, probably in October.

Clearing the Clutter: Do you have a fridge or closet that is over-flowing and in need of a little time & attention? Let Jan tidy it up for you – with your assistance in the decision making part of course! Three hours of help clearing the clutter offered by Jan Thomson. Minimum Bid: \$50

French Dinner: Converse in French while enjoying a gourmet French menu: Wine, Shrimp Mousse, Raspberry Sorbet, Boeuf Bourguignone and accompaniments, freshly picked mixed greens and Cheese, Tarte Tatin. A little taste of France, with French music to set the mood. Four guests. (Not vegetarian.) Saturday November 25.

And from the Silent Auction...

Oak Bay Tea Party: Gather at Suzanne Dearman's heritage house at 10:30am on Saturday, June 3 for a front row place to watch the Oak Bay Tea Party Parade. After the parade, Suzanne will serve a delicious lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches. 6 people at \$15 each.

Sunday Supper at Suzanne's. Roast chicken dinner, English dessert. Each guest leaves with a jar of jam. Sunday, Sept. 24 at 5:30. 6 spaces. \$18 per person. Offered by Suzanne Dearman.

Bridge and Lunch: Four spaces at the table on Thursday, May 25 at 12:30. \$25 per person. Offered by Myra Rippon.

Airport Car Pickup and Return Service: Drive your car to the airport and we will pick it up, keep it for you, and bring it back when you return, for a donation to the church. Please contact Penny & Farrell Boyce, [250-656-7953](tel:250-656-7953) or pjboyce@shaw.ca for details and to prearrange this service.

Friday April 21

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Auction Fever Sampler cont'd

Jazz and Chocolate : Royal Oak East group is offering a pre-Jazz Vespers Chocolate and Dessert Extravaganza in February 2018 at the church. This will include a chocolate fountain, various desserts, coffee and tea. Cost per person is \$15.00, unlimited number of persons.

Basket of Preserves: Treat yourself to a supply of Suzanne's delicious homemade jam. Offered by Suzanne Dearman.

Basket of Goodness: A basket of homemade condiments donated by Suzanne Dearman.

Sugared Nuts: A tin of my delicious sugared nuts (filberts, almonds & walnuts) from an old family recipe. Minimum bid: \$20. One tin each to the 3 highest bidders. Offered by Suellen Guenther.

Suzanne's Famous Carrot Cake: Suzanne will make three of her famous carrot cakes for your special occasion. Each cake serves 25. One cake each to the three highest bids. \$20 minimum bid. Offered by Suzanne Dearman.

Homemade Ice Cream or Sorbet: I will make a batch (approximately 14 half cup servings) of ice cream or sorbet (dairy free) in the flavour you choose. I have made vanilla, chocolate and mint chocolate chip ice cream and several fruit sorbets, but am willing to attempt other flavours. I can prepare this for your special occasion with approximately two weeks' notice. Offered by Mary Cramer.

Homemade Granola. A glass jar full of Andy's delicious granola, Offered by Andy Lee.

Have Truck – Will Haul: You load and unload the truck and I will haul one pickup truck load for you anywhere in Greater Victoria – one trip from Point A to B. Minimum bid: \$50. Offered by Peter Hancock.

Melodica Lesson and Rental: Try your hand at a unique portable piano by leasing my melodica for a month! I will provide a basic orientation and lesson and you take it from there. Keyboard comes complete with carry case and sanitized mouthpiece. Offered by Marg Rose

Infant Jacket and Hat (under six months): Hand knit by Astrid Firley-Eaton.

Knitted Vest: Hand knitted vest donated by Thea Revoy. Vest is size M/L.

Pewter Pin: Crafted in lead free pewter. Perfect for fastening a vest or shawl. Donated by Astrid Firley-Eaton

Gift Card: \$25 for Empourium Coffee Shop in Brentwood Bay

Gift Card: \$35 for Hair Flare for hair services or a wig consultation

Gift Card: \$50 for Flying Fish Winery

Handmade Basket and wall hanging

Massage Therapy. Gift certificate for a one hour therapeutic massage by Cheryl Varney, an experienced, Registered Massage Therapist. Valid until Nov. 30, 2017. See Barbara Boyle or Suellen Guenther for a reference. \$120 value.

More to come! What are you willing to offer?

Contact Nancy Dobbs (nandobbs@shaw.ca)

or Jen Young (uujenyoung@gmail.com)

with your donations. Deadline is April 14.

**Watch for the complete list in your inbox on April 18
Printed lists will be available at the Auction**

Camp S'more

Sunday April 23rd after the service

youth camp fundraiser

**Come roast a s'more at the campfire or
purchase a pre-prepared s'more**

Unitarian Universalist Island Network Summer Camp August 18-20, 2017



"Let the beauty we love be what we do". ~ Rumi ~

Friends new and old are waiting to meet you at camp on the shores of beautiful Shawnigan Lake. Camp provides time for spiritual development, strengthening old and forming new friendships and supporting 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.

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.

This year there are two streams of adult programming to choose from:

Mindfulness and the Creative Life with Margo McLoughlin including Yoga with Margaret Huff

Soul Nourishing Singing with Cathy Baker and Dick Jackson

A programming for youth and children (including wee) care on Saturday morning.

**Please note that you can come for the day only 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!!

UUIN Camperships

Families and Singles going to Unitarian Universalist Island Network camp this summer are most welcome to apply for a campership if this will help them attend a memorable weekend at Shawnigan Lake. Anna Isaacs is in charge this year assisted by Martha McDougall and they can give you further details. Camperships come from the Denominational Affairs budget to promote activities in the wider denomination. Apply to Christine_johnston@telus.net

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!

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 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
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- Become familiar with and present one story
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- 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

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Contact leslieucv@gmail.com for more details



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- 2 Sarah Kendall, Ross Beauchamp
- 5 Earle Anthony
- 6 Barbara (Bobby) Kovar
- 9 Martha McDougall
- 13 Maureen Sherlock, Desmond de Schepper
- 14 Jan Thomson
- 15 Nokuthula (Tuli) Porcher
- 16 Michael Fibiger-Crossman, Isabelle Grenon
- 17 Suzanne Beauchamp
- 18 Joyce Berry
- 19 Nille Fibiger-Crossman, Sue Thorne
- 21 Barbara Nyland, Luke Walrafen
- 24 Barbara Boyle, Catherine Cardinal
- 25 Leslie O'Hagan, Chris Cook
- 28 LeAnn Andersen
- 30 Erin Kinrade

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- April 30 John Worton



You are invited to
The Community Dinner
 Friday, APRIL 14 at 6:00 pm

We will be serving tacos with all the fixings, chili and much more! Vegetarian options available. Fiesta Night is a multigenerational 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 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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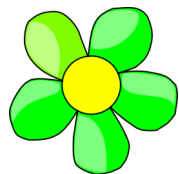
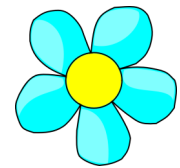
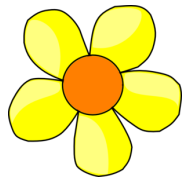
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Date	Time	Event	Location
APRIL			
4/2	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	SUNDAY SERVICE Souper Sunday	Sanctuary
4/9	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	
4/14	<i>GOOD FRIDAY</i> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Community Dinner	Sanctuary
4/16	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	
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