



The Victoria Unitarian

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

SERVICES IN AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30 am

DATE AND TIME: August 2 at 10:30 AM

HOMILIST: Samantha Magnus

TITLE: Confessions of a (Recovering) People Pleaser

WA: David Vest

Fears drive our behaviour more than we like to think. I use the Enneagram framework to outline how each of us are deeply averse to certain experiences (for me, it's disapproval). I'll reflect on how understanding these fears allows us to see past them, and hear instead that voice still and small, that gently guides us to a better way of being.

DATE AND TIME: August 9 at 10:30 AM

HOMILIST: Ollie Belisle

TITLE: Freedom to Change Your Story

WA: Kressa Sisu

Everyone has a story. Our personal narrative impacts every aspect of our lives and creates our future. During this service, we will explore the concept of our personal story, ask whether it is working for us or not, and consider the possibility of changing it for our betterment.

DATE AND TIME: August 16 at 10:30 AM

HOMILIST: Rev Melora and Katie McNivan Gladman

TITLE: Gandhi and Child Haven

WA: David Vest

Child Haven International Homes are inspired by the ideals and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. In this service, we look at Gandhi's wisdom about living in diverse community and the ways in which that informs the practices that guide Child Haven Homes. (This service is a reschedule of the one that was planned for March 15.)

DATE AND TIME: August 23 at 10:30 AM

HOMILIST: Rev Shana

TITLE: TBA

WA: Lynne Bonner

Museums are some of my favorite places on the planet. I can spend hours lost in the images of people and places and stories. During these Covid times, we may find we are having to be creative, even artistic, in how we chart the course of our days, which have suddenly become more circumscribed. How have you added colour and texture to your days? In the work in progress that is your life, what do you most need to observe? Do? Be? What can art teach us about life and vice versa?

DATE AND TIME: August 30 at 10:30 AM

HOMILIST: Stefa Katamay:

TITLE: How sweet is a life with purpose? Very!

Pulpit Swap! Rev. Melora preaches for our sibling UU community in

Victoria, Capital UU Congregation; and Capital member, Stefa Katamay, preaches for us! **WA: Samantha Magnus**

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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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The personal and community disruption and losses arising from COVID-19 has led many of us to reflect on what is important. By extension, questions about purpose and meaning arise. Although the subject of streams of philosophy, these are questions for all of us to answer, for ourselves. Transition and retirement coach (and Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation member) Stefa Katamay will explore some of the pillars of life purpose - our values and what drives and energizes us - and why having a life purpose matters. How can we support one another in our journeys towards purpose and meaning?

Bio: After a career mainly in public health nutrition policy Stefa Katamay left the paid work force to pursue nothing in particular. This led to a four-year sailing learning journey which eventually brought Stefa to Victoria. As a Certified Executive Coach and a Certified Retirement Coach, Stefa writes about “the places we travel within our own emotional, intellectual and spiritual landscapes” and supports people through their journeys of transition.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? (when it opens again, of course...)

Check “Ridesharing” <https://victoriaunitarian.ca/directions/>

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:

Andy Lee, Chair, Lorna Anthony, Jeri Dause, Bill Glassman, Jan Thomson, Suellen Guenther.

MINISTERIAL SCHEDULE

The ministers will be off from June 29 through August 10. They return to their regular work schedule on Tuesday, August 11th. Four weeks of their time away is study leave, time to read and reflect and prepare for the 2020/2021 program year. Generally, they read up on each of the Soul Matters themes to get a start on sermon writing, and think through some of the most pressing issues facing the congregation. This will be especially important this year with all of the changes and disruptions Covid-19 has brought and will continue to bring to our congregational community. The other two weeks of their time away is for family vacation. Other than a few brief on island excursions, the Lynngoods will be in town. If you experience an emergency during these six weeks of leave for our ministers, please text them or leave a voice message on their cell phones (Rev. Shana 250-891-6331 and Rev. Melora 250-891-6330) and they will call you back as soon as possible. May we all find moments of renewal and rest and reflection this summer.

