



*The Victoria Unitarian*  
**FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA**  
*Growing in Spirit, Living with Compassion, Inspired to Serve*

**SERVICES IN JUNE**



Date	Title / Topic	Homilist	WA
June 2	Soul Beauty	Rev Melora	Morgan Reid
June 9	Beautiful Transitions	Rev Shana & Arran Liddel	Samantha Magnus
June 16	The Many Forms of Beauty	Rev Shana	Doug McGinnis
June 23	Unapologetic: Redefining Beauty	Samantha Magnus	Kressa Sisu
June 30	Pride!	Youth from Trans Tipping Point	Shelley Motz

**DATE: June 2**

HOMILIST: Rev Melora Reid

**TITLE: Soul Beauty**

CHOIR: Chalice Choir

WA: Morgan

In a world that puts too much value on superficial attractiveness, how might you engage beauty as a spiritual practice? How do you lift up the inner beauty you see in the people around you? What is beautiful about you? (No really. Try to answer that. What is beautiful about you as a human being? If it's hard to answer, why? What would have to change so that you'd more readily admit to your own inner beauty?) When life gets hard, how can you find a glimmer of beauty in the midst of it all – one small beautiful thing – that you can take into yourself, and carry with you as a balm for your weary or wounded soul?

Livestream begins each Sunday by 10:25 am. To view [please click on this link](#). To view past worship services (as of Jan. 27) [click on this link](#).

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**DATE: June 9**

**TITLE: Beautiful Transitions**

HOMILIST: Rev Shana & Arran Liddel

CHOIR: No choir

WA: Samantha Magnus

In this our annual transitions service we will mark and honour the many changes in our lives since last June. We will also honour the people who have been members of this community for 25 and 50 years and celebrate the middle-school youth who are graduating from the OWL program. How might we see the beauty even amidst the challenge in the shifts and changes that we undergo in life? How can ritual help?

**DATE: June 16**

**TITLE: The Many Forms of Beauty**

HOMILIST: Rev Shana

CHOIR: Chalice Choir

WA: Shelley Motz

Our world and our lives are full of beauty. The natural world, the world of art and music, and the ways we find and see beauty in human connection all contribute to the sense that as simple as the word is, its meaning is rich and dense. What forms of beauty speak most to you? Where do you seek it? How do you recapture a sense of beauty when you have lost it?

**DATE: June 23**

**TITLE: Unapologetic: Redefining Beauty**

HOMILIST: Samantha Magnus

CHOIR: No choir

WA: Kressa Sisu

An exploration of the kind of “deep beauty” that moves us. How can we cultivate awareness and appreciation for deep beauty: that of authenticity, resilience, and truth?

*Note: Our ministers will be away at the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Spokane Washington from June 17 – June 23. They are back at work on Tuesday, June 25.*

**DATE: June 30**

**TITLE: PRIDE!**

HOMILIST: Trans Tipping Point Youth

CHOIR: No choir

WA: Shelley Motz

The Trans Tipping Point is a Victoria-based project that has engaged trans youth in multiple art-based retreats over the last two years. The youth have created an anthology (anticipated to be published later this year) as well as numerous visual art pieces that focus on family, body image, coming out, and other aspects of their lives. Some of the youth will share their stories with us in this PRIDE service.

*Note: Our ministers have Monday off as well as one weekend per month (as is standard for UU ministers). This is their June weekend off. They will be taking their 4 weeks of study leave, and 2 weeks holiday from July 2 – August 12. They are back at work on Tuesday, August 13.*

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## 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, Mark Danley, Jeri Dause, Andy Lee, Mary-Ellen Nicol.

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**DEADLINE FOR JULY  
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**AUCTION FEVER MARKET**

**MARMALADE FOR SALE — \$5 AND \$9**

**DOG TREATS TOO!**

**AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE**

**So yummy**

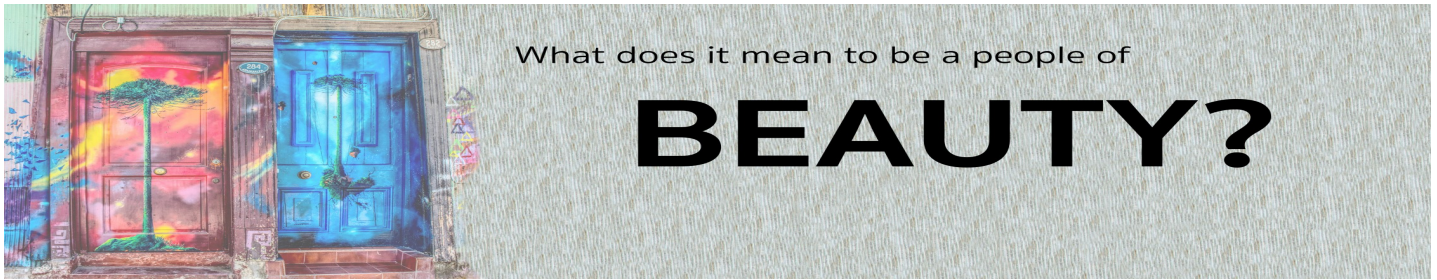
### FROM THE EDITORS: GUIDELINES FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS

*We try to standardize the presentation, to avoid the dog’s breakfast aspect...*

1. Where possible we use Calibri font.
2. One space between sentences and between lines.
3. No pdf files, please, use either Word or jpeg.
4. Take the deadline seriously!

Also.....





