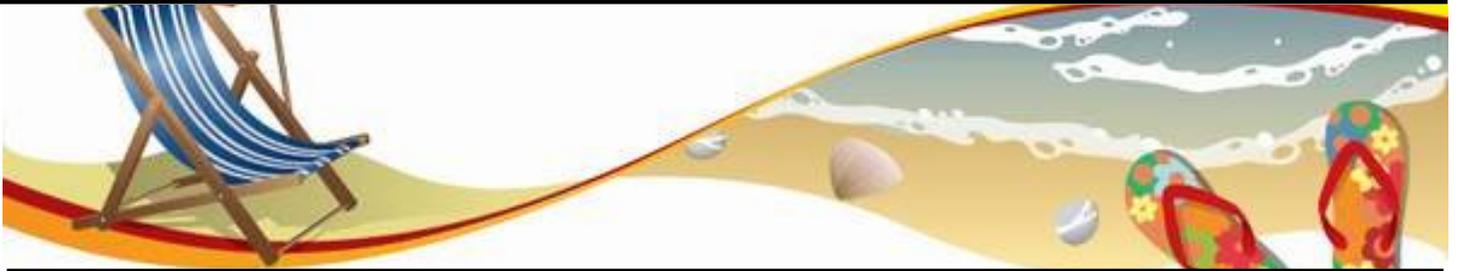




# *The Victoria Unitarian*

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

## SERVICES IN JULY



**Worship Service and Children's Spiritual Exploration at 10:30am. Child-minding available 10:15am—noon.**

**July 2**                      **Pride Service: Rainbow Connections**  
**Anna Isaacs and Arran Liddel**  
**Worship Associate: Anna Isaacs**

Like any culture, queer culture changes over time. With these changes, we see ourselves and each other differently, both inside and outside of queer communities. We will share stories and reflections about how evolving queer identities offer a more nuanced understanding of love & inclusion...and, of course, some fabulous music!

Biography: Arran moved to Victoria last year from Toronto (though he is Scottish) with his partner, Gen, to be near the ocean and the trees. His work has focused on building community as well as training and facilitation on issues related to healthy relationships, sexuality, conflict resolution and restorative justice/practices. He is currently doing a Masters of Divinity, focusing on earth-based spiritualities, at Cherry Hill Seminary.

**July 9**                      **Understanding Truth, Healing and Reconciliation through a Memorable Journey**  
**Amanda Tarling**  
**Worship Associate: Doug McGinnis**

Based on a day long experiential workshop, this is a unique and powerful service in which Amanda will lead us in re-creating an ancient First Nations community and then allow history to unfold around us. Come join us for an extraordinary and moving Sunday Service.

Biography:  
Amanda Tarling is one of the Lay Leaders of Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation and no stranger to First Unitarian. Amanda has served many years as a Lay Chaplain and presents workshops for Lay Chaplains at the provincial and national level. An avid hiker and yogini, Amanda is passionate about finding spirituality in the forest. She graduated from McGill University in 1986 and lived in London for 10 years. Amanda is married with two amazing children including a son with disabilities.

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*Services continued...*

**July 16**

**Stoic Philosophy**

**Russell McNeil**

**Worship Associate: Larry Boldt**

Stoicism is a very simple philosophy. Everything in the universe is interconnected as in a web and governed by a universal natural law. Human beings are in this web, so are subject to the same laws as everything else. The human mind or psyche, as the Greeks referred to the soul, is not mysterious or alien – it is a natural power we all harness to take action – to do things with our lives. We call this power “reason.” The Stoics were guided by a natural – yet divine - “law,” called Logos that rested firmly on the real laws of nature, or physics. Stoicism requires absolute authenticity and brutal honesty.

Biography

Russell McNeil has a PhD in Physics from York University. As a graduate student in the 1970s he pioneered a laser radar (LIDAR) technology which in its evolved form has been used to measure properties of the atmosphere from the surface of Mars (NASA "Phoenix" mission, 2010). In 2008 Russell wrote “The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius, Selections Annotated and Explained” for Skylight Paths. A life-long fitness enthusiast, Russell is certified as a Personal Trainer. Russell is also one of two lay chaplains at FUFON in Nanaimo.