From Reverend Shana: If you need to reach me urgently, please call or text me 250-891-6331. I use the pronouns she/her/hers. I work on the land of the WSANEC people on whose traditional territory our congregation is located. The WSANEC peoples' relationship with the land continues to this day. I support truth, healing, and reconciliation.

Please note: My work hours are shifting significantly in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. The usual juggle of parental and professional responsibilities have become even more pronounced with schools closed. I have blocks of work time each day Tuesday through Friday and on Sunday. My weekend is Saturday and Monday. Thanks in advance for your grace and understanding.

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**The Newsletter Deadline is the
15th of the Month**

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 Word.**
- 4. Send pictures in jpegs.. Don't send text as jpegs.**
- 5. Take the deadline seriously!**



FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA OFFICE GOES VIRTUAL.

For the safety of the staff and members of the congregation FUCV, the Church Office will no longer be staffed. The office staff will be working remotely.

What does this mean for our congregation? It means that the **physical** office is closed until the government issues a return to work policy based on the end of the Covid-19 virus pandemic. But the office staff is still hard at work from their home offices – “working remotely”.

They still can be reached through their usual emails:

Shannon’s emails: Fucv.communications@gmail.com communications@victoriaunitarian.ca

Niki’s emails: fucv.churchoffice@gmail.com churchoffice@victoriaunitarian.ca

Voice Messages can be left on the phone which will be retrieved on a daily basis.

Their work hours remain the same:

Shannon’s Hours:

Tuesdays thru Thursdays: 10 am to 4 pm

Niki’s hours:

Sunday: 9-1

Monday: 9-3

Tuesday: 9-1

Wednesday: 9-1

Thursday: 12-4

If you require any printing done that you cannot do yourself or some office urgent task, that **cannot be postponed until the pandemic is over**, please let us know and we will look after it for you.

There is a lockbox with a key on the front door of the office. If you have authorization (are a board member or committee member and have access to the code) and you do come to the office, please put your name on the sign-in sheet located on a clip board on the table in front of the west facing windows. We are trying to keep track of anyone who comes into the office during its official closure. This relates to security as well as sanitation standards for the office to assist in avoiding any contamination of Covid-19.

Our Mission



We are a welcoming community, energized by the diversity of beliefs, identity, and experience, that each person brings.

We encourage our children’s curiosity and nurture their open and loving nature.

We gather to explore sacred mysteries, to sing of our longings and our blessings, to be still and listen.

Strengthened in spiritual growth, supported in diverse community, we strive to transform ourselves and heal our world through compassionate action.

COVID-19 Advisory Task Force Update

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to play out, First Unitarian Church of Victoria will continue to face uncertainty. Months ago the Board formed a COVID-19 Advisory Task Force. The Task Force members are co-chairs Kristina Stevens and Jim Willis, Nancy Dobbs, John Tiffany, Rev Melora Lynngood, and ex officio Steve Sharlow (President). They have worked with Liz Graham and John Hopewell on a congregational survey whose purpose is to gather the thoughts and feelings of the congregation on restarting church services and other functions, to inform Board decisions. Liz Graham has been working on a background document describing the options and some of their limitations, to be presented as a preamble to the survey. We are concerned that people become informed enough to give reasoned responses to the questions on the survey. They need to know what is feasible and what is not, for example it is not feasible to present an in-person and a Zoom service at the same time both because the quality of the service would suffer and because each type of service takes significant people resources to produce. Our ministers have been very clear that it would be much too stressful for them to attempt both Zoom and in-person services at the same time.

We are following all provincial policies and guidelines applicable to Phase 3 of BC's Restart Plan. For more information on the policies which are applicable to us, links to BC directives and UUA guidance documents follow:

Message from the UUA President: Updated Guidance for [Gathering](#) (May 14, 2020)

UUA Guidance on Gathering In-Person When COVID-19 [Subsides](#) (May 14, 2020)

BC Ministry of Health, COVID-19 Guidance to Faith-Based [Organizations](#) (March 31, 2020)

BC's Restart Plan: Next Steps to Move BC Through The [Pandemic](#)

UUA Guidance for Outdoor Gathering During [COVID-19](#) (June 19, 2020)

Order of the Provincial Health Officer, Mass Gathering [Events](#) (May 22, 2020)

The policies and guidelines still provide us with flexibility in terms of choices we can make and how things are implemented. The views of all members and friends will be taken into account and are not only welcome but needed! If you have suggestions that you didn't manage to add to the survey feel free to email any of the Task Force members. The results of the survey will help determine our way ahead with both small group meetings and Sunday services.