## What is Beauty?

Rev. Shana Lynngood

Beauty is one of those words which is both profoundly simple and richly deep in its meaning. As with many such words, I think we often settle for the simple. We hear beauty and we go perhaps first to physical appearances of people. After sitting with the word a bit longer, perhaps we go to the natural world and the many places and spaces of sheer and utter beauty that can be found there. Continue to sink into the word and perhaps you come to something almost philosophical. What is it in this world, in this life that offers glimmers of astounding loveliness when so much can seem cold and harsh? Where do I go to find resources for my living and inspiration for moving forward?

This month we will explore beauty from many angles and sources. As you think about what it means to be a people of beauty in a world that sometimes feels bent on ugliness, which question or spiritual exercise calls to you? From our Soul Matters Network—allow a question to choose you, or create your own to reflect on for the month:

1. When were you first healed by beauty?
2. When were you first protected by beauty?
3. When did beauty first teach you something?
4. When was beauty a doorway to the divine?
5. What makes a beautiful soul? What do you do to beautify your own soul?
6. What's the most beautiful thing you've ever seen?
7. What did your family of origin teach you about what it means "to be beautiful"?
8. What parts of life have grown more beautiful as you've aged?
9. What's something you know now about beauty that you didn't know when you were 16 years old?
10. Is beauty a private thing for you? Or do you need to share it with someone for the experience to be complete?
11. What if beauty isn't something we encounter but something we become?

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Consider one of the following spiritual practice exercises as a focus for your contemplation of beauty this month:

### **Option A: The Beautiful Thing You Carry**

The philosopher Blaise Pascal wrote, “In difficult times, carry something beautiful in your heart.” These are indeed difficult times. They require courage, commitment, hope and self-love. And all of them are sustained by beauty. We find the courage to fight after falling in love with a beautiful vision to fight for. We maintain our commitment only by finding the beauty that nourishes us. We hold on to hope because experiences of beauty remind us that something in the universe is on our side. We withstand dehumanization when rooted deeply in the beauty of our own dignity. It’s one of the most important secrets to successful social change and social survival: When we carry beauty, it carries us. So this month you are invited to get clear about the beautiful thing you need to carry. Or are carrying. Whether that be in your heart, head or literal pocket. Take some time to think about the source of beauty that sustains you. And then pick one action that will help you carry it with you in a more consistent way.

### **Option B: The Beautiful Thing You Protect**

Rev. Sean Parker Dennison writes, “The ability to see beauty is the beginning of our moral sensibility. What we believe is beautiful we will not wantonly destroy.” Rev. Mary Katherine Morn writes, “Beauty does more than awaken us. It also admonishes us. It demands something... We are here so that together we might heed the admonitions of beauty. Answer its call to create, protect, and preserve.” Reverends Morn and Parker Dennison remind us that beauty is more a salve. It does more than restore and soothe. It creates commitment. It lures us into loving it and becomes something we can’t live without. We end up willing to give our lives for it. We protect it at all costs. So, what is that beautiful thing you protect at all costs? That core beautiful thing you defend like a mama bear because you know you’d be lost without it? For some of us, it’s a form of nature. For others, it’s a type of justice. For still others, it’s a way of treating each other, like kindness. Or treating ourselves, like self-love. Whatever it is, we all build our lives around it. Look closely and you’ll notice how deeply it defines us. By protecting it, we protect ourselves. Spend some time this month getting clear about that piece of beauty that turns you into a mama bear. After all, isn’t getting clear about it is what life is all about?

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## Option C: Enter the World of Ordinary Beauty

We've all had those moments. The ordinary suddenly appears extraordinary. One minute the objects around us blend into the background, sit there as "things." The next they come to life, so clearly carrying meaning and memory. What once seemed possessions, now somehow possess us. They are a part of us. And us them. All it takes is a different kind of attention for their appearance to change. When it happens, it's beautiful. This month make some time to lean into this sacred form of attention and re-enter this world of ordinary beauty. Start by exploring the poets and poems listed below. Consider them guides. Helping you navigate your way into this beautiful and precious space of noticing in a deeper way. Respond to the pieces in any way that feels natural. Maybe you'll write an ode of your own. Maybe you'll spend a little more time touching, smelling or sitting with the lovely things that surround you. Maybe you'll pull one of those lovely things out of the pile it's been lost in and put it in a place you pass by each day. Whatever it is, come to your group ready to share which of the poems below affected you the most and how it led you to respond.

Ode to Things -Pablo Neruda: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tz82ikSllKo>  
Ode to My Socks -Pablo Neruda: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GOkypeafdM>

Ode to the Watermelon -Pablo Neruda: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRTXVYGqT\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRTXVYGqT_k)

Burial & To the Fig Tree on 9th & Christian -Ross Gay: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=300&v=YRjEgOoFI68](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=300&v=YRjEgOoFI68)

To the Mulberry Tree -Ross Gay: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=14&v=jzLx2aRNTRU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=14&v=jzLx2aRNTRU)

Ode to the Women on Long Island -Olivia Gatwood: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqip0H1QTE>

Ode to Thrift Stores -Ariana Brown: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFZJoU44uOoA>  
Personal Reflection on Neruda and "our things": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRiCUqi-4Y4>

See you in church,

Rev. Shana

### Did You Know?

The ministers accumulate one month of sabbatical for each year of ministry. In order to avoid a long absence during their next sabbatical, they are experimenting with shorter sabbaticals more frequently. The Board recently approved the following sabbatical plans: a two-month sabbatical in May/June of 2021 and a three-month sabbatical in February/March and June of 2023.

## Healing our world, a little bit, here and there, now and then . . .

This Unitarian congregation is engaged in countless exercises in trust and it's fascinating to try but really quite impossible to count them. They are as numerous as the stars in the night sky, they are sprinkled throughout our history, there are fresh examples every day.