**July 23**

**Hinduism**

**Suresh Basrur**

**Worship Associate: Susan Layng**

Our guest speaker, Suresh Basrur, practises and is a scholar of the Hindu faith. He participates in inter-faith activities in Victoria and speaks to audiences about Hindu religion, philosophy and practices, having authored many articles on this topic. Some of us know him as a patron of Child Haven International, which is a charity our church supports. We are not sure at press time what aspect of Hinduism he will choose to speak on, but come anyway!

**July 30**

**Principles and Virtues**

**Peter Scales**

**Worship Associate: Oliver Belisle**

What does it mean to be virtuous, and how does this goal manifest in our Unitarian Universalist principles? Which of the classical virtues match the UU principles, and which virtues have we abandoned?

Biography:

Peter Scales joined both of Victoria's congregations when he moved here from Kingston in 2004. After 21 years as a federal servant he semi-retired to part-time work as a historian, philosopher and old-car tinkerer.

*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  
 AUGUST ISSUE OF THE  
 NEWSLETTER IS  
 JULY 18**



**Please save those great books  
 you read this summer for our**

**Giant Book Sale  
 Saturday, September 23**

If you cannot store your books until September, **please do not put them in the church library or the Farmhouse hallway.** Instead, please put them with the other books in the storage space under the Sanctuary.  
**Also, please do not donate textbooks, encyclopaedias, Reader's Digest Condensed books, computer books, or magazines.** They don't sell, so please put them in your recycling.

**Wilma Neilson is turning 90 in late July!**

Though Wilma is no longer able to attend church and the family is planning a small private celebration, we thought it would be nice for Wilma to hear from her church family on this special event. A birthday book of good wishes has been created and is awaiting your greeting!



Two ways to get your greeting included:

1. The book will be circulated around church events and will be available most Sundays.
2. Write what you would like to have put in the book and email to [greenlygrove2@gmail.com](mailto:greenlygrove2@gmail.com).

Thank you  
 Lisa and Kellina

**SEL****FAYE MOGENSEN**

## SElections on Summer and the Playground

Summer, a time for play, and a time to be restored. It's the season that, more than any other, beckons us outdoors. Because we know that at this time of year some of you prefer the "church of the sandy shore," the SEL-CY program and its usual volunteers take a break from June 25-Sept 3.

Because we know that some of you also like the inspiration of a church service in summer, we offer child minding for children up to 11 years, and we welcome older children as helpers. Our childminder-on-duty will be assisted by a rotation of adult volunteers. If preferred, families are welcome to stay in the sanctuary or enjoy the service in the Lion Hall where there is no worry about making noise.

Over the past year, we have continued to talk, think and research ideas for the Nature Playground and agree that we'd love to see the children on a structure like this:



To see some of our other ideas, please check the display in the Lion Hall and watch for an upcoming on-line poster or slide show. Please also watch for upcoming announcements about a workbee. With the help of a local contractor, we hope to be able to build at least one major component, or a few minor components of the playground. If you have questions, please contact Lesley Duthie [lcduthie2016@gmail.com](mailto:lcduthie2016@gmail.com)

Also on our mind is programming for the coming year. There is much talk in Unitarian circles about restructuring our approach to church to meet shifting family needs. Over the summer, I encourage you to reflect on your vision of the ideal family ministry - what is it that you and your family long for at the church? In the fall, we'll gather together to create a communal vision and a plan going forward.

I will be away from my regular duties at the church until late August, and wish you some lazy summer days, with lots of time to reflect and enjoy the beauty.

Faye Mogensen  
*Director of Spiritual Exploration and Learning for Children and Youth*

**VALUED ELDER RECOGNITION****BETTY SHERWOOD****Valued Elder Recognition Award (VERA)**

We have had a request from the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health for a nomination for a Valued Elder Recognition Award. Last year Barbara Nyland was recognized. Would you like to nominate someone from the church who has contributed much in the church and the wider community as a volunteer? (This is not limited to our Elders, 'elder' here refers to an older adult.)

The rules are that “You can nominate one, and only one, of your qualified older adult volunteers by completing a nomination form, along with their bio and four or more letters of support.”

If you have a person you would like to nominate, e-mail me. ([bsherwood@shaw.ca](mailto:bsherwood@shaw.ca)) I will choose at random one of the names suggested and send out to the nominator the guidelines and forms to fill out. They must be sent to the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health at UVic before July 21st.

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

**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 [greenlygrove2@gmail.com](mailto:greenlygrove2@gmail.com) or (250) 415-0016.