We are looking to provide options for members and friends by increasing small group meetings online via Zoom, or live at the church or in your neighbourhood, and preferably outdoors. Live small group meetings should be not more than 10 people. If you need help in setting up regular Zoom meetings, let one of the Task Force members know and we will try to arrange training from some of our technical experts.

For Sunday services we are already using Zoom services and are continuing to improve the services weekly. We can also use livestream services from the Sanctuary and will be considering an audiovisual upgrade to maximize its capabilities. We are limited to no more than 50 people in live services which includes the minister, worship associate, technical staff, greeters, etc.

Upcoming Events – Church picnic (limited to 50 people) scheduled for 3 August.

Social Justice Story Time - All Welcome

Monday - Saturday Mornings at 8.15 am (approx 15 mins)



Routine and connection are vital as we all move through the next few weeks. With that in mind, we are offering a daily 'Time For All Ages' where all UU'ers, from newborns to the elderly and everyone in between can light a chalice, breathe, and enjoy a social justice themed picture book.

Note: Our little ones have been missing their church 'grandparents, aunts and uncles', if you are awake at 8.15 am please consider dropping by any day for a wonderful start to the day. PJs and breakfast welcome!



NOTE: New Link and New time!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdOqvri0jH9a4wAzLQJvkJcdEEGjkEgVA> (password: 215827)

Beloved CONversations

Meditations on Race & Ethnicity



Coming this Fall to our congregation!

This fall, our congregation will have the opportunity to pilot the new online version of this deep and rich Unitarian Universalist program on race and ethnicity.

“...this is a program for Unitarian Universalists who are seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice. We believe that **we are here to heal the impact of racism on our lives in order to get free together**. Beloved conversations is intended to be a tool in your toolbox, for you as an individual, and [as] a part of a congregation, to eradicate white supremacy, to work to become anti-racist, and to make our faith a welcoming place for everyone. ... We are welcoming people into this work no matter where they find themselves in their understanding of race and racism and what their experiences have been in the world.”

– Rev. Kierstin Homblette Allen, co-creator of Beloved Conversations

Program includes:

Individual study and learning with check-ins with “critical friends”

Bi-weekly learning pods to share experiences

Monthly ‘meaning making sessions’ that center your theology of race, how learning shapes our faith/spirituality and racial identity development

More information about the program as it develops can be found here:

<https://www.meadville.edu/fahs-collaborative/fahs-curriculum-catalogue/beloved-conversations/>

Registration opens in September.

Questions? Ask Rev. Melora (after she returns from study leave Aug.11), 250-891-6330

rev.melora@gmail.com

We Flew Over the Top!

\$31,053



Goal: \$27,000

Donations: \$14,191

Online Auction: \$17,045

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the auction! Our Treasurer can't stop smiling. The Finance Committee is doing a happy dance. The Board is amazed. The Auction Team is beyond astonished! Never underestimate the generosity of a committed community!

Two pink flamingos are wading in shallow, rippling water. They are facing right, with their long necks curved downwards. The background is a soft-focus view of the water and sky.

The matching challenge raised an amazing
\$14,191!

**A heartfelt
thank you
to all the
generous
donors!**

**We had
Matching Donors
offering up to
\$7100!**

**Nailed it!!
We received
donations of
\$7091!**

Curious about Electric Vehicles (EVs) or Electric Bicycles (E-bikes)?



Your Environmental Action Team is here to help!

Bernhard Spalteholz and Judy Gaylord have offered one-on-one introductions for anyone in the congregation interested.

