



# The Victoria Unitarian

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

## SERVICES IN AUGUST

Welcome

August



**August 6**

**Religion as Survival Strategy**

**Michelle Brown**

**Worship Associate: Anna Isaacs**

Churches were language sanctuaries for Hungarians who came under Romanian authority in 1920. Even today, seminarians in Transylvania are charged with responsibility for the survival of the Hungarian people. Michelle Brown, recently returned from a three-month stay in a Unitarian seminary, offers a look at the 21st century reality facing this child of the Reformation.

Biography: Michelle Brown is currently a Community Fellow in the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at the University of Victoria. A poet and essayist, she was long-listed in the 2015 PRISM international Creative Non-Fiction competition, received an honourable mention in the Victoria Authors Association 2016 Flash Fiction Contest, and was recently nominated for the Grouse Grind Lit Prize for V(ery) Short Forms. She is Cree from the Métis Nation.

**August 13**

**"Overcoming the Invisible Lion"...Seeking Reality in a World of Illusion...**

**Rev. Mark Lemon**

**Worship Associate: Doug McGinnis**

One of the great dilemmas facing those who seek spiritual wisdom is the perennial search for Truth. The challenge we all face in a culture of fake news and disinformation is discerning the Real. The essential ground for this pursuit is our own consciousness. By identifying blocks, seeing our programming and extricating ourselves from the cultural matrix in which we live, we create the foundation for living an authentic life.

Biography: Rev. Mark Lemon, B.F.A. M.Div., has facilitated hundreds of people over the last twenty-plus years in the transformational journey of self realization and becoming. Ordained in the Anglican Church in 1985, Mark has worked with congregations, young offenders and prison inmates, and facilitated retreats and conferences. His passion is the awakening of wisdom and the liberation of consciousness in his private counselling practice. Schooled in holotropic breath work as taught by Leonard Orr, this process integrates the conscious and unconscious and leads to expanded states of awareness.

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**August 20**                    **Some Time Apart**  
**Rev. Shana Lynngood**  
**Worship Associate: Dan Klimke**

The summer is often a time when we do things outside of our normal routines. We get away and take a break. Often when we do so we gain perspective on our "regular" lives. In this first service back from sabbatical, I will reflect on what I gained from this time apart, and also what remained the same or unchanged by this time away from ministry.

**August 27**                    **Tao-ish: A little less Rabbit & Eeyore, a little more Pooh Bear**  
**Rev. Melora Lynngood**  
**Worship Associate: Susan Layng**

How's your stress level? What do you do when your life feels too busy, overwhelming, or otherwise laden with reasons to be anxious? How well do you handle it when plans don't go the way you want or when people don't behave the way you wish they would? Do you get stressed out like Rabbit, or do you, like Eeyore, feel like giving up in gloomy despair?

Drawing from the old classic, *The Tao of Pooh* and the even older classic, the *Tao te Ching*, Rev. Melora, our resident Eeyore and occasional Rabbit, explores with us some of the wisdom to be gleaned from Taoism and how it might help us go with the flow, face what is (even when it's difficult), and move forward with grace and inner peace.

## VALUED ELDER RECOGNITION

## BETTY SHERWOOD

UVic's Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health has invited us to submit a name for the VERA award. That is, Valued Elder Recognition Award. This award is given to honour older volunteers who have generously given ten or more years of exceptional volunteer time to their community. We were allowed to nominate only one volunteer. Last year Barbara Nyland received this award.

This year Ted Humphries has been nominated by Don Vipond. His name was chosen at random from a group of four members who were nominated. He will receive the award and will be honoured at an event on Friday, September 29, 2017.

Betty Sherwood and Elaine Dakin  
 Co-chairs of Recognition and Awards Committee

*Remember our give-and-take food cupboard in the farmhouse hallway.*

*Take as you need, give as you can.*

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**THE DEADLINE FOR  
SUBMISSIONS TO THE  
SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE  
NEWSLETTER IS  
AUGUST 15**



**Keep Piling Up Your Books  
For Our  
GIANT BOOK SALE!**

**Saturday, September 23**

It's fruit season, so please save any low fruit boxes  
to help display the books.