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

## 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>
Suellen Guenther	250-727-0454	<a href="mailto:sguenther@shaw.ca">sguenther@shaw.ca</a>
John Hopewell	250-721-3920	<a href="mailto:hopewell@telus.net">hopewell@telus.net</a>
Margot Lods	250-920-3893	<a href="mailto:mlods@shaw.ca">mlods@shaw.ca</a> -
Mary-Ellen Nicol	250-590-4107	<a href="mailto:nicolme@yahoo.com">nicolme@yahoo.com</a> -
Hanny Pannekoek	250-385-2299	<a href="mailto:hannyhugo@shaw.ca">hannyhugo@shaw.ca</a>

### 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 [churchoffice@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:churchoffice@victoriaunitarian.ca) 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; Congregational President Lorna Anthony [lranthony@shaw.ca](mailto:lranthony@shaw.ca)/250-592-4831; or Ministerial Intern, Chris Wulff [chris@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:chris@victoriaunitarian.ca)/647-708-2622 (cell/text).

### UUIIN 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

Christine Johnston and Kristina Stevens, with the help of Rula as translator, phoned Turkey recently and talked to Khadijah to get an update on how the Sari family is doing. Khadijah told them they now have a two bedroom suite for the 6 of them and her sister's family have their own suite nearby. Her husband's new boss is very kind and includes him in his drive into town for work. They are getting by financially. Three older children all did well in school, while four-year-old Maya gets taught mostly at home. The children are geared up to come to Canada and play games with their cousins such as: "That plane up there is our plane taking us to Canada." Their cousins reply by saying the next one passing is theirs and it is bigger than their cousin's, so they will get there first. Khadijah added they have hope that they will not always have to live this way.



Your Refugee Steering Committee is trying to hold onto hope as well, but if we don't have news of the family's arrival by July 31, we will have to give the landlord 30 days notice that we will not renew the lease. We will then need to vacate the suite by August 30. If you donated money to the refugee fund, please know that Roberta has worked regularly with Sanaz on her monthly budget this past year, and her expenses are on track to come in on budget. The church continues to hold the money set aside for the Sari family in trust until they finally arrive.

The committee continues to look for ways to encourage the Canadian government to fulfill its promise to settle privately sponsored refugees whose applications were approved by the end of March 2016. The Sari family passed their interview and medical exams last May and were told they should receive their exit visas within three months. They have now been waiting over a year. Many other sponsorship groups find they are in the same situation we are in. We receive conflicting news from the government that 99% of the interviews are completed and most of those refugees have arrived. Really? We also hear the government has seriously reduced the number of privately sponsored refugees they will admit to Canada this year. It is hard to know what is actually true. So, here is what we are doing:

Kristina is contacting April Hope at the CUC, again, to try to find out the actual status of the Sari family. The CUC is our Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) and there are 104 SAHs across Canada.

Christine and Kristina were interviewed on the 6:00 Global News on June 9. See the text of that interview at <http://globalnews.ca/news/3517447/vancouver-island-activists-call-out-federal-government-over-canadas-refugee-backlog/>

We are in contact with the group, Canada4Refugees. A member of that group recently published an article in Macleans. Here is an excerpt from that article:

A group of 24 Windsor Law students and faculty recently delivered an open letter to Prime Minister Trudeau and Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen, with the signatures of nearly 700 academics, students, refugee settlement workers, sponsor group members, advocates and concerned members of the community. The letter contains four calls to action:

1. Significantly increase overall the number of resettlement spaces available in Canada for 2017 and beyond;
2. Clear the backlog of (Syrian and other) private sponsorship applications;
3. Lift the private sponsorship cap for Syrian and Iraqi refugees;
4. Facilitate family reunification more effectively for Syrian and other refugees in Canada, through private sponsorship and/or a streamlined extended family reunification category.

Anneke Smit is an associate professor of law at the University of Windsor and a member of the national steering committee of Canada4Refugees. She has also run a pro bono program matching lawyers and law students with private refugee sponsorship groups.

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For the complete article, see: <http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/canadians-have-turned-a-blind-eye-to-the-liberals-refugee-failures/>

**We are sponsoring a letter writing campaign after church on June 25** with resources provided by the Anglican Diocese of BC. Look on the SRC shelf, at a table in Lion Hall, or in the church office for copies of a fact sheet, letter writing tips, sample letter, and government addresses. Those same resources are on pages 8-10 of this newsletter. **For electronic copies of these items, please contact Christine Johnston, Susan Layng, or Suellen Guenther.**

## Refugee Fact Sheet.

Below are a few of the facts and points of view that you may wish to include in your letter.