All you have to do is email Bernhard (for EVs) or Judy (E-bikes) and they will coordinate with you on how to meet them and their vehicle safely, with all COVID-19 precautions taken.

For more information, contact:

Bernhard: bspalteholz@gmail.com

Judy: jgaylord@shaw.ca

The Healing City Soils Program: Remediating a Garden with Contaminated Soil

The Healing City Soils Program is run through the Compost Education Centre (CEC) of Victoria to provide free soil testing of heavy metals in area gardens for residents of the Capital Regional District (CRD). The program is a partnership with the Royal Roads University Environmental Science (RRU) program as well as funding from other partners (Victoria Foundation, Royal Roads University Foundation, the CRD and the City of Victoria), using RRU summer students and technical resources to measure contaminants in local garden soils and to display the results spatially in the form of a map. The CEC also provides advice on best practices to deal with contaminated garden soil. It is worth noting that there are many gardens in the region which are contaminated with heavy metals. The Victoria Soil Quality Map is available at <http://www.compost.bc.ca/healing-city-soils/victoria-soil-quality-map/>.

I participated in this program in the Spring of 2019, after receiving a pamphlet in my mailbox. By chance, I signed up to participate - having noticed “clinkers” in my garden, probably from an old wood or coal burning stove. The results came back in the Fall and I was astounded to learn that the two samples taken from my property were both contaminated with heavy metals: mainly lead, but also zinc and copper. These metals are often associated with lead paints, automotive lead fuels and possibly stored metals, etc., but it is not clear what the exact cause was. Another possibility was that contaminated topsoil was brought in on the cheap.

In any case, the next step was to remediate the soil. The CEC recommended removing and replacing the soil, using raised bed structures or growing certain plants to absorb the contaminants followed by their disposal. After confirming the results with additional soil tests (\$\$), I decided to remove the existing soil and replace it with new garden soil. This required considerable work and expense (over 100 wheelbarrow loads - in both directions). In one way the timing was good; however, given that we were isolating at home from the Covid-19 pandemic at the time. I was able to complete this successfully in time for planting my garden in May (this Spring), so I expect to harvest a crop this year. I would recommend that other people with gardens participate in the free Healing City Soils Program.





“Damn the pandemic, full Zoom ahead!” is GVAT’s current prescription for the common good.

In July, GVAT offered a training course via Zoom that began by asking how we can re-balance the power relationships among Market or corporate sector, Government and Civil Society. Those current power relationships look something like this ->

The course, attended by about 80 people from at least ten organizations like GVAT in the Canadian and U.S. Pacific northwest, taught us in Victoria how GVAT can give its 17,000 voters—that’s you!—a say in re-balancing power.

GVAT’s core groups are essential for connecting member organizations (like our church) to GVAT. Core groups support volunteers on Action Research Teams. Our core team also organizes our GVAT fund-raising service in January. We’re strong, but we need more members.

GVAT’s Action Research Teams (ARTs) turn problems into solutions. Our church has three ARTs.

The Housing ART works to improve the lives of foster children who, when they turn 19, must leave their foster homes. Some receive assistance from the Threshold Housing Society, but that organization is over-stretched. Many land on the street and are forced to survive by whatever means they can. This treatment is disgraceful, destructive, and limits these young people’s life chances.

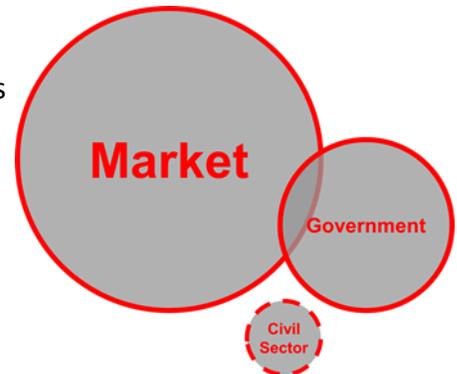
The Mental Health and Addictions ART works to provide access to mental health services in schools and elsewhere. Some people with mental illnesses are homeless; they need supportive housing or more.

The Climate ART is examining the practical and financial implications of free public transport. This will affect both your mobility and the quality of the air you breathe. This ART’s most recent move is to protect old-growth forests.