**Would you like to help?**

Contact Suellen Guenther, [sguenther@shaw.ca](mailto:sguenther@shaw.ca) or 250-727-0454

**Do you have books to donate?**

Please keep them until September. However, if you need to clear them out now, please bring them to church in boxes and put them in the storage space under the Sanctuary.

*Please do not donate textbooks, encyclopaedias, Reader's Digest Condensed books, computer books, or magazines. They don't sell. Please put them in your recycling.*

**Our book sale is a tradition, attracting buyers from all over Victoria.  
Don't miss it!**

**SRC DEMOCRACY TEAM PHILIP SYMONS/SONYA IGNATIEFF****Who's in charge here, anyway?**

*In the next few newsletters, the Democracy Team will provide a series of articles on how political policies affect our country, province and you.*

Democracy has been defined as government for the people by the people. But when you examine who makes the decisions that most affect us, we the people have little say.

For instance, who decides whether the Site C Dam will be built or not, B.C. Hydro or the people? Who decides whether our indigenous people must eat mercury-laden fish to survive, the government or the mining companies? Who decides what people will benefit from tax cuts, Joe Blo on the street or those who can afford a \$1,000 dinner with the Premier? Who decides how large our school class sizes will be? Aha, the Supreme Court of Canada does! But why should the courts make this decision?

Something has gone seriously wrong with our democracy. There's little we can do about climate change or any other important issue until we the people reclaim power for us, the people. Until then, we can hold demonstrations and rallies, write letters to the paper, visit our Member of the Legislature or of Parliament, but we'll be lucky if any of those actions has any effect.

Many think that if we vote, and the party with the most votes becomes the government, we have democracy. But the winning party may have received less than 40% of the votes. That means 60% of the people didn't vote for a party that has a majority of seats in government and holds 100% of the power. Explain that!

If we want our country to be ruled by us, the people, not simply by wealthy people or large corporations, we need to overhaul our democracy. One of the first things we can do is change our voting system to one of proportional representation (PR). What's that? See this column next month!

## New (familiar) Face at the Piano



Braden Young has joined the Church Music Program as Collaborative Pianist following the resignation of Victoria Beauchesne. He will be playing for services throughout the summer.

In the fall, he will be accompanying the Chalice Choir and playing for three or four services per month. We also welcome Sandra Fletcher who will be directing the Farmhouse Bell Ringers in the fall.

**Welcome back Braden! Welcome Sandra!**

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!

Email: [laychaplains@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:laychaplains@victoriaunitarian.ca)



## We Care!

**Care and Concern Committee**  
for hospital and home visits, or just to talk...

Daphne Dunbar at 250-381-7648

Val Roberts at 250-477-7192

or your Neighbourhood Group Care & Concern person

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT****LORNA ANTHONY**

Snippets from June and July.

I missed the June Board meeting because I was floating down the Danube as Earle and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. And there wasn't a July Board meeting so Board members could enjoy the sunshine and summer fun to become reenergized for the coming Church year. However, that doesn't mean only sitting in a lounge chair with a tall cool one!

The June Board meeting, chaired by V-P Marion Pape, covered a lot of ground:

- New Board members Rebecca Mellett, Nancy Dobbs, Lynn Hunter and David Smith were introduced. (David subsequently thought this was not the right time for him as a Board member so his resignation was reluctantly accepted.) If there is a church member who would like to come on Board as liaison with Property Council, I would love to hear from you.
- As part of our ongoing meetings with church staff, Nick Fairbank, our Director of Music, shared his role with its rewards and challenges.
- Our Ministerial Intern, Chris Wulff, made many pastoral visits as well as providing valuable input on several committees. He will be on vacation for July and August.
- The Strategic Plan sessions have been well attended and Board members, along with other church members, are actively engaged in helping to write the priorities of each session for presentation to the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Shirley Travis, along with our archivist, John Stewart, and Nadia are looking to provide guidelines for what should be preserved in our archives. All of us have a lot of information stored on our computers and we want to ensure that important meetings etc. are not lost.
- A 1-day CUC Regional Spring Gathering is being planned in conjunction with the UU Island Network for May 2018. FUCV will be the location for the gathering.
- Susan Layng booked FUCV for the Pride Parade and for a booth at the Pride Festival on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- A salary increase was given to our office administrator, Nadia, upon the successful completion of her probation period.
- Sandra Fletcher has been hired to lead the Bell Choir beginning September 2017.
- Victoria Beauchesne was sent \$500 to show our appreciation for our former accompanist.

