



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

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30 am

Welcome to the month of
Embracing Possibility!



Sunday, September 5, 10:30am

The Role of Faith Institutions in Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency

Seth Klein, homilist

Casey Stainsby, worship associate

How can we align our politics and economy with what the science says we must do to address the climate crisis? Seth Klein brings an original and uniquely hopeful take to this challenge. His book *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency* is structured around lessons from the Second World War – the last time Canada faced an existential threat. Others have said we need a “wartime approach” to climate change, but this is the first book to delve into what that could actually look like. Canada’s wartime experience, Klein contends, provides an inspirational reminder that *we have done this before*. We have mobilized in common cause across class, race and gender, and entirely retooled our economy in the space of a few short years. Seth will also introduce the framework he now employs with the Climate Emergency Unit, using the “4 Markers of Emergency Mode” – and will talk about how faith institutions can use this framework for action.



Livestream begins each Sunday by 10:25 am.
view [please click on this link](#).

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Seth Klein served for 22 years (1996-2018) as the founding British Columbia Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a public policy research institute committed to social, economic and environmental justice. He is now the Team Lead and Director of Strategy of the Climate Emergency Unit (a 5-year project of the David Suzuki Institute that Seth launched in early 2021). He is the author of *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency* (published in 2020).

Sunday, September 12, 10:30am

Returning: Changed and the Same

Rev. Shana Lynngood, homilist

WA, Mollie Twidale

Our annual Homecoming Sunday, the first Sunday after Labour Day when we officially kick off a new church year, we find ourselves returning in ways both familiar and strange. Covid is not yet in the rear view mirror and all the change it has wrought still has us reflecting deeply on what matters, what we've lost, and perhaps even what we learned or gained from this time. This welcome will include a time for lamentation—sharing our sense of loss and sadness—as well as a time to lift up our hopes and sense of possibility for what comes next.

Sunday, September 19, 10:30am

Embracing Possibility?

Rev. Melora Lynngood, homilist

What is your emotional response when you hear the word, “possibility?” Excited? Wary? Hopeful? Cynical? Tired? When someone suggests a new idea, is your gut response, “That will never work,” or “Maybe...?” When so much in our world right now is so irrefutably grim, how might engaging in a practice of possibility make our world a little bit better?

Sunday, September 26, 10:30am

Reckoning with Reconciliation and Race

Rev. Shana Lynngood, homilist

While we were away the headlines continued unabated: the many lives lost at residential schools whose bodies have now been found, the continuing story of unequal and unfair treatment of people of colour rooted in centuries of slavery and colonialism that has morphed into systemic racism. What do we UUs say about all of this? What do we do? Where do we stand? Conversation about adding an 8th principle focused on ending oppression has been focused on trying to make explicit what has often been implicit. We believe in the inherent worth of all people, and yet our institutions and communities don't reflect that commitment. We'll explore and consider what adopting an 8th principle would or wouldn't mean.

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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: Andy Lee, Chair, Lorna Anthony, Jeri Dause, Bill Glassman, Jan Thomson, Shelley Motz.

KEYS: REMINDER FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

In order to be available for others requiring access, please replace any lockbox keys being used, immediately.
(Sanctuary and Farmhouse)

These keys are not to be held on your person while in meetings or for the duration of your visit.

Thank you for understanding!

Niki Mullin

Office Administrator



8th Principle? Vote in November

Want to know what's going on with the 8th principle conversation?

Here are some basic resources to catch you up:

Wording of the 8th Principle

As proposed at Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canadian Unitarian Council (known as the 'CUC,' the national Unitarian Universalist denominational organization for Canadians) in **May 2021**. Note: this wording

We covenant to affirm and promote:
Individual and communal action
that accountably dismantles racism and other oppressions
in ourselves and in our institutions.

Sermon, "An 8th Principle?"

by Rev. Melora, February 14th, 2021,

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=133316438661734&ref=watch_permalink

Sermon in several parts, starts at 23:36 in service video.

Addresses issues such as: Historical context: the 7 principles were not always 7; and they were meant to be reviewed and revised periodically.

- The 8th principle calls us to address all kinds of racism. Racism does not only mean anti-black racism. Anyone whose people are Jewish or Indigenous or LatinX, or from India or the Middle East or any of the Asian countries – all of these groups, and many more, experience racism.
- The 8th principle calls us to address all kinds of oppression (transphobia, able-ism, classism, sexism, age-ism, colonialism, and more) not just racism. They are all interconnected. Fighting any kind of oppression has an effect on the system that upholds all of the oppressions.
- What kinds of racism happens in Canada?
- We don't need to have lots of diversity within our particular congregation to learn how to dismantle racism and oppression in ourselves and in our institutions.
- What kinds of things do we do in our UU congregations that unintentionally hurt people with marginalized identities?
- Why our 1st principle isn't enough; why the 8th principle calls us to make our commitment to anti-racism and anti-oppression explicit.

Contact Rev. Melora for a print or emailed copy of full text 250-891-6330 or rev.melora@gmail.com

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Dismantling Racism Task force report

From the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC), our national denominational organization.

<https://cuc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CUC-Dismantling-Racism-Final-Report-LP.2021-05.pdf>

Notes the ways in which our congregations are (unintentionally) perpetuating racism and turning away indigenous, black, and people of colour.

Makes recommendations to UU congregations and to the CUC, including adopting the 8th principle.

“The Dismantling Racism Survey clearly shows that while some efforts to dismantle racism and other oppressions exist, a gap between our CUC aspirations and reality persists. This is evidenced in another gap between White Canadian UUs’ understanding/ awareness of systemic racism in our faith communities, and the lived realities and experiences of BIPOC Canadian UUs.”

“These gaps indicate that **we are not living into our vision of being an inclusive, diverse, and just faith community**. Sadly, many BIPOC UUs regularly experience microaggressions and other forms of racism within their congregations and our wider faith movement. Some BIPOC who are drawn to our faith leave because of this, while others choose to stay despite regularly being harmed. Most White UUs experience belonging and comfort in their congregations, while for BIPOC UUs, this experience is elusive.”

