



The Victoria Unitarian
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Growing in Spirit, Living with Compassion, Inspired to Serve

SERVICES IN JUNE

June 3
I Believe

No Choir

Practices to Transform Ourselves and the World
June's Theme:

Joy

Rev. Shana Lynngood, Coming of Age Youth, and Chris Wulff,
Ministerial Intern
Worship Associate: Madelaine Clarke

This Sunday our youth will share their statements of values and beliefs. How well can the rest of us do? What do you believe about life, death, God, and the big questions of meaning? As we begin our exploration of joy, we begin by looking at the ways in which knowing what we believe can bring us a sense of contentment and peace. And sometimes even joy.



the practice of embracing life

June 10
Intergenerational Service of Transition

Chalice Choir

Arran Liddel, Director of Spiritual Exploration for Children and Youth
and Rev. Melora Lynngood
Worship Associate: Larry Boldt

What has this past year been like for you? What changes have you been through? What losses have you experienced? What new life, new creations, new ventures have come into being? This year's annual transition service will honor the full range of life's transitions. We will do so with an eye to this month's theme of "Joy: the practice of embracing life," and will honour, as well, that which can make transitions challenging.

This is an intergenerational service. Children and youth are welcome in the sanctuary for the entire service. Child-minding will be available in the Sunflower Room for our youngest and/or most restless youngsters.

[Join us after the service for an Intergenerational Walk with Rev. Melora at Todd Inlet. Bring a picnic lunch. See page 21 for details.](#)

June 17
Social Justice in Song and Story

Social Responsibility Coalition
Worship Associate: Anna Isaacs

Men's Choir

The congregation will be invited to sing several of our hymns concerning social justice, prefaced by a brief personal or general story about each, with the Men's Choir adding its own contribution to the social justice theme.

Thursday, June 21,
Summer Solstice Celebration
See page 11 for details

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June services continued...

Saturday, June 23 7-8:30pm
Chelsea McBride's Socialist Night School Band and Rev. Shana Lynngood

A special celebration of the 4th Anniversary of Spirited Jazz Vespers.
See page 20 for details.

June 24
"Is Joy Too High a Bar? Alternatives for the Rest of Us"
Rev. Melora Lynngood
Worship Associate: Shelley Motz

Shape Note Singing

This month's theme is "Joy." Some might respond, "Joy?! That's way out of reach for me, way too high an aspiration. I'd settle for contentment. Or comfort. Or just a little respite from the anxiety (or pain or suffering) I'm currently experiencing." What's the difference between seeking joy and chasing happiness? What spiritual practices might help us lean in the direction of quiet moments of contentment – even when all-encompassing, exuberant JOY seems too high a bar?

SEL-ECTIONS ON JOY

ARRAN LIDDEL

"Joy is not just about 'feeling good.' It is also about perspective. The spiritual life is, in part, about seeing our lives as being invited to the best party in town. Our challenge is to stay awake to that, to continually pull ourselves back from the mindset that our days are simply a series of challenges and responsibilities. It's all about balance. We are called to look around and see all that must be done. We are also called to look around and see all that has been given."

- Soul Matters Minister

In June SELCY will explore the joys we can share by participating in community. We will share the wisdom we have gained over the year and celebrate together in eating, in music and in play... Things renowned for creating joy!

Below is a brief overview for this month:

June 3: The service will be focused on our Coming of Age group, who will present their Credo to the congregation

June 10: Intergenerational Service

June 17: Music Jam - bring percussion instruments for a morning of music and singing

June 24: Outdoor Games - On this last day of programming we will be outside playing games

During the summer, from July 1 through to the Labour Day Weekend, we'll be offering childminding for children (older children can help out). We'll also have the Sanctuary cupboard stocked with quiet activity supplies should there be children who prefer to stay in church with their parents.

Warmly,

Arran Liddel

Director of Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Children and Youth

ABOUT THE SERVICES

View Sunday's complete service live on your computer or tablet. Video is available for one week after the service.

Past Sunday sermons are available on audio podcast. You may also Open iTunes to download and subscribe to the sermon podcasts.

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DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE IS JUNE 12!

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Talk to us. Do you have a concern about our church that you would like the ministers to know?
One purpose of the Committee on Ministry (CoM) is centered on developing a strong, healthy relationship between the Minister(s) and the Congregation. Members of the CoM are:
Suellen Guenther (chair), John Hopewell, Margot Lods, Mark Danley, Mary-Ellen Nichol, Kent Haden.

This Article is (slightly adapted) from the Unitarian Universalist Soul Matters Network, through which UU's across the continent share resources related to our themes.

"In my own worst seasons I've come back from the colorless world of despair by forcing myself to look hard, for a long time, at a single glorious thing: a flame of red geranium outside my bedroom window. And then another: my daughter in a yellow dress. And another: the perfect outline of a full, dark sphere behind the crescent moon. Until I learned to be in love with my life again. Like a stroke victim retraining new parts of the brain to grasp lost skills, I have taught myself joy, over and over again."

- Barbara Kingsolver

Be careful this month. Our theme of joy is deceptive. One could easily see this is a way to end the year "on a light note." But there's deep work for us to do with this topic.

There have been many religious perspectives that begin with the idea that this world is broken, a place of misery and pain, toil and struggle. We are told that our job is to survive it, indeed transcend it, through sacrifice, confession of our own brokenness, and an industrious "Protestant work ethic." Joy is reserved for a time far off and found in a heaven granted to those who earn it.

And yet there are others – Unitarians Universalist included – that just don't see it this way. They look out, and, like the character of the Creator-God in the story of Genesis in the Hebrew Scriptures, their response to creation is "behold, it is good!" The "problem" according to this spiritual view lies not so much in a fallen, irredeemable world but with our limited perspective. Heaven, as our UU forbearers argued, is not some afterlife realm in the clouds; it is right here on earth and our job is to see it, appreciate it, care for it, and take pleasure in it. And far from being indulgent or seductive, this "work" of pleasure and delight is the key to humanizing us. As Barbara Kingsolver's words suggest, joy has the power to transform us.

With "one, long, holy stare at a single glorious thing," we are suddenly re-connected. Balance is restored. We see the world not simply as brutish, broken and dangerous, but also as gentle, surprising and woven through with a Love that will not let us go. This simple act of sacred staring is not about distraction. It's about achieving a wider view. It's about stepping back and seeing it all as a gift. When we feel joy, we don't simply feel delight in one tiny piece of the world; we feel welcomed back in – connected once again to the whole.

