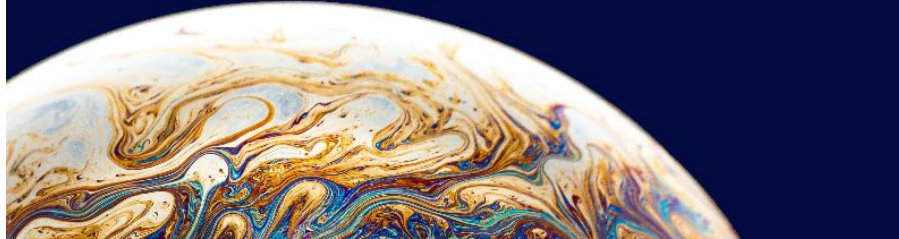


# May's Monthly Theme: Creativity



*In The Spirit* | April 27th, 2023

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## This Sunday's Service, April 30th

**Sunday, April 30th, 10:30 am**

*Lessons from Coordinating the "Spiritually Speaking" Column*

Anna Bowness-Park, Homilist

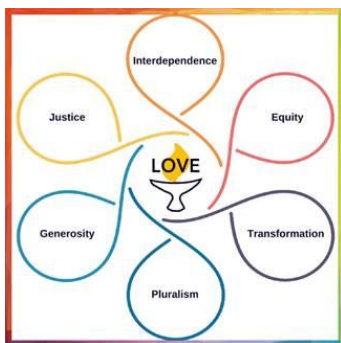
David Vest, Worship Associate

So often what is published in the media regarding faith and spirituality is negative and critical. But it doesn't have to always be that way. How can we find our voices and speak confidently about our faith traditions in ways that are relevant today? A media project that began in 2012 with eight writers has been blossoming over the past decade, and answering that question in beautiful and inspiring ways.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/159673316?pwd=eIRBY1d5ZFJlcFVmSXE5aXp4SnhUdz09>

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## Sunday Services For May



Note - It's the same Zoom Link for every service. See the Zoom Link above.

**Sunday, May 7, 10:30 am**

*Revising Our UU Principles?*

Rev. Melora Lynngood, Homilist

Lynne Bonner, Worship Associate

There is a move afoot to re-write our eight Unitarian Universalist principles, indeed to re-articulate our statement of purpose. The current proposal says, in part, "The purpose of the Unitarian Universalist Association is to actively engage its members in the transformation of the world through liberating Love." It illustrates the values that guide us as seen in the image above. What do you think? How can we best express what Unitarian Universalism calls us to be in the world? If this change goes through in the UU Association, what will its impact be on Canadian UUs?

[This shift has been a long time coming. For more information:

<https://www.uua.org/files/2023-02/article-II-study-report-2021-23.pdf>. The full proposed language is on p. 19.]

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**-Sunday, May 14, 10:30 am**

*Bittersweet Creativity*

Rev. Shana Lynngood, Homilist

David Vest, Worship Associate

In a recent interview about her book *Bittersweet*, Susan Cain said, "We are creatures who are born to transform pain into beauty." How does our creativity impact how we react or respond to various experiences in our lives? This Mother's Day, we'll reflect on the people and experiences that have nurtured our capacity to be creative in the midst of all we hold in life.

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**Sunday, May 21, 10:30 am (Online Service)**

*Bringing Promises to Life*

CUC National Service

Online Service, can be viewed in Lion Hall

We will gather from across the nation to celebrate what has brought us to this moment in making manifest our new principle: promoting "individual and communal action that accountably dismantles racism and systemic barriers to full inclusion in ourselves and our institutions." This is a promise worthy of this time and the fullness of our creative energies.

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**Sunday, May 28, 10:30 am**

*The Creative Process of Life*

Rev. Shana Lynngood, Homilist

Fran Pardee, Worship Associate

Often we think of creativity only as a particular act of creation – writing, singing, painting. All of our living is a creative process. How we choose to spend our days and with whom and how we respond to various life events all draw forth creativity from us. If you think of your life as a work of art in process, what do you next long to create? When does your next creation involve letting go, or letting others' creations take centre stage?

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## A New Update From Your Covid Team

Like most other jurisdictions, BC is no longer reporting Covid data as often or as regularly as it did in the first two years of the pandemic. Coupled with the fact that the current variants usually result in a milder form of infection than did the earlier ones, this has led many people to lower their guard. Many of you have probably noticed that most people are no longer masking in the supermarket, for example. Theatres, restaurants, and bars have reopened and people are mostly not wearing masks there either. So why are we still asking you to mask in the Sanctuary during services?

The short answer to this question is – out of an abundance of caution. We want to keep our congregation safe and do our best to prevent any additional pressure on BC's strained health care system. There's still a lot to be learned about Covid, but here are some of the factors we've been considering.

- The incidence of Covid is actually higher today than it was in the early days of the pandemic. We just tend to hear less about it because most infected people aren't getting so seriously ill.
- We have a high population of elders, who are still among the high-risk groups when it comes to Covid.
- Because a lot of people are still getting Covid, the virus has more opportunity to mutate, which could give rise once again to more virulent strains.
- Long Covid remains a concern. Nearly 15% of people who've contracted Covid say they experienced lingering symptoms such as fatigue, shortness of breath or brain fog three months or more after their initial infection. And approximately half these cases morph into a much more serious and long-lasting condition called [myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome \(ME/CFS\)](#).

- Researchers have also begun to identify other long-term side effects of Covid including increased risk post-Covid of [Alzheimer's](#) in elders and [diabetes in children](#).
- The more often a person gets Covid, the weaker their immune system becomes.

What we know works to minimize risk:

- [Masks lower the transmission rate, particularly close-fitting N95 masks.](#)
- [Good air circulation](#), such as we have in our church, helps lower transmission rates.
- Keeping [vaccinations](#) up to date protects not only you, but the people you come into contact with.

The Church's Covid team will continue to monitor the situation, stay abreast of the current literature on Covid, and adjust our guidelines to keep the congregation both safe and happy. We also plan to conduct another survey of the congregation to see where people stand on this, soon.

