



Introducing Quarterly Newsletters

You are reading the very first quarterly newsletter of the North Shore Unitarian Church!

As we discussed the effectiveness of our communications last year with staff and lay leaders, many commented on the need to better use online communications tools, like keeping our website up-to-date. We realized that most of the content in the monthly newsletter, which always took a significant amount of time to organize and produce, might better serve as updates on the website that could then be “teased” and linked from our weekly Friday e-Bulletin.

So this year we are experimenting with exactly that! We will put out a quarterly newsletter to keep information flowing about the broad scope of the church year. The most up-to-date and timely information will come once a week in the e-Bulletin, and be reflected on our website. The monthly columns from the newsletter, such as messages from the Ministers or Board President, will also be published as blog posts on the website, and the beginning of the column will appear in the weekly e-Bulletin with a link to the full column.

Thanks for bearing with us as we experiment with this change. Your feedback is welcome and appreciated! Next June, we will evaluate the new approach and decide how to proceed.

~ Rev. Marcus



Walk for Reconciliation

Join us on Sunday, September 24th at 9:30am the 2017 Walk for Reconciliation in Vancouver. The Walk for Reconciliation is a positive movement to build better relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. Now is the time to transform and renew relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. The act of walking and sharing our stories joins us in a commitment to create a new way forward for reconciliation. All are invited and welcome to join in the support the spirit of ‘Namwayut - We are all one.

The Walk follows a 2km route from Cambie and Georgia Streets to Strathcona Park. Rev. Emily will be attending, along with other UU ministers from the area. All Unitarians attending are invited to meet at the Playhouse stage door on Cambie at Dunsmuir. More info [HERE](#).

Note: There will also be a regular Sunday service happening during this time at North Shore Unitarian Church, with Rev. Marcus preaching. We hope you will attend where you feel drawn to connect on this special Sunday morning!



Two of Sarah Calvin's images from the Anti-Islamophobia march on August 19th featuring NSUC's Carla Mandy and Sonya Wachowski.

small group ministries

One of the greatest gifts of community is being known and seen. One opportunity to connect more deeply in the North Shore Unitarian Community is through joining a small group. This Fall we will begin small groups centered around the theme that we focus on each month during Sunday Services. These small groups will gather at the church or in people's' home once a month for intentional sharing and reflection. Each month, participants will receive a packet of materials on the monthly theme and are invited to try a "spiritual exercise." These exercises are accessible and do-able for atheist, agnostics and theists alike — and certainly the discussion is richer with a wider range of perspectives and experiences.

This year our church offers a small group ministry drawn from **Soul Matters** resources, a sharing circle of hundred of Unitari-



an Universalist congregations. You can learn more about the Soul Matters approach [HERE](#). The content will align with our monthly Sunday service themes, but perhaps more important is **the process**. Rooted in the Quaker teacher Parker Palmer's model of "Circles of Trust," deep listening and quiet companionship make space for supporting one another as we listen to sources of wisdom within and without.

If you would like to participate in a Soul Matters group, please click [HERE](#) or contact Janni in the church office.

If you are drawn to facilitating or co-facilitating a group, please get in touch with Rev. Marcus and plan to come to church Tuesday, September 26th 7-9pm for a facilitator training and orientation. The success of these small groups depends greatly on the commitment of facilitators, so please consider stepping into leadership in this vital ministry! There will be plenty of support along the way, including a monthly group for the facilitators that will be led by Rev. Marcus.

Wounded WORDS

Navigating the Minefield of Religious Vocabulary

with Rev. Marcus

God. Worship. Prayer. Sin. Feeling uncomfortable yet? How about **Salvation, Soul, Faith** or even **Church**?

We live in a world where religion shows up in the headlines more often associated with violence than peace. Many of us have painful childhood memories associated with religion, or have chosen to make a break with the traditions of our families over important values. Many of us, especially my cohort of urban Millennials, are probably more likely to regularly hear spiritual talk at a commercial yoga studio than in a religious community.