The Board Retreat will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> so that we can be joined by Revs. Melora and Shana. Reading through this August newsletter will give you an overview of some of the diverse activities being organized by our many caring and passionate church members. During these warm summer days, members are busy organizing summer camp, preparing Sunday Worship services, providing audio and live streaming for services, making coffee, greeting, ushering, rebuilding the Yurt, gardening, organizing Truth & Reconciliation activities, repairing an overflowing toilet or a broken window, working on the strategic plan, carrying our Pride flag, liaising with the Children's International Summer Village rental, making beautiful music, and ensuring ongoing communication with the newsletter, e-weekly and website. I know I haven't listed everything but I think it's time for a cold drink.

Our beloved Ministers, Rev. Shana and Rev. Melora, will be back in the pulpit on August 20<sup>th</sup>. A huge thank-you to all those who stepped up to ensure that activities carried on while the Ministers were on their well-deserved sabbatical, vacation and study leave.

As always, you are invited to chat with me regarding any ideas or concerns you may have.

With sincere appreciation,  
Lorna

## DO YOU NEED SUPPORT THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?

During our Ministers' sabbatical a Pastoral Care Team is available to provide emotional support to individuals and families during a crisis. If you need someone to talk to please call any of the following:

Elinor Bazar	250-508-2819	<a href="mailto:elinorbazar@gmail.com">elinorbazar@gmail.com</a>
Suzanne Beauchamp	778-433-2829	<a href="mailto:suz46b@yahoo.com">suz46b@yahoo.com</a>
Isabelle Grenon	250-857-0445	<a href="mailto:igrenon@hotmail.com">igrenon@hotmail.com</a>
Pauline Kenneally	250-388-6865	<a href="mailto:paulinekenneally@shaw.ca">paulinekenneally@shaw.ca</a>
Clare Vipond	250-652-5491	<a href="mailto:donandclare@shaw.ca">donandclare@shaw.ca</a>

If you have a question or need help and you don't know who to call, contact a member of the Sabbatical Team. We will help you find the resources you need to address your concerns.

Kent Haden, Chair	250-479-6563	<a href="mailto:kent@hadensoftware.com">kent@hadensoftware.com</a>
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Mary-Ellen Nicol	250-590-4107	<a href="mailto:nicolme@yahoo.com">nicolme@yahoo.com</a> -
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### Co-Ministers on Sabbatical

Our Co-Ministers, Revs. Melora and Shana Lynngood, are away on sabbatical followed by summer study leave until August 15, 2017.

The sabbatical team and the ministers have assembled a robust slate of resources to support the congregation in their absence. The resource list was published in the March 2017 newsletter and can be acquired by contacting the church office at [churchoffice@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:churchoffice@victoriaunitarian.ca) or [250-744-2665](tel:250-744-2665).

In the case of an urgent matter, contact Sabbatical Team Chair, Kent Haden [Kent@hadensoftware.com](mailto:Kent@hadensoftware.com)/[250-479-6563](tel:250-479-6563); Congregational President Lorna Anthony [lranthony@shaw.ca](mailto:lranthony@shaw.ca)/[250-592-4831](tel:250-592-4831); or Ministerial Intern Chris Wulff [chris@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:chris@victoriaunitarian.ca)/[647-708-2622](tel:647-708-2622) (cell/text).

### UUIN Camperships

There are a few camperships available to help families and singles attend our Camp Weekend in August at the Easter Seals Campground. This money comes from the Denominational Affairs budget to promote friendships and networking not only in our church but up and down UU Vancouver Island.