In this sense, as many have said, the opposite of joy is not sadness, but isolation and disconnection. Joy doesn't just make us feel happy; it restores relationship. And not just relationship to the world, but also to the Divine. Process theologian John Cobb describes "god" as "the all of everything." A Spiritual Humanist might say it is like a Spirit of Life and Love that moves within and between all beings. Joy places us within that whole not outside it. In this way, the experience of joy is very much also the experience of the sacred.

So, friends, are you ready for that? Are you ready to be welcomed back in? If so, look around. There are dozens of "glorious things" inviting you to return.

June's Theme:

Joy



the practice of embracing life

Joy: The Practice of Embracing Life

One of the things that I am enjoying most right now is introducing my son Rowan to some of my favourite books from when I was a kid. *Ferdinand*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Alligator Pie*... and on and on and on. One of the most significant has been reading him A. A. Milne's stories of Winnie the Pooh. After all, I was named for Christopher Robin, a character in those stories.

Last week, as I was putting Rowan to bed, I turned the page and found Pooh saying to Christopher Robin, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

How lucky I am indeed.

It has been the most enormous blessing to get to spend the last two years with you. Internships are intended to challenge and to affirm, to find the places where we have work to do and places where we can turn with strength - and FUCV has provided me plenty of both challenge and affirmation. There are things that I'm proud of, like last year's white supremacy and transitions services and memorials, and this year's coming of age retreats, adult OWL and singing around. There are also places where I regret how my challenges in organization and communication got in the way of providing the best services we could have. It's an area that I'm definitely still growing in and I am so appreciative of the folks who have held up the mirrors for me to reflect upon. Also, the ways in which my physical distance this year, commuting back and forth from Vancouver each weekend, has left me feeling like I'm not as connected to either place as I want to be. It has become very clear that I want to live and work in the community where I minister, for me it's necessary to feeling a part of the lives of the people in the congregation.

More than anything else, I am grateful for the connections I've found with so many of you who have shared the hard things and the joyful things in your lives, who have told me stories of how you came to be who you are and where you imagine going still. Your courage in sharing of yourselves has been always a reminder that I need to remain open and vulnerable myself, sharing of my identities and inquiring of yours. Being curious about one another, and listening with an open heart, is a great gift we can offer the wider world and the FUCV community.

Many have asked what's next for me on this path. While I've been at FUCV I've also been working 2/3 time for the Pacific Western Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association, part of a team that supports the leadership in congregations from Montana to New Mexico west; 185 congregations in total. They've asked me to move to 4/5 time, which will leave me still with more time with Ariel and Rowan, more time for reading stories and walking in woods together. The current plan is to seek a parish ministry in a few years, but I remain open to many possibilities down the road.

On June 24th, my last Sunday at FUCV, I hope to say goodbye to as many of you as possible. If you won't be there I hope that you'll give me a chance to say goodbye before then. After that point I'll refer any contact from the FUCV community to Revs. Shana and Melora. Intentionally ending the covenanted ministerial relationship with the congregation is important both for my boundaries and for the community's covenant to its ministers.

At the book's conclusion, Christopher Robin offers to Pooh words that I would share with you, "Promise me you'll always remember: you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." For the gracious gifts of loving and compassionate people that make saying goodbye so hard, I give my forever thanks.

In faith and gratitude,
Christopher

OFFICE UPDATE

Greetings from the office of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria! We wanted to give you a quick update on what's happening on the administrative and communications fronts.

As usual, office hours of availability are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The office is closed Sunday and Monday on statutory holidays.

Nadia is your office administrator and primary contact, and she is in the office 32 hours per week. If you have a general inquiry or request, want to book a meeting space or rental, need a report or have questions about a requisition, she is the person to ask (churchoffice@victoriaunitarian.ca).

Natalie is in the office 18 hours per week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and her primary role is communications. This includes production of orders of service so if you have or need information in that regard, Natalie is the person to contact (communications@victoriaunitarian.ca).

We currently have three sizeable projects underway at the church office:

We are in the process of consulting with volunteers, staff and trustees to determine which media platforms (both traditional and digital) best meet the needs of the congregational community. We will be using this feedback to make recommendations for the scope and use of communications media in drafting a comprehensive communications strategy for First Unitarian.

We are researching cloud-based options for the congregational database that, among other things, will include making a real-time, digital directory available to members and friends.

We are working to organize information centrally and clearly in a fashion that is collaborative, accessible and protected. This includes parsing files on the server and making relevant documents and forms available on the church website and via Google Suites for Non-Profits.

We are super excited to have a communications specialist on staff and ask for your continued patience, understanding and support during this time of many transitions. Because the communications role is in the early stages of its development and the hours and resources for it are limited, we ask that requests of and input about this role be made through Natalie's supervisor, Nadia.

-Team N-Squared



Coffee and Conversation with the Ministers

Sunday June 24 at 12:15 in the Sanctuary

Topic: The Survey on Ministry

Come hear what the ministers heard from the survey and themes that emerged.

AGM AT A GLANCE

Following is a condensed version of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, May 6th in the Sanctuary with 100 members registered in person or by proxy. A full set of minutes will be posted on the Lion Hall board and are available from the office.

Reverend Shana gave the invocation.

The names of those members deceased since the last AGM were read while their photos were projected on the screen and a candle was lit. We remembered Winnie Bocking, Edo Nyland, Jean Evans, Doreen Wood, Bob Thompson, Mertie Chilton, Daphne Dunbar and Mary Canty.

The Ministers' report is in the meeting package. Rev. Shana spoke about the ministerial survey which she and Rev. Melora have started to review.

President, Lorna Anthony, thanked everyone for their passion, care and dedication. She gave special thanks to our two incredible Ministers and to the Board of Directors.

Suellen Guenther was unanimously appointed Church Elder. Her many accomplishments were noted by Rev. Melora, and a plaque was presented to Suellen by Betty Sherwood.

Treasurer, Jane Wilson, provided a preamble to the financial reports which were provided in the meeting package. Financial Review Committee of Pat Conroy and Stephen Lentz had performed the required review of the financial statements for the year ending 2017 and found them to be presented fairly and accurately. Jane was thanked with a round of applause.

Finance Committee Chair, David Hoadley, outlined the challenges and opportunities of the four-year financial plan. David moved the following motion “*Be it resolved that the congregation approves paying down the mortgage, when it becomes due in October, by \$40,000.*” Motion CARRIED with three opposed and one abstention.