Consider our sanctuary. How did that get built? Trust. Look at the faces of our ministers over the years. They came to serve because they trusted. We called them because we trusted. And how did all the many bits and pieces that make up each Sunday service come together? Trust that those who promised would each do their part. When we head for coffee after the service, we trust it will be waiting for us. And it always is. This place, this people, runs on trust.

So what did we trust in when we launched the Healing Our World campaign 14 years ago? Ah, that was a specific trust, to be found among the seven principles which keep us striving: we trust in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Does, for example, the person wracked with Borderline Personality Disorder have inherent worth? Our principles say so, unequivocally. Does the Syrian refugee mother and father with their children, a little puzzled and frustrated as they set about building a new life in Canada? Indubitably.

We have been at this HOW campaign for three months and there are three months to go. Our donations to date total just over \$4,000 and our target is \$9,200 to fully fund both HOW projects.

Will we get there? I trust we will – *Don Vipond*



### WHAT'S UP WITH THE PHOTO DIRECTORY? ONLINE ACCESS COMING SOON!

You likely know that the church has been working on making an online photo directory available to members and friends. This will be a *secure, private, password-protected* directory of information that was previously only available in print – with the addition of photos, and accessible from both your desktop and a mobile app! Board members will be testing the service in May and June, and our aim is to have the new directory available to members and friends in July. Stay tuned for further updates! (And, if you have questions, please contact Nadia in the church office.)

## Spiritual Exploration & Learning: What Does It Mean To Be A People of Beauty?

“There is universal agreement that we all must make time to visit museums and sit before stunning sunsets. But seeking beauty there is not enough. Every religion agrees: The secret to encountering *spiritual* beauty is to visit and observe the unlikely places. Indeed, one could argue that this is *the* job of religion. It exists to teach us and to help us observe beauty in the less noticed places.”

- Soul Matters Minister

In June SELCY will explore the beauty we can share by participating in community. We will try to find the beauty in all around us... and be open to beauty surprising us!

Below is a brief overview for this month:

June 2: The Beauty of flowers

June 9: Intergenerational Service (with OWL program graduation)

June 16: Beauty of the natural world

***NOTE: June 16 is the last day of programming - Our programs resume on September 8***

During the summer, from June 23 through to the Labour Day Weekend, we'll be offering *Lion Lounge* for children with their parents/caregivers. We will need to host Lion Lounge - if you are interested in supporting this option one or more weeks over the summer please email Arran.

If you prefer to stay in the Sanctuary, we'll also have quiet activities stored under the table at the back of the Sanctuary - feel free to borrow during the service.

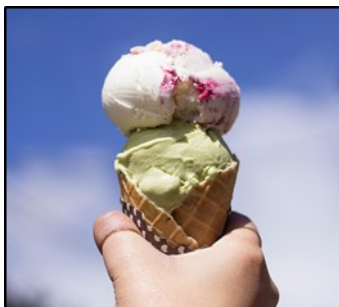
Warmly, Arran Liddel

*Director of Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Children and Youth*

## Harris Family Goodbye Party

**June 9 at Noon - Patio & Lawn**

**Sarah, Sammy and Nate Harris are moving to St John, New Brunswick at the end of June and we are sad to see them go. They have been vibrant members of our church for over 6 years and Sarah has volunteered in a number of roles, most recently leading monthly all-ages Art Salons.**



**Come and help them celebrate this new adventure with ice cream and games on the lawn after service. Dairy-free and gluten-free options will be available.**

## SPIRITED JAZZ

### Spring Unitarian Jazz Vespers

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special

David Vest & Friends Theme: Celebration

David Vest - piano and vocals,  
Tom Bowler - Guitar, Ryan Tandy - Bass,  
Damian Graham - drums

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 with David Vest & Friends. Attendees will be treated to a 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jazz Vespers in the June Spirited Jazz

Although he's a Maple Blues Award winner who now lives in Canada, David Vest is an authentic, Southern-bred boogie-woogie piano player, blues shouter and world-class entertainer.

Born in Huntsville, Alabama in 1943, David grew up in Birmingham near Tuxedo Junction. He played his first paying gig in 1957, and by the time he opened for Roy Orbison on New Year's Day 1962, he was a seasoned veteran of Gulf Coast roadhouses and honky-tonks.

*"An amazing pianist -- rolls out the boogie like the players of old who'd tear up juk joints and turpentine camps." Cascade Blues Association*

He saw Bo Diddley, Jimmy Reed, and John Lee Hooker in the prime of their careers. About the time he turned 21 he found himself onstage with Big Joe Turner, who said that David Vest's playing made him feel like he was back in Kansas City. His first Canadian recording, *East Meets Vest*, was named one of the best blues albums of 2012 by Holger Petersen of CBC's Saturday Night Blues and earned a Maple nomination for Recording of the Year. Website: <http://www.davidvest.ca>

Time has done little to diminish David's energy, skill and creative drive. Working solo or with his band, he continues to bring audiences to their feet and to demonstrate why he has been called "one of the greatest living boogie-woogie piano players."

## 2020 Budget Priority:

The FUCV Board approved the following priority for the 2020 budget priority:

To approve the proposed \$13,700 increase for staff benefits as an operational line item commitment for the 2020 budget. This motion will empower ABC to put a focused effort on informing the congregation and helping to motivate increased pledges because of the urgency of the issue. The board at its Nov/Dec budget meetings usually makes these funding decisions after we know how much has been pledged for the next year. The board felt that this was such an important issue that it merited a motion to commit. It is now up to us all to generate these funds during the ABC pledge campaign.

