



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

SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30 am

Welcome
to the Path of
Wonder



****Services are currently planned to be simultaneously in-service and on Zoom. However, with the ever-evolving Covid situation, please check the e-weekly each week to confirm and to find the most current covid precaution guidelines.**

Sunday, December 4, 10:30 am

The Past, Present and Future of Wonder

Reilly Yeo, Homilist

Fran Pardee, Worship Associate

Carl Sagan wrote “A religion that stressed the magnificence of the universe as revealed by modern science might be able to draw forth reserves of reverence and awe hardly tapped by the conventional faiths. Sooner or later, such a religion will emerge.” After a sometimes bumpy evolution of our theology throughout the 20th century, UUism is poised to be this religion for the 21st century and beyond. Come wonder about the future of our faith together with our ministerial intern Reilly Yeo.

Livestream begins each Sunday by 10:25 am.
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Sunday, December 11, 10:30 am

The Comfort of Small Wonders

Rev Melora Lynngood, Homilist

Lynne Bonner, Worship Associate

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, from the strain and stress of what has been hard lately, and come to this service of meditation and respite. It is a time to reflect, a time to search for, and hold gently, the small wonders, the sparks of gratitude, that bring us comfort, even in difficult times.

Sunday, December 18, 10:30 am

Seasonal Magic

Rev Shana Lynngood , Homilist

David Vest, Worship Associate

Every year I try to find what message the Winter Holiday season has to offer me this year. Just because the stories are familiar doesn't mean the message is stale. Each year our lives are different. Each year what we need or hope for from this season might be different too. What magic do you hope for this year? If it isn't magic, then what about beauty or hope or love?

Wednesday, December 21, 4:15 pm gathering, 5 pm ritual

Winter Quiet Solstice Ritual

Anna Isaacs, Director of Family Programs, with Rev Melora Lynngood

Rosemary Harrison, Worship Associate

In person only

At 4:15, you are invited to join an all ages social gathering with light refreshments in Lion Hall, followed at 5pm by a simple candlelit ritual with music in the sanctuary to honour the solstice and join in a peaceful pause. This event will be in person only, due to the challenges of video in low lighting.

Wednesday, December 21, 8:00 pm

Solstice Zoom Gathering

Anna Isaacs, Director of Family Programs, with Rev Melora Lynngood

Online only

Join in some grounding contemplative time together on this longest night. Share in mutual encouragement to focus on what is most important to each of us as we prepare for the holidays and decide on some simple practices to help us reconnect to these intentions. Contact anna@victoriaunitarian.ca to register.

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Saturday, December 24, 4:30 pm

O Come All Ye Faithful

Rev Shana Lynngood , Homilist

Jana Kotaska, Worship Associate

In our annual service of lessons and carols, we'll explore the mystery and meaning of the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. How does the story of a baby born to bring peace into the world thousands of years ago speak to us now? What does the example of belief that all of the people in the story offer us? What does it mean to have or keep faith in our time, when so much feels tenuous?

Sunday, December 25, 10:30 am

Christmas Morning Centering

Online only

Join the four Metro Vancouver UU Congregations as you ease into the holiday, remembering its meaning and beauty amidst all the activity. Music and scripture readings will be shared by each congregation. You can take in the service from the comfort of your home (still in your jammies if you wish). What does Christmas mean when you remove the commercialism and focus on the ancient story?

Message from Rev. Shana

The Path of Wonder

Sometimes the familiarity of the holiday season gets in the way. On the one hand, following traditions and hearing time-honoured stories can be comforting and reassuring in the midst of so much uncertainty and loss. On the other, do we even hear the Christmas story anymore? Does anything surprise us? Are we convinced we already know everything there is to know about all of the winter holidays? Whether it's Solstice or Hanukkah or Christmas or Kwanzaa...how can we find fresh meaning each year? Seek wonder. Where are the questions and mysteries of this season? What can't be answered in any final or complete way? Look there. See the season through the excitement and enchantment of a child. Appreciate the chill in the air and spare beauty of this season. Imagine what it might have been like thousands of years ago.

If we lose our ability to find awe and wonder and reverence we will have lost something irreplaceable and more valuable than any other gift we can give or receive. It is the ability to savour and appreciate life. Life is all of its varied and complex iterations. May the season find you this year, and may you find wonder at the beauty of it all.