Andy Lee presented highlights from the insurance report, included in the meeting package.

Vision 2020 – Strategic Planning Update was presented by Marion Pape, Rebecca Mellett and Rev. Shana. Many terrific activities continue to thrive. The Board had committed to focusing on three areas where those participating in the planning sessions identified the greatest need. Priorities for action going forward are Membership (current, future); Access and Format – Location; Family Ministry (all types, intergenerational).

John Worton moved two resolutions to amend bylaws that had been accidentally lost several years ago. Article XIV – Non-Profit Status *The Society shall operate without the purpose of financial gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for the purposes in the constitution.*” CARRIED.

Article XV – Dissolution *In the event the members of the Society vote for dissolution at a meeting duly called for that purpose, all of its assets after payment of all liabilities shall be transferred to the Canadian Unitarian Council or its successor.*

According to the new Societies Act, the new standard of a 2/3 majority will now be required to pass a resolution at a general meeting. Formerly, at least 75% was required.

Rev. Melora introduced and thanked the current Board. Jane Wilson and Lorna Anthony were given gift certificates to Café Brio as a thank you from Rev. Shana and Rev. Melora. Lorna received a flaming chalice pendant from the congregation.

AGM AT A GLANCE continued...

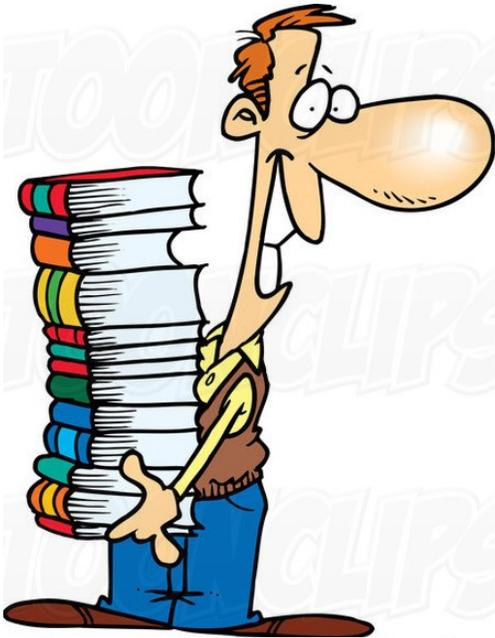
Following the presentation of the roster of candidates by Nomination Chair, Allan Dakin, and a volunteer from the floor, the Board of Trustees for 2017-18 is: President Marion Pape; Vice-President Steve Sharlow; Treasurer Earle Anthony; Secretary Hanny Pannekoek; Trustees – John Tiffany, Nancy Dobbs, Lynn Hunter, Rebecca Mellett, Susan Layng, Bruce Nicol, Bill Glassman; Past President Lorna Anthony.

Nominating Committee members for the coming year – Al Hoffman, John Hvozdzanski, Robin Sacker-van Gessel, Lorna Anthony, Allan Dakin.

Rev. Melora led a ritual of transition from the old board to the new board.

Liz Graham moved a show of support for the continuing appointment of our three lay chaplains: Kjerstin Mackie, Oceanna Hall and Anne Vaasjo.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08.



Save your books and save the date: Giant Book Sale September 22, 2018

If you cannot store your books until September, please box them and put them with the other books in the storage space under the church sanctuary. Please do not leave them in the Farmhouse hallway.

Please do not donate textbooks, encyclopaedias, Reader's Digest Condensed books, computer books, or magazines. They don't sell. Please put them in your recycling.

Did you know that the First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation has been giving bursaries to two indigenous persons at Camosun College for the past 16 years? The bursaries were \$1600 each for 2017. If you would like to help continue this or other foundation programs, please contact Mike Graham at (250) 384-4351.

Following is a snapshot of the Board meeting held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. A full set of minutes will be posted on the Lion Hall board and will be available in the office.

This is the final Board meeting of the current members. Jane Wilson, Karen Furnes, John Worton and Shirley Travis have completed their terms. New Board members were elected at the AGM on May 6th.

The Strategic Plan was discussed; specifically the terms of reference for a task force to look at various aspects of our church location. There will be a call for congregation members to be on the task force as well as lots of consultation with the membership.

Along with her regular activities Rev. Shana has been busy with two memorial services, a SEL-A course in May, one Jazz Vespers in May and two in June.

Rev. Melora had 24 people attending her last walk, spent time with Coming of Age group about God/not God and she attended a CUC conference in Hamilton in May. This has been alongside her many other responsibilities.

Chris, our Ministerial Intern is wrapping up his activities with FUCV with his last day in June.

President, Lorna, expressed her sincere appreciation for having worked with such an excellent Board. Lorna will become Past President at the AGM.

Treasurer, Jane, reported that financial statements as of the end of April are very positive. The Service Auction total now exceeds \$20,000. (Thank you to Suellen!) Four Souper Sundays have raised \$4,060.

Records Management and Archives is moving from Property to Admin Council. The Past President will oversee and be a liaison between archivist, church administrator and Council chairs.

The Truth & Reconciliation (November's artist-in-residence) will be listed under Outreach Council in order to provide a more direct line of communication.

GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together) will be the recipient of share-the-plate funds for January. In the event of insufficient funds to meet the \$700 annual membership, it will be the church's responsibility to cover the cost.

CUC President, Keith Wilkinson, asked the Board to respond to 3 questions: 1) What is working well in your congregation? 2) What are your key challenges? 3) How do you think the CUC might be able to help your congregation? Lorna will send our responses to Keith.

Policy Manual update was presented by Karen to clarify the term "church year" in accordance with the BC Societies Act. It is AGM to AGM.

Membership: New Friend – Carol Smith

Submitted by Lorna Anthony (President May 2016 – May 2018)

HOW in Motion

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and you will fly away to a remote village named Makuyni in Tanzania and to Nashipay School where we are helping the Maasai people to build a dormitory for those children who live too far away to walk to school each day. The target for our share is \$5,000.

Church member Kressa Sissu, who proposed this project, writes: "I hope this video will give you a feel of what it is like when we join forces with our Maasai families to accomplish tasks that will provide a better life for the kids and their parents. Everyone comes out to join us. They all work very hard. We even had a little boy who was only four years old help collect rocks for our foundation. You could tell he was proud of himself that he could help. Thank you again for all your support."