The 8th Principle Process: Next Steps

From the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC), our national denominational organization.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16DEDgfJc8w1wDcpoBFxvQ8qSzEnLgwWOq2CvYTkf8Jc/edit?usp=sharing>

An overview of everything you need to know about the impromptu vote to adopt 8th principle at May Annual General Meeting (AGM), why we need to re-vote in November to properly follow some procedures that were missed in May, and how to prepare for the vote in November. Includes a way to participate in CUC hosted forums (Sept 19, Oct 3, Oct 17, Nov 7), CUC Roundtables (last Saturday of Sept and Oct), and a way to give individual feedback.

Sermon by Donovan Hayden, “Anti-racism work as Spiritual Practice”

presented to our congregation on June 20 . Watch sermon [here](#).

“As a visitor, it is ... crucial to listen to the authority of racialized people. ... If you truly wish to be allies, you will accept our lived experiences; trust us.”

“This is an important moment in our faith here in Canada. Failing to adopt the 8th principle in November will be ... a decision that will make our congregations less attractive to young and racialized Canadians. A decision that will be out of step with real anti-racist work.”

“Racism and white supremacy transcend borders. The results from the Dismantling Racism Study Group Report, organized by the CUC, supports this.”

“It is clear that **the inherent worth and dignity of every person is not specific enough to combat racism in our congregations** and society. More is needed to include and empower racialized, and particularly black, people. The time is now for congregations to adopt the 8th principle.”



8th principle vote resources continued...

First Unitarian Church of Victoria (FUCV) Consultation Team on 8th Principle:

Contact for questions about our own delegates and participation in the CUC vote in November. More info to come.

Coordinator & Chair Membership Committee, Rebecca Mellett rmellett@gmail.com

Board President Jim Willis jimwillis568@gmail.com

Revs. Melora & Shana Lynngood

Bottom Line:

Regardless of the wording of the 8th principle, or even whether it passes,
**our Unitarian Universalist congregations have more growing and learning to do
if we are to be the radically inclusive congregations we long to be.**

Wherever you are on this learning journey,
You are cordially invited to participate in this Fall's **Expanding the Beloved Conversation** Program.

Come be a part of the conversation!

Share your questions, share your learning.

Let's learn together how to become the Beloved Community we long to be.

See details in next article.



Expanding the Beloved Conversation, Continued from previous page

In these sessions, we will broaden those conversations. We'll address issues such as:

- What are BIPOC people (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) saying about their experiences in UU congregations in Canada?
- How can I help our UU congregations be more radically inclusive?
- What exactly is: 'white fragility?' 'a micro-aggression?' 'white supremacy culture?' How are those terms helpful in dismantling racism and other oppressions?
- I understand those concepts, but I have a hard time explaining them to my friends and relatives. How do I do that – in a way that is helpful, grounded in love, and doesn't set off their defenses?
- I understand those concepts, but I have a hard time speaking up when someone says or does something hurtful. How do I do that-- in a way that the message is most likely to be heard?
- When talking with others about racism and oppression, how do I ground myself and the conversation in love, humility, openness, and curiosity? How do I have conversations that bypass defensiveness and build connection?

Please **sign up** by putting your name on this google doc, <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rja2RzFK9MGOnDI2c7Back2UC-WOKUQbDhzBWb49bj4/edit?usp=sharing>

or by contacting Rev. Melora 250-891-6330 text/cell, rev.melora@gmail.com , with subject heading "expanding beloved conversation"

Other ways to participate in dismantling racism & oppression with UUs:

- **Transgender Inclusion for Congregations** program, with a uniquely broad reaching intersectional lens; see page 11
- **Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation**, Unitarian Universalist (THRUU), a group of Unitarian Universalists in Victoria (from First Unitarian and Capital Congregation) working on Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation; Contact members, Evelyn Peters Evelyn.Joy.Peters@outlook.com & Julie Deans jpdeans01@gmail.com
- **Widening the Circle** – will guide us in intentionally dismantling oppression in our own institution and culture -- coming in January, facilitators trained in October; Contact Rev. Shana rev.shana@victoriaunitarian.ca 250-891-6331
- **BIPOC Space** (for Unitarian Universalists in Canada who are Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Colour), see page 11
- **Beloved Conversations** – online programing each fall and spring for UUs across the continent; Fall registration deadline for first time participants Aug 31; registration for next level for former participants ("Within + Exploration Stations") is ongoing and begins October 1 ; <https://www.meadville.edu/fahs-collaborative/beloved-conversations>

Expanding the Beloved Conversation:

Come one, come all! First Session Sept 26

How do we become the radically inclusive beloved community we long to be? The beloved community of which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke, a human community of social and economic justice for all, in which racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and prejudice, are replaced by a radically inclusive spirit of solidarity, respect, and compassion for all.



Share your questions, share your learning, listen to what your fellow Unitarian Universalists have learned.

Expanding the Beloved Conversation

3 sessions (attend one, two, or all three!)

Sundays, after church, 12:15pm - 2pm

- September 26 (online, join here: <https://zoom.us/j/93124211141?pwd=RjhFQ1VDTUhhZHJVL1AxcllJT2xhQT09>)
- October 24, Farmhouse Common Room
- November 21, Farmhouse Common Room

Last year (fall 2020), 30 of our members attended the in-depth, multimedia, anti-racism program Beloved Conversations.

The program included learning about key concepts that are incredibly helpful to unlearning, dismantling, and interrupting the prejudices and biases that we have unconsciously absorbed from our society.

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Using White Fragility as a Meditation Bell

Rev. Melora Lynngood

I have found 'white fragility' to be one of the most useful concepts in my personal growth toward unlearning and dismantling racism. It describes something I've felt, as a white settler person, but couldn't adequately explain.

It's that thing that happens when someone points out something racist, especially if it's a more subtle form of racism, and a white settler person, like myself, responds to it with defensiveness: "Oh that's not really racist; that person didn't mean to be offensive."

Or when an instance of racism is cited and a white settler person, like myself, responds to it with guilt: "Oh my gosh, that's so awful; I feel so awful that white people like me did that; I'm so sorry that happened; I can't imagine..." and on and on...