Blessed be,
Rev. Shana

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Here are this month's Soul Matters questions for reflection:

1. What was your first experience of wonder? Your first moment of awe?
2. What childhood book served as a doorway into wonder for you? How does its imprint on you remain?
3. Has age impeded or assisted your experience of wonder?
4. How has the *location* of wonder changed for you over time? Has it shifted from the stars to the woods? From the birth of planets to the birth of a child? From the physical feats of your body to the stories of your life?
7. Could it be that your challenge isn't noticing wonder, but savoring it? What strategy or habit might you take on to make sure wonder lingers?
8. If you were to list your top 10 values/priorities, where would "experiencing wonder" be on the list?
9. If you were to make one change to your daily routine to let a bit more wonder in, what would it be?
10. They say the three main impediments to wonder are worry, accomplishment and judgment. When any of those three take center stage, wonder leaves the room. Is this in any way true for you?
11. What would make your holidays more wonder-filled?
12. **What's your question?** Your question may not be listed above. As always, if the above questions don't include what life is asking from you, spend the month listening to your days to find it.

December's monthly theme:

The Path of Wonder



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MINISTERS’ SABBATICAL: February, March, AND June 2023

Reverends Shana and Melora receive one month of sabbatical leave for each year of service to our church. In order to avoid a long absence, they have been experimenting with “mini-sabbaticals” - taken more frequently. The first one was for two months in 2021.

The Board has approved a three month “mini-sabbatical” in 2023 with the first part being for the months of February and March, and the second part in June, followed in July and the first part of August by the ministers’ annual two weeks vacation and annual four weeks study leave.

While the ministers are away, the Committee on Ministry will serve as the Sabbatical Team, a hub for overseeing the ministry of the congregation, in concert with the Care and Concern Team (for pastoral care needs) and the Worship Associates (for vibrant worship led by guests and lay leaders). The January newsletter will contain detailed information with both a list of contacts and full worship schedule for February and March.



Gather in the Light

**Saturday, December 10 at 7pm
First Unitarian Church of Victoria**

Gather in the Light

**Enjoy seasonal performances by the
Chalice Choir, Handbell Choir,
Men's Choir and guests.**

**Make some joyful noise with our
carol singalong.**

**Join us for a reception after
the concert.**

ADMISSION BY DONATION (CASH/CHEQUE ONLY) – PROCEEDS TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS



Annual Budget Campaign 2023

BETTER TOGETHER

Lynne Bonner, Nancy Dobbs, Bruce Nicol, Kathleen Zimmerman, Rev. Shana Lynngood and Rev. Reilly Yeo

ABC information Our ABC goal for 2023 was \$325,000, and we've reached \$1xx,xxx to date. Why the shortfall? We have seen a declining trend in pledge units over the last three Annual Budget Campaigns , from 191 for ABC 2021 to xx for ABC 2023. In the last year, FUCV has lost 14 members who have moved, are deceased, or are unable to pledge because of a decline in health. We are at the point where we as a congregation have to make a choice. Do we accept declining pledge unit numbers and try to counter-balance them with alternate revenue streams (e.g., rental income), or do we attempt to maintain them?

This is a time of challenge and also of opportunity. We have weathered the pandemic much better than many faith communities, demonstrating our resilience. We have taken the leap to innovate by investing deeply in AV, and a hybrid model of services that allows people to connect and reconnect with even fewer barriers to access than before. This is the time to ensure our financial sustainability into the future.

For those who have generously pledged - thank you. Whatever amount you were able to give, we treat that as a sacred offering to sustain our congregation. We ask members and friends for three things now:

Of course, if you haven't pledged yet or are able to give more, we would gratefully welcome [your contribution](#). It costs approximately \$1800 per member to run the basic operations of the church. We are deeply grateful when members give more than this amount, as it supports not only your involvement but enables the participation of our more marginalized members. We are deeply committed to welcoming the participation (and expanding that participation) to all people--to anyone who feels at home in this community. We also recognize that we will not be able to continue without resources--it is the reality of our circumstances that we can not tend to the buildings and grounds or pay our staff without money. We welcome gifts of all amounts to sustain our ability to continue on not just this year, or next, in the years to come.