Other budget priorities considered include:

1. Ongoing resource requirements to meet the recommendations from the Location Task Force. There are several projects that arose from the May 11 Location Task Force Workshop. See report from John Hopewell in this Newsletter. Resource requirements for the various ideas chosen have not yet been determined.

2. *Equipment and/or other upgrades to improve the acoustics of FUCV for music and speaking requirements.* A comprehensive report from the church's AV Committee has been looking at all the possibilities and needs for improvement of AV technology for both sound, video, live streaming etc. Gary Theal, who is chairing this Committee, has asked two consultants to submit ballpark estimates on the various options discussed including the electronics. Once more information is available and priorities established, funding options will be considered.

## Thanks to Board members departing this year:

Lorna Anthony is stepping down as Past President, Mike Graham and Jane Wilson stepped in to fill two sudden vacancy needs and will be leaving the board, and Lynn Hunter and Rebecca Mellett have decided to not run again. The expertise brought to the board has been invaluable and we all are thankful for the great work the board has done. A huge thank you to all!

Arran Liddel update on Aspirant Status: See report in this Newsletter from Arran.

Arran writes that although the process of becoming an aspirant took longer than expected, the good news is that his plan has now been accepted and he has officially achieved aspirant status with the UUA.

Congratulations to Arran.

## CUC AGM:

FUCV's 6 delegates gathered in the Farmhouse on Sat., May 11 from 10-1 to participate online and vote on issues presented. Delegates included Kristina Stevens, Margot Lods, Philip Symons, Rebecca Mellett, Shirley Travis and Marion Pape. Jim Hemstock ably recorded all our voting online. Motions passed by delegates at this AGM included establishing a "Dismantling Racism Study Group" to research, hold conversations with experts, and dialogue with Canadian Unitarians and Universalists to dismantle racism and other oppressions..., explore possible action plans and recommend further trainings and actions to engage congregations and communities in conversations about racism, show how we can better weave a commitment to racial justice into our founding documents (principles and sources, our vision statement, and our aspirations), produce a report with recommendations to be considered at the CUC's 2020 Annual General Meeting.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont'd

Other Resolutions:

-That the work of the CUC be guided in 2019 - 2020 by the goals and strategic priorities found on the CUC website <https://cuc.ca/about-cuc/governance-management/>

-That the amount per member paid to CUC be increased each year by an amount equal to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI) in November for the previous year\*. The amount per member approved for 2019 was 101.60.

-That CUC adopt a new calculation for dues paid by Congregations and communities, beginning in 2020. See the AGM information package for details on this calculation at <https://cuc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/CUC-2019-AGM-Notice-Of-Meeting-Package4.2019-05.pdf>

### CUC Island Spring Gathering

In 2019 the BC Spring Gathering was cancelled and we are looking to regroup for a Spring 2020 Gathering. Joan Carolyn, CUC's Western Rep will send an invitation for Island UU Leaders to meet. She will also send some topics for our consideration.

### Important Volunteer Positions:

The Board is seeking a person to become a board member to guide the Communications for the church as a Co-Chair of Administration with responsibilities for Communications and Human Resources.

The 2020 Budget Campaign is seeking a person/s who would work together with the dynamic team of Shirley Travis, Jen Young, Barry Wiebe and Steve Sharlow. We are looking for strong organizational skills and ability to delegate.

For these two positions, please contact Marion Pape at [marionpape@shaw.ca](mailto:marionpape@shaw.ca) or 778-265-4567.

# Auction Fever 2019

**An Auction Feverish Thank You!**

**Did you offer one of the wonderful services in the auction?**

**Did you come, bid, and add to the fun?**

**Did you work auction night?**

**Did you work behind the scenes to make it happen?**

**You helped us raise \$21,218 and counting.**

**To each of you, a heart-felt THANK YOU!**

# CELEBRATING OUR NEW 25 AND 50 YEAR MEMBERS

## 25-Year Members

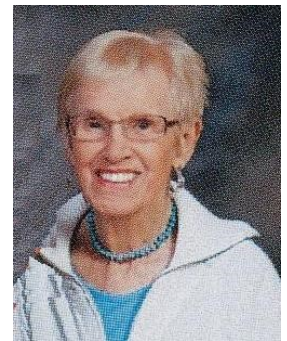
### **Susan Breiddal**

In 1984 my dad died and my sister, searching for a spiritual home attended the Unitarian Church in North Vancouver. I liked the sound of it so began taking my family to services. It was in James Bay then. The church became my life for many years. I had always wanted Godparents so I got up my nerve and asked Ron and Wilma if they would serve as my spiritual guides, which they agreed to do, despite being a little surprised at the request. I served on most committees but perhaps enjoyed being a Chaplain and chairing the worship committee the most. I gained confidence as a public speaker through the loving support of church members. When I would get up and shaking in my boots give a service, to my surprise, congregational members phoned me at home to tell me how much they had enjoyed the service! I never forgot that. I have learned so many other things through my association and made lifelong friends. When I first came, I was afraid of "old" people. But through the church, I learned about the value of inclusiveness and the joy of intergenerational living. For instance, I would throw huge parties, Christmas carols, a singing game called Encore, Easter Egg hunts and I noticed that some of the older people would thank my profusely, over and over, for including them. I realized that in our society we feel very free to exclude those who are not in our age group. Even in regular conversation, if you are younger or older, no one feels the need to make it easy for you to contribute to the conversation. Once I realized this I got busy. This realization has had a huge impact on I have lived my life. So I have much to be grateful for as a Unitarian.