It is probably advisable to make only one or two points in a letter.

There is a perception, at least, of increased racism in Canada  
*Request greater efforts to combat racism including increased education*

The allocation of refugees to enter Canada in 2017 is less than half the number accepted in 2016.  
*Request that the numbers are increased. We have groups of people and money ready to support newcomers.*

The time it takes to process refugees to enter Canada is unreasonably long. In many instances the wait can be as long as five years after the application is made.  
*Request that Canadian Visa offices are more comprehensively staffed so that the wait times for refugees living in vulnerable positions can be substantially reduced.*

At present the system works on an annual planning cycle only, meaning that future planning by private sponsors and by settlement agencies is difficult and only short term.  
*Request that the federal department of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada (IRCC) work with Settlement Agencies and Sponsor Agreement Holders (SAHs) to develop long term planning for the entry of refugees as newcomers to Canada.*

One of the increasingly difficult elements of settling newcomers is that of housing – both accessing and affording appropriate housing.  
*Request that the Government pays particular attention to this issue – pointing to the need for a National Housing Strategy that includes increasing the number and affordability of houses for newcomers.*

Experience tells us that many refugees live in dangerous and traumatic conditions, often for many years before they enter Canada.  
*Request an increase in medical services for these families and individuals, including mental health services and trauma specific counseling services.*

The Federal Liberal Government has done a number of things that you may want to recognize as positive. These include bringing 45,000 refugees into Canada in 2016 (including 25,000 people from Syria) and making strong statements of welcome to those who are fleeing persecution and famine.

**Sample Letter and Government Addresses on page 10**

# 8 top letter- writing tips

## **1 Give the facts**

Give as much information (date and place of the violation, names and other facts about the victim) as possible. Name the human right that has been violated. This will convey that you are informed as well as concerned.

## **2 Follow the facts and instructions given**

Each appeal includes instructions on what to say in your letter. Be sure to follow these exactly—if the action asks for a prisoner to receive medical treat, say that—don't ask for things that aren't included in the instructions.

## **3 Be brief**

A short letter is adequate and certainly better than no letter at all. Describe your concern in the first sentence and make a request in the second. A good rule is not to write more than one page (one side of a paper).

## **4 Be courteous and respectful**

Remain impartial. Avoid making reference to any particular religious beliefs, cultural norms or political ideologies.

## **5 Base your appeals on known facts (not personal opinion)**

Human rights are based on international laws and obligations. Letters are more persuasive when they are based on these obligations. Political judgments or jargon are not effective and can sometimes do harm.

## **6 Make it personal**

Use your own voice. Writing a letter in your own words and with your own style will be more effective than a form letter. You may also wish to give an idea of who you are as this indicates that the letter is genuine and that people of all ages and walks of life are interested in the case.

## **7 Watch your language**

Even if you are writing to a country where English is not an official language, a well-written English letter is better than a letter in another language that may contain mistakes. In the same manner, if you are fluent in another language and feel that an appeal may be more effective written in that language, write away!

## **8 End with a request**

It can be very effective to end your letter with a question that asks for action (e.g. “Have you initiated an inquiry to find those responsible for carrying out these attacks?” “Can you write back to me with news about the steps you have taken to address this troubling matter?”).

**Your letter**

**Keep it short**  
Odds are an intern is reading your letter and deciding what to do with it in 15 seconds.

**Date:** Standard but important.

*March 16, 2017*

**CC.** you write 2 copies of the same letter, one to each person.

*House of Commons  
Parliament Buildings  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6*

**Underline for emphasis.**

**Be confident.**  
The research is correct

**Polite**  
**Respectful**

*Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:*

**To the point:**  
In a single sentence indicate what you are writing about.

*I am writing to thank you for your ongoing commitment to welcome refugees to Canada. I am also calling on you to increase the targets for 2017 for refugee resettlement.*

**What you want:**  
A simple "to do" list.

*I am also calling on you to increase the resettlement supports, including ESL classes, for newcomers to Canada.*

**Ignore minor Errors:**  
Just keep writing...

**Courteous**  
Right to the end.

*I look forward to your reply.*

**Sincerely** **Signature**  
Your signature + name & address  
add authenticity

*Marjorie Smith  
401-906 Blandford St  
Victoria*

**Hand-write your letter.**  
Make sure it is legible.

*A five-minute hand-written letter has more influence than 200 emails.*

# Letter Writing Campaign

## Government of Canada Contacts

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, M.P., Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, M.P., Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship, Ottawa