1. Worship services. All services are 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. Some are concerned about the fact that some folks aren't able to keep masks 100% tight fitting over nose and mouth 100% of the time. Others find that wearing a mask at all makes it too hard to breathe or hear/read lips. Sadly, we can't meet everyone's needs in a single space when some of those needs are in direct opposition to one another. The best we can do is offer different options for worship participation that accommodate the different needs (including Zoom viewing at home and unmasked in-person viewing in the Lion Hall).

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 fans run continuously when the room is in use, completely replacing the air in the room every 20 minutes; it is important to keep the windows closed for proper circulation.

6. If Symptomatic. Anyone who has been diagnosed with Covid, or who has tested positive for Covid, 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. If you have Covid symptoms, consult [the BC Centre for Disease Control for 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 yourself.

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)

## Share the Plate for May - Seed Change



Hanna Wanjugu, living in Kenya, found how spiral gardens changed her life.

### **SEED CHANGE, aka USC or Unitarian Service Committee Canada**

Many of us will remember the Sunday speakers we have had from SEED CHANGE in past years. They reminded us of this great charity founded in 1945 by the famous refugee, Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova and rooted in the notions of human dignity and equality. It started post WWII with sending parcels of warm clothes to displaced refugees mostly in Europe and I remembered when these parcels occupied basements in the Ottawa and Toronto Unitarian churches.

Today, they know that good home grown food is key to the world's problems and so they changed their name and work with farmers around the world, including Canada. Sustainability is key, using locally adapted seeds. Thus communities thrive. Goal is to build food sovereignty by working with local partners to enhance biodiversity, promote ecological food systems, and counter inequity. I saw this in Nepal where they often took out patents on local seeds - before private corporations discovered them and then charged villagers to use. In Canada they focus on education particularly with youth. Overseas they focus on Africa and women. In Nepal they are very skilled in community development and very effectively help whole villages who ask them for their help. They even work with Child Haven where possible and some of us have witnessed this cooperation first hand.

**Christine Johnston**

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## Missing a Sunday Service?

Have you missed a Sunday worship service? You can view past Sunday services [here](#). Just click to view the service you want. No sign-in required.

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## Minutes from the Board

The minutes from the April Board meeting are now online:

<https://victoriaunitarian.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Draft-April-13-2023-Minutes.pdf>

**First Unitarian Church of Victoria**  
**DRAFT MINUTES for BOARD MEETING on THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023**  
**by Zoom**

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Trustees: Katherine Maas, Kathleen Zimmerman, Audrey Taylor, Jeri Dause, Kent Haden, Al Hoffman, Evelyn Peters, Jim Willis

Ministers: Rev. Shana Lynngood

Regrets: Kristina Stevens, Rev. Melora Lynngood, Reilly Yeo (Intern)

1. **Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.
2. **Selection of Timekeeper and Process Observer** Evelyn Peters was selected as Timekeeper, and Jeri Dause was selected as Process Observer.
3. **Chalice Lighting** Kent Haden provided the Chalice Lighting.
4. **Check-in: Joys and Concerns** Joys and concerns were shared.
5. **Approval of Agenda** Moved by Audrey Taylor, seconded by Evelyn Peters that the agenda be approved as circulated. **Carried.**
6. **Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2023** Moved by Jeri Dause, seconded by Katherine Maas that the minutes of March 9, 2023 be approved as circulated. **Carried.**
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - 7.1 Stewardship Consultant Update – The consultant, Rachel Maxwell, has had Zoom meetings with the Ministers, the Board and various committees. She is scheduled to give an update to the congregation this Sunday after the service via Zoom.
  - 7.2 Community Services Fund Proposal - Funding Status – Kent Haden reported that the application for assistance with digitizing files and setting up Google docs is still under review.
  - 7.3 New Abuse Prevention Coordinator – Audrey Taylor reported that a new person is interested in taking on the role after September, but the caveat is that they need to find a replacement for the other volunteer position that they currently hold at FUCV.
  - 7.4 Draft Policy on Overnight EV Charging – Al Hoffman has started the policy, but it is not yet complete. The current fee only covers the cost of the electricity, but not any depreciation in the charging unit. Currently there is no way to pay online. **Action:** Al Hoffman will bring a draft policy to a future meeting.
  - 7.5 Kitchen Update – Katherine Maas shared a document she had prepared. She identified that there is a need for a single point of contact for the kitchens, to make sure they are clean, properly equipped, and in good working order. She identified all of the kitchen stakeholders, including some that are not currently active, and asked for feedback on any other potential stakeholders. Rev. Shana suggested also adding a list of members who have their Food Safe certification. Katherine will add a column on the frequency of use by each user. **Action:** Katherine Maas will send the updated document to the Board, and will contact the current users to determine if any of them are interested in taking on this role.
8. **Ministers' Reports** Rev. Shana Lynngood reported that the Ministers have recently returned from their sabbaticals. She shared an observation that the congregation has been going through a period of flux, change and loss - and this period will probably take another two years. They are officiating at five memorial services over April and May.

## 9. Reports

9.1 Treasurer's Report – Kathleen Zimmerman gave the report on behalf of Kristina Stevens. We are at 25% of the fiscal year, and income and expenses are on track. **Action:** Kristina Stevens to contact the Amplify UU Committee with the names of people who haven't yet fulfilled their Amplify UU pledge, and ask the Committee to follow up.

9.2 Council and Committee Reports and Questions Arising – Jeri Dause noted that the Book Sale Group has decided not to hold a sale this September. This may become a biennial event. When a sale was not held one year due to COVID, the quality of the books was higher and there was less waste. **Action:** Jeri Dause to ask Liz Graham to put a notice in the Eweekly. Al Hoffman noted that he and Earle Anthony will propose a change in maintenance budgeting at the May meeting. Al Hoffman also reviewed the property management report.