So what do these "wounded words" really mean? Where did they come from and how did their meaning develop over time? What happened to wound them so deeply for so many of our ears? And why do people continue to use them and what meaning does the progressive theology of our tradition make of them?

This series will be held the first Sunday of each month, October-June, in the Sanctuary from 12:30-2:00pm. We'll take one word each month and explore its history and meaning in our culture and in our lives. Drop-in for one session, come when you can, or join me for the whole series—no registration required. Looking forward to having this conversation with you!

Journeys of Greatness, Sparking Your Own.

October 4th, 7pm
at NSUC

Living
EXTRAORDINARY

10 Local Heroes. 7 Minutes each. An evening of Inspiration.

Living extraordinary means living your gift. Having a message and speaking it. Your art, gift or talent comes from a place of power and certainty. To live extraordinary means you are on a journey of self exploration and your purpose in life is to continuously explore and deepen your truth. **Living Extraordinary** is an event where local heroes share what they have learned on their journeys of greatness, and inspire you to embark on your own. Speakers provide touching, thought-provoking messages that are the catalyst for conversations, shifts in perspective and ah-has.

All are invited
to this FundFest event on
Wednesday, October 4th.
Tickets are \$25
(all proceeds go to NSUC).
Registration and more info [HERE](#),
or contact Janni in the church office for details and payment.



Cronies

The Cronies are friends who get together twice a month (the second and the fourth Thursdays) to exchange warm stories of our everyday events and experiences. Join us at 12:30pm at the church for our next 3 sessions: **September 14th and 28th, October 12th and 26th, and November 9th and 23rd.** Bring a bagged lunch; we provide the tea. We love to see new faces! Questions? Call Joanna at 604-904-9535, or call Nora (if you can't reach Joanna) at 604-925-6111.

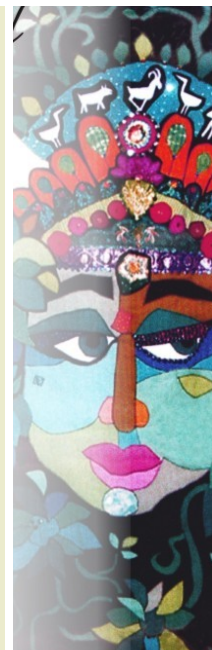
Cakes for the Queen of Heaven

This five-session series, facilitated by Judith Gordon, will explore the role of females in our religious heritage.

Our objective is to revisit the religious myths and symbols of the ancient world where female images and experiences were central and to explore the shift from goddess to god.

We will reflect upon the fact that myths continue to reflect and support modern social structures. This series will focus more on the historical aspects of feminist theology than the spring session.

Sessions will be held from 10am to noon on the following Wednesday mornings: October 4th & 18th, and November 1st, 15th, & 29th.



Our Mission is to empower people to live with greater depth, meaning and purpose. We welcome all to our caring community, foster spiritual growth free of dogma, and inspire actions in the service of life.



Parenting By Connection: Five Tools to Support Parents with Children Ages 2-6

with Hollie McBeth

Can parenting be easier? More fun? Parenting is a tough job, and every parent needs support. In this course, Hollie will share five tools that will help you to connect better with yourself and your family. These tools are from the Hand in Hand Parenting approach, which is based on two observations: First, when children feel connected, they learn readily, love easily, and become caring leaders among their peers. A healthy parent-child connection enables a child to fully access his intelligence and ability. And second, when parents feel connected with their children and with other parents, they have greater success at solving problems at the heart of family and community life. Parenting really can be more fun, and more meaningful. Join us to explore these tools together and receive support for the ongoing challenges and rewards of parenting. **We need at least six participants to sign-up to run this class.**

“YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT YOUR CHILDREN.
THEY ARE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF LIFE'S LONGING FOR ITSELF.
THEY COME THROUGH YOU BUT NOT FROM YOU.
AND THOUGH THEY ARE WITH YOU YET THEY BELONG NOT TO YOU.
YOU MAY GIVE THEM YOUR LOVE BUT NOT YOUR THOUGHTS,
FOR THEY HAVE THEIR OWN THOUGHTS.
YOU MAY HOUSE THEIR BODIES BUT NOT THEIR SOULS,
FOR THEIR SOULS DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF TOMORROW,
WHICH YOU CANNOT VISIT, NOT EVEN IN YOUR DREAMS.”