Getting governments and the corporate sector to accept or at least not obstruct solutions to these and many other ailments of our society is complex when civil society has little power. GVAT re-empowers civil society for the common good.

Core group members Susan Layng salwplg@telus.net and Philip Symons philmar@islandnet.com are happy to answer any questions you may have about GVAT or what it does.

The core group thanks Joe Chrastil, Regional Organizer IAF Northwest for the power relationship diagram.



What Matters to You?

Annual Budget Campaign (ABC) 2021

Nancy Dobbs and Marion Pape

When the church fiscal year began in January, who knew the world would be radically changed by a pandemic? Who knew we would be advised to only leave of our homes if it were essential? Who knew our church doors would close to us and to our many renters?

What we know now, is that this is a resilient community that cares passionately for First Unitarian Church of Victoria. For many of our staff, members, and friends, this has been a period of greater generosity; of time, talents, and financial support then before Covid -19.

The future has never been more unpredictable, and it seems the only certainty is change. Our future will be shaped by what you find in our church community that is valuable.

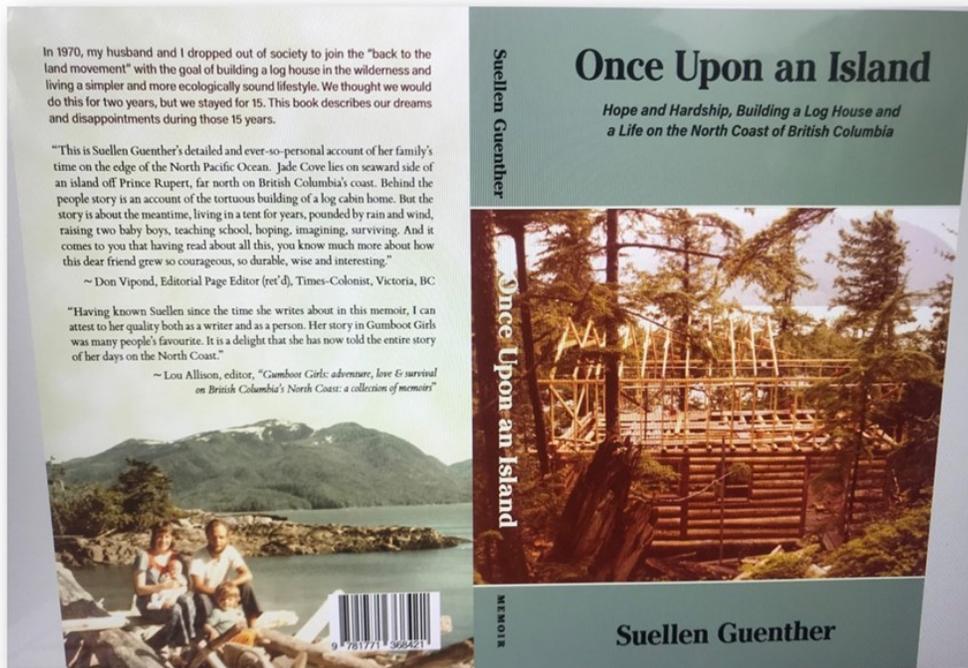
What most matters to you now and into 2021?. Connections with each other? Spiritual Deepening? Hope? Help? Inspiration? Opportunities to make a difference? Something nameless but sacred? Please send us your thoughts before August 31 in a brief affirmative statement that will be shared as part of the ABC campaign for 2021.

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Marion Pape: marionpape@shaw.ca



A Virtual Book Launch



In 1970, my husband and I dropped out of society to join the "back to the land movement" with the goal of building a log house in the wilderness and living a simpler and more ecologically sound lifestyle. We thought we would do this for two years, but we stayed for 15. This book describes our dreams and disappointments during those 15 years.