1. If you have yet to establish the church as a beneficiary in your will, please do so. The legacy you can leave behind will be a flourishing spiritual home for generations to come. If you would like to include the church in your will please contact our Legacy Team--John Hopewell (Hopewell@telus.net) or Fran Hancock (hancockf@telus.net).
2. Consider who in your networks might be looking for a spiritual home. Can you invite them to a Zoom service or to join you in the sanctuary on a Sunday? Or to Spirited Jazz, or any other event at the church like our Winter Choir Concert or our many family programs.
3. Help us get the word out there about the rental opportunities at the church. Ideally, we will see both regrowth of pledges and growth of other revenue streams that will allow us to expand our work.

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The pledge campaign is one part of the overall financial picture of the church. The church is feeling the same pinch that everyone is feeling. Inflation is real, and we're all having to re-assess our budgets. We know that it takes a long time to build up support and loyalty amongst newcomers, and that relationship-building has been slowed by distance the pandemic created.

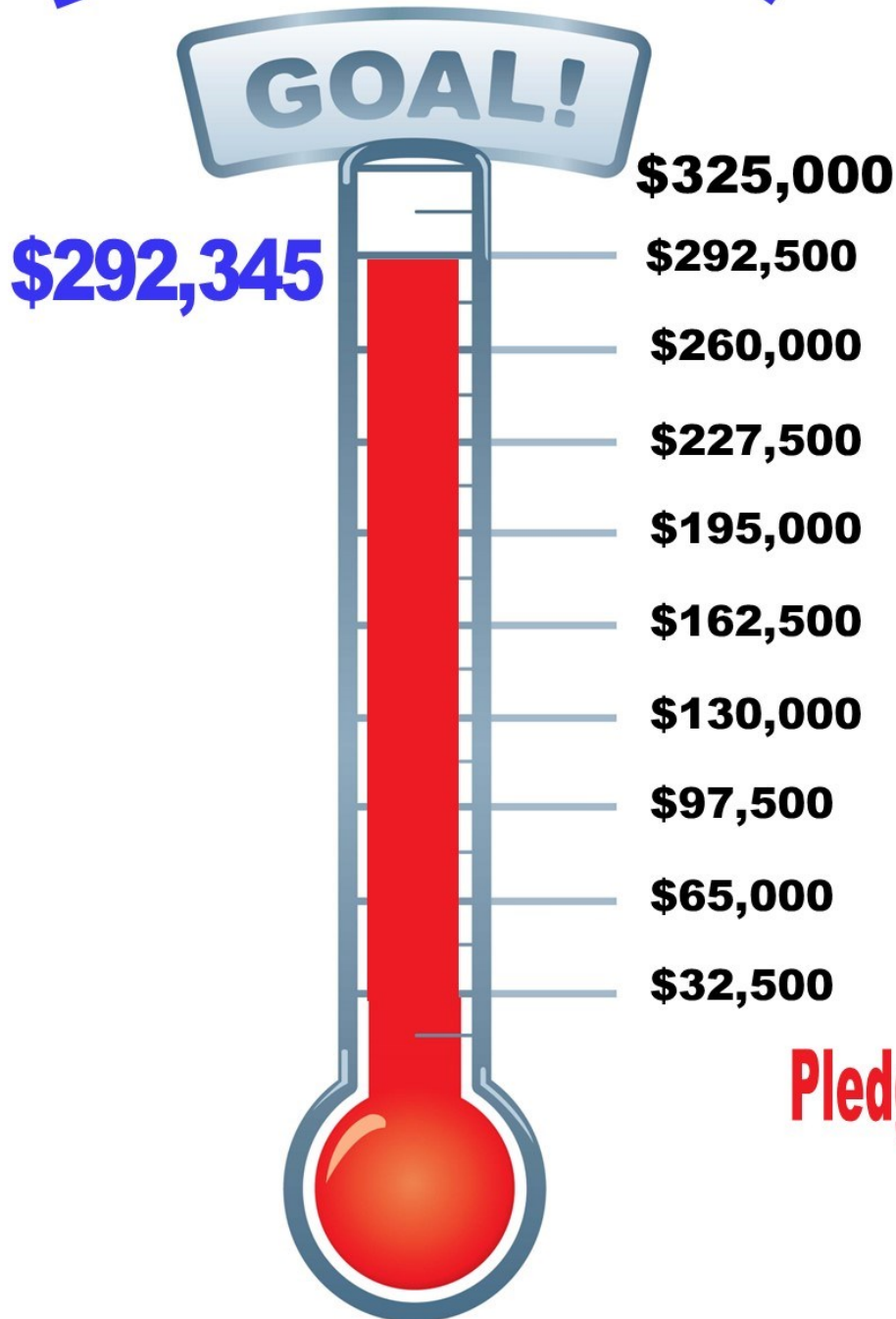
Yet we are all inspired coming out of the pandemic restrictions to see a return to liveliness and vitality in our sanctuary. Our vision for the future is to be a welcoming community to all - to be a spiritual home for anyone who needs and wants it. This will require all those of us who believe in the value of progressive, inclusive spiritual community to reconnect to our drive to share it with the wider world. May it be so.