Both reactions -- defensiveness or guilt -- put the focus on the white person's emotional state (making it 'all about me'), drawing the focus away from what should be center stage -- the racism and the harm it causes black, indigenous, and people of colour.

White fragility is all the bending over backwards progressive white folks, like myself, do to convince ourselves and others that we are not racist-- which actually gets in the way of the real work of dismantling racism.

The term 'white fragility' was coined by academic and educator, Robin DiAngelo, who wrote the book, "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism," published by our own Unitarian Universalist Beacon Press. DiAngelo points out that part of the problem is our binary good/bad thinking. We think there are only two choices:

- to be a racist, which makes you a bad person, or
- to be not at all racist, which makes you a good person,

We progressive UU types -- who are working really hard to do good in the world-- of course, want to align ourselves with the 'good guys.' So it is painful when we think someone is accusing us of being one of the 'bad guys.'

This goes for all issues of oppression -- sexism, homophobia, colonialism, ableism, classism... We progressive types are against these things. It is intrinsic to our identities that we work against these oppressions. In the good/bad binary paradigm, it is essential to our sense of self that we are identified as on the good side. So we can kind of freak out if we think our goodness is being questioned. We sputter with defensiveness -- to prove that we are the good guys.

DiAngelo gives examples of the kinds of defensive 'I'm not racist' statements she hears, over & over again, from white people in her workshops:

There are those in the category of 'colour blindness' --

- I was taught to treat everyone the same
- I don't see colour
- I don't care if you are pink, pale, or polka-dotted

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and, get this one --

- I'm not racist; I'm from Canada

There are those in the category of 'colour-celebrate' --

"I'm not racist because..."

- I have people of colour in my family
- I work in a very diverse environment
- I marched in the 60s
- I lived in Japan and was a minority so I know what it is like to be a minority

The problem is that, when a problematic behavior is pointed out, if we put all our energy into defensive reactions that prove how not racist we are, we then don't spend any energy looking at the problematic behavior that supports racism we supposedly despise. We are made impotent by our own defensiveness.

DiAngelo proposes that instead of looking at racism as a good/bad binary, we try to see it on a continuum. There are more than those two options -- more than "bad racist" vs "good non-racist." DiAngelo says,

"I have found it much more useful to think of myself as on a continuum. Racism is so deeply woven into the fabric of our society that I do not see myself escaping from that continuum in my lifetime. But I can continually seek to move further along it. ... Conceptualizing myself on an active continuum changes the question from whether I am, or am not, racist to a much more constructive question: Am I actively seeking to interrupt racism in this context?" p. 87

I use my own white fragility as a meditation bell. With racism, colonialism, transphobia, or any of the other oppressions-- when I feel that defensiveness on my own behalf or someone else's, I try to hear it as a meditation bell. "Pay attention!" it says. I try to shift my focus away from defensiveness and guilt, and turn, with curiosity, toward understanding the racism/oppression before me:

What's going on..?

Why is the behavior problematic..?

Who does it hurt and how... ?

What can I learn?

How can we do better?

Adapted from sermon, "Love Calls: Learning, Humility, and Solidarity," September 8, 2019.

Share your own experiences, questions, and insights, and hear from others at

Expanding the Beloved Conversation, Sept 26, see page 11

BIPOC Space

for UUs in Canada who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour

Saturdays, September 18 and October 16 – 9 am PT | 10 am MT | 11 am CT | 12 pm ET | 1 pm AT

The Canadian Unitarian Council (our national denominational organization) hosts this space for Unitarian Universalists (UUs) who are Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour, ages 18 and up, to gather safely to share experiences, stories, and be change-makers. Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Questions? Contact Vyda Ng vyda@cuc.ca (CUC Executive Director) or Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana fulgence.ucs@gmail.com

Join on Zoom at http://bit.ly/UU_BIPOC

Transgender Inclusion in Congregations Course

Sign up now with Rev. Melora

It's back! In case you didn't get a chance to take this course last spring, Rev. Melora is facilitating a couple more groups this fall. This is an online course, designed by a UU organization. Our congregants discuss the material together in small groups. The course is geared toward people from generally LGBTQ-welcoming congregations or faith groups who want to deepen their understanding of gender and transgender identities and are invested in creating truly trans-affirming faith communities. It is designed for people of all genders and has an **innovative intersectional perspective**. ([what is intersectional? Click here](#) for great short video)

The Discussion Groups (to discuss the online material)

Each Group gathers 3 times. Choose ONE group:

Tuesday 1pm-3pm, in person, at church, Farmhouse Common Room

- October 5
- October 26
- November 23

Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm, online (zoom)

- October 5
- October 26
- November 23



Sign up by adding your name to this [google sign-up sheet](#), or email rev.melora@gmail.com with subject heading "transgender inclusion" or text/call 250-891-6330

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The Online Material

Time: Whenever works for you!

There are six sessions, which we are combining into 3 sets (we'll discuss 2 sessions at each of our 3 group discussions). Each session includes a 45- to 55-minute online video lecture by instructors Mykal and Alex, reflection questions, resources to take it deeper, and a short informal quiz.

- **Sessions 1 and 2** are designed to ground you in this work, theologically, spiritually, and historically, and help you explore why we are called as people of faith to dismantle gender-based oppression—as well as exploring how each and every one of us are impacted by it and practices that can help us stay present.
- **Sessions 3 and 4** explore gender diversity and the lived experiences of trans people—including the ways that race, class, and other factors influence those experiences—along with trans spirituality.
- **Sessions 5 and 6** are all about culture and how to transform it. Expanding the circle of inclusion within a congregation or faith group requires understanding the unique culture of that group, along with how that culture works to include or exclude.

At the end of this course we will have a number of practices, frameworks, and tools that to help create an action plan for being radically welcoming to trans/non-binary people in our congregation.

Want to know more? Check out this [video about the course](#).

Delegate Selection for 27 November CUC Special Meeting on the 8th Principle

FUCV has been allocated six delegates to the CUC Special Meeting on the 8th Principle. Our delegates to the CUC Annual General Meeting were Rebecca Mellett, Kristina Stevens, Marion Pape, Jim Hemstock, Mollie Twidale and Wally du Temple.