**10. Timekeeper Report** Evelyn Peters reported that we are over halfway through the meeting.

## 11. New Business

11.1 Preparing for the May 28 FUCV and FUCV Foundation AGMs – Jim Willis and Kathleen Zimmerman reviewed the previous year's agendas. Audrey Taylor volunteered to Chair the meeting in Jim Willis' absence. **Action:** Kathleen Zimmerman to send out an email to Council Chairs with list of Committees who submitted reports last year. The deadline for reports is May 1. Kathleen will also contact the office staff to let them know of the proposed timelines for the AGM packages.

11.2 UUA Review of the 7 Principles – Evelyn Peters reported that the UUA is proposing to begin the process of revising their seven principles at their General Assembly in June. Rev. Melora is preaching about this topic on May 7. Rebecca Mellett has offered to find some FUCV delegates to virtually attend the meeting in June, and the delegates should do some research and consult with FUCV members. Moved by Evelyn Peters, seconded by Katherine Maas that we add delegate appointment for the UUA General Meeting at the May 28 AGM agenda. **Carried.**

11.3 Shannon Oatway's Resignation and Replacement – Shannon Oatway has sent the Board and HR Committee a letter, stating she will resign as of June 1, 2023. Audrey Taylor informed the Board that the HR Committee has met to discuss the replacement hiring process, and then subsequently met with the Strategic Communications Committee.

11.4 Nick Fairbank's Retirement and Replacement – Rev. Shana Lynngood noted that Nick Fairbanks has announced his retirement as of June 30, 2023. Two members of the Music Committee are willing to work on a Search Team. The new hire would start late August. The Board expressed their appreciation for Nick's ten years of service, especially during the pandemic.

11.5 Special Donation – Kathleen Zimmerman reported on this item for Kristina Stevens. Moved by Kent Haden, seconded by Evelyn Peters that the special donation from a member should be used to fund an expenditure for the children/youth not to exceed \$3,000, and that the remainder should be deposited in the Property Fund. **Carried.**

**12. Membership changes** - Kathleen Zimmerman. **New Members: 0; Resigning Members: 0; Deceased Members: 2** (Allen Milne, Ruth Ralston); **New Friends: 0; Deceased Friends: 0.**

## 13. Announcements

13.1 **Next Board Meeting:** May 11, 2023, 2 pm

13.2 **CUC AGM:** May 19, 2023

13.3 **FUCV and FUCV Foundation AGMs:** May 28, 2023

13.4 **UUA GA:** June 21-25, 2023

**14. Questions from FUCV Members** – Kathleen Zimmerman. No questions were received.

15. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

**BOARD MEMBER ON DUTY ROSTER (\*please check your dates for any conflicts)**

Please e-mail Kathleen if you switch BMOD dates with someone - she will update the list and notify the office.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Board Member on Duty</b>
April 16, 2023	Evelyn Peters
April 23, 2023	Audrey Taylor
April 30, 2023	Katherine Maas
May 7, 2023	Jeri Dause
May 14, 2023	Al Hoffman
May 21, 2023	Jim Willis
May 28, 2023	Kathleen Zimmerman
June 4, 2023	Evelyn Peters
June 11, 2023	Audrey Taylor
June 18, 2023	Katherine Maas
June 25, 2023	Jeri Dause
July 2, 2023	Al Hoffman
July 9, 2023	Jim Willis

**WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic/Minister</b>	<b>Attendance (#Devices + # People in Sanctuary/Lion Hall)</b>
March 5, 2023	Understanding Dementia and Living With It / Karla Thomson	64 + 110 = 174
March 12, 2023	Everything Is Holy Now / Reilly Yeo	59 + 95 = 154
March 19, 2023	The Happiness of a Broken Heart / Reilly Yeo	56 + Not Recorded
March 26, 2023	Who Gathers the Comforter's Tears? Kim and Jan Dawson	47 + 93 = 140



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**Culture Competence Workshop - May 13th**  
**In the Sanctuary**

**Saturday May 13, 2023 from 10am to 3pm**

In our mission statement, this congregation affirms that “we are a welcoming community, energized by the diversity of beliefs, identity, and experience that each person brings.” To support this commitment, a workshop on culture competence will take place on May 13th in the Sanctuary. This is a four (4) hour workshop (from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a lunch break). It is an interactive workshop focusing on the management of social interactions with diverse people in everyday life. This workshop covers a wide spectrum of topics and will give participants a basic knowledge of tools and methods to improve culture awareness and sensitivity. While it is not taught as an anti-racism workshop, learning best practices on relating to different cultures will help reduce the conflicts due to race and other differences among us. Silvia Mangue will be facilitating the workshop. Silvia has been training and consulting individuals and organizations with a focus on eliminating prejudice, discrimination and stereotyping by encouraging respect for diversity, inclusion and equity. She is the founder of both Kulea Culture Society and Kulea Love Inc., as well as the President of the BC Black History Awareness Society. The workshop is limited to 8 participants and it will be on a first come, first serviced basis. If enough interest is shown a second workshop may be held in future.

Please contact Reverend Shana Lynngood ([rev.shana@shaw.ca](mailto:rev.shana@shaw.ca)) or Lynne Bonner ([lbonner@shaw.ca](mailto:lbonner@shaw.ca)) by **May 10 to register**.

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## **Climate Ready: A workshop series led by Reilly Sign-up form available now!**

“Climate Ready: Preparing Physically, Emotionally and Spiritually for Climate Change” is a four-part workshop series led by FUCV Ministerial Intern Reilly Yeo.

There are two formats available:

1. An **in-person** session to be run on Sundays after church. Please find more **information/dates** and/or register [HERE](#). Please only register if you can attend \*all four\* sessions. NB that the final session time has been changed to accommodate the May 28th AGM. **There are still four slots left, so please do sign up!**
2. A **virtual** session available **Thursdays from 12-1:30 PM**. Please find more information and/or register [HERE](#). Please only register if you can attend \*all four\* sessions. **Only two slots left!**

Once you sign up Reilly will be in touch via email with more information soon.

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## **Memorial Service Honouring the Life of Marya Nijland**

### **Memorial Service Honouring the Life of Marya Nijland**

Saturday, April 29, 2023

10:00am Pacific Time

All members and friends of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, and all who knew and cared about Marya, are warmly invited to



attend this memorial service honouring the life of church member, Marya Nijland, who passed away on December 14, 2022.