### **Marguerite Hobbs**

I was the second choir leader at our church. Before I came, the group used to sing around the piano. I had had extensive choir leadership with a music degree from the University of Washington, and when teaching at Central Junior High, I took a choir to Russia! At our Unitarian church, I directed the choir for almost four years, but had trouble with my shoulder, so had to retire. When my shoulder improved, I continued directing the choir for another four years. I appreciate the openness of the church and the diversity of the members.



### **Archie McGugan**

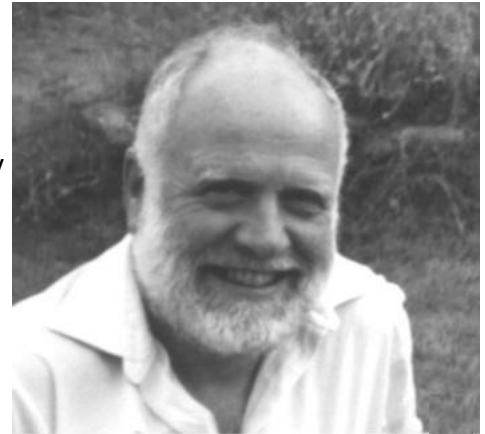
Well 25 years seems like a long time, but I have been a Unitarian since "time immemorial" which is actually the nineteen fifties. I was attracted to the Toronto Congregation because of its commitment to social justice and social action. In the fifties the Church provided the space for a Pete Seeger concert when the McCarthy hysteria made it very difficult for him to find venues. In the sixties we provided shelter and help to Viet Nam war resisters who sought a more meaningful life in Canada. Our minister, John Morgan had a high profile in the Peace Movement. One interesting campaign I was involved in was the boycott of California grapes. This was successful and won much improved conditions for the California farm workers. Elizabeth and I have enjoyed the program and the friendships of the Victoria congregation. I have served as Chair of the Lay Chaplaincy Committee and Treasurer of the Social Responsibility Council. But most of the time I have just enjoyed the experience of being a member of a kind caring community.



## CELEBRATING OUR NEW 25 AND 50 YEAR MEMBERS cont'd

### Philip Symons

I joined the First Unitarian Church of Victoria in 1994 because it gave me the means to advocate for social justice. In fact, I joined the Social Responsibility Committee (SRC, now the Social Responsibility Coalition) a few years before I joined the church. Since joining the church I have served as chair-person and secretary of the SRC, and to this day remain as the Coalition's secretary and contact person in the absence of a permanent chair-person. My interest has always been root causes of injustice and social inequity as I have felt that if we can correct the causes of injustice the problems will disappear. For that reason I have concentrated chiefly on governance and democracy and how we might change governing systems to make better decisions for humanity, and our planet. This focus culminated this year in self-publishing a short 65-page guide to the 21st century, *Surviving Civilization's Collapse--with hope, love and a little humour*.



The church has always been a welcoming community to me, and I have been pleased to serve two terms on the Board, and have found joy for several years now in a "Place in the Choir" where, as the song says, "Some sing lower, some sing higher, some sing out loud on the telephone wire." I take that last phrase as a metaphor for spreading the word for social justice. Vivre social justice and First Unitarian Church of Victoria!

### 50-Year Member

#### Frances Dearman

Fran Dearman began attending Sunday School at the Unitarian Fellowship in Victoria in 1958, and likes to think of herself as a "founding toddler". She signed the book in 1969, accepted a place on the Board as a youth representative, then ran away to sea for a few years. When she felt she had become sufficiently a grown-up, Fran made the move to UU ministry. She graduated from the Vancouver School of Theology in 2000, then served as Intern Minister in Edmonton the following year. Fran is grateful for the honour and privilege of serving as a UU minister, and holds dear the many wonderful people she has met in the course of such a career.

Fran especially treasures the warmth, care, and generosity of her home congregation here in Victoria, and this congregation's bestowal of Ordination in April 2002. Following some six years of Settlement in Anchorage, Alaska, Fran returned to Canada where she specialized in Interim Ministries, Sea even unto Sea: Winnipeg, Calgary, Halifax, Mississauga, North Vancouver, and Olinda. Upon retirement, Fran settled back into permanent residence here in Victoria with family and friends, and sings in the choir.



## Marie-Andrée Allison

Over 40 years of practice, two art forms have intertwined around a central axis. One of them is representational and classical; the other is conceptual and abstract. These two lines have evolved around Marie-Andrée's study of ancient art techniques such as egg tempera, fresco Bueno, intaglio (printmaking) and mosaic.



Marie-Andrée Allison began her formal studies at Montreal Beaux Arts (1970-74). Through research and travels, she has had the privilege of studying with masters in the ancient art techniques, many of whom were connected with spiritual ways. Princess Eve Galitzine (1909-1993), an accomplished artist and iconographer, remains one of her greatest influence as a teacher. Professor Dokinanda Sharma, a Brahmin from Banastali, North India, over a couple of sojourns in Victoria accepted her as a student and taught her the ancient art of fresco painting.

In 2004, Marie-Andrée began her studies in mosaic with Luciana Notturmi in Ravenna, Italy and has returned to work and study with her on a regular basis to further her work on the decoration of St. Sophia Church and to create her own mosaic art forms.

Since the 1990s she has enjoyed an ongoing collaboration with master printmaker Susy Raxlen in her practice of intaglio printmaking.

Over the course of several years she built a body of work in whites, with themes such as dimensions, and time and space as subjects of exploration. Examples of this work were shown in a solo exhibit, BIANCO, at Martin Batchelor Gallery in June 2015.