"This is Suellen Guenther's detailed and ever-so-personal account of her family's time on the edge of the North Pacific Ocean. Jade Cove lies on seaward side of an island off Prince Rupert, far north on British Columbia's coast. Behind the people story is an account of the tortuous building of a log cabin home. But the story is about the meantime, living in a tent for years, pounded by rain and wind, raising two baby boys, teaching school, hoping, imagining, surviving. And it comes to you that having read about all this, you know much more about how this dear friend grew so courageous, so durable, wise and interesting."

~ Don Vipond, Editorial Page Editor (ret'd), Times-Colonist, Victoria, BC

"Having known Suellen since the time she writes about in this memoir, I can attest to her quality both as a writer and as a person. Her story in Gumboot Girls was many people's favourite. It is a delight that she has now told the entire story of her days on the North Coast."

~ Lou Allison, editor, "Gumboot Girls: adventure, love & survival on British Columbia's North Coast: a collection of memoirs"

Suellen Guenther introduces her memoir: *Once Upon An Island*. This book recounts the 15 years she lived on the BC North Coast during the "back to the land" movement, building a log house on Porcher Island.

It is the longer version of her story, "Home Is a Tent", published in the book *Gumboot Girls*. The book is 360 pages, with 109 photographs, 27 of them in colour.

Copies are available for \$29.95.

Contact Suellen Guenther at sguenther@shaw.ca or 250-727-0454.

**The Social Responsibility Coalition of the
First Unitarian Church of Victoria
Presents The Migrant Crisis: a screening and discussion of
Judy Jackson's "WHERE CAN WE LIVE IN PEACE?"
Sunday July 26th, at 2.00-4:00 PM (Pacific)**



"The migrant crisis seen through the eyes of Pastor Ignacio Martinez, the founder of ABBA shelter for migrants in Celaya, Mexico ***"They are people like us, with rights and dreams of a better life, and hoping their children can go to school and have decent lives"*** Pastor Ignacio Martinez



Pastor Ignacio Martinez tends the swollen foot of a migrant.

The film shows the gap between President Trump denigrating migrants as "rapists and criminals" and the sad reality. Forced to flee abject poverty, corruption, and gang violence in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, the migrants encounter more hostility and xenophobia as they journey through Mexico. Their dreams of finding safety in America are shattering. Trump's policies closed the border, and now with COVID-19 he has slammed it tight shut. The migrants face ever harsher realities. They are desperately asking **"Where Can we Live in Peace?"**

SCREEN TRAILER: <https://vimeo.com/435902488>

Join the Zoom Meeting on July 26

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82030103312?pwd=QUUpzOEFJbjMreEFPZVR4MTdwUetGQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 3010 3312

Password: 874853

One tap mobile

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Would you like to see solar panels on our church roof?



[Photo: First UU Church Belmont, MA](#)

Answer this and 18 other questions on the One Planet Survey

What's the survey about?

<https://victoriaunitarian.ca/take-the-survey/>

Take the survey!

<https://forms.gle/Hsc9UGSHmpnHTZZJ6>

Soap Maker Sallay Kosseh

Thirty seven year old Sallay Kosseh is a single mother and a dynamic business woman. She smiles widely as she tells me her soap business is her boyfriend and her husband. Previously her sister had been supporting the family, but when she died of Ebola in 2014, the family was left destitute. Now, with her soap business, Sallay is able to support her mother, her four children and her near-blind uncle. Sallay continues to grin even as she tells me that making soap requires both patience and hard work.

In a program that ran from March-December 2018, (which is funded through the First Unitarian Church of Victoria made possible by one of its members, Jim Hackler, who very recently passed away). It was a 6 month program and upon completion in December 2018, she received a micro-loan of Le500,000 - a little over \$70CAD - to start her own business. Within six months of receiving the loan, she had paid it off - a significant accomplishment in a subsistence economy.



Sallay and her teen-aged children live in half of a tiny duplex. The back room serves as Sallay's bedroom and storage area. The entryway functions as her children's bedroom, as well as her soap making and packaging workshop. Her mother's quarters are next door, and this is where the extended family keeps their food and cooking supplies. Like most others in Taiama, they cook outdoors over an open fire. There is no ceiling in their home, only rafters and a corrugated steel roof. Sallay and her mother have beds, but her children sleep on a floor mat.