The target for this HOW project is \$5,000. For our two HOW projects, a total of \$9,000. We have passed the \$5,000 mark in donations. Thank you! To make a donation to this project, please make your cheque payable to First Unitarian Church of Victoria and on the memo line, write – "HOW – Maasai." If you want your donation to be shared between our two projects, just write "HOW." Healing our world, one wound at a time.

Memorial Service to honour the life of Mary Canty

(October 13, 1922 - April 6, 2018)



1:00pm

Saturday, June 2, 2018

First Unitarian Church of Victoria

**Grounds and Gardens Volunteers Needed**

Due to some of our long term volunteers finding the work load too much for them, we are looking for some "new blood." Similar type work as shown is available to highly skilled and motivated people. If you are interested in expanding your experiences at the church then we are the group to see.

Please contact Mike at "Over Taxed by Earle Anthony (not his real name) but continuing the fight," or [email mfrogbog@icloud.com](mailto:mfrogbog@icloud.com)



PR systems: Single Transferable Vote (STV)

The B.C. government is currently considering two major voting systems for the referendum next fall: Mixed Member Proportional (MMP), which was reviewed in last month’s newsletter, and Single Transferable Vote (STV), reviewed here.

Single Transferable Vote was the system proposed by the B.C. Citizens’ Assembly in 2004. The Assembly chose it over MMP in part because it maximizes voter choice by allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates from one or more political parties. This is achieved by combining 2-7 electoral districts so that you might have as many as seven candidates from each political party to choose from.

STV is easy for voters to use. You simply number as many candidates as you like in the order of your preference (see sample ballot). In electoral districts where five or more districts are combined, you are likely to end up with at least one Member of the Legislature (MLA) from the party you prefer, even if that party had few MLAs elected under our current First Past the Post (FPTP) system (e.g., the Green Party).

Critics of STV complain that the analysis is complicated. This is true if you fear fractions, but the analysis is perfectly logical. The two main features of the analysis are 1) candidates with the least number of votes at each analytical stage are dropped, and 2) candidates only need a certain number of votes to win a seat (e.g., 50% of votes +1 if there are only 2 seats to be won), so votes exceeding that number are “surplus.” But which votes are “surplus” ? To circumvent that difficulty, a fraction of all the votes for a candidate with a surplus are moved to the next choice on each ballot (so it’s to your advantage to number as many candidates as you can). Yes, it *is* complicated, but unless you’re an electoral-systems nerd you don’t have to worry about it (and if you are such a nerd, we’ll organize a seminar for you).

Ballot for SINGLE TRANSFERRABLE VOTE (STP) voting system		
Number as many choices as you wish in the order of preference, 1 = first choice		
5	Bill Smith	Blue Party
1	Nancy Jordan	Pink Party
4	Lorna Harrison	Blue Party
	Phil Potts	Purple Party
6	Marg Newhope	Pink Party
3	Ed Bourbon	Blue Party
7	Sean MacDonald	Purple Party
2	Ellen Trollop	Pink Party

No system is perfect. Electoral districts for STV (as also for MMP) are larger than for FPTP. Combining large geographical electoral districts for STV may be impractical, but in such cases STV can be combined with MMP or FPTP to form a hybrid. Finally, the Citizens’ Assembly liked STV because politicians are less able to tweak it to suit their own ends the way they can with MMP.



Summer Solstice Celebration

6 pm Thursday, June 21

Come and celebrate the longest day of the year at First Unitarian Church of Victoria. We will have a barbeque community dinner* on the lawn with outdoor games, a fire-cleansing ritual, and then songs and stories around the fire until the sun sets. Bring salads/sides and desserts to share, as well as games and musical instruments.

Find out more: <https://victoriaunitarian.ca/summer-solstice/>

* SELCY and Community Dinner Crew are joining forces to offer this event: There will be **no** community dinner on June 8.

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

Cadboro Bay: Valerie Roberts writes, “Cadboro Bay is having a get together at Linda Schlechte Petch's house at the end of the month. This will be afternoon tea with finger foods, and also a glass of wine for those who choose to bring some. We always appreciate the beautiful view of the ocean and all the flowers. Linda was the person responsible for starting the major plant sale at U. Vic.” Cadboro Bay NG worked with James Bay to host the final Souper Sunday for this church year.

Esquimalt: From Maureen Sherlock we hear, “Esquimalt Neighbourhood Group is having a Drinks on Deck social hosted by Anne Vaasjo and John Stewart on May 22nd at 3:00 pm.”

Far Out: Phyllis Aherne writes, “The ‘Fickle Fig’ on Mills road was the venue for our FFCCFONGFUCV... (First Friday Coffee Clatch, Far Out Neighborhood group, First Unitarian Church of Victoria)...we’re working at making that title more user friendly. We had a lovely coffee morning, welcoming Kressa Sisu back from her trip to Africa and hearing some of her adventures. We enjoyed the venue and will meet there again the first Friday of June. We are also looking for a place to enjoy our June lunching out event. Any suggestions greatly appreciated.”

Gordon Head: This NG is preparing for one of the most significant services NGs offer the church. Mary Cramer writes, “Our group is currently making arrangements for Mary Canty's memorial service reception on June 2nd. Mary had been an active member of our NG and she is missed.”

Grand Central: Marya Nijland, the convenor of this group, is facing surgery in June and has stepped down from this role, so the group is looking for a new convenor. Sandra Jacobsen has become the new Care & Concern Contact for Grand Central. This NG provided goodies for coffee time in May.

James Bay: Lynn Hunter writes, “James Bay had a busy month in April. We worked with Cadboro Bay to provide the Souper Sunday on April 15th and then on April 28th we worked with the Memorial team to host a reception for long time member, Daphne Dunbar.”

Oak Bay: This NG is also busy. Tiff writes, “OBNG will have its next potluck at John Warton’s home on Saturday June 9th. Our monthly luncheon will take place on Wednesday June 20th at Monterey Rec Ctr. And in the month of June, OBNG will take care of providing the goodies for Lion Hall coffee hour (Oak Bayers, please note that there are only four Sundays in this month).”

Royal Oak East: Hanny Pannekoek sends this reflection, “The following has occurred to me: members of our group are not only participating well in NG activities; several of us are also active in the larger church community, which makes me wonder if there is a connection between having an involved neighbourhood group and the level of involvement in our church itself? I am also very pleased to say that some of us are active in the Cordova Bay community affairs as well. Perhaps one stimulates the other...?”