#### **In person attendance**

Please RSVP for in person sanctuary seats at <https://rsvp.church/r/uYZwZfyw> (it helps with our planning)

While masks are required in the sanctuary, masks are optional at the reception in Lion Hall.

Members and Friends of First Unitarian are invited to bring finger food (sweet/savory) to share at the reception.

#### Online attendance

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## Memorial Service Honouring the Life of Allen Milne

**Saturday, May 6th at 2 pm**

A memorial and celebration of life will be held for Allen in our sanctuary on **Saturday, May 6th at 2 pm**, led by Reverend Shana. Allen was a longtime member who died at the age of 101 on Sunday, March 12th. The congregation is warmly invited to attend and join in celebrating Allen's life with his many family members. A reception will follow, hosted by our memorial team, a plate of sweets to contribute to the table of goodies is always welcome.

If you would like to share condolences with Allen's daughter Ann, she can be reached via email at [rix@xplornet.com](mailto:rix@xplornet.com).

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## Memorial Service Honouring the Life of Johanna Billung-Meyer

**Saturday May 27, 2023**

**2:00 pm Pacific Time**

All members and friends of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, and all who knew and cared about Johanna, are warmly invited to attend this memorial service honouring the life of church friend, Johanna Billung-Meyer, who passed away on December 7, 2022.

#### In person attendance

Please RSVP for in person sanctuary seats at <https://rsvp.church/r/uYZwZfyw> (it helps with our planning)

While masks are required in the sanctuary, masks are optional at the reception in Lion Hall.

Members and Friends of First Unitarian are invited to bring finger food / baked goods to share at the reception.

#### Online attendance

<https://zoom.us/j/95244830421?pwd=V21saEZEEd0JBbis5b3pjK1pvL0lIU09>

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#### Or join by phone (audio)

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## Legacy Circle Tea

**Wednesday, May 3rd - 1:30pm**

Members and Friends who have named the Congregation for a future bequest in their will are invited to attend a celebratory tea at the Church at 1:30pm on Wednesday May 3rd. Reverend Shana will be in attendance. Invitations will be sent out early April. If you do not receive an invitation and have named the congregation for a bequest, please contact John Hopewell at 250-721-3920 or [hopewell@telus.com](mailto:hopewell@telus.com)

# Child Haven Fundraiser Dinner tomorrow!



## Victoria 2023 Fundraiser for Child Haven Int. welcoming your generous donations

**April 28, 2023**

**5:30 pm**

**doors open at 5:15**

where: First Unitarian Church,  
5575 West Saanich Road,  
Victoria

Tickets: adults \$50,  
11 to 17-year-olds \$25,  
10 and under free

Checks payable to Robin Colyer or by  
e-transfer to [robincolyer@gmail.com](mailto:robincolyer@gmail.com)


Note "Childhaven Victoria" in memo  
Net proceeds donated to Child Haven  
International ([www.childhaven.ca](http://www.childhaven.ca))

This very special event will  
include:

- an online visit with Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino
- a review of Child Haven homes with Robin Cappuccino, in person!
- live online performance by children from Child Haven
- local musical entertainment
- discussion with Island supporters of their experiences as interns
- a sales table with hand-made items as well as articles from the regions of the Child Haven homes

- an opportunity to contribute to the costs on Child Haven's Needs List

For more information on the  
Victoria Child Haven Event  
contact:

Child Haven by   
613 527-2829 or email  
[cheryl@childhaven.ca](mailto:cheryl@childhaven.ca)

or on the Island Robin or  
Peter at:

819-432-5997 or 819-861-2410

Note: this is a mask-optional  
event

For tickets contact Christine at [christinejohnston@telus.net](mailto:christinejohnston@telus.net) or Hanny at [hannyhugo@shaw.ca](mailto:hannyhugo@shaw.ca)

Price for dinner and entertainment \$50, 11-17 years \$25, 10 and under free.

For more information about Child Haven, please [click here](#).

## Spirited Jazz

Sunday, May 7th, 2023 @ 7:30 - The Nick Maclean Quartet, Featuring Brownman Ali



This fearless foursome is a force to be reckoned with and the proof will be in their appearance at Spirited Jazz in the Sanctuary as part of a 40 stop Canadian tour. This tour will be a celebration of the January 2023 release of their new album ROAD WARRIOR, a joyous, fast-paced burner inspired by the group's travels amid covid, blizzards, and breakdowns, all in pursuit of their artistic purpose: to play for audiences across the world! Spirited Jazz is proud they chose our Sanctuary as part of the premiere of this exciting adventure in jazz.

**Musicians:** Nick Maclean – piano, Brownman Ali – trumpet, Bennett Young – bass, Mateo Mancuso – drums.

Their Website offers a broad spectrum look into their exploits in jazz at

<https://nicholasmaclean.com>

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## Embodied Soul Celebrations

Full Moon Circle Dances

**MAY 7th is the next circle dance, 1-3pm Farmhouse/Labyrinth**

Dancing in a circle is an ancient tradition common to many cultures to mark special occasions and strengthen community. Circle dances are moving meditations that integrate mind, body, and spirit to music from around the world. Anyone of any age or ability can dance and no partners are needed; dances are simple and will be taught every time.

**Madelaine Clarke and Marta Fraser will be offering monthly circle dances that celebrate full moon transits.**

Dance is Marta's passion, joy and spiritual practice. She co-facilitates the Victoria Dancing Circle, participates in the Red Internacional de Focalizadores (South America) and has traveled widely to experience other dancing circles in the world.