If interested contact: [Christine\\_johnston@telus.net](mailto:Christine_johnston@telus.net)

**REFUGEE REPORT****SUELLEN GUENTHER**

Members of the refugee team helped Sunny look at possible places to rent, and we are happy to report that she will be renting a room in the home of a retired teacher in Gordon Head, beginning the last week of August. The timing is perfect, as it will save the church from having to pay rent for two places in July and August. The room is spacious, with room for a bed, dresser, desk, Sunny's guitar, sitar, and all her computer equipment for mixing music. The room is furnished, has a small ensuite bathroom, shared kitchen, and she has access to a beautiful garden with vegetables and fruit trees. She will pay \$750 a month, all expenses included, and the location is convenient to UVic, if she is eventually accepted and has the money to attend.



Sunny was being poorly treated at the restaurant where she was working, so she is now working in the commercial kitchen that supplies food for Barb's Fish and Chips on Fisherman's Wharf. Susan Layng assisted her in obtaining the job. Roberta and Kristina are working with Sunny to prepare her for September when our financial support ends and she will need to be self-supporting.

Unless a miracle happens and we hear the Sari family is definitely coming, Andy will give notice on the Sari suite on July 31. Members of the refugee support team will assist Sunny in moving and Andy will coordinate the sad job of relocating all the furnishings to the church basement until the family does come. Please watch the E-Weekly for opportunities to help pack up the belongings or clean the suite, near the end of August.

**WANTED: Dry storage space** for the 5 mattresses and upholstered furniture from the Sari suite to keep them from getting musty under the church until they are needed by the family.

Please contact Andy Lee [andrew.lee@firley.ca](mailto:andrew.lee@firley.ca) or 250-479-0960 if you can offer space for any or all of it.

**IN SEARCH OF "CLOOTIE QUILTS"****BARBARA BOYLE**

As some of you may be aware, sometime ago we used to tie small pieces of cloth onto branches to express a care and/or concern during our Sunday services (similar in a way to lighting a candle of care and/or concern). Those pieces of cloth were later fashioned into beautiful small-sized quilts to be loaned to church members who may have been in need of extra support and tender loving care for a period of time. Over time, three of these beautiful "clotie quilts" were made by several of our creatively talented resident quilters! Each has a lovely inscription on fabric stitched onto it, explaining its origin and purpose.

As your chair of the Care & Concern team here at First Victoria, I am searching out the location of these quilts. If you are aware of where any of them are or are in possession of one which you are no longer needing, could you please contact me at [barbara.boyle@shaw.ca](mailto:barbara.boyle@shaw.ca) or [250-381-0264](tel:250-381-0264)? Thank you so much for your assistance with this.

Wondering,  
Barb

CALLING ALL KIDS

CHRISTINE PETRONIS



**DON'T MISS THE PARTY!**

**Come to Church  
AUGUST 13**

**BALLOONS  
GAMES  
TREATS**

**FUN FOR ALL!**

CHOIR NEWS

CHALICE CHOIR

*Come on....  
We know you're out there  
...you shower singers  
...you car crooners  
...you backyard belters*



**The Chalice Choir WANTS You**

**Come and Join Us!**

Our first rehearsal is Thursday August 31 at 7:30pm  
in the Church Sanctuary

Email: Jen Young (hellojenyoung@gmail.com) or  
Penny Boyce (pjboyce@shaw.ca) for more information

Our church community concluded this year's lone HOW project on July 1. The target had been to raise \$4,700 for a project called *Change Her Life* in Lesotho (pronounced Le-soo-too), central South Africa. In fact, you contributed \$6,400 that will go to the registered Canadian charity in Ottawa named *Help Lesotho* ([www.helplesotho.org](http://www.helplesotho.org)).

**Marlene Caicco is the Donor Relations Manager for Help Lesotho. She writes to you:**

“Thanks to the Healing Our World initiative, more young girls in Lesotho will directly benefit from your outstanding fundraising efforts. With the additional funds raised for the ‘Change Her Life’ project, Help Lesotho will extend the planned training to an additional 35 girls! This means that a total 135 girls will benefit from washable sanitary kits and two days of education about reproductive and sexual health. We are so appreciative of people like you who care so much.