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Annual Budget Campaign 2023

Better Together



Pledges Received:
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Solstice Zoom gathering

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Wed Dec 21st 8-9pm Rev. Melora, Co-Minister ***not just for parents, a Solstice offering for all***

Contact anna@victoriaunitarian.ca to register.

pre-holiday spiritual centring for parents evenings on Zoom

Parents are encouraged to commit now to attend to your personal spiritual needs before the holidays. Join other parents for an hour on Zoom for some grounding contemplative time. Share in mutual encouragement to focus on what is most important to each of us as we prepare for the holidays and decide on some simple practices to help us reconnect to these intentions.

Each session is separate so you can attend just one or as many as you like.

Thu Dec 8th 8-9pm Rev. Shana, Co-Minister
Tue Dec 13th 8-9pm Reilly Yeo, Ministerial Intern

Contact anna@victoriaunitarian.ca to register.



Christmas Wreath Making for the Sanctuary an invitation from Hanny and Betty

On Saturday December 10th we will be making large Christmas wreaths for the Sanctuary.

Join us for what has become a joyous tradition. There will be tea, coffee and homemade muffins to sustain us while we work.

We will start at 10 am in the Lion Hall and by noon we will have glorious wreaths decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. There will be wreath frames available, greenery and decorations and lots of help. Bring pruning shears if you have them and, if you wish, gloves.

Donations of Holly, Cedar, Fir etc. would be wildly appreciated!

Contact me, Betty at 250-382-4656 or bsherwood@shaw.ca to let me know if you will be there.

Elders of the Church

I love this church. The members are wonderful people. At ease with sharing unique opinions.

I was reminded of this when I recently did a survey of 15 of the members who have been honoured over the years with the designation of Elders of the Church.

We have been having a celebration each year. A tea at my house (I was co-chair of the Recognition and Awards Committee). Over sandwiches and cakes, we mingle, reminisce, laugh and also make decisions together.

This August we addressed a problem caused by new trend in the church population. The rise of many more members over 65. Every year one or two new Elders are chosen. These are people over 65 who have contributed greatly to the life of the church and to the larger community. Who we can turn to for their perspective from the history of the church and for their wise counsel. One of our Elders pointed out that with more people over 65 (the Baby Boomers) there were many more people who we would like to recognize as Elders. By choosing one or two each year we increasingly left out those who were worthy of that designation; who would feel unappreciated and hurt.

After a lively discussion, they came to the unanimous decision, to no longer choose new Elders.

But what would we do with this designation for our current Elders?

By e-mail I posed this question to each person: Was it their understanding that they, the current Elders, would no longer be called 'Elders of the Church'?

The response was interesting. One didn't respond, 7 said drop the designation, 6 said retain it and one didn't care either way. Those were the numbers. But the comments told a lot about how strongly some Elders feel about the church, its history, their contribution.

What I read was:

- that they treasure the certificate that hangs on the wall, showing appreciation for long term service
- that removing the designation was like taking a medal back from someone who values being given it
- that you can't deny that they have been Elders. Elders should be recognized for as long as they live. You can't 'unelder' anyone.
- that Elders were chosen for their long-term commitment to the church and its programs
- that Elders are part of the history of the church

Strong words.

You will see in the Foyer a photograph of our Church Elders. They are ours to keep, to respect and to thank for all they have done for us.

gratefully,

Betty Sherwood

Dandelion Street Outreach

Our Place is known for its community drop-in centre on Pandora Avenue. It is one of the few places where anybody who is struggling with homelessness can find the help they need. But there is another portion of the street community who are hunkered down in isolated spots around the Greater Victoria area that need just as much help.