Around the Neighbourhood continued...

Royal Oak West: Martha McDougall writes, "The ROW NG is busy preparing for the salad sampler dinner before the June 10 Jazz Vespers. This event was offered as an auction item at the April auction and ROW is looking forward to hosting folks that night! ROW members will be enjoying a potluck on June 1 hosted by Lance and Jen Young.



PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Great News!! Our congregation along with Capital will be participating in this year's Pride Parade and Festival on Sunday, July 8. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Both Andy Lee and Nancy Dobbs were instrumental in acquiring resources from the Ruth Humphrey's Fund to purchase a tent and other promotional materials. We will require many volunteers to carry our huge rainbow banner along the parade route as well as helping to assist in the booth set-up on the festival grounds and chat about our principles and aims. This is a great family event, and everyone is encouraged to participate! Interested? Contact Nancy Dobbs at nandobbs@shaw.ca

- Susan Layng, Outreach



SINGING ALL AROUND

One of the great pleasures of life for many of us is lifting our hearts in song. Sometimes we do that quietly on our morning walks, sometimes we do it loudly in the shower. In our lives we can be especially blessed by moments when we join in singing with others - around the dinner table, at the campfire under the stars, at vigils and marches with friends seeking justice. In these places, we almost always sing shorter, simpler songs - easy to follow, easy to remember and lots of fun. Rounds like *Gathered Here*; zipper songs like *I've Got Peace Like a River*; chants like *Return Again*; even multi-layered pieces like *Meditation on Breathing*. In the familiar and the clear, even those who are tentative in their singing can find a confident voice, and many start to find the freedom to explore new rhythms and new harmonies. You'll likely even find some new friends for singing around a backyard fire. And if you enjoy movement with your singing, you'll be delighted by the sacred circle dance that will also be offered.

Join community song leaders Nancy Dobbs and Jewel Spooner, as well as Ministerial Intern Christopher Wulff, for a monthly afternoon of singing heart songs, circle songs, sacred songs and more in a community of joyful sharing.

A sacred circle dance will also be offered.

We'll meet from 2:30-4:00 in the Sanctuary on June 1 and June 22.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

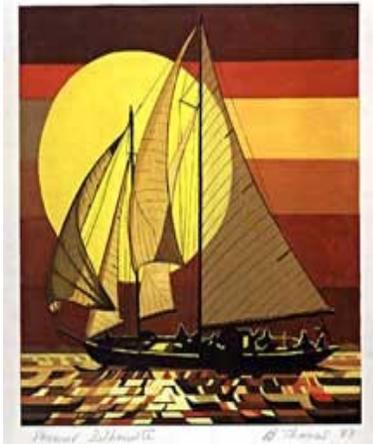
BEVERLEY ROGERS-THOMAS

Beverley Rogers-Thomas is a graduate of the Vancouver School of Art (now the Emily Carr Institute of Art).

Her formal training and her international lifestyle have enabled Beverley to pursue a variety of art forms and expressions that reflect her unique life experiences. Techniques used by Beverley include classical oil and water colour painting, Chinese brush painting and calligraphy, Japanese wood-block printing and sumi-e, Indonesian batik dyeing, European etching, English botanicals (studied at Kew Gardens), Japanese lapidary, jewellery-making and free-form ceramics.



Exhibitions of Beverley's works have been held in Canada, Germany and France.



FUCV REACHES OUT TO FAMILIES IN GREATER VICTORIA

We'd like to attract new kids and their parents to FUCV, so we'll be reaching out families in Greater Victoria to tell them about our many great programs. Our first outreach happens **Sunday, June 17, 2018** at "Car Free YYJ," a big family-friendly event on Douglas Street: <https://downtownvictoria.ca/events/car-free-yyj/>. We'll have our own tent, thanks to the Ruth Humphries Innovation Fund, offering ring toss games with prizes and colouring for visiting kids, and we'll pass out handouts and answer parents' questions about our church.



Can you help staff the tent for two hours that day?

Contact Andy Lee, (250) 858-5155 or andrew.lee@firley.ca and we'll talk about times. Or here's a link to info and a signup sheet for shifts: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xGweEhMofSkRSa1pG9IbdjmdRpnvG01QeQuMH2H_Br0/edit

Many thanks, and we'd love to see you there!

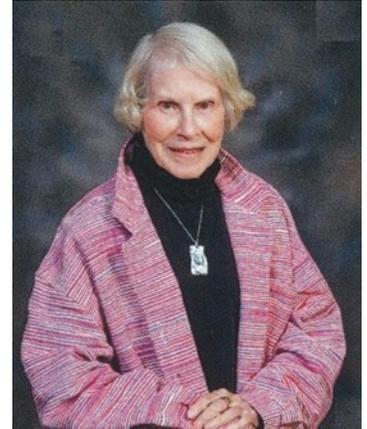
CELEBRATING OUR NEW 25 YEAR MEMBERS

Nan Fairchild

When I was living in Montreal in the late 50s, on a skiing trip, I broke my leg in three places. I was in hospital for two and a half months. The United Church minister visited me and told me - authoritatively - that God hadn't planned the broken leg but was giving me the opportunity to give myself to Jesus. Well! From my flat-on-my back position I felt like waving my crutch at him, but I refrained.

It was close to Christmas. My brother-in-law's brother invited me to the Christmas pageant at the Unitarian Church. I said, "What's that?" "Come and see." The Montreal church was large, beautiful, and welcoming. The pageant was delightful. That autumn, still limping with a cane instead of a cast, I moved to Vancouver to enrol in the Faculty of Education. I joined the Unitarian Church where Phillip Hewett was minister. Ten days after I graduated from UBC I was married there by Phillip.

Time went by, with many changes. I apprenticed as a pewterer in Fredericton, set up my own pewter business in Vancouver and moved to Victoria in 1990. As part of settling in, I joined First Church. I was on the Chaplains' Committee and the Library Committee. I now live five minutes walk from UU Capital congregation and feel at home there though a significant part of my heart is here on West Saanich Road.