“Not only will 135 of these young girls have access to a safe, clean and dignified alternative to managing their periods, they will also be able to stay in school an extra 150 days over the course of 3 years, thanks to your support. This has to be one of the simplest and most cost-effective strategies for empowering girls to stay in school.

“With this particular project and the money raised, every one of these young girls will participate in two days of education to help prepare them for the challenges and peer pressure they could encounter in high school. These participatory training sessions will cover topics such as menstruation and reproductive health, self-esteem, making healthy decisions, resisting peer pressure, and preventing teenage pregnancy. For many of these girls, these training sessions and discussions will promote self-awareness and the tools they need make healthy decisions with respect to their relationship to others. These essential conversations will be the foundation they will need as they begin to discuss broader and more complex discussions through other Help Lesotho programs.

“Because you are supporting a girl to stay in school all year long, she will be exposed to a number of vital conversations through programs and support offered through Help Lesotho including gender violence, early forced child marriage, gender equity, education on the prevention of HIV and human trafficking. For a country with the second highest rate of HIV in the world, with 25 percent of the population HIV-positive, these conversations are vital.

“You are creating a opportunity for a girl to experience dignity and healthy self-esteem during her period; she then can begin to embrace a positive image of who she is and what she can accomplish. Our hope, through our psychosocial support, is that all of these girls will become ever more resilient despite the ongoing obstacles and challenges they may face personally and in their communities. In addition, our desire is always for these young beneficiaries to pass on what they have learned with their friends, family and communities. As these girls begin to learn and to think for themselves, they become more autonomous, confident and responsible, and more able to take on leadership roles in their communities.

“Your investment through this project will effectively begin to change the lives of Basotho people one girl at a time. We are so grateful.” -Marlene

**AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD****SUELLEN GUENTHER**

*All members, friends, and newcomers to the church can be part of the Neighbourhood Group where they live. Groups meet monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or occasionally. If your group is missing from this column, there was nothing to report this month. If you don't know which group you are in, please phone the church office.*

Please note that some of the Neighbourhood Groups are less active in the summer.

**Esquimalt:** New convenor, Maureen Sherlock, writes, “Esquimalt Neighbourhood Group had a potluck dinner on June 16th at the lovely home of John Lancaster and Pat McMahon. Our next potluck is on August 4th at John and Gloria Hopewell’s home. Many thanks to Pat for all her work as our convenor. We hope that she and John will enjoy their move to Salt Spring Island and come and visit us often.”

**Fairfield:** This NG is pleased to welcome Kathy Vinton, who recently moved to Fairfield from Grand Central.

**Gordon Head:** Mary Cramer writes, “We are hoping to have a backyard get together in August, but the location has not been confirmed yet.”

**Nearby:** Nancy Dobbs reports, “Nearby had a potluck at Pam Harte’s home at the end of May with special guest Penny Furnes (she had moved out of our Neighborhood). Kimberly Bramadat encouraged the 12 of us to share about ourselves. It was a treat to hear our neighbors’ stories. Nearby is looking for a convenor.”

**Oak Bay:** Coffee-time treats were provided in July by Oak Bay NG. Tiff writes, “We are continuing our luncheon get-togethers over the summer, meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:45 AM at the Fern Cafe in Monterey Rec Centre. We will welcome back the Fall with a potluck in late September at Jany & Tiff’s home on Saturday, September 23rd at 5:30 PM.”

**Royal Oak East:** Hanny Pannekoek writes, “Our members continue to be supportive to those among us who need it. Otherwise the summer seems to be a time for traveling, family visits and enjoying the warm and sunny weather. Our next potluck gathering will be in September.”

**Royal Oak West:** Convenor Fran Hancock organized the memorial reception for Sophie Bonner June 29. She writes, “Many thanks to Royal Oak West and the members of the Memorial Team who stepped up on short notice to host a reception for the memorial service for Sophie Bonner, the daughter of Lynn Bonner, who has been attending our church since May.” She adds, “Please contact me if you are willing to host a fall gathering for our NG. Thank you.”