Before the Board selects our six delegates they need to confirm whether there are volunteers prepared to attend the Special Meeting on November 27, 2021. Potential delegates should:

- Attend a forum at which you listen to input from your fellow congregants about the 8th Principle on Wednesday evening 24 November
- Attend all three sessions of FUCV's Expanding Beloved Conversations on 26 September, 24 October and 21 November (12:15-2:00 PM Sundays)
- Be well informed of the conversations about the proposed 8th Principle
- Be clear that you are voting according to congregational instructions rather than voting your conscience
- Have read the CUC Board's "A Way Forward for the 8th Principle Process"
- Have read the Dismantling Racism Study Group's Preliminary Report of October 2020 and their Final Report of May 2021
- If available, attend the CUC-hosted forums to bring congregations together in respectful conversation taking place on four Sundays (September 19, October 3, October 17 and November 7)

If you can attend these sessions and do the reading you may wish to volunteer as a delegate. Volunteers are asked to reply to Jim Willis at jimwillis568@gmail.com.

Returning to the Unexpected (and Possibilities)

Hello, everyone. It is good to be back. I look forward to sharing much with you in the months and years ahead of what the sabbatical time uncovered for me. It was good to take a break, and it is good to be back among you. We missed you.

As we prepared to return and began to look ahead at what the opening services and themes would be for the year, the September theme stopped me in my tracks. Embracing Possibility? Really?! Now?! Depending on how you look at those two words right now as the Delta variant pushes us to change our plans for gathering once again, it might seem like a cruel joke. “How can I embrace possibility when so much (and so many of the people) I want to embrace, I can’t?” What is possible feels limited not expansive right now. I certainly empathize with, and share that sense of frustration.

On the other hand, the pandemic has pushed (perhaps even forced?) us to look at new or other or different possibilities—for how to connect, for how to fill our time, and for how we might see some of the changes of this time in positive ways. The losses have been many. There is no getting around that. We will do some collective grieving and lamenting this fall—holding together the burdens of what has been lost. Grief is an important spiritual practice and life skill. We don’t grieve to “get over it”, we grieve to “carry it” with us through our days with all of the sadness and love and lessons it continually imparts.

What possibilities might we embrace? When we look at our lives—individually, in our families, and as a society—what possibilities might we wish to embrace? Perhaps we need a sense of possibility more than ever. Let’s come together—virtually still for the time being, and see what we can discover together.

Here are this month’s Soul Matters questions for you to reflect, journal, or talk with others about. Choose those that resonate for you and spend some time with them—or create your own:

1. How has your belief in the possibility of a better world grown or shrunk over the past couple of years?
2. Who taught you the most about defying expectations and unleashing your potential and possibility? How did their courageous living spill over into your own?
3. We all have dreams of what’s possible. We live with a voice that says “One day I will...” So, what “possible life” has been with you the longest? Why has it remained a dream for so long?
4. What do you know about the possibilities that live on the other side of grief?
5. What if you understood the word impossible as a dare?
6. What are others learning about living and leaning into possibility by watching you?

I look forward to seeing you all.

Love, Rev. Shana

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AUGUST 2021

Board Talk. Well, I am finding out quickly how busy the temporary President can be, especially without the full team in place (missing a Vice President and was missing an Outreach/SRC Council chair). Thanks for everyone who has offered to help. We are still working with the Nomination Committee to find a Vice President but I am pleased to announce that:

- Audrey Taylor is now the Administration, Human Resources and Communications council chair
- Shelley Motz is the Outreach/Social Responsibility Coalition council chair
- Lynn Anne Hill has been hired as the Director of the Handbell Choir
- Astrid Firley-Eaton has been hired as the new Rental Coordinator
- ABC is planning to launch their campaign on October 3
- Looking for a replacement for Arran Liddel (Director of Spiritual Education and Learning for Children and Youth) while he is off on maternity leave.

Vacant Positions

Vice-President - If you would like to be the Vice-President contact Pat Kinrade at the Nominating Committee.

Library Team. Wally du Temple and Philip Symons are searching to build a temporary Library team to include looking at strengths and weaknesses of the library, books that could be stored elsewhere, new books to purchase, etc. Contact Wally if you are interested in helping.

Joint Board Meeting. The Board will hold a joint meeting with Capital UU to discuss COVID, joint committees and joint functions or events

Several teams (Ushers, Greeters, Coffee/Tea, and Name Tags) that will need to reactivate themselves if we start live services in September (now moved to 3 October) have begun the process of resurrection of old members and recruitment of new members as needed. Most of these teams have had some attrition during Covid, and an ad in the e-weekly seeks volunteers for them. Community Dinners, Souper Sundays, and Fun and Fellowship are all taking a slow approach to restarting, waiting to see how much uptake there is on in-person services first.

Pub Night has begun offering a combination of live/online events.

Care & Concern is supporting several families who have recently experienced deaths.

Depression & Anxiety support group has put their plans to restart a face-to-face group on hold, given the current rise of the Delta variant on the Island.

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AmplifyUU

- Amplify UU. RFP sent out for contractor bids and the finalized acoustic panel requirements and building permit have been submitted. The RFPs have been distributed .
- Jamie has been working on a more automated pushbutton operations system that will allow the AV operators to deliver the new hybrid services once the Amplify UU facilities have been installed.
- Training sessions will begin once we have purchased and received initial items independent of the RFPs. A custom computer, Streamdeck “button box” vMix software etc. will be set up in a temporary configuration to facilitate initial training for the operators
- Building Permits: The Building Permit application for the acoustic panels was submitted to Saanich August 4
- A RFP has been sent out, with a contractor to be selected by Aug. 27th. The sound booth cannot be used until the building permit is approved by the District of Saanich.



Get Involved in the Music Programme this Fall

Did you know that at FUCV we have four music programmes that you can participate in?

Chalice Choir - meets Thursday evenings 7:30 - 9:30 and sings two Sundays per month.