To reach them, Our Place has launched a new program: Dandelion Street Outreach. Following in the footsteps of Dandelion Society, which was operated by Rev. Al Tysick before his retirement, Our Place has rebranded the Dandelion van and hired two outreach workers to continue this important work.

“The need has always been there,” says Jordan Cooper, director of facilities for Our Place. “And we wanted to make sure that Rev. Al’s legacy continued in a positive light.”

The two outreach workers, hit the streets at 6:30 every morning and make their rounds to check up on people who are living in doorways, under hedges, and other isolated spots around the Capital Regional District. Along with health checks, the outreach team delivers hot coffee, snacks, socks, underwear, rain gear, and other necessities. But it also gives isolated people rides to medical appointments, laundry facilities, and other service providers.

The team connects people with resources, checks they are on the BC Housing list, and lets them know what shelters and warming stations are open that day.

“The people we see every day are those who have fallen through the cracks, and we want to lift them up,” says Cooper. “Sometimes that’s as simple as a coffee and snack, and other times it’s helping them navigate the system to get into housing.”

This new program is only possible through the continuing support of both Dandelion and Our Place donors. Thank you for proudly supporting the Dandelion Outreach program of Our Place Society. Your donation will honour the legacy of the Rev. Al Tysick and his faithful team over the past decade.



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Peers Victoria is a multi-service grassroots agency that was established by, with, and for sex workers in 1995. Through direct service delivery and community partnerships, Peers provides an array of outreach and drop-in harm reduction and support services alongside education and employment training for current and former sex workers. At Peers we aim to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome. The core values that inform Peers as an organization include prioritizing experiential voices, nonjudgmental client centred services, harm reduction and social justice.

The core programs and services provided through Peers include: the Drop-In Centre/ Wellness Clinic, Night Outreach (7 days a week), Health Support, Housing and Community Support, Violence Prevention and Response, HUSTLE (for queer masculine sex workers), TN2S support group (for trans, non-binary, and two spirit people), Sacred (Indigenous-led program), our Peer Health Advocate Training Program, Counselling supports, Small Business Training, the Housing Overdose Prevention and Response program, and more!

Currently Peers is fundraising to purchase a new Night Outreach Van. Donations raised through the First Unitarian Church of Victoria will go directly towards this initiative. Our night outreach van is the only seven-nights-a-week outreach service in Victoria. Peers believes persons must have a safe space, support, and health and legal assistance when requested. Our work ensures that some of the most underserved in society have access to—and benefit from—appropriate resources and supports.

Seven nights a week our night outreach van delivers the following to sex workers and other underserved, vulnerable populations in the downtown Victoria area: a safe presence in vulnerable areas, violence prevention and response, harm reduction supplies, STI and HIV testing, camping gear, clothing, toiletries, contraception and other sexual health equipment, hot/cold food and beverages, a way to connect to other wrap around supports such as housing, counselling, medical appointments, etc. Finally, in a survey we conducted, over 80% of our participants stated that they feel safer when they see the van on the street.

Thank you for your support! Your donation goes a long way towards the purchase of a new van that will enable our night outreach services to continue in the community.





No Matter How Bad Things Get...

With COP 27 and its usual promises behind us, we should start thinking about how to adapt to the Climate Crisis and Earth's Population Overload as well as how we might lessen the crisis.



What does adapt mean? It means trying to foresee what problems likely will arise and what we can do about them.

For instance, the climate crisis will decrease life expectancy*. Those of us now below the age of 50 will be less likely to reach age 80 than those already there. That demographic shift will require further changes in life-styles and provision of services. Refugees fleeing floods, fires, violence, diseases and starvation will arrive on Vancouver Island, possibly alleviating a work-force shortage, but adding to food shortages we are already prone to.

Supplies of energy and materials dependent on ferry and other supply systems that are already failing will worsen. The housing crisis will balloon: refugees and homeless Canadians will fill our parks and playing fields with Red Cross camps where many children will die of cold and hunger. Diseases, worsened by over-crowding and poor nutrition, will explode through our population. Hospitals will have to adopt a triage system saving only those who have a reasonable chance of surviving.

As anyone who lived through the second World War in Europe knows, the good news is: No matter how bad things get, **we can always do something to make a bad situation less bad.**

January's and February's GVAT newsletters will suggest some preventive actions we can take as individuals and as groups, both to help reduce the climate crisis and help us adapt to it.