Sandra Jacobsen

I don't know where the time has flown but it has been 25 years since my daughter Emily and I walked through the church door on Superior St. in James Bay. What I remember most about that Sunday was being warmly greeted by a number of people and taking the orange mug (visitor indication). Half way through the homily I knew I'd arrived "home." I joined the church and the choir almost the same day. I knew I was in the "right" place. One of my fondest memories is sitting with Ruth and Berta in the choir - my great alto supports. And one of the greatest blessings from the community has been Andy and Astrid's presence in Emily's life as godparents. The R.E. program as the kids program was called back then gave my daughter what I'd hoped for her - an overview of a variety of spiritual traditions. My goodness it took so many years to find the Unitarian Church. Exploring many other religious traditions throughout my adult life, nothing seemed to fit until that Sunday. What I appreciate most about our church is the fabulous community of people. It is so gratifying now that I'm "almost" retired to be able to attend regularly and begin to contribute more to this wondrous group of people and community. Hallelujah!



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Kjerstin Mackie

My parents were Swedish/Irish and Finnish/Welsh-Americans. They met at a Unitarian Liberal Religious Youth Camp in Minnesota and emigrated to Argentina in the 1950s, where I was born. We came to Canada in 1967, finding here a haven of political and religious tolerance. My parents embraced diversity in cultures and living styles, and my parents and grandparents taught me Unitarian values directly and by example. My upbringing resulted in a fascination with comparing human relationships and experiences across time and geography. I deeply appreciate and value the friendships, and the embodiment of the values of Unitarian way of life that I have found in this congregation.



Caroline Startin

I made my way to the Unitarian Church through my mother. She attended the Unitarian Church of Vancouver for over 40 years. From about 8 years of age I have been a part of a Unitarian community: Vancouver, Halifax and Victoria.

Now I stay in the Unitarian community because it is part of who I am. Even something as small as lighting a candle of remembrance on Sunday morning is a ritual that makes a space within me to feel close to people who are important to me. Treating people as I would like to be treated has been a core value for me as long as I can remember. Respect for the interdependent web of life I have learned to appreciate as I grow older. The small wonders of life I experience every day warm my spirit and I am thankful. Within this church community and elsewhere the challenge is to overcome the limitations I set within myself.



Jan Thomson

A U.U. Lay Chaplain, Sandy Hill, who had many years earlier been my Gr. 9 science teacher, performed my marriage in 1986. Shortly thereafter, I attended my first UU service at the Beacon Fellowship (mainland) and heard the inimitable Robert Latham. I left the service feeling excited and energized because I knew that I had finally found my spiritual *home*. Fast-forward to 1992 and a move to Victoria, where Terry and I had moved with our one year-old son, Grayson.

Knowing that the only church I would attend had to be UU, and wanting to recreate the family church experience that he'd grown up with as a Catholic, Terry found the Unitarian Church of Victoria on Superior Street. We started attending in the fall of 1992 and joined the next year. Needless to say many changes have occurred in the 25 years since....and my membership in this church has sustained me in ways I could not have imagined when I first joined. I am so very grateful to be a member of this caring, supportive and loving body of dedicated individuals who collectively are making a difference in ways big and small.



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Stu Whitney

The Unitarian Church first caught my attention when as a sophomore at university I learned that their ministers actually invited talk-back to their preaching. FUCV was no exception, but I withheld becoming a card-carrying member until this congregation acquired a settled minister. I did not fancy the notion of talking back to other lay persons. That would be too much like talking to myself.

In addition to freedom in communication, I value the opportunities found in our church for doing. I volunteered my way into activities that gave me much comfort and joy; read satisfaction and contentment. Activities that were recreational and fun to do were easily applied to helping on committees and special projects in the church program. Developing the grounds and gardens, including the memorial wall and paths of remembrance, after we moved from downtown to the present rural property, is an example of the glue that has kept me an adherent to our cause.

And the people I have met, came to know and love, are the ultimate prize in the package.



CELEBRATING OUR NEW 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Helen and John Hvozdzanski

In 1961 we attended the Fellowship in the old Scout Hall on Cedar Hill Road. Then the arrival of two daughters occupied our time. In 1968 our youngest turned three, the magic age for the church school. We officially joined the church in 1968. Our first ten years were spent in the church school and on the Religious Education Committee. The 60s was the time of free schools and we leased our RE rooms to one. This meant on Saturdays we had to scrub the classrooms. The 60s was the time of encounter groups, protests against the Vietnam War and constant fund raising events to keep the heat on. This entailed luncheons, dinners, rummage sales, Christmas bazaars and endless work on the part of members. Folk singing was in vogue. Rick Maston and Malvina Reynolds of “ticky tacky houses” fame visited us. Dr. Lotta Hitchmanova came yearly and we would host a public film and fund raising event for the Unitarian Service Committee.



In the 80s we ran a food bank for single men. This was our part of the food bank network. We learned that if you want great friends, join them in a cause. When Professor and Zella Verns left the Church (we might have still been a Fellowship at that time) \$10,000, we renovated the seaman’s mission to suit our needs. We had an in-house architect and lots of talented members working to bring it together. When we moved to our new location it required a lot of effort to modify before we could occupy it. If you walked across the parking lot you would hear whistling and singing from a hole in the ground. If you looked down you would find John, Ron Neilson and Ted Furness, the whistler, working on the new septic tank layout. There was a lot of singing and laughter involved. Over the last 50 years we have been on all of the church committees and the board several times. The exception was the choir. We spared you that. Helen has been president and has served on the CUC Board.

CELEBRATING OUR NEW 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Helen and John Hvozdzanski continued...

For years John and Gordon Ralston contributed their engineering skills to the “we need a new hot water tank” or “fix the dishwasher” requests. At present John is on Earle Anthony’s rota for mowing the lawn. Over the last 50 years we have walked holding or behind our church banner for many causes. We are a three-generation church family. Our daughters were raised in the extraordinary church school and our grandchildren followed them. Marion has taken our place in the religious education area and the annual canvass. Anna and Scott are proud Unitarians. The most amazing people have come through the doors of our church and we have been blessed to know them and the ministers who have served our congregation.

Anne Swannell

When I moved to Edmonton in 1964, I didn't know anyone. A neighbour recommended I join the Unitarian Church, which I did, and almost immediately was given Sophia Fah's curriculum notes and began teaching Sunday school so I could take my son with me. When we moved back to Victoria in 1968, I joined the Victoria congregation and before long, I was leading the Sunday school here.

I remember how hard it was to find teachers: once I called all through the alphabet till I reached the Vs before I came to Raymond Vickery who, wonder of wonders, said yes, he'd help.* In 1969, I needed to get a paying job, so Lucille Dobbs took over that position.