**Join us from 1-3pm in the Farmhouse Common Room /Labyrinth on the following Sundays:**

**May 7 th (Aries) – PENÁWEN – Camas Harvest Moon**

Jun 4 th (Sagittarius) – CĒNŦEKĪ – Sockeye Moon

Jul 2 nd (Capricorn) – CĒNHENEN – Humpback Salmon Returns to Earth

July 30 th (Aquarius) – CĒNTÁWEN – Coho Salmon Returns to Earth

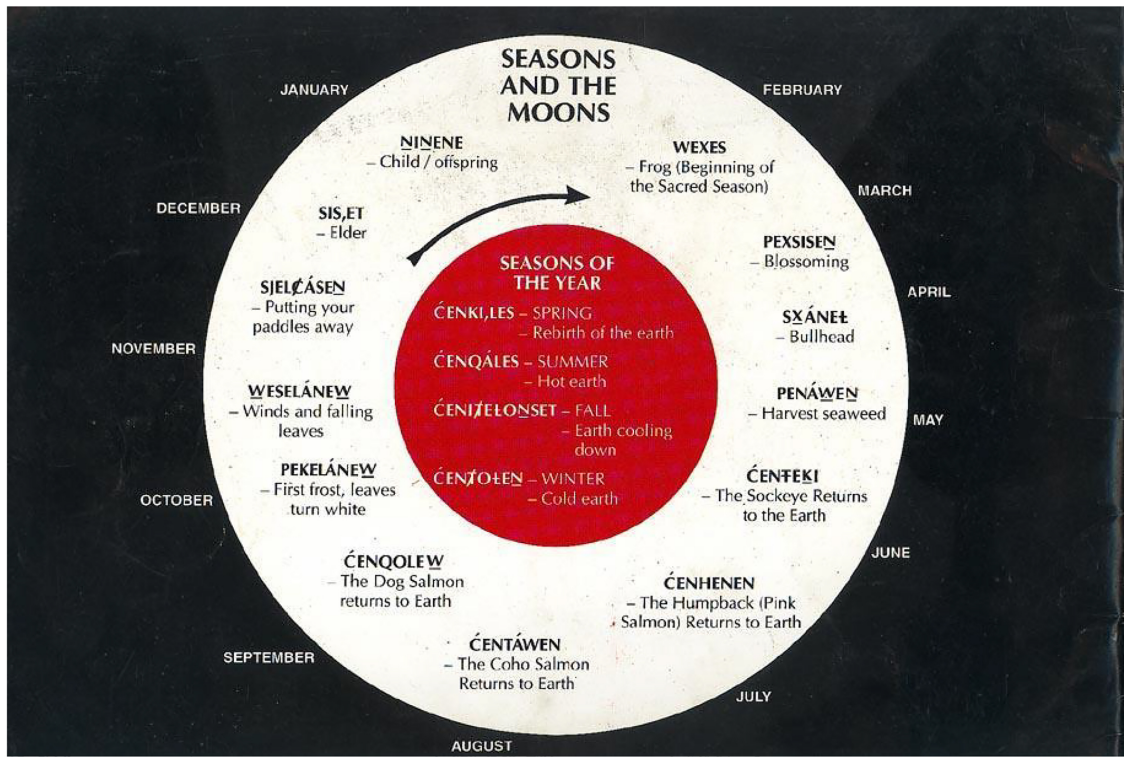
Aug 27 th (Pisces) – CĒNQOLEW – Dog Salmon Returns to Earth

Oct 1 st (Aries) – PEKELÁNEW – Turns Leaves White Moon

Oct 29 th (Taurus) – WESELÁNEW – Shaker Leaves Moon

Nov 26 th (Gemini) – SJELČÁSEN – Put Paddle in the Bush Moon

Dec 24 th (Cancer) – SIS,ET – Elder Moon





# Spring Sing & Ring

**SATURDAY MAY 13**

**7:00PM**

**First Unitarian Church  
of Victoria**



**Featuring**  
**THE CHALICE CHOIR**  
**CANTIBILE HANDBELL**  
**CHOIR**  
**MEN'S CHOIR**  
**And**  
**GUESTS**

**Admission by donation**  
**Reception to follow**

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## **Next Steps for Stewardship and Engagement at FUCV: We Need Your Voice!**

If you weren't able to make it to Stewardship Consultant Rachel Maxwell's presentation on Sunday April 16th, don't despair! The full recording is available [here](#).

Wondering what will happen next?

On **May 12th, from 10 am to 4 pm in the Farmhouse Common Room**, FUCV Ministerial Intern Reilly Yeo will be running a workshop using the recommendations from Rachel's report plus a tool called a [Pyramid of Engagement](#) to create an action plan for the coming church year.

**Anyone who has a few hours per month to contribute to congregational health and flourishing over the next year is welcome to join us** - we would love to have your wisdom and voice present as we make these decisions together. Come prepared to help us make Rachel's recommendations a reality in our congregation! RSVP [here](#).

Interested but can't make that specific time? Reilly will also give a short presentation about the workshop and action plan during the AGM on May 28th that will include ways to give input and get involved.

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## FUCV and FUCV Foundation AGM - May 28

FUCV and FUCV Foundation Annual General Meetings – Sunday, May 28, 12:15 pm – In Person in the Sanctuary

All are welcome to attend the AGM for FUCV and the FUCV Foundation.

The AGM Agenda package will be available on May 14. Any members who joined at least 60 days prior to the meeting are eligible to vote. Proxy voting forms are available for those members who cannot attend but would like to assign their proxy vote to another member. Each member may hold one proxy vote.

Please join us to elect new Trustees for the Board, review the audited financial statements, and get an update on the recommendations from the Stewardship Consultant.

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## Artist of the Month Evan Guengerich

Growing up with a father who was an avid photographer, a camera was never too far from my hand. Phases of enthusiasm came and went through the years—medium format, the darkroom, the advent of autofocus, etc.

About twelve years ago, when my daughter began playing competitive soccer, I picked up my first DSLR. After serving as the unofficial team photographer for a couple years, I thought, “I have a camera and a telephoto lens. I could take pictures of birds.”

One trip to the local lagoon later, I was on my way to developing a passion for photographing wildlife and our natural world that has taken me from Alaska to Namibia to Australia and points in between.

The more time I spend in the field, the more I am convinced that what separates us from the animals is much less than what we have in common. While the reality of life can be harsh, we share the desire to love and be loved, to nurture and protect our family and friends, to play and relax, and to live in freedom.