- Decreased life-expectancy was projected in *Beyond the Limits*, 1992, the sequel to *Limits to Growth*, 1972.

For information about GVAT and its activities, contact a GVAT Core Team member: Susan Layng (lead), Lynn Beak, Patty Disbrow, Marion Pape, Evelyn Peters (Board liaison), Bob Stock, and Philip Symons (secretary). New members always welcome!

Did you know there are Indigenous-related books in the FUCV library? Here I want to draw attention to one of them. *Makuk: A New History of Aboriginal-White Relations* is a meticulously researched account of settler-Lekwungen relationships in the area we now know as Victoria. Professor John Sutton Lutz, Department of History, University of Victoria utilizes oral histories, manuscripts, newspaper accounts, biographies, maps, and statistical analysis to describe the nature of First Nations involvement in the new economy from the arrival of Europeans to the 1970s. Lutz is an authority on this material, and it represents a major focus of his research career. Various chapters document the gendered nature of the Lekwungen economy, Lekwungen relationships to the territory and its resources, European misunderstandings of the organization of Lekwungen society, the Lekwungen negotiation of the new settler economy and its demands, and the impoverishment and marginalization that resulted when they were no longer welcome within it. One chapter explores the so-called Making of the Lazy Indian concept while others document the downward spiral when policy makers forced First Nations workers out of commercial fishing and the wage economy. Through numerous archival photographs and quotes the reader is engaged and made aware of the reasons behind policies that ensured a welfare-dependent generation of First Nations people in British Columbia. You can sign this book out to read. You might even purchase it for someone on your gift list, once you've dipped into it.

Depression & Anxiety Support Circle

We are a confidential peer-led support group. Weekly zoom meetings are a mix of structured sharing and informal conversation, to provide a safe space, as well as foster warmth and humour wherever it can be found, during our 90 minutes together.

For more information, or to put your name on our email list, please email Pat: kinradep@gmail.com or Lies: eweij@ryerson.ca

Monday Unitarian Walkers

Monday Unitarian Walkers welcomes ALL interested Unitarian members and friends to join us for weekly walks Monday afternoons at 1pm. The walkers take turns leading walks for an hour to an hour and a half at different locations throughout Greater Victoria from September to June.



If you are interested in joining these weekly walks, please contact:

Nancy Dobbs nandobbs@telus.net to be put on the email list.

Walk from Layritz Park, October 17



Song Circle/Zoom Sing – Everyone Welcome In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

Fridays from 1:30-2:30

December 2, 16

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

The sanctuary is well ventilated and spacious. Masks are optional.

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.

Please email Nancy Dobbs nandobbs@telus.net for a Zoom link.

The Church's COVID-19 team continue to monitor the current situation, stay abreast of the current literature on Covid, and adjust our guidelines accordingly. The Church guidelines below are in general alignment with the BC COVID-19 guidelines while taking a more gradual approach, as suggested by FUCV members in a recent survey, and in consideration for the large number of vulnerable elders in our church community.

These guidelines have also been informed by recent research on Covid rates in the Region and recent studies about the long-term effects of Covid infection, including the following:

[Possible 69% higher risk of Alzheimer's for older COVID survivors](#)

[COVID-19 May Increase Risk of Diabetes in Children, CDC Study Finds](#)

[COVID-19 hospitalization data is being misunderstood as next wave begins: BC modelling group. The correct data shows hospitalizations are starting to rise again already](#)

We will continue to follow provincial guidelines and aim to keep the vast majority of the congregation both safe and happy. For the most up-to-date information on our guidelines, please refer to the E-Weekly rather than the Newsletter.

1. Worship services. All services are now hybrid, available in person in the Sanctuary and the family friendly Lion Lounge, or by Zoom. There are no capacity limits, no registration, and no vaccine mandates. Please respect others' comfort levels for social distancing and mask wearing.

2. Masks. The Sanctuary is designated as a mask-only zone Sunday mornings until noon, while masks are optional in the Lion Hall. We will ask people to mask as they enter the Sanctuary, and provide masks to people who do not have one. Masks may be temporarily removed by officiants, readers or for singing a solo. Microphone covers, which we use when speakers remove their masks, are being used as long as we continue wearing masks.

We recognize that it is impossible for us to guarantee 100% mask compliance in the Sanctuary; if you are concerned about people dropping their masks during the service, please consider attending services by Zoom rather than in person.