In the seventies (I forget the year) I became Sunday Services Leader for a year or so. Finding speakers and planning the services was an opportunity to be really creative because in those far-gone days, we didn't have a standard liturgical formula...it was anything goes, in any order. And there was no choir to count on for music either, so musicians also had to be found if it was to be anything but a not-very-musically-adept rendition of the few hymns the congregation knew.

Nowadays, having become very involved with community theatre (scene painting and set design), I don't come to church very often, but it's always lovely to see old friends when I do. My small contribution to church life is to fold the orders of service and do the flowers once a month!

P.S. You'll find one of my poetry books in the church library: it's called *Shifting*.

*Footnote: Ray and I were married from 1983 to 2011.



The Annual General Meeting of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation will be on Sunday, June 10th at 12:00 pm in the Common Room.

Income from donations given to the Victoria Foundation by Florence and Keith Jobson provide bursaries annually for two First Nations students at Camosun College. The income generated by a donation from an Anonymous Donor also generates income for the Music Committee and Social Responsibility Committees. All members of the church are also members of FUCV Foundation and are welcome to attend this brief session.

SPIRITED JAZZ

Spring Unitarian Jazz Vespers

Enjoy jazz with a splash of spiritual inspiration

June 10th, Sunday, 7-8 PM

John MacArthur and his Trio

Theme: "On Being Mellow"

John MacArthur – Guitar; Tony Genge – Pianist; Barry Casson - Drums.

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By donation and greatly appreciated



Those who have been appreciating the short trip on a country road to a beautiful setting with top jazz musicians, completed with the musings of Reverend Shana, will be sure not to miss this upcoming vespers featuring Victoria Music Hall-of-Famer John MacArthur.

Victoria's own, John MacArthur is an accomplished guitarist with an extensive and eclectic background and plays a variety of jazz classics, swing, Latin and Gypsy jazz music. Despite being a member of Victoria's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, John is most often seen around town and the Island either as a soloist or in a variety of combos with the city's top jazz musicians.

At 13 he joined The Esquires, one of Victoria's first Rock and Roll bands winning the "Vancouver Island Battle of the Bands," a notable event in the sixties. By 16 he played in David Foster's first rock band, "The Teen Beats." Throughout that era he played in a succession of groups including R & R Hall of Famers "The Motifs," "Amor de Cosmos," and "Velvet Brass."

John has done an extensive cruise ship tour of the South Pacific Islands with "Party of Four." He has played gypsy jazz with "Twango" and "Karmel Sutra" and vintage rock with "Hot Rod Lincoln," "Davey's Gang" and "The Weeds."

Enjoy jazz with a splash of spiritual inspiration in venues with exquisite sound and setting. These hour-long evening services are a unique blend of jazz and spirituality. Each service brings together live music from popular local jazz musicians, a brief meaningful message, and a little of the history of the music performed.

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JUNE 23, SATURDAY, 7-8:30 PM

Chelsea McBride's Socialist Night School Band

First Unitarian Church of Victoria

\$20 general admission/\$15 Students

Here's the ticket link: <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/20935/>

This year being the fourth Anniversary of Spirited Jazz Vespers, Saturday June 23 will see a special Spirited Jazz Celebration. Chelsea McBride's Socialist Night School 19-piece big band will be right here on our stage. The Band recently received stellar acclaim in Downbeat Magazine.

Chelsea McBride is the award-winning conductor/composer/ringleader of Chelsea McBride's Socialist Night School, a 19-piece big band featuring a diverse and multi-generational mix of Toronto's finest jazz musicians. Called "a dazzling set anyone with even an interest in big band should check out," their debut full-length album "The Twilight Fall" recently received 4 stars in Downbeat Magazine and can be heard here: <https://crymmusic.bandcamp.com/album/the-twilight-fall>

With influences ranging from Maria Schneider abroad to Darcy James Argue and Christine Jensen here at home, the Socialist Night School is one of the youngest and most prolific groups playing original contemporary big band music in Canada. They have just recently received grant funding to support a tour this summer promoting "The Twilight Fall."

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Post-Service Walk for All Ages: Walking In Spirit with Rev. Melora

In the fall, we experimented with our first intergenerational “walking in spirit.” Then we did a Spring Equinox intergenerational walk at Swan Lake over spring break. Now, for the end of the church year, we return to Tod Inlet.

Sunday, June 10, 12:00 p.m.

Intergenerational Walk – Bring the kids!!

Tod Inlet Trail (meet in sanctuary)



Walk will include a mindfulness exercise for all ages as well as plenty of time to chat and connect.

Meet in Sanctuary at 12 noon to organize carpooling.

Bring bag lunch (If it is rainy, we'll eat in the sanctuary, before the walk. If clear, we'll picnic at Tod Inlet.)

Dress in weather-wise clothes and non-slip footwear. Don't forget the sunhats and sunscreen!

Gowlland Tod Provincial Park, Wallace Drive

<https://www.victoriatrails.com/trails/tod-inlet/#overview> The hike starts on Wallace Drive, about 4 kms north of the church. We'll walk down to lovely Tod Inlet where we will picnic before strolling back uphill. Horizontal distance from Wallace Drive to Tod Inlet is about 1.5 km; elevation change is about 60 m. The trail is wide with good footing.

RSVP rev.melora@gmail.com subject “intergen walk”; cell/text 250-891-6330

Photos below: Fall & Spring Intergenerational Walks



(Thank you, photographers, Sarah Harris and Sylvia Krogh!)

REQUEST FROM CAPITAL UU

WE WANT YOU IN OUR PULPIT

We at Capital UU, as a small lay led congregation, enjoy filling our Sundays with UU content. First Victoria brims with UUs who have something meaningful to say and few Sundays when the pulpit is free.

Capital welcomes UUs at First Victoria to create a talk to share with our cozy and appreciative audience in exchange for an honorarium. It is a richly rewarding experience that will help you deepen your faith and spiritual life. This is an opportunity to grow and deepen our shared faith. Let's be better together.

Interested but not sure what you would say? We have lots of ideas! Start a conversation with us and we'll help you find a topic and either a traditional or creative (storytelling, musical, interactive) presentation style that feels right for you. Be bold and commit to exploring the possibility of creating and sharing a talk.

Simply email Capital.Sundays@unitariancongregation.org with questions or to express your interest in speaking. We want to extend an especially warm invitation to all who have spoken to us in the past.

-Mike Riess

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In case you were wondering

GVAT is an acronym for Greater Victoria Acting Together.