Aside from taking compelling photos, my hope is to inspire people with the beauty that still remains in our world, whether in the park down the street or on the other side of the planet.

*About this exhibit:*

*It's difficult for me to distill my photography to a few representative photos. But since it's May, my thoughts went to Mothers' Day and the outstanding women I've been blessed with in my life--my mother, my wife and my daughter. I've also spent time in the field with mothers who were courageous and selfless in demonstrating their love--the cheetah mother hiding her cubs in a safe place before going to hunt, the brown bear mother charging a large male in defense of her cubs, the wildebeest mother, alone and exposed on the plain, searching and calling for her lost calf. I selected a number of these photos with an eye toward mothers and their offspring and I dedicate this May exhibit to the mothers, both human and non-human, whose lives show us all the meaning of love.*

**Evan Guengerich Photography**

[evansphotography.ca](http://evansphotography.ca)

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## Sunday Services with Choir Events

**Here is a list until the end of June:**

- **May 7** Chalice Choir

- **May 14** Cantabile Handbell Choir
  - **May 28** Chalice Choir
  - **June 11** Chalice Choir
  - **June 18** Men's Choir
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## Monthly Monday Pub Night

### Pub Night

Join us on Monday, May 1st at 7 pm at Lure in the Delta Ocean Pointe at 100 Harbour Rd. It's close to bus routes and there is plenty of parking on Tyee and in the underground parking, for which you will receive an exit code on your bill.

It's a relaxed evening of lively conversation and getting to know each other. Some eat dinner, others just enjoy a beverage. We have reserved tables against the interior wall in the bar area. Pub Night is held the First Monday monthly. If you have questions please contact John Hopewell [hopewell@telus.net](mailto:hopewell@telus.net)

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## Depression & Anxiety Support Circle

Everyone Welcome 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 contact Pat: [kinradep@gmail.com](mailto:kinradep@gmail.com) or Lies: [eweajs@ryerson.ca](mailto:eweajs@ryerson.ca)

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## Song Circle



Everyone Welcome in the Sanctuary and on Zoom Fridays May 5 and 19, from 1:30- 2:30

Jewel Spooner and Nancy Dobbs, and our tech support, Bernhard Spalteholz.

We now have the ability to host a Hybrid gathering on Zoom and in the Sanctuary. 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](mailto:nandobbs@telus.net) for a Zoom link.

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## Monday Unitarian Walkers



*Photo of the Monday Walkers taken on April 11, 2023 at PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park)*

We need to keep our bodies active and moving, preferably by walking on one of the many beautiful trails of South Vancouver Island. And it's great fun hanging out with our fellow Unitarians.

So join us, the **Monday Unitarian Walkers**, an inclusive group which welcomes ALL interested Unitarian members and friends who can walk steadily for 1-2 hours.

Interested walkers may contact Nancy Dobbs at [nandobbs@telus.net](mailto:nandobbs@telus.net)

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## Earth Day update

Recycling links from April 20 service:

Comprehensive list of sources:

<https://victoriaunitarian.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Recycling-Info.pdf>



## Indigenous Matters



### Indigenous Matters: The Victoria Native Friendship Centre Invitations to a New Community Learning Program and Friday Soup Lunch

The Victoria Native Friendship Centre extends invitations to settler and Indigenous people to participate in a Community Learning Program and a Friday Soup Lunch.

The new Community Learning Program is a wholistic learning experience that offers an opportunity to learn with Indigenous people in a collaborative and experiential way. Course topics include local Nations, urban Indigenous people, self-introductions, respectful communication, asking/responding to difficult questions, learning from mistakes, participating in protocols,

impacts of colonization, cultural connections, Indigenous technologies and innovations, and ongoing self-directed learning. Lynn Hunter is currently taking this course and is happy to tell you more about it if you would like to contact her at: [lynnhunter2828@gmail.com](mailto:lynnhunter2828@gmail.com).



The VNFC Community Soup Luncheon is an opportunity to meet VNFC staff and community members. It is free and everyone is welcome. Lunch is served every Friday at 12pm. Several THRUU members went to a recent lunch and found it to be a welcoming space, with delicious food. If you would like to attend but you would like company, contact a THRUU member and we'll try to match you up.

The Victoria Native Friendship Centre (VNFC) has been in operation since 1970. It provides services to an estimated 20,000 Indigenous people living off reserve in greater Victoria, as well as approximately 5,000 people from local First Nations communities. With more than 75 programs and services, and over 125 staff, it provides wrap-around services in Careers and Employment, Health and Social programs, vibrant Youth initiatives and dynamic Arts and Cultural practices. The Centre also has an Indigenous library (the only one in a Friendship Centre in Canada and catalogued by UVic), a daycare centre, a

community kitchen and food hamper program and a homeless shelter from November to April annually. The Community Learning Program and the Soup Lunch are good ways to get to know what this vibrant organization is doing in Victoria.

*Indigenous Matters is produced by the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation team of Unitarian Universalists (THRUU) in Victoria. Its mandate is to identify and facilitate opportunities for education and engagement, in the interests of contributing to the spirit of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Greater Victoria. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact co-chairs Karen Christie ([karen.christie8@gmail.com](mailto:karen.christie8@gmail.com)) or Evelyn Peters ([Evelyn.Joy.Peters@outlook.com](mailto:Evelyn.Joy.Peters@outlook.com)).*

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## Indigenous Matters: May 5th, 10am start National MMIWG2S Awareness Day

Also known as Red Dress Day, May 5 honours the thousands of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, 2 spirited (MMIWG2S), and gender diverse people in Canada by encouraging learning and building awareness to end violence against this part of our population.

A variety of local Indigenous organizations, the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, Cedar Child & Family Services, the Songhees First Nation, Esquimalt First Nation, the South Island Indigenous Authority, Indigenous Perspectives Society, Hulitan Family & Community Services Society, Island Métis Family & Community Services Society, and NIL TU,O Child and Family Services Society are organizing the second annual "Our Women Are Sacred" walk on this day. The purpose of the walk is: "To hold up our children, families and communities, honor our sacred life-givers, and recognize the roles and responsibilities of our men."