3. Groups. Committees, groups, teams, and choirs in rehearsal may gather in the church or elsewhere, masked or unmasked, at the discretion of the group.

4. Singing. For Sunday morning services, the choir and the congregation may sing with masks.

5. Air Circulation. The Lion Hall, Farmhouse Common room and office have HEPA filters installed for air circulation. The HEPA filters should not be used in these locations when the windows or doors are open. The sanctuary's two heat pumps will circulate outside air every 20 minutes; it is important to keep the windows closed for proper circulation.

6. If Symptomatic. Anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, has tested positive for COVID-19, or who has symptoms of COVID should not participate in small group activities in person and should not come into the Sanctuary or Lion Hall. [The BC Centre for Disease Control has more information on self-isolation and self-monitoring.](#) Isolation rules vary depending on whether you actually had a positive Covid test, your age, whether people you come in contact with are fully vaccinated or not, and whether you are fully vaccinated.

7. Children's and Youth's Programs. Children's and youth's programs have resumed. Contact [Anna Isaacs](#) for details.

From your FUCV COVID-19 Team (Nancy Dobbs, Rev. Melora Lynngood, Kristina Stevens, Katherine Maas, and Jim Willis)

CALENDAR:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Board Members on Duty

Dec. 4, 2022 Evelyn Peters
Dec. 11, 2022 Jeri Dause
Dec. 18, 2022 Jim Willis
Dec. 25, 2022 Peter Hancock

FROM THE EDITOR: GUIDELINES FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS

We try to standardize the presentation, to avoid the dog's breakfast aspect...:

- Where possible we use Calibri font.
- One space between sentences and between lines.
- No pdf files, please, use Word.
- Send pictures in jpegs... Don't send text as jpegs.
- TAKE THE DEADLINE SERIOUSLY!



DECEASED

Suellen Guenther- Nov. 13, 2022
Brooke Taylor - Nov. 11, 2022

NEW MEMBERS

Claire Barnes- Oct. 30, 2022
Peter Rudiak-Gould - Oct. 30, 2022
Adriane Matheson-Smith - Nov. 13, 2022
Johnathan Savard - Nov. 13, 2022

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate Month/Day
Michael	Greenly	December 01
DeLisa	Lewis	December 02
Victoria	Barr	December 04
Daphne	Horne	December 04
Keith	Jobson	December 04
Dawn	Fizzard	December 05
Edie	Taylor	December 06
James	Willis	December 06
John	Dalgety	December 07
Liz	Graham	December 07
Carol	Smith	December 07
Slaine	Sutherland	December 07
Jan	Dawson	December 08
Cheryl	Hall	December 08
Johanna	Billung-Meyer	December 09
Forrest Rae	Brown Kilgour	December 09
Laura	Doyle	December 09
Nancy	Dobbs	December 10
Kathryn	Harwood	December 10
Finlay	Taylor	December 10
Anne	Bowers	December 11
Lesley	Duthie	December 11
Kyunje	Thokme	December 11
Mohammad	Banaee	December 14
Mary-Stephanie	Walrafen	December 14
Rowena	Locklin	December 15
Penny	Boyce	December 17
Carol	Riseing	December 17
James	Jordan	December 18
Rosemary	Harrison	December 20
Nolan	Branch	December 21
Gloria	Hopewell	December 21
Paula	Steele	December 21
Kalika	Hermesen	December 22
Archie	McGugan	December 22
Ruth	Welburn	December 23
Karen	Christie	December 26
Christina	Harris	December 27
Aaron	Brimacombe	December 28
Alan	Boyle	December 30
Deanna	Hutchings	December 30
Kim	Dawson	December 31

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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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THANK YOU

Since covid began, my wife and I watch way more TV. We just binge watched the Netflix series Maid which was made right here. We were surprised and thrilled to see our church – proud, I dare say. Proud because the series depicts hard issues; with Hollywood level delivery. This fits us well because I believe Unitarians have a tradition of bringing forward hard issues, and we like to see ourselves as pretty slick. Additionally, Maid does not use killing people as a story tool. It seems pretty common for series and movies to use killing to settle the score. I believe that is an easy out because it takes way more skill and courage to move a story on by facing the realities versus just killing off the bad guys. All in all, I just want to give a big shout out to who ever got the church involved in this series – hurrah! Thank you!

Stephen Lentz

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