Farmhouse Ringers (handbell ensemble) - meets on Monday mornings and performs in church once every two months.

JAMMers - meetings to be arranged once Covid restrictions are defined, sings once a month in local hospitals and nursing homes.

Men's Choir - meets every second Thursday evening 6:30 - 7:20 and performs on Sundays once every two months or so.

September is a good time to join one or more of these groups. For more information see our website page at <https://victoriaunitarian.ca/program/choir-and-music-program/>

Note that start-up times are currently dependent on the Covid situation, so please follow the contact links on the web page to ask about specific groups.

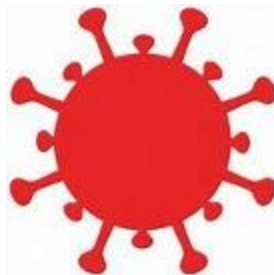
-from Nicholas Fairbank, Musician

COVID UPDATE

Motion endorsed by the Board from the COVID-19 Advisory Task Force – 12 August 2021

We are in Step 3 of the BC Restart plan

- No capacity limits or restrictions on religious gatherings or worship services but FUCV is not yet prepared to move to in-person services. There are still unknowns regarding the Delta variant. In the interest of the comfort and safety of our members and volunteers we recommend that we not meet in person until 3 October. Children's programs, in addition to worship services, would not resume in person until October 3 at the earliest. This will permit volunteers to fill all of the church functions and allow the task force to track announcements from the province regarding the Delta variant.
- Indoor organized gatherings (other than worship services)
 - Sanctuary 150 people
 - Lion Hall 63 people
 - Farmhouse Common Room 30 people
- Outdoor organized gatherings up to 500 people with careful social contact
- Proof of vaccination does not need to be requested but members are encouraged not to attend until fully vaccinated
- Office staff will not return to the office before 7 September
- Masks are recommended in indoor public places for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated. You're fully vaccinated 14 days after your second dose
- Masks are optional for children aged 2 to 12
- Children under 2 should not wear masks
- Masks are recommended for 14 days following return from travel.
- Some people may choose to continue to wear a mask after they're fully vaccinated and that's okay
- Remember to wash hands frequently
- If you or anyone in your family feels sick stay home and get tested immediately





**Seth Klein: *A Good War*
*Mobilizing Canada for the Climate***

On Sunday September 5th, 2021, Seth Klein will give a homily on the “Role of Faith Institutions in Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency”. His homily will be based on information he collected for his book, “A Good War”.

Klein’s thesis is that to overcome the climate crisis, we will need to mobilize our governments the way we did during the second world war. The Canadian government said that we were ready to join the war, but “... our leaders were reluctant to recognize what [actions] would ultimately be necessary”, writes Klein. Sound familiar? Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Horgan and others talk about climate change while succumbing to the lobbying of powerful oil industries to keep producing oil.

Here are just a few ways Klein says the Canadian government ultimately did mobilize when Canada joined the war. The government, under the leadership of Conservative Minister C.D. Howe, set up 28 crown corporations to construct planes, military vehicles, ships, and munitions “at a speed and scale that is simply mind-blowing”, writes Klein. The Canadian capitalist economy had to be transformed; decisions could not be left to the market. The production and sale of private vehicles were effectively abolished in favour of producing war vehicles.

In preparation for war on the climate crisis, an equivalent edict might be to ration gas and oil products, then gradually reduce ration quotas until oil and natural gas can no longer be bought (see George Monbiot’s book, *Heat*, 2006). Impossible? If so, our civilization, not so figuratively, is “toast”. We simply *must* find a way!

And the climate crisis is only one of several crises we will face in the next few decades. Pandemics such as the one we’ve experienced over the last 18 months likely will recur and be more severe. The illness is a deadly threat, but the pandemic also cuts into services at hospitals and food, energy and materials supply lines. We’ve already had two ferry-sailing cancellations in August because of lack of crew. We, on this island, are more vulnerable to supply disruptions than those on the mainland, yet the government has no plans to counter this potential calamity.

Our youths can imagine what’s coming, which gives them an incentive to accept actions and hardships at which older folk may balk. But are we really so recalcitrant? Klein commissioned an Abacus poll in 2019 that showed many Canadians are deeply concerned about the climate crisis and are ready for “bold and ambitious actions”. It’s our governments that are recalcitrant! That raises a question, “what’s wrong with our democracy?”

An old adage states that where there’s a will there’s a way. We need to find that will and urge our governments, while there’s still a wee bit of time, to start planning as we did to win the second world war. Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT), of which our church is a member, is one means by which we can apply pressure on local governments. Armed with Klein’s book (available in local bookshops) and backed by its members, GVAT for the moment is our best bet.

Your GVAT core group: Susan Layng (lead), Lynn Beak, Hanny Pannekoek, Marion Pape, Philip Symons, Audrey Taylor, and Rev. Melora Lyngood (ex officio). New members welcome—contact Philip Symons.



GETTING ON BOARD WITH BREEZE™

rev Aug. 11, 2021 Marion Pape and Shannon Oatway



What are the benefits of Breeze? It is so much more than just an online directory. This database is an incredibly valuable tool for our church members and friends. The ABC Team is planning on using Breeze during the 2022 campaign and it would be very beneficial to the team if you have your profile all set up and ready to go. We are assuming that you have activated your Breeze account. If you have not activated it, please contact Shannon at communications@victoriaunitarian.ca

Here are detailed instructions on how to search Breeze:

Open your Internet browser to login to Breeze <https://fucv.breezechms.com> with your username (email address) and password. If you have forgotten your password, click on “**forgot password**”, which is located below the Sign In Button and follow the prompts. This ‘Sign in’ will bring you to the Breeze Dashboard page.

When you log onto your account, click on “My Profile” in the menu to get to your individual profile page. You can search for other members from the entry page, at the top right, in the search field. Or you can go to the navigation menu, running horizontally along the top of the page: “**Breeze Dashboard People Events My Profile Give Now**” and click on **People** to search for members. On the left where it says “Filter by Name”, type in the name of the person you want to search and the member’s name and photo will come up on the page, then simply click on the name. Under the **Filter by Name field** is a “**More Filter Options**” and an arrow. Click on the arrow for other ways to find people i.e. search using an email – scroll down to **Contact** and click on the arrow beneath **EMAIL**, a field will be shown and this is where to type in the email address of the person you are trying to find. Likewise for the other options listed such as address, phone number, etc.