GVAT represents a commitment to the community of Victoria. We are here to listen, learn, articulate, dialogue, organize and act to advance social, environmental and economic justice. By intentionally fostering relationships among different organizations, we are anticipating building a strong power base so that we can act together.

Based on the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) model of community organizing, IAF has over 60 active community alliances across the US, Canada, the UK, Germany and Australia and has a proven track record around the world. There are currently 19 paid member groups in the Victoria area. FUVC voted unanimously to join GVAT this past January.

Different from other organizations, we start by listening to our members and by building relationships, we identify our common ground and then take collective action. In order to find out what matters to you, we are conducting a listening campaign to provide an opportunity for members to identify concerns in a specific organization, neighbourhood or workplace.

What keeps you up at night? What are the biggest challenges in your life? Do we see the world as it is or the world as it should be? By being curious about the other's stories, we begin to understand relational power, the things that people are most energized to act on in the public arena are the things that touch them the most.

This is an exciting time to talk about the issues that you care about and the challenges and pressures facing you, your loved ones and your broader community. You'll also have an opportunity to share your concerns and ideas that you would like the greater GVAT organization to address.

We as facilitators are conscious of your time, respectful of other's opinions and we make sure that everyone gets a chance to speak without interruption. This is a one-hour commitment only!

After all the listening campaigns have concluded, the information will be collected and categorized. We will look for patterns and then gather the concerns and issues into clusters and bring them to the greater GVAT body.

Please contact either Susan Layng or Marion Pape to register a date.

ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY - Nancy Dobbs

If you are a member or a friend of our congregation and have had your photo taken for our secure online photo directory, thank you. There will be a photo directory sign up table in the Lion Hall after the service on May 13, May 27, June 3 and June 10. Your participation is greatly appreciated by our directory team.

Spirituality, Religion, and Secularity in the Pacific Northwest:

Seeking Participants for Oral History Interviews

A research team based at the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at the University of Victoria is conducting a research project on spirituality, religion, and secularity in the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Paul Bramadat is the project director.

We are interested in this project in understanding the historical origins of the region's distinctive patterns of spirituality, including the fact that a much higher proportion of the population of the Pacific Northwest are irreligious than is the case elsewhere in North America, the differences between the Canadian and American parts of the region, as well as the experiences of spiritually committed individuals in societies in which serious spiritual commitment is relatively rare. The project has received full ethics approval by the University of Victoria's Human Research Ethics Board.

We are seeking to interview people whose family members have lived in some part of the Pacific Northwest for between 90-100 years, and who for more than one generation have identified themselves as unbelievers, atheists, agnostics, or as just not interested in religion. If possible, we are hoping to interview members of two generations of the same family. Interviews will take approximately 60-80 minutes of your time and be held at a location of your choice.

Prior to the interview, we will ask participants to review and sign an official consent form that will summarize our research interests and will also provide details with respect to how we will use the data and your freedom to withdraw at any point.

Participants will receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card and will be entered into a draw to win an Apple iPad. Participants will also be compensated for public transit costs and parking costs associated with participation in the interview.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynne Marks, Professor in the Department of History at the University of Victoria at LSMARKS@uvic.ca for more information. If you are not interested, or not part of the group I am seeking but know of others who might be, please feel free to circulate this ad.

Calendar Highlights

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:30 Guided Meditation</p> <p>10:30 Sunday Service*</p> <p>11:45 Directory Photos</p> <p>12:00 AHA Meeting</p>					<p>2:30 Singing All Around</p>	<p>10:30 Depression & Anxiety Support</p> <p>12:45 Buddhist Meditation</p> <p>1:00 Mary Canty Memorial</p> <p>3:30 Coming of Age Group</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Guided Meditation</p> <p>10:30 Sunday Service*</p> <p>12:00 FUCV Foundation AGM</p> <p>12:00 EAT Meeting</p> <p>12:30 Eine Kleine</p> <p>7:30 Spirited Jazz (Jazz Vespers)</p>	<p>7:30 FUCV Pub Night</p>	<p>12:30 Board Meeting</p>		<p>1:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6:00 Community Dinner</p>	<p>9:00 Adult OWL</p> <p>12:45 Buddhist Meditation</p> <p>12:45 Naturopathic Discussion</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Guided Meditation</p> <p>10:30 Sunday Service*</p> <p>12:15 Coffee w/Ministers</p> <p>12:30 Eine Kleine</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>5:45 Worship Associates Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>12:45 Buddhist Meditation</p>

*Children and youth programs run concurrently with the service.

For a comprehensive listing of First Unitarian Church of Victoria events and locations, please visit www.victoriaunitarian.ca/members/events.

Members Birthdays - JUNE 2018

- 1 Dar Gareau-Levy; Jonah Barr-Hoadley
- 2 Jean Simpson
- 4 Bridget Barr-Hoadley, Matea Branch,
Jean Foxall, David Haywood-Escher
- 6 Bruce Bennett
- 7 Jane Bramadat
- 8 Marion Irish
- 9 Allan Dakin, June (Leigh) Waters
- 10 Kathryn Saunders, Mike Thorne,
Mark Danley [Bayntun]
- 12 Rene Taylor-Lowen
- 13 Sevanna Grunwald
- 14 Gita John-Iyam
- 17 Jan Van Gessel, Mae Adam
- 19 Brad Clarke, Emilia Quibell,
Rev Melora Lynngood
- 20 Elizabeth McGugan
- 21 Russ Mellett
- 25 Eunice Fast
- 27 Keiran Marrett-Hitch
- 29 Kieran Hall Locklin
- 30 Marian Foucault

New Address

Rebecca & Russell Mellet
7020 Wallace Dr, Brentwood BC. V8M 1G1
NG: Nearby
Other contact info remains the same.

New Members and Friends

New Friend

Carol Smith

Board Members on Duty:

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- June 10- John Tiffany
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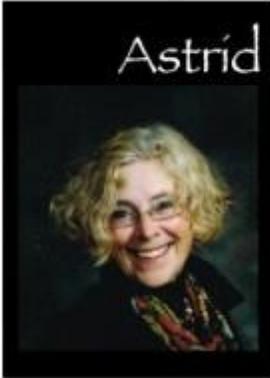
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<u>1</u>	The inherent worth and dignity of every person
<u>2</u>	Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
<u>3</u>	Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
<u>4</u>	A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
<u>5</u>	The right of conscience & the use of the democratic process within our congregations & in society at large
<u>6</u>	The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
<u>7</u>	Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

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