### Local MPs

- Gord Johns (Courtenay – Alberni)
- Randall Garrison (Esquimalt, Sooke, Saanich)
- Sheila Malcolmson (Nanaimo – Ladysmith)
- Elizabeth May (Saanich – Gulf Islands)
- Murray Rankin (Victoria)

Address for all (no stamp necessary):

House of Commons  
Parliament Buildings  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6



UUIN NEWS

The UUIN would like to spread the word about upcoming events that are open to all interested Unitarian Universalists on Vancouver Island and surrounding Islands.

We are better together!

**Islands Chapter of CUSJ**

Meets monthly in Victoria.

You can participate via Zoom from the comfort of your own home.

Contact [leslieucv@gmail.com](mailto:leslieucv@gmail.com) for more details

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

All weekend, or  
just Saturday

FOR ALL AGES!

August 18-20, 2017

Easter Seals Camp Shawnigan



**Registration Deadline: August 1st—Register & Pay Today!**

Volunteer camp coordination provided by the **Unitarian Universalist Islands Network**  
(Comox, Nanaimo, Salt Spring, Capital & Victoria Congregations)

[viucamp@unitariancongregation.org](mailto:viucamp@unitariancongregation.org) | [viuc.unitariancongregation.org](http://viuc.unitariancongregation.org)

*Hold the Date*

**Unitarian Women's Retreat September 15 – 17, 2017**

Bethlehem Retreat Center, Nanaimo

Contact Janice Hocking [tjhocking@shaw.ca](mailto:tjhocking@shaw.ca) for more information

The 28th **Annual HeyUU Men's gathering** will be held September 29th to October 1st 2017 at the Sasamat Outdoor Centre near Port Moody. This is an amazing gathering open to all those who identify as male. For more information please visit <http://heyuu.ca>.

**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:** Convenor, Pat McMahon writes, "Esquimalt will meet Friday June 16, 6:00, at Pat McMahon and John Lancaster's for a potluck dinner, and again Friday August 4, 6:00 at John and Gloria Hopewell's for a potluck." This NG will say a sad goodbye in August to Pat and John, who are moving to Salt Spring Island. However, they will also be able to give a warm welcome to their new convenor, Maureen Sherlock.

**Far Out:** Phyllis Aherne sends this news, "Eleven folks from the Far Out group met for a lovely lunch at Amica at Beechwood Village in Sidney, Saturday June 10. Several of our members/guests/friends are residents there and we were introduced to a former member, Irene Miller, from the North Shore Unitarian Church in Vancouver, who is now a resident at Amica. Irene was a friend of Penny Furnes's sister. Penny is one of the Far Outers. Irene graciously invited us to view her apartment and gave us a short tour of the facility.

Clare Vipond was presented with a small bottle of sparkling wine and some roses to thank her for her 'Care and Concern' for our group over the last year and Margaret McKelvie was welcomed and thanked for her gracious acceptance of the C&C position for the coming year(s). Our next gathering will be in Sept. when Phyllis Aherne will host a pot-luck lunch at her home. Have a great summer."

**Grand Central:** Marya Nyland sends this appreciation, "Thanks to those who helped with the Goodies for June, and also to Suzanne and Jen from other NGs/groups who participated in providing cakes! I am hoping to organize a get-together at the end of August...stay tuned for details."

**James Bay:** This NG gathered recently for a potluck on May 27 for a potluck at the home of Lynn Hunter and Don Armstrong.

**Nearby:** In the absence of a convenor, Nancy Dobbs passes along this message, "Pam Harte is hosting a Nearby Potluck on Saturday, June 24. Thank you, Pam. Several months ago, Nearby's Sylvia McDonald moved to the mainland to be closer to daughters and her granddaughter. Sylvia was in the Chalice Choir, the Women's Choir and she taught voice lessons to a number of church members. We miss her!

**Oak Bay:** Tiff writes, "Oak Bay NG had a June 3rd afternoon casual drop-in at Jim Jordan's home for the last neighbourhood group gathering before summer. A dozen members showed up and afterwards walked to nearby Gonzales Beach. OBNG is providing goodies at coffee hour in July. We will have our next potluck in September."