Your Profile page is where you add or update any personal information such as your contact details including your cellphone number and Emergency Contact information and much more, this is a good place to explore. Your photo may already be on this page. If not, to add or change a photo, click on the photo box and follow the prompts. Each Section Head (ie **Main, Family, Communications**) is on a grey coloured rectangular bar, hover over the bar with your mouse to expose the “**Click to edit Section**”, to the right of the section name and do what it says, **click on it**, and edit the info you wish to change or add, be sure to click **SAVE** once you are done. Please check your **birthdate** and make sure it is correct. This information is only visible on your profile page, it cannot be viewed by others.

To make a **Donation** on Breeze, go to your profile page, **click on the arrow** beside the word **MORE** in the main menu, and choose **GIVE NOW**. At the top of the page you will see \$0.00, enter how much you want to give here, then on the line below, select where you want your donation to go by clicking the arrow on the right and selecting the charity/group of your choice. Is this a one time donation or recurring? Click on the arrow on the 2nd line to make your selection. Then you are ready to click on the big blue button that says **CONTINUE**. To **add a new payment method**, either make a donation using a new payment method or click to change one of your recurring gifts and provide the new method there. Breeze automatically stores payment methods you use here.

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On this page you can locate the following information:

Key Contacts FUCV Leadership: The key contacts list may answer most of the questions you might have about FUCV and it is there at your fingertips. Info is conveniently located on your own profile page, under “Our Church Community” bottom right of your profile page, then click.

2022 ABC Pledge Form: Can be found under the **Contributions Section**, entitled **2022 ABC Pledge Form**.

Explore the online calendar: Once you get into your profile; to get to the online church calendar on Breeze, click on the Events icon at the top of your profile page and it will take you to the calendar.

Delve into your Giving History including your history of pledging (Only you can see this info):

This is directly relevant to our 2022 ABC to look up your record of contributions. From your profile page, click on the **Giving Button** on the left side of the page in a list under “Details”. Once into your Giving information where you can see your current giving info, you can search your pledge history by clicking on the box labeled ‘pledge’ in the center of the page.

So, let’s get activated, my friends. Try it out now using the instructions above. And thank you for using our amazing Breeze database.



Annual Budget Campaign 2022 Better Together

-Nancy Dobbs

Since March 2020, our Unitarian community has been “holding together, while staying apart”. To celebrate coming back together and the many ways we have succeeded and thrived during these challenging times, ABC is inviting you to a “Community Celebration Lunch” on Sunday October 3, 2021, our ABC kick off.

Watch for your invitation to lunch coming in mid-September. Your pledge forms and “Letters to the Congregation” will come to you at the end of September and will also be on our website. They will enable each of us to discern how much we are able to financially commit to the church fiscal year 2022.

Be part of this community event and let’s pledge together as we build our commitment.

Of course, reuniting in person will depend on provincial Covid-19 Guidelines. Please join us when you are feeling well, fully vaccinated and have returned from travelling for two weeks, from places where pandemic cases are high.

The Nathan E. Stewart sank, but the Heiltsuk are rising!

RAVEN (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Needs) needs more help to support First Nations legal costs to defend their constitutional treaty rights. One of the many legal cases involves an oil spill. Heiltsuk Nation is taking an oil shipping company, Canada and British Columbia to court over a catastrophic diesel spill in their territory from the Nathan E. Stewart, a tug-barge that had carried oil through Heiltsuk waters despite Heiltsuk prohibition of oil transport through their marine harvesting areas.

The Heiltsuk suffered a violent disruption to their way of life, their economy, their history and identity, and their spiritual connection to the land. The spill contaminated key shellfish harvesting areas and critical habitat for the Northern Abalone.

The Heiltsuk are taking the polluter, Kirby Corporation, and the federal and provincial governments to court. A win for the Heiltsuk could toughen oil spill regulations along the whole Pacific coast and set a precedent for Aboriginal title to the foreshore and seabed. It would strengthen Heiltsuk jurisdiction in the courts so they can manage their territory according to Heiltsuk laws. With its legal challenge, Heiltsuk Nation is taking power from regulators asleep at the wheel and bringing the responsibility to protect their territory and the ocean back home. A win for Heiltsuk could result in:

- Toughening oil spill regulations along the whole Pacific coast
- Setting legal precedents for:
 - *Aboriginal title to the foreshore and seabed
 - *Aboriginal governance rights that protects the ecosystem and its resources
 - *BC and Canada to be required to consult with Indigenous peoples on the environmental impact assessment and remediation following an oil spill
 - *Deterrence of oil spills by establishing cultural damages
- Strengthening Heiltsuk jurisdiction so they can manage their territory according to Heiltsuk laws

Soul Matters Spirituality Group

Soul Matters is a spiritual self-exploration series based on the themes the Reverends adopt for each month. We then gather as a group for two hours once a month to be deeply heard.

Explore the monthly themes on your own with a package of materials then share what you have learned with the group. Some of the themes include: Relationship, History, Joy, Intention, Renewing Faith. No challenges to your contributions - just comments on what others learn from your sharing. A satisfying way to get to know others – and yourself - in a deeper way.

For accessibility, we will meet on Zoom, then have a couple of in-person social gatherings during the year.

Facilitated by Mary Burcher.

October 2021 to May 2022. The last Wednesday of each month, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Contact Mary Burcher for details or to express your interest in joining. mary.burcher@gmail.com

BC Islands Offering EcoSattva Training

"The EcoSattva training I took this Spring is still helping me face the emotional trauma of climate change, keep clear of despair and not lose faith in my deep self, in humanity and life."