The quiet sense of inner reflection working in whites brought, has inspired her to return to her work in many colours and with renewed energy.



Marie-Andrée's art has been shown in solo and group exhibits through various galleries in Canada, and resides in collections throughout North America and Europe. Last year she became member of AICM (*International Association of Contemporary Mosaicists*) under the sponsorship of Luciana Notturmi.





For fun I will call ‘thought enablers’ of climate inaction ‘crocodiles’. They swim in ideologies that foster inaction. One ‘croc’ is the deity of technology. We don’t need to act, because inventions by smart scientists can fix the problem. 21<sup>st</sup> century arrogance? Another ‘croc’ is loyalty to belief systems either political or religious that promote the defense of the status quo (political) or ‘we don’t need to do anything since a higher power is in control’. These two ‘crocs’ swim in

a pool of people who reinforce each other with the belief that personal action is not required. People are social and want to be included in the conventional wisdom of the group.

Many of the ‘crocodiles’ that inhibit action swim in the pools of risk; functional risk ( *Will new green innovations really work?*); physical risk ( *Is the electric car, crash safe etc.,?* ); financial risk ( *How long is the payback period for my higher cost?*); social risk ( *If I decide to only ride to work, will others deride me as a tree hugger?* ); psychological risk ( *Will I be rebuked by significant others or colleagues for making a green choice?*); temporal risk ( *what if I am wasting my time thinking about that stuff when I could be???*); spacial risk ( *I don’t want a wind turbine in my neighbourhood – the ‘nimby syndrome’* ). From R. Gifford <journals.sagepub.com>

So with all these risk ‘crocodiles’ swimming with us is there any hope for climate action? Gifford gives three possible answers.

No. There is no hope since humans need to ‘hit bottom’ before they perceive that change is necessary; think of gun violence, or of the levee that is only built after a flood, or cross walks put in only after too many deaths.

Or, maybe, if psychologists and other social scientists are able to effectively lead a campaign to overcome the psychological ‘crocodiles’, the barriers of climate inaction. This will require improving education about climate change, but most importantly, the designing, implementing, and evaluating of more effective interventions; and working with other experts and policy makers.

Or yes, if we tame the crocodiles of risk by a psychologically tweaked education; yes, if an international cohort of youth, energized by the truth about extinctions, apply tried, tested, and trusted peaceful acts of civil disobedience - when necessary - to convince policy makers to act now, to protect the interconnected threads of planetary life; and, if a significant cohort of elders stand forth.



**Welcome to our One Planet Saanich Integrator!**

We are pleased to have Kim Kendall, PhD, helping our One Planet Saanich (OPS) Team. Kim was a professional psychologist for 25 years with a private practice in Seattle. She is currently a graduate student at the University of Victoria doing a master’s project looking at individuals with low carbon livelihoods/occupations to understand what motivates and sustains their commitment to working and living in a frugal, low carbon manner.

**Moving Ahead with Our One Planet Saanich Action Plans**

Our OPS Team met online via Zoom software with Cora Hallsworth (consultant and co-lead of OPS) and Kim Kendall on April 23. After some initial brainstorming, we agreed that we could most efficiently move forward by each team member focusing on one OPS principle (see list at right). Our assignments are as follows:

- Wally du Temple – Local and Sustainable Food
- Bernhard Spalteholz – Travel and Transport
- Glenyss Turner – Zero Carbon Energy
- Audrey Taylor – Overall congregational engagement



If you have any questions, comments or ideas in these areas, please contact us. And don’t be surprised if one of us reaches out to you for information. Our OPS Team is also pleased to have the detailed ideas and results from the Location Task Force Survey to help with our planning.

**One Planet Saanich Celebration**

Our OPS team has been invited to a celebration of the first year of One Planet Saanich on June 6 at the Horticultural Gardens of the Pacific. The participants will be sharing the results of their efforts so far, including highlights of the One Planet Action Plans that have been created. Saanich’s Mayor, Council, and staff representatives will be attending to hear about our experiences. There will be an update from the project leaders and ideas for next steps. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our team to meet and learn from our colleagues.

**We welcome your input**

If you have questions or ideas about FUCV’s OPS project, please email me at: [glenyss.turner@hotmail.com](mailto:glenyss.turner@hotmail.com)



## **GVAT UPDATE**

GVAT's Board and Strategy Hub have been working over the past few months at increasing the number of its member organizations. Twenty-one organizations—faith groups, unions, and other organizations working for the common good—are now members of GVAT. These organizations represent 47,000 citizens! That's the kind of people-power GVAT needs! The numbers are encouraging more organizations to consider becoming members themselves.

A 5-day training session has been set up from May 13-17 in Vancouver for anyone wanting to understand the relational organizing model of GVAT and its sister organizations such as Metro Vancouver Alliance. Closer to home, as reported in April's Victoria Unitarian newsletter, GVAT is "planning initial training for the Action Research Teams (ARTs) in late May or early June."

The Housing ART held its first meeting in Victoria on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Ten people were present, three from First Unitarian Church of Victoria, two of whom were members of the Housing ART, and one a member of our Church's core GVAT group. Housing ART members at the meeting decided the scope of their research should encompass the needs of people using all kinds of housing, not just those who are homeless. Subjects identified for research were co-op housing, the accomplishments of *Together Victoria* and *Generation Squeeze*, the CRD housing strategy, and more. A discussion began on how the research should be conducted.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Joe Chrastil, an experienced researcher and trainer from Seattle, will meet with our Housing and Mental Health and Addictions ARTs to give them a strong foundation for their future work. If you would like to become a member of one of the two ARTs or the core group at First Unitarian Church of Victoria, please speak to the core group leader, Susan Layng or one of the core group members, Sonya Ignatieff, Philip Symons, or Kym Hines.