**Royal Oak East:** Hanny Pannekoek writes, "Royal Oak East had its second gathering of this year on June 6. We met in the common room of the farmhouse, where Suzanne, Ross and Jean, who hosted the evening, had organized a very inviting and attractive set up. We were only with 12 of us, smaller than ever, but enjoyable in a more intimate way. We had our sharing circle after appetizers and before dinner. Our main topic was about how to best include and care for our aging members, our own and those among the whole of the congregation. When they end up in a care home the additional challenge is that they will move out of the neighbourhood. We acknowledged that our neighbourhood group is experiencing a transition, in adjusting to having four of us recently moved from their homes into residential living, and one of us feeling increasingly isolated. Our next gathering will be on September 5."

**Royal Oak West:** Fran Hancock has a request and an appreciation. "Please let me know if you are willing to host an afternoon summer or autumn potluck in your home or at a nearby park. Lynne Bonner, originally from Cobble Hill, is looking forward to meeting others in our neighbourhood group. Kudos to our members who volunteered their time for projects to help out the Service Auction as it was a great way to build a sense of community while getting to know others better in our church."

## *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 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 on Sundays, after the 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.

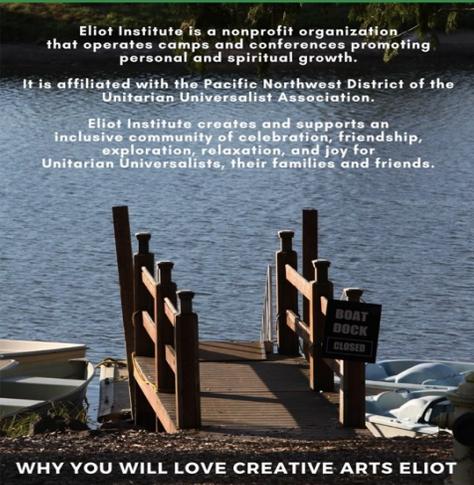
To sign up for either or both of these events, or if you have questions, please contact **Chris Wulff (Intern Minister)** at [Chris@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:Chris@victoriaunitarian.ca) or Cell (647) 708-2622.

### **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.



Eliot Institute is a nonprofit organization that operates camps and conferences promoting personal and spiritual growth.

It is affiliated with the Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Eliot Institute creates and supports an inclusive community of celebration, friendship, exploration, relaxation, and joy for Unitarian Universalists, their families and friends.

**WHY YOU WILL LOVE CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT**

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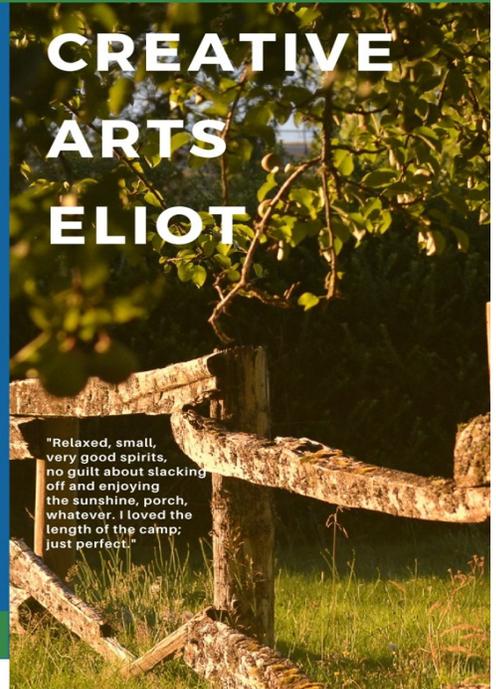
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**CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT**



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Creative Arts Eliot (CAE) is an all-inclusive (meals, lodging, activities!) vacation connecting you with friendly Unitarian Universalists, their friends and family. You'll participate in activities that enable you to relive your youthful camp days.

Creative workshops take place in the morning; children aged 10+ years old are included. There is a children's morning program for those who are younger. During the afternoons and evenings, campers lead organized activities of all kinds: swimming, dancing, games, concerts, crafts, and more. Take part as you like or savor time simply visiting with others or enjoying a good book or nap.

Come experience joy, relaxation, and renewal with us at Eliot Institute. Everyone is welcome!

With a fantastic view of the Olympic Mountains, Creative Arts Eliot is located in Seabeck, Washington, USA

"[I loved] the deep connections made through sharing art. The vibrant Eliot spirit [is] evident in this new camp."