The event begins at **10AM on Hallowell Road (at Admirals Road), finishing at Maplebank Road**. There is no parking available at Admirals Plaza, and the organizations encourage folks to carpool, arrive early to park at Maple Bank, or get dropped off or utilize public transit. They encourage folks to wear red. To participate with others, please contact one of the two people named below.

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## Thank you to FUCV Foundation from scholarship recipients!

To the First Unitarian Church of Victoria,

I am sincerely honoured to have been chosen as the recipient of your bursary. Thank you for your generosity and support in these trying times. This bursary has helped me to remain focused on my school work and not have to worry about finding ways to support my family while attending Camosun. As I continue my apprenticeship one step further, I am very thankful to have received your thoughtful gift.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity,  
**McKenzie Kwaksistala**

To the First Unitarian Church of Victoria,

I'd like to express just how incredibly grateful I am to be honoured with the FUCV Foundation for an Aboriginal Student's Bursary. This award has eased much of my financial stress and has allowed me to remain focused and fully committed to my studies during this final stretch of the semester! This has been an incredibly special gift! I am very excited to continue my studies and reach my professional goals so that I may have the chance to make a difference in the lives of those who have shared similar experiences as myself.

I look forward to addressing the emotional impacts of intergenerational trauma in our community as a professional. I'm so grateful for the support that I have received from this community and I will continue to give back in any way that I can, as I have been shown so much generosity.

Wishing you all the best,  
**Olivia Leyden**

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## GVAT Changes Guard and Continues its Work



On the heels of the successful Old Growth march, GVAT held its annual meeting and elected new board members, Yvonne Hsieh and Tracey Scott, and thanked outgoing board members, Matthew Cook, Amber McMillian and our own Susan Layng.

GVAT's board is continuing to deliberate regarding its leadership structures and roles, and to explore alternatives in its relationship with IAF, with the help of a consultant. Understandably, revenues fell in the wake of Covid, which was hard on member organizations. GVAT's Annual report celebrates the successes and anticipates the organization will be in a financial position to hire a staff later in the fiscal year.

Meanwhile, while the GVAT board is regrouping, its various teams are continuing to work on housing, environment, and diversity. The Housing ART has been meeting with leadership of several of the municipalities that make up the Greater Victoria Area. Diversity training needs are being identified and arranged for the membership. Leadership trainings were also offered last month on running effective meetings. GVAT continues to advocate and organize on many fronts locally, for sustainable solutions to climate change and justice and equity issues.

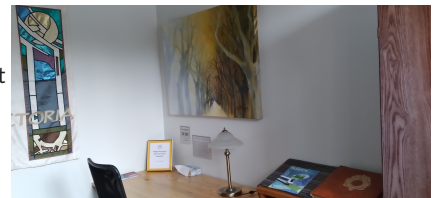
The Core Team for GVAT at FUCV invites you to chat with any of us to learn more.

GVAT Core Team members: Susan Layng (lead), Lynn Beak, Patty Disbrow, Marion Pape, Evelyn Peters (Board liaison), Bob Stock, Pam Hood Szlvek, Donnie Jennings, and Philip Symons (secretary). New members always welcome!

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## Did You Know?

The Farmhouse building has a Reading Room? It's a quiet, contemplative, and family-friendly space where church members and staff can enjoy solitude, conversation and/or a good read from a cornucopia of all-ages books that are not only relevant to issues of importance to Unitarian Universalists, but also include a selection of books from the now defunct Library which were deemed important to retain.



Curious about this church's evolution in Victoria? Read all about it! You'll find information that relates to its formation and relocation from the downtown location to where we are today – and check out the photo albums that feature members who have gifted us with the privileged legacy of what we now call the First Unitarian Church of Victoria.

Understandably, this space has been slated for rental – so check it out and enjoy it while you can! You'll find it between the Revs Lynngood offices in the Farmhouse hallway leading to the Archives.



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## Neighbourhood Group Care & Concern Contacts

The times are uncertain, but neighbourhood groups continue to be a resource!

All members, friends and newcomers to the church are invited to be part of the Neighbourhood Group where they live. Plus, The Care & Concern contact for each N.G. keeps tabs on members who may need extra assistance.

If you don't know which group you are in, please phone Kathy Vinton at (250) 882-8650 or via e-mail at [kathyvinton2@gmail.com](mailto:kathyvinton2@gmail.com)

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## Our Caring Corner

Our Care and Concern (C&C) Team at First Unitarian Church of Victoria and our co-ministers are continuing with this new way to share information with our church community as we come out of this time of COVID-19 induced isolation. In our Caring Corner, we will list the names of those members of our community who welcome our support as they cope with a loss, illness, or other life concern. We ensure that each individual is comfortable with having their name uplifted in writing in the EWeekly, shared aloud in the prayer and meditation time in the Sunday service, or both before doing so. Names will remain for 2 weeks so that as many of us as possible have an opportunity to reach out.

## Our Caring Corner

**Suzanne Dearman** rejoices to be able to attend Church again after a recent fall at home. Thank you for the emails and lovely cards.

**Ruth Miller** has temporarily moved to Iris House at the Summit, 2nd floor East Wing, Room 2418, to enable repairs to be completed in her permanent room. It is expected that she will be there until April 24th. She does not have her phone during this temporary move. Friends and family can phone and speak with the nursing station in Iris House, (2nd floor) and ask to speak to Ruth. They will take a message and Ruth can use the phone in the sitting area. For more information, contact Sheila Best at [slb917@shaw.ca](mailto:slb917@shaw.ca).