The devastating effects of climate change are being felt around the globe in increasingly dramatic ways. Record-breaking heat waves, wildfires, floods, droughts, and mass migrations have become commonplace. This in turn has exacerbated existing inequalities and has fueled the rise of authoritarian regimes. All too often, world leaders pay lip service to calls for action while continuing to support the increased use of fossil fuels. Many of us ask ourselves how we can face this reality without getting overwhelmed by grief, and how we can be agents of change without being consumed by anger or frustration.

The Salt Spring Zen Circle will be hosting an [online study group](#) this Fall to explore how Buddhist teachings and climate psychology can support us through the crisis brought about by climate change. We will follow [One Earth Sangha's EcoSattva Training](#), which consists of a series of videos featuring leading voices in Buddhism, as well as background materials and suggested practices. We will meet online every other week to discuss the materials and other concerns we may have about current events surrounding the climate crisis. Through this process, we will build community around our shared concern for the future of our planet and support each other in our individual responses to climate change.

The sessions will be facilitated by Bill Henderson and Gabriela Persson, Ph.D. Bill is a well-known musician, a Member of the Order of Canada, and a Zen practitioner. Gabriela has done research in astronomy and bioengineering, and practices Vipassana and Zen. For further details and to register, please email bcislands.ecosattva@gmail.com or call Marion Pape at (778) 265-4567.

Where: Online (biweekly Zoom meetings plus individual study)

When: 7:00-8:30 PM, every other Tuesday, September 7 - December 14, 2021

Who: Open to people with or without experience in Buddhist practice. Basic instruction in meditation will be available to anyone with no prior experience.

Cost: Approximately \$140 Canadian payable to One Earth Sangha. Partial and total scholarships are available. *No one will be turned away for lack of funds.*

To Register: Please [visit our website](#) or email bcislands.ecosattva@gmail.com for instructions on how to join the One Earth Sangha EcoSattva Training as part of our study group.



Calling All Cooks!



Do you enjoy making jams and jellies?

Homemade jam, jellies, and preserves are very popular in the auction.

Please consider filling a few extra jars this summer to donate to the auction in the spring.

**JARS
WANTED**



Did you buy marmalade, jam, chutney, antipasto or borscht in the auction this year?

When the jars are empty, please consider returning them to the cooks or the church office.

A [heat dome](#) kills over 800 [people](#) in BC while cooking to death over one billion [sea creatures](#). Lytton, BC sets a Canadian heat record at 49.6C (121F), then burns to the ground. Devastating floods in Europe kill [hundreds](#) and stun [scientists](#). At least 300 die in [floods](#) in Henan province, China. Wildfire smoke blankets much of North America. Extreme drought in North America threatens [food](#) and [water](#) supply. Scientists spot warning signs of the [collapse](#) of the gulf stream. Scientists [warn](#) us to reduce methane emissions or face climate catastrophe. The UN gives its starkest climate [warning](#) ever. I could go on. This summer of climate extremes has devastated [rich countries](#) as well as poor. Seemingly, there is nowhere safe to hide.

If you're feeling stressed and worried about Mother Nature, you're not alone. A recent Ipsos [poll](#) found that a majority of Canadians (49%, 55% in BC) believe that recent events have made action on climate change more urgent, even though many are [unable \(or unwilling\)](#) to pay much for it.

Contributing to our stress and worry is the perception that individuals can't make a difference. But, while it's true that a safe future is impossible without government leadership at all levels, individual behaviour is crucial as well. Citizens *can* make a difference through becoming better informed (what Seth Klein calls "[climate literacy](#)"), advocating and voting for the kind of change they want, and by their lifestyle choices.

Recently, I reviewed the data from our FUCV EcoGames program, which had approximately 100 participants. It's interesting to see what behaviours participants were readily embracing (e.g., recycling, composting, cooking at home) and what behaviours were less popular (e.g., living car free, using public transit, installing a heat pump or solar panels, participating in a community garden). Interesting tid-bit: in the pre-Covid EcoGames, only 4% of participants attended conferences by video-link! The conclusion I draw is: if governments make it easy for people to do the right thing, such as curbside recycling, people will participate. However, if our society is rigged against these behaviours, you have to be very committed to pursue them on your own. But, just as citizens did their bit for the war effort in World War II, we need to do our bit now to give ourselves, future generations, and the countless other species we share this beautiful planet with a chance for a livable future.



*Inspiration: a relative's mum's WWII bike on display
Charlbury Museum, Oxfordshire, UK*

If you're looking for a way to start being part of the solution, I recommend three interesting and inspiring recent books: [The Day the World Stops Shopping](#), by BC author K.B. MacKinnon, [Under the Sky We Make: How to be Human in a Warming World](#), by Dr. Kimberly Nicholas, and [A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency](#), by Seth Klein, who will be giving the homily at our church service on September 5. This could be just the inspiration we need.



Refugee Committee Report

We are very happy to advise that the refugee family currently being supported by First Unitarian Church: Mohammad and Fatemah Abo Qayass and their 16 year-old son, Abdulrahman, have now received approval to travel to Canada and are expected to arrive in Victoria within the last week of September.

Mohammad and Fatemah's son Khaled, his wife Raweah and their children are extremely excited, as are the Refugee Committee and all Unitarian members who have supported their arrival.

The family's travel has been delayed almost two years by Covid restrictions. As a result, the FUCV is holding an after-service picnic on the church grounds on Sunday, August 29 to raise additional funds for their housing and support and to cover hotel accommodations should quarantine be imposed. Come along and join us all in this celebration !

It's a wonderful way for the community to go forward in the fall!

-from Carol Smith



Song Circle/Zoom Sing – Everyone Welcome

Friday October 1 from 2-3:30

In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

Jewel Spooner, Nancy Dobbs with our tech support, Bernhard Spalteholz

The fall is full of uncertainty and possibilities. If our provincial and FUCV Covid-19 guidelines permit, our first hybrid in person/Zoom Song Circle from the Sanctuary will be Friday, October 1.

Our Song Circles are Informal, relaxed, with a campfire vibe... songs of peace and joy; familiar, new, folk, world songs, lighthearted, chants...all with words provided.

The sanctuary is well ventilated and spacious. If you would like to join us in person, we ask that you be fully vaccinated and wait until two weeks after traveling to a destination with high Covid-19 numbers.