**Western:** When you are enjoying goodies with your coffee after church in August, you can thank Susan Lean and the Western NG for providing them!

**HEALING OUR WORLD****MIKE GREENLY**

**The Healing Our World (HOW) fundraising coffee kiosk** in the church office is now stocking Level Ground organic whole cane sugar (2kg) for only \$13/bag.

Here is a link to some recipes for the sugar:

<https://levelground.com/recipes/canesugar>

If you have questions about the display or products the new contact person is: Mike Greenly at [greenlygrove2@gmail.com](mailto:greenlygrove2@gmail.com) or [\(250\) 415-0016](tel:(250)415-0016).

**ARTIST OF THE MONTH****KEITH LEVANG****Keith Levang**

Keith has been involved as an observer, student, teacher and participant in the visual arts throughout his life. After retiring from teaching art at the high school level for over 30 years, he took up painting full time. He has spent the last several years working toward a credible body of visual artwork using acrylics as his medium. He searches for what is important in the subject image, aiming to capture that specific moment. He likes to present the subject matter faithfully, yet retain the look and feel of a painting.

Keith exhibits his work in and around Lower Vancouver Island area as well as the lower mainland. He has received a number of awards and has been juried into numerous art shows. Keith lives and paints here on the Saanich Peninsula. He was born and raised in Vancouver and received his 4th Diploma from Vancouver Art School (Emily Carr College of Art & Design) and a B.Ed from UBC. Keith is a member of the FCA, SPAC, and local arts organizations.

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**UPCOMING CONFERENCES****CHRISTINE JOHNSTON****Two exciting international conferences from Denominational Affairs Coalition****IARF is the International Association for Religious Freedom to be held in August 2018 in Washington DC**

It was established by Unitarians in 1893 and included liberal groups from all religions. It is open to anyone who is keen and not just leadership people. Christine Johnston has attended all these congresses since 1993, inspired by the Rev. Phillip Hewett who was a staunch supporter. In 1999, several of us at First helped host the one at UBC. They are held every 4 years only. The upcoming World Congress, which will take the form of a broad interfaith Conference, will be held at the end of July/beginning of August 2018 in Washington DC, USA. The Congress is being organized by our member group, the Unitarian Universalist Association, the US Chapter and the co-sponsors, the United Religious Initiative and Religions for Peace USA. It will be the sixth Congress in the United States (the last one was held in 1987 in Stanford, CA.)

**International Council of Unitarians and Universalists Meet in the Khasi Hills of India, February 2018**

During the next International Council of Unitarians and Universalists Conference, February 11-15, 2018 in the Khasi Hills of Northeast India, UUs from the world over will explore the multifaceted nature of shared global faith and strive to better articulate that shared faith. Participants will hear from several keynote speakers, each speaking not only to the unique expression of UUism in their faith community, but also about bridging the differences in faith expressions to become a stronger, more united voice for religious freedom in the world. Participants will gain experience in multicultural religious conversations and explore how to share those conversations with their faith communities.

For details about the conference, including cost, how to get there, applying for a tourist visa, and registration, please refer to the CUC brochure.

## *Path to Membership*



*Are you new to our church?*

*Have you just discovered our church or are you a Unitarian from elsewhere?*

*Would you like to know more?*

We know it can be daunting to get to know people when everyone seems to already know everyone. And we know it can be hard to get to know us in the coffee hour. So, if you would like to get to know us better, we hope the steps below will help.

### **STEP ONE: Drop by the Visitors' Table**

You will find it near the front of the Sanctuary. Ask questions. Fill out a Visitor Welcome Form on which you can indicate if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, weekly electronic mini-newsletter, be connected to your Neighbourhood Group, or have your own name tag.

### **STEP TWO: Church Orientation, TBA**

This is a gathering for all newcomers, whether you have just walked through the door or have been coming for several months and want to know more about us, whether you eventually become a member, or choose to be a friend of the church. The Orientation provides basic information about our congregation and ways to make connections.