# BOOK

# sale



**Save your books and save the date:**

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**Please do not donate textbooks, encyclopaedias, Reader's Digest Condensed books, computer books, or magazines. They don't sell. They can't go in your Blue Box for recycling, so please take them to a recycling depot.**

Thank you for supporting Victoria Grandmothers for Africa through Share the Plate in the month of June. Many of you will be familiar with Stephen Lewis, the Canadian humanitarian who served as the UN Envoy for AIDS in Africa. He started the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support the grassroots organizations that sprang up to turn the tide of AIDS in village after village, often run by grandmothers. Can you imagine the pain of burying your adult children, then facing the challenge of raising your orphaned grandchildren? Inspired by Stephen Lewis, Canadian grandmothers stepped forward to pledge to their African sisters, "We will not rest until you can rest," and a movement of solidarity, the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, was born. With 15 million orphans requiring care in sub-Saharan Africa, the fall-out from the AIDS pandemic is still devastating.

Victoria Grandmothers for Africa, 100 members strong, raise funds and awareness for community based organizations in 15 sub-Saharan African countries worst hit by the pandemic, where local people, whose lived experience and expertise guide all decisions, devise innovative programmes to rebuild their communities. Here in Victoria we raise awareness through presentations in the community and in schools, and raise funds through craft sales, National Walks, African Dinners and our signature Cycle Tour where women aged 55 to 75 cycle 275 km over three days from Campbell River to Victoria. Since 2006, we have raised over \$1.1 million thanks to the generous support of the Greater Victoria Community. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to tell you about our work and about the courageous grandmothers of Africa who inspire us with their indomitable spirit.

Lisbie Rae, 2019 coordinator

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# LOCATION TASK FORCE

Our recent survey told us that most respondents want us to remain at West Saanich Road while significant numbers experience some difficulty in accessing some of our programs. Some feel that our property is under utilized and that we could engage in more “hands-on” social action. Many ideas to help resolve these issues were offered.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> about 30 of us attended a workshop to review ideas and move some of them forward, so we can run pilot projects this fall. The following projects were shortlisted for further study:

## Off-site Events:

Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Film Series with discussion.

Innovative worship service built around live-streamed or recorded homily plus service elements provided by a Facilitator/Worship Associate.

## Transportation:

Structured Ride Sharing

Some form of transportation that is not volunteer dependent, possibly in partnership with another church or nonprofit.

## Social Action:

Group of volunteers identified as FUCV members to work at the food rescue warehouse on a regular basis.

## Property:

Space analysis of the buildings as a preliminary step to improving use and developing plans.

## Garden:

Expand garden, grow more food for sale, for food banks and for garden volunteer families.

Training in winter garden techniques for congregation

We are currently recruiting teams to further investigate and develop these ideas. Our intention is that some or all of them will evolve into pilot projects this fall. We have funding available from the Ruth Humphreys Innovation Fund if needed.

If you are interested in working with a team on one of these projects over the next few months, please contact [LocationTaskForce@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:LocationTaskForce@victoriaunitarian.ca)

John Hopewell and Liz Graham, co-Chairs, Steve Sharlow, Shirley Travis

Location Task Force

**Helen and John Hvozdzanski**

It is our custom to invite our Elders, singly or as a couple, to be recognized at a Service. We do this both at a Solstice and an Equinox. Helen and John, our long time and much treasured members, will light the chalice on June 23rd. Their story begins in the early 60ies:

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 that year. Our first ten years were spent in the church school and on the Religious Education Committee.

The 60's was the time of free schools and we leased our RE rooms to one. This meant on Saturday's we had to scrub the classrooms. It 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 "tricky 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 80's 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 inhouse 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. 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. We have also 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.

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## OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS



All members, friends and newcomers to the church are invited to be part of the Neighbourhood Group where they live. Groups meet with different frequency for social activities, organizing one Souper Sunday per year and making goodies for Sunday coffee one month per year. The Care & Concern contact for each N.G. keeps tabs on members who may need extra assistance.

Since January, five NGs met one at a time with one of the Ministers after church. This was in place of the “coffee with the Ministers.” The idea was in response to the survey conducted by the Committee on Ministry – some respondents said they wanted to get to know the Ministers better. Approximately 6 to 12 people attended each of the gatherings and found them to be worthwhile and enjoyable. Another 6 similar gatherings will happen in the Fall.

The Souper Sundays will resume in the Fall. Many thanks to those who generously contributed soup and dessert to these events and to the coordinators who organized them.

If you don't know which group you are in, please phone the church office. The NG conveners are:

- ✦ Oak Bay: Convener Mary Burcher 778-977-5394
- ✦ James Bay: Convener Lynn Hunter 250-220-2240
- ✦ Gordon Head: Convener Mary Cramer 250-477-1615
- ✦ Western: Convener Susan Lean 250 478-5261
- ✦ Nearby: Convener Nancy Dobbs 250-652-5438
- ✦ Cadboro Bay: Convener Val Roberts 250-477-7192
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- ✦ Fairfield: Convener Lynn Beak 250-598-3584
- ✦ Far Out (Sidney/North Saanich): Convener Phyllis Aherne 250-655-7149
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## Your Social Responsibility Coalition (SRC) Mandate

The mandate of First Unitarian Church of Victoria's Social Responsibility Coalition (SRC) is to raise awareness amongst the congregation, often with the help of other groups, in a manner consistent with the Unitarian Universalist principles.