~ Kahlil Gibran

19th century Lebanese poet and writer

This course includes a Saturday workshop on September 30th, 10am-2pm, and then four Wednesday evenings (October 11 & 18, November 1 & 8, 6-8pm) — all at NSUC.

For further questions, please contact Hollie directly : hmcbeth@me.com.

To RSVP, and for information about childcare during this class, please email Rev. Emily: emily@northshoreunitarians.ca

Hollie is a parent of two young children living on the North Shore with her family. She is a former early childhood educator, an artist working in the film industry and is currently studying to become a Hand In Hand Parenting Facilitator.

For more information on the Hand In Hand Parenting approach please see: <https://www.handinhandparenting.org/>



Parenting As Spiritual Practice

with Rev. Emily

**First Sundays of the month
starting October 1st 12:30-2pm**

Parents are often busy and pulled in many directions. Finding time and energy to slow down, breathe, set intentions, receive support and listen deeply can be few and far between.

Join Rev. Emily for a monthly centering practice specifically geared towards parents, followed by facilitated listening time and conversation on how to approach parenting with more compassion—for ourselves and the little people in our lives.

This is a drop-in monthly opportunity, open to anyone with children under the age of 20. Childcare will be offered, but please RSVP one week prior to Lynn Sabourin so we can plan for your families' needs:

Lynn Sabourin
604-926-1621
lsabourin@northshoreunitarians.ca



From Our Co-Ministers

This August, we have been soaking up the abundance of summer life — long beach days, lazy afternoons in the shade of parks, joyful street festivals, and warm evenings with ice cream on the front porch. In recent weeks, our attention has been pulled from these delights back to the cries of the world and, in particular, the struggle for racial justice and inclusive democracy across North America. We live in heated times — not just the summer weather — but the heat of this moment in the world.

As we have been preparing and planning for the church year starting this September, we reflected together on what we learned and heard from North Shore during the Hopes and Histories conversations held last year. A common refrain was “We came for our children, we stayed for ourselves.” People shared memories of the sweetness of connection on group hikes, camping trips and in parties. People remembered stories of past social action achievements — helping resisters flee the draft during the Vietnam war, standing up for reproductive rights outside Lion’s Gate hospital, the work of building interfaith community on the North Shore and supporting the birth of the North Shore Multicultural Centre.

Over and over, we heard people express a longing for meaningful social action — a sense of wanting to have as much impact now as the church did in previous eras. We believe this is possible, and we are excited and eager to build momentum together, and with community partners. When we asked what breaks your heart, we heard

you speak about families in poverty and the challenges of affordable childcare, global warming and environmental crisis, alienation, addiction and our community’s opioid crisis, youth who don’t have community or mentorship, and elders who are lonely and isolated. We also heard you talking about race and culture, and the journey, laced with grief and hope, toward reconciliation with First Nations communities. You offered exciting visions of things we might do together, like more music programs for children. You suggested large scale projects as well, like opening a youth center to reach out to youth in our community and supporting them in struggles with loneliness, isolation, alienation, addiction. You spoke of building an affordable childcare center that could be a model for more throughout the region, or partnering with a First Nations community to support an important infrastructure project like access to clean water.