### **STEP THREE: Considering Membership, TBA**

This session will help you determine whether you would like to officially become a member of our church. Whether you join right away, not yet, or not at all, the session will be informative and enjoyable, as we will be talking about things that matter in a small group setting with warm and interesting people.

Events are held Sundays after church service, in the Farmhouse Common Room in the building just north of the main Sanctuary building. A light lunch will be available and child minding is provided on request.

To sign up for either or both of these events, or if you have questions, please contact Chris Wulff (Intern Minister) at [Chris@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:Chris@victoriaunitarian.ca) or (647) 708-2622.

### **STEP FOUR: Application for Membership**

Fill out the application found in the membership packet. Submit the application and a financial pledge or contribution to the office. Your name will be read into the membership records at the next board meeting. Voting privileges commence 60 days after and you will be recognized at the next New Member Ceremony.

### **Another event to watch for:**

Periodically, a two-part event called **Introduction to Unitarian Universalism** is offered which is designed to give more in-depth information about UUism. Whether you are not yet a member, a new member or have been a member for a long time, if you wish to know more about our denomination, this is for you.

**BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST**

- 1 Galina Coffey-Lewis, Frank Monaghan
- 2 Oceanna Hall, Sharyn Alexander
- 3 David Hoadley
- 5 Lies Weijs
- 6 Dolores Appleton, Kym Hines
- 7 Sylvia McDonald, Demetrius Lynngood
- 8 Kimberly Bramadat, Frances Dearman
- 9 Marya Nijland, Glenys Thompson
- 10 Madelaine Clarke, Mel Johnston
- 11 Susan Breiddal, Karen Lee Pickett
- 12 Don Mills
- 13 Diane McLaren
- 18 Sally Murphy, Katherine Jones,  
Lynda Mazerolle, Linda Siegel
- 20 Linda Stanton
- 21 Emma Lentz, Bill Glassman, Brandon Niven
- 22 Karla Thomson
- 24 Rosanne Beuthin, Marie Drew
- 27 Patrick Conroy
- 28 Astrid Firley-Eaton
- 30 Sandra Emerson
- 31 Herb Girard

**BOARD MEMBERS ON DUTY**

- Aug 06 Marion Pape
- Aug 13 Rebecca Mellett
- Aug 20 John Worton
- Aug 27 Lorna Anthony

**CONTACT CHANGES**

**Henry Amick** (new address)  
 2441 Wilson Pl  
 Port Townsend, WA 98368  
 734-994-1004  
 Henry encourages you to look him up if you happen to cross the strait!

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 778-352-2219  
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**CHILDREN’S INTERNATIONAL SUMMER VILLAGES**



As you know, for three weeks in July, much of First Unitarian’s buildings and grounds were transformed into a summer camp hosting 30 youth aged 16-19 from around the world.

The office is pleased to report that our CISV (Children’s International Summer Villages) guests were delightful and courteous, and everything ran smoothly.

Special thanks to John Tiffany for all his work in facilitating this rental, and to the Farmhouse tenants, Mado and Brad, for their accommodation, troubleshooting and availability.

The “**Man Cave**” aka church library (and other property) now returns to your regularly scheduled programming.

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**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

**AUGUST**

For a comprehensive listing of First Unitarian Church of Victoria Events and happenings, please see the full calendar at <http://victoriaunitarian.ca/members/events/>.

August 6	SUNDAY SERVICE in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM / coffee time in Lion Hall after
August 7	BC DAY (statutory holiday)
August 13	SUNDAY SERVICE in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM / coffee time in Lion Hall after
August 15	MINISTERS BACK
August 18 – 20	UUIIN Summer Camp @ Shawnigan Lake
August 20	SUNDAY SERVICE in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM / coffee time in Lion Hall after
August 27	SUNDAY SERVICE in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM / coffee time in Lion Hall after

Other August happenings around FUCV to be aware of:

July 30 – August 5	Sanctuary floor refinishing (Sanctuary, Lion Hall & both kitchens unavailable)
August 14 – 15	Lion Hall floor replacement (Lion Hall & kitchen unavailable)
August 26	Wedding rental in the Sanctuary and on the grounds

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