**Linda Lee Knight** has been diagnosed with metastasized brain cancer. As some of our church community know, Linda Lee's husband, Vann Knight served as our minister for 8 years during the transition period of moving from James Bay to our present location. Linda Lee would like to let us know that she has a "storm of tumours" through her body. Tests are currently underway to locate the primary site for targeted treatment. Her spirits are good. Vann recently had follow-up scans, and his cancer remains in remission. Their **mailing address is: #107 - 261 Champlain Avenue, St. Andrews, NB E5B 0B6**. For more information regarding Linda Lee and Vann, please contact Adeleine Morris [adeleine.morris@gmail.com](mailto:adeleine.morris@gmail.com) or Lorna Anthony [lornaanthony09@gmail.com](mailto:lornaanthony09@gmail.com).

Please consider this an opportunity to reach out to others. There are an infinite number of ways to express caring: a short hand-written note, an email or text message, a chat on the telephone. Perhaps a moment of holding someone in need in your thoughts and heart!

Whatever you are moved to do is perfect!

FUCV C&C Team

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Revs Shana and Melora

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## AGM Plenary on Motions: Leaders' Roundtable

Saturday, April 29, 2023 - 9am PST (1.5 hours)



In advance of the Annual General Meeting on May 19th, 2023, the CUC Board and Executive Director invite you, especially leaders and delegates, to a conversation about the proposed motions.

At this point, there won't be any substantive changes made to the motions, and this conversation aims to inform and engage participants at the AGM, both delegates and observers alike.

For more information or to sign up, go to <https://cuc.ca/events/agma-plenary-motions-leaders-roundtable/1682769600/1682775000/>

THANK YOU!

[rlmellett@gmail.com](mailto:rlmellett@gmail.com)



# CUC Annual General Meeting 2023

## Friday, May 19: In Person and Online via Zoom, 10:00 am PT

The CUC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place on Friday, May 19th. It's a time to attend to the business of the Council and a chance for congregations and their delegates and members to be involved in making decisions that affect our national faith community.

The AGM is open to all and free of charge, and observers may attend in-person or online. The AGM will be held on the campus of Algonquin College in Ottawa; Zoom will be used for virtual participants.

All delegates must be [registered](#) by **May 1, 2023** in order for your congregation to vote.

## AGM Motions

A motion to revoke the Doctrine of Discovery. A motion to update the CUC's bylaws. A motion to reimagine goals and strategic priorities for our national faith community.

## Be part of the [National Symposium](#) on Living into the 8th Principle

### Ottawa, Ontario & Online

May 19 - 21, 2023

Join us in person in Ottawa, ON or online. Together, we will explore how to dismantle racism and systems of oppression in ourselves and in our institutions. [DETAILS HERE](#). **Registration is open until May 1.**

The Canadian Unitarian Council's 2023 National Symposium is the place to learn how we can come together to ensure love and justice for all.

We want to live in a world where our interdependence calls us to love and justice, but racism and systems of oppression continue to divide us.

Tell me more about the CUC National Symposium

We even have a few events that are FREE and do not require registration:

- [Opening Ceremony and Banner Parade](#)
- [Confluence Lecture featuring Rev. Julie Stoneberg](#)
- [Sunday Worship Service with Revs. Eric Meter, Diane Rollert, and Fulgence Ndagijimana](#)

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## Toronto-Victoria House Swap

(May 20-July 31, 2023)

We are a semi-retired UU couple in Toronto who are looking to swap homes with a Victoria area individual or family for up to 2 months starting in late May, 2023. We live in a detached, energy-efficient 3-bedroom house with a furnished basement on a quiet residential street just off Danforth Avenue, just a 15-minute subway ride from Bloor and Yonge, and a 2 km walk or ride to Woodbine beach and Lakeshore trails. For more information please contact Michael or Joanne at [michaelfdpolanyi@gmail.com](mailto:michaelfdpolanyi@gmail.com).

Thank you.

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*for hospital and home*

*visits, or just to talk...*

Barbara Boyle

250-381-0264

or your NG Care and Concern Person

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## BMOD, May Birthdays, Calendar

### Board Members on Duty:

May 7, 2023, Jeri Dause

May 14, 2023, Al Hoffman

May 21, 2023, Kent Haden

May 28, 2023, Kathleen Zimmerman

## May Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate Month/Day
Alex	Andersen	May 23
David	Andersen	May 25
Olivier	Belisle	May 13
Roberta	Clair	May 11
Terry	Czyz	May 25
Elaine	Dakin	May 31
Louise	de Lugt	May 16
Claire	Ebendinger	May 05
Sherrill	Ewings	May 05
Lynn	Guengerich	May 07
Jeanine (Johanna D.A)	Hartman	May 24
Kiriell	Hayes	May 16
Desiree	Heston	May 24
Marguerite	Hobbs	May 17
Heather	Hopkins	May 30
Stephanie	Ippen	May 23
Pat	Kinrade	May 21
Elaine	Klimke	May 04
Susan	Layng	May 01
Samantha	Magnus	May 18
Abigail	McCallum	May 02
Sheenagh	McMahon	May 07
Candace	Moore	May 29
Shelley	Motz	May 08
Karen	Potts	May 13
Catherine	Ramsay	May 31
Robert	Rintoul	May 05
Elizaveta	Roberts	May 25
Johnathan	Savard	May 28
Amalia	Schelhorn	May 17
Jewel	Spooner	May 12
James	Thomson	May 30
Kathy	Vinton	May 23
Susie	Williams	May 04
Jennifer	Young	May 25

[Click for the Calendar](#)

**Church Staff Info**

**Niki Mullin**

**Church Administrator**

**Sunday, Monday and Wednesday 8-3pm**

**With the exception of long weekends (Statutory Holidays)**

**IN PERSON - Sunday and Wednesday after 11am - 1pm**

Please email Niki for more information:

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**Shannon Oatway**

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## IN THE SPIRIT AND E-WEEKLY SUBMISSIONS

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Please send e-weekly submissions to:

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DEADLINE: 3pm Tuesdays

Submissions to IN THE SPIRIT are sent here:

[newsletter@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:newsletter@victoriaunitarian.ca)

DEADLINE is the 15th of the month.

*The e-weekly and In the Spirit are produced by a four member team: Kathy Vinton, Lesley Duthie, Lies Weijs and Shannon Oatway.*

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