Please email Nancy Dobbs nandobbs@telus.net for a Zoom link or to register to attend in person.



Requests for proposals (RFPs) were distributed for our AmplifyUU Audio-visual project and three companies replied that they would be submitting proposals. We anticipate the contract will be awarded on the 27th of August with the procurement of required equipment and materials running through September, October, and November. Throughout the fall, beginning in September, payments will be required for equipment. For those of you who have already donated your 2021 pledge, thank you. If you have not yet made your 2021 Capital Fund contribution, please consider donating as soon as possible to assist in the project cash flow.

Work on the sound booth and the acoustic panel installation is discontinued until a required building permit is processed by Saanich Municipality. The permit request was submitted at the beginning of July. It takes at least six weeks for Saanich Municipality to process them.

Sanctuary reopening appears to be tentative at this time in reference to the Covid 19 Delta variant case count continuing to rise. With reasonable advanced warnings, and with guidance from the Covid19 Task Force, the AV team could work on providing a basic functional PA system, projector, and camera feed for a service with the resurrection of some of our retired equipment. The limited facilities and the service requirements would need to be coordinated as well.

-Gary Theal, Peter Hancock, Nancy Dobbs

Lion Hall Zoom Service Viewing and (optional) After Service Chat
All September Sundays (In the event of a heatwave, Lion Hall will be cancelled)
Bring your bag lunch and lawn chair for after service picnic (optional)

Unless Covid-19 BC Guidelines change:

- No registration**
- No masks (If fully vaccinated)**
- No 2-metre distancing**
- SINGING!!**





CUC EVENTS



Additional dates and times, and forms for registered events can be found on our Events page on our website <https://cuc.ca/events/>

Connect and Deepen

Sunday September 12

1 pm PT | 2 pm MT | 3 pm CT | 4 pm ET | 5 pm AT

Connect and Deepen is a regular small group ministry in which participants gather, virtually, for meaningful discussion, connection and reflection.

More information is available at:

<https://cuc.ca/events/connect-and-deepen-september-october-2021/1631462400/1631467800/>

Gathered Here

Monday, September 13

5 p.m. PT | 6:00 pm MT | 7:00 pm CT | 8:00 pm ET | 9:00 pm AT

Join other UU 18-35 year-olds on Zoom (a video-conferencing platform) for sharing of joys and sorrows, deeper check-ins, prayerful reflections, and an opportunity to process the events of our lives with a spiritually grounded community.

More information is available at:

<https://cuc.ca/events/gathered-here-sept-nov-2021/1631563200/1631568600/>



Widening the Circle of Concern: Leading Transformation for UUs in Canada

The 5W's

About

We are in the process of adapting the UUA's Commission on Institutional Change's final report, Widening the Circle of Concern, to the Canadian context, to be equipped for the transformation of our future and to have the capacity to provide inspired leadership and guidance. This program is an educational process to be implemented in 2022 in congregations, separate from and complementary to the 8th principle conversations designed to inform and provide background to congregants.

Your congregation is invited to send a team of lay leaders and religious professionals to engage in learning an adapted Canadian version of the study guide: those who have a demonstrated commitment to anti-racism, social justice, and are interested in changing systems in the congregations.

Who

In the words of Adrienne Maree Brown in Holding Change, the work of facilitators is to support movement workers to bring about change. We know that not only are people complex, but organizations and societies at large are as well. We are looking for facilitators who are interested in and able to:

- "Make it as easy as possible for complex people to do the complex work of shaping change together.
- Make it easier for a group or organization to understand where they are going and how to get there.
- To understand the culture they are trying to create, and give them a place to practice.
- To understand how their visions can be made manifest, and can shape their decision in the here and now.
- To support solid, authentic organization.
- And to use every space to dismantle colonial legacies of oppression and supremacy."

If this sounds like you, or your heart quickens or you find your excitement rising, then please join us!

What

Four full day sessions worshipping, experiencing the Study Guide as adapted for the Canadian context, inquiring into, sharing and learning skills and tools to use when facilitating this work in your congregations. We'll share congregational readiness assessment tools/processes and practical strategies to launch the work.

When

October 16, 30, November 13, and December 4th from:

8:30-10:00 am, 11:30 am-1 pm, 2:30-4:00 pm Pacific.

9:30-11:00 am, 12:30-2 pm, 3:30-5:00 pm Mountain.

10:30 am - 12:00 pm, 1:30-3 pm, 4:30-6:00 pm Central.

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, 2:30 - 4 pm, 5:30-7:00 pm Eastern.

12:30-2 pm, 3:30-5 pm, 6:30-8:00 pm Atlantic.

1:00-2:30 pm, 4:00-5:30 pm, 7:00-8:30 pm Newfoundland.

Where

We'll meet online. To register your team, please click here: *Provide link*

CALENDAR:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Membership Changes

Death: Faye Sturrock Died July 16, 2021

New Member: Ed Taylor, joined July 21, 2021

FROM THE EDITORS: GUIDELINES FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS

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the dog's breakfast aspect...:*

- Where possible we use Calibri font.
- One space between sentences and between lines.
- No pdf files, please, use Word.
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**The Newsletter Deadline is the
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|------------|-------------|---------------------|
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| Zahira | North | September 03 |
| Broderic | Thorne | September 03 |
| Loraine | Lundquist | September 04 |
| Louise | Cole | September 07 |
| John | Waters | September 08 |
| Andrea | Pite | September 08 |
| Tessa | Buttemer | September 09 |
| Christine | Petronis | September 10 |
| Bruce | Stirling | September 10 |
| Anne | Vaasjo | September 13 |
| Tobin | McTaggart | September 15 |
| John | Hvozdanski | September 15 |
| Evangeline | Belisle | September 16 |
| Susanne | Garmsen | September 17 |
| Darcy | Allder | September 17 |
| Peter | Hancock | September 18 |
| June | Fukushima | September 20 |
| Elinor | Bazar | September 22 |
| Jenny | Heston | September 22 |
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| Bert | MacBain | September 24 |
| Braden | Young | September 24 |
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