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Sallay has been innovative in her marketing. She spends Monday-Wednesday producing and packaging her soaps. Thursdays through Saturdays, she hires a motorcycle - the only viable, if dangerous, means of transportation - and travels to the relatively close towns of Njala, Mano and Badja, where there are good sized markets. Her soap is renowned for being of excellent quality and low in cost but long lasting, so her sales are robust.



All the supplies are costly: from the palm oil, caustic soda, dyes, perfume and packaging; to goggles and gloves; to transport. Still, with her sales, she manages to recoup enough to feed and clothe her family, and purchase the necessary supplies for the next batch of soap.



When I first met Sallay, she repeatedly told me how appreciative she is of the training and microloan that made her business possible. Later I asked whether she had other dreams, and she didn't skip a beat, "I want to sell more soap so my family can live in a better house."

Sallay wasn't making enough profit to expand her business. While we were there, the partnership was able to give her a second loan, this time for Le1 million. This will enable her to purchase the extra ingredients needed to increase her production and she is confident - as am I - that she can make and sell more soap by working longer hours each day.

As she told me and, as I witnessed, she is patient and not afraid of working hard.

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Do you have a friend in need ... of a ceremony?
A wedding, child dedication or memorial?

Tell them about FUCV's

Lay Chaplains

It's what we do!

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We Care!

Care and Concern Committee

for hospital and home visits, or just to talk...

Barbara Boyle at 250-381-0264

or your Neighbourhood Group Care & Concern person

CALENDAR:

[CLICK HERE](#)



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Galina	Coffey-Lewis	August 01
John	Monaghan	August 01
Sharyn	Alexander	August 02
Oceanna	Hall	August 02
Beth	Woodland	August 02
David	Hoadley	August 03
Mitra	Atma	August 04
Gayle	Elson	August 05
William	Glassman	August 05
Dolores	Appleton	August 06
Kim	Hines	August 06
Diana	Kozinuk	August 06
Demetrius	Lynngood	August 07
Kimberly	Bramadat	August 08
Frances	Dearman	August 08
Ernest	Kassian	August 08
Marya	Nijland	August 09
Sophia	Petronis	August 09
Glenys	Thompson	August 09
Madelaine	Clarke	August 10
Mel	Johnston	August 10
Susan	Breiddal	August 11
Karen Lee	Pickett	August 11
Don	Mills	August 12
Diane	McLaren	August 13
Scott	Sollazzo	August 17
Katherine	Jones	August 18
Lynda	Mazerolle	August 18
Linda	Siegel	August 18
Linda	Stanton	August 20
Elizabeth	Weijs	August 21
Karla	Thomson	August 22
Evan	Guengerich	August 26
Glenyss	Turner	August 26
Patrick	Conroy	August 27
Astrid	Firley-Eaton	August 28
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Unitarian from Kingston seeking like-minded folks to rent a room from Nov 1-Dec 15 in Victoria.

My daughter is having her first baby Nov 15, but she and her partner have a tiny 1 bedroom near Finlayson and Maplewood. Happy to pay. Wifi required because working part-time. Would love to chat if any questions...Susan
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West Coast Unitarian is seeking a room to rent, with access to cooking, ideally with a Unitarian, for 3 months starting July 1 or 15, in the Victoria area. Purpose is to spend time with son, daughter-in-law and their new baby daughter. He could housesit if that is needed. Ed Taylor is known to Christine Johnston, has been a UU for 50 years and is associated with 3 churches Vancouver, Kelowna, and Calgary. Many years ago he was on PNWD Board representing small congregations in BC when Rod Stewart was Administrator.

Ed owns a property on the tropical island of Hainan in south China and offers (if wanted) accommodation there within the next 2-3 years. Phone is 778 999 6770 and e-mail: Ed.Taylor@telus.net

RENOVATIONS WANTED

We are Unitarians from Kelowna who are intending on moving to the Highlands area. We are wondering if there may be someone amongst the congregants who knows of a good, honest reliable contractor that could do renovations or/and additions onto a home.

Jan Dawson,
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