The SRC currently has a number of active teams:

- The **Choices in Dying Victoria** team is dedicated to promoting the right-to-die movement through local education and action and by supporting the national organizations like Dying with Dignity Canada and the Farewell Foundation. It also provides education about Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) and other end-of-life matters including an Advance Care Plan.
- Inspired by the ideals and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, **Child Haven International** is a registered not for profit charity founded in 1985 by Fred (a Unitarian Universalist minister) and Bonnie Cappuccino. They assist children and women in developing countries, who are in need of food, education, health care, shelter and clothing, emotional and moral support.
- The **Environmental Action Team** informs the congregation and public about climate change and other environmental hazards, government policies contributing to these hazards, and how such policies and environmental sustainability could be improved.
- The **One Planet Saanich** sub-team works to develop a sustainability action plan for our church and to make our city a better place to live.
- The **Democracy, Governance and International Affairs Team** informs the congregation and public about democracy in Canada, needed improvements (e.g., a better voting system), and the social consequences of some provincial and federal legislation. It provides information about candidates in municipal, provincial and federal elections in the Greater Victoria electoral districts.
- The **Healing Our World Team** is a way the congregation puts our principles into action. HOW provides the congregation with an annual opportunity to propose local, national or international projects that the congregation might support financially. The congregation votes on which projects to assist, often choosing two or three that will help heal our world.
- The **Poverty Team** informs the congregation about poverty and homelessness in Greater Victoria, and provides methods and projects to help alleviate the difficulties faced by the less advantaged. The poverty team has four sub-teams:

The **Lifeline List** offers one-time assistance to a person or family in Greater Victoria, usually on welfare, who have incurred a bill that they are unable to pay.

The **Ethel May Fund** works closely with Lifeline on cases that require larger sums of money.

The **Out of the Rain Youth Shelter Team** organizes the cooking of meals and collection of need items for the OOTR shelter October–March.

**Working with other groups.** Some SRC members work with multi-faith groups such as **Kairos** and **Faith in Action**, or others social action groups such as Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice and the Canadian Unitarian Council monitoring groups to improve social justice locally, nationally and internationally.

The **Sandy Merriman Meal Cookers** meet monthly to cook three meals for the Sandy Merriman women's shelter.

The **Zoe Gardner Overseas Fund** is an individual private charity run by the church for a small operating fee which allocates funding to promote the education of women overseas.

- The **Refugee and Middle East Team** raises awareness in the congregation and other UU societies on Vancouver Island about the serious situation of the Palestinians under occupation by Israel, as well as the lack of human rights and poverty elsewhere in the Middle East. It also fundraises for refugees, particularly those from the war-torn Middle East.
- In the past the SRC also had a number of other teams, listed below, which have become inactive. These teams are looking for an individual or individuals interested in the subject to reactivate the team; all it takes is a couple of people. If you are interested, or for that matter, if any congregation member has a burning issue on which they'd like our church to take action, they could join the SRC, form a team (often only one or two people) and the SRC will support and assist such team leaders. Our inactive teams are:
  - The **Diversity Team** raises awareness in the congregation and the public of LGBTQ2 issues and, through social events and activism, welcomes all people and celebrates their contributions to our community.
  - The **Drugs, Mental Health and Addictions Team** informs the congregation and public about Canada's health care issues and their deficiencies, consequences and possible remedies, and about access to therapeutic drugs and the health of substance abusers.
  - The **Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Team** advises the congregation on truth, healing and reconciliation issues.

In addition, the **Healing Our World Team** is looking for someone interested in taking over its running.

#### SRC Compassionate Actions

Every month we **Share the Plate**, split 50:50 with a registered Canadian charity and the church. There are some special cases where the whole plate for a specific Sunday goes to the charity (CUC, UUUNO, Child Haven and USC Canada). Members suggest the charities, the Share The Plate team approves and schedules them, and provides support for the proposer to implement the appeal. It is yet another way of turning compassion into action.

**SRC Actions.** Occasionally the SRC has an issue that it feels the congregation should know more about. For a month they will display information, sometimes coupled with an action such as signing a petition or writing a letter, on the SRC Shelf, along with information about the charity of the month.

An **SRC Moment** is time each month at a church service, usually on the first Sunday of the month, when we share information on the charity of the month along with information on an SRC action.

The **SRC Shelf** is in the church foyer. This is where information about the Share the Plate charity of the month can be found as well as SRC letters or petitions can be signed, or other actions taken.

The **Green Corner** is the monthly article in the FUCV Newsletter sharing information on environmental issues.

**Rallies and Parades.** The SRC informs the public on issues of concern to us by participating in rallies, demonstrations and parades carrying our SRC and church banners such as the annual Pride Parade.

**Movies, Workshops and Guest Speakers.** Several times a year the SRC presents movies, workshops or guest speakers to further educate the congregation on social justice issues of concern.

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- 4 Bridget Barr-Hoadley, Matea Branch,  
David Haywood-Escher
- 6 Bruce Bennett
- 7 Jane Bramadat, Brenda Greenwood
- 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
- 21 Russ Mellett
- 27 Keiran Marrett-Hitch
- 29 Kieran Hall Locklin
- 30 Marian Foucault

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## CALENDAR

### Board Members on Duty

- June 9 – HR & Communications Chair (TBD)
- June 16 – Marion Pape
- June 23 – SRC Chair (TBD)
- June 30 – Susan Layng

### New Members

Fritz Schulze

### Death

Joyce Berry on April 28, 2019

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