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Below: 12-year-old photo camp (Photo Workshop)



**LOCATION & LODGING**

Creative Arts Eliot is held at Seabeck Conference Center in Western Washington, an easy trip from nearby cities.

Tall cedar and fir trees shelter the conference grounds on the edge of Seabeck Bay with inspiring views of the Olympic Mountains.

Lodging is assigned based on your preference (basic to deluxe). Scholarships and volunteer credits (some positions) are available.

"It [CAE] is almost indescribable. The mix of people; the willingness of most to share and be openhearted. The sanctity of each group, each was its own organism which was nurtured and then gave birth to beautiful creations. The supportive atmosphere, [and], the opportunities for people, in one group, to interact with others not in their group."




**WHO ATTENDS CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT**

Creative Arts Eliot is inter-generational which means you'll see babies and seniors plus everyone in between. Do you see yourself in one of the below categories? If yes, you'll fit right in!

- Kids (infants to 17 years with guardian)
- Young Adults (18-25 years or self-identified)
- Singles (with or without kids) of all ages
- Couples (with or without kids) of all ages
- Empty-nesters
- Grandparents (with or without grandkids)

Is your child 9 years old or younger? The morning children's program generally includes a balance of active play and exploration with arts, crafts, and/or science offerings.



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**ABOUT CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT**

Creative Arts Eliot promises to be a relaxing time for exploring your creativity! Camp is 5 days long and attendance tends to be approximately 100 people.

Camp includes many of the Eliot activities we know and love: small groups, daily worship, evening activities, and waterfront swimming, with the added bonus of a morning workshop with an artist!

Art categories may include: Visual, Hands-on, Music, Technical/Digital, and Literary Arts (dependent on the year/teachers).

See [www.eliotinstitute.org](http://www.eliotinstitute.org) for exact dates

**BIRTHDAYS IN JULY**

1	Lisa Greenly and Hanny Pannekoek
8	Nate Harris
10	Mary Cramer, John Worton and Nan Fairchild
12	Myra Rippon
13	Judy Gaylord
15	Farrell Boyce, Suellen Guenther and Shannon Roberts
16	Jim Black, Christine Selder
17	Al Hoffman, Thomas Ovanin, Katherine Maas
18	Marg Rose
19	Penny Pattison
20	Caroline-Tashish Rentz
22	Sheri Tromp
23	Natnael Mellett
24	Wilma Neilson
25	Ray Travers
26	Don Vipond, Joan Bennett, Henry Amick
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30	Kisha Bramadat Chesterman, Janice Hlady, Laurel Westinghouse, Jasmine Taylor
31	Katherine DeMille

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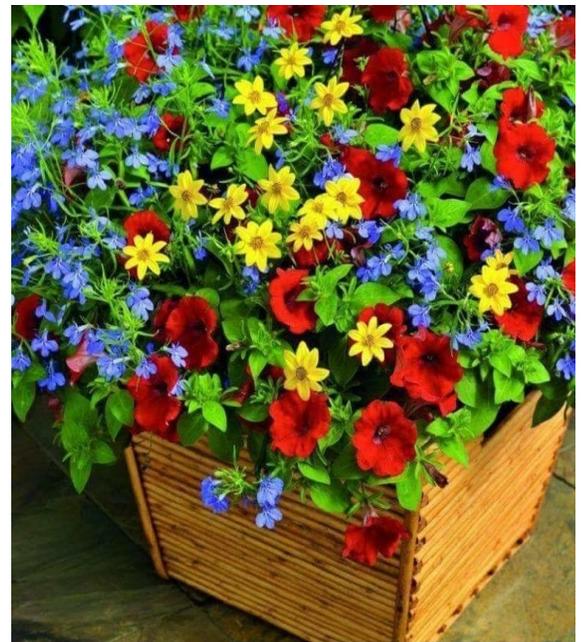
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Jul 09	Lorna Anthony
Jul 16	Susan Layng
Jul 23	Karen Furnes
Jul 30	Nancy Dobbs



*Then followed that beautiful  
season...Summer...*

*Filled was the air with a dreamy  
and magical light; and the landscape  
Lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood.*

*~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>JULY</b>			

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

7/1		CANADA DAY	
7/3		STAT HOLIDAY (Canada Day)	
7/2	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	SANCTUARY
7/9	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	SANCTUARY
7/16	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	SANCTUARY
7/23	10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SERVICE	SANCTUARY
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