Our times call us to dig deep for values and commitments that will sustain us on the long road of helping to heal the world. We must look to the past to celebrate our accomplishments that we may build on our strengths, but also to acknowledge our shortcomings and grieve them. We are called both to respond to the immediate needs around us — to show up and demonstrate when the forces of xenophobia, of anti-Islam, of white supremacy gather, to resist violence here and now — and also to build a way towards the beautiful future we know is possible. It takes moral imagination and open-hearted courage to

Revs. Emily & Marcus Hartlief



build for the future amidst all that is broken and breaking around us. Cynicism, despair and hopelessness are the easy way. Our faith calls us to the deeper path. All those who have come before us and lent their energies toward bending the arc of the universe toward justice have placed their hope in life, in humanity, in us here and now to continue this work.

In my moments of existential frustration, when I (Marcus) feel like throwing up my hands and walking away in despair, I sometimes feel Margaret Mead’s hand on my back as I call her well-remembered words to mind: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Last week on a walk, I (Emily) noticed a small sugar maple tree whose leaves have already begun to change to yellow and orange. Even in the midst of the summer heat and sunshine, signs that the season is changing are before us. Let us be a part of the greater change of this world, contributing all that we are to shape a season of sweeter justice and courageous love.

Children's Program



Lynn Sabourin,
Director of Lifespan Learning

I hope that a lot of folks took Emily and Marcus' advice on relaxing and unplugging for a while this summer. This was also the theme of our Eliot Institute family camp at Seabeck in August, which was attended by a number of us NSUCers (our congregation had the highest attendance of any individual church). Summer is a perfect time to give this a try and, while some of us have difficulty getting started, it is wonderful to come away with some different perspectives and fresh energy.

We have been gearing up for our fall start to a new program year and, thanks to Joan Cox (who helps me with all the clerical details) and Janni Kretlow (our wonderful Administrator, who offers us technical/computer advice), we will be ready for all our families as they return. We're all looking forward to a new program year!!



Nursery

Our youngest children, ages 0-3, will be cared for by Gidget Dutour who is a professional daycare provider, from 9:30am to 12:30pm (9:30am-2pm on the first Sunday of the month). If numbers warrant it, she will be assisted by some of our trained youth caregivers.

3-6 Year Olds

The 3-6 year olds will be in the **Spirit Play** program with adult guides who have been specially trained. Each week a story is presented using manipulative materials.

Wondering questions are posed for the children to consider. Following this, the children are free to choose their "work"; either an art activity to respond to the story or to re-tell a story themselves. The weekly story and its related materials are stored in baskets and will be available to the children. The teacher becomes a guide rather than a leader, creating a safe and sacred space for children to make meaning of their lives.



7-8 Year Olds

The Primary Group (7-8 year olds) will field test a curriculum from the Canadian Unitarian Council, called **Truth, Healing and Reconciliation**. Kay Welwood, Sam Moller and I will take on-line training in how to lead this program focusing on the values embedded within our Unitarian Universalist (UU) principles and the Indigenous values shared through the Seven Grandfather Teachings. It will include experiential activities and discussions of our principles and themes of belonging, acceptance, fairness and standing on the side of love. There is

a call to action at the end of each session and home link pages to help parents support their children at home.



Children and youth between the ages of 8 and 13 are invited to participate in our fun and vibrant choral program with Music Director Alison Nixon. The focus is on developing healthy singing techniques in a joyful and creative environment. More info [HERE](#) or in the Church Office.

Children's Program



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Special Thanks!

The Rod Stewart building is a whole lot lighter and cleaner thanks to a hard working crew who sorted, purged and scrubbed the storage areas out there. Thanks to Joan Cox, Cara Elrod, and Elizabeth Cody-Rutter who were there for both days and to Marcia Stephenson, Sonia Mackrow, Ruth Sherwood, Pat Meyer and Anne Mayall who joined us for one day.

All 108 Spirit Play baskets were sorted and replenished thanks to Elizabeth Cody-Rutter and Susanne Krebs who diligently and patiently went through each one. We're all set for the new program year now!

9-10 Year Olds

The Middle Group (9-10 years) will be using a program called **Love Connects Us** which celebrates important ways UU's live our faith in covenanted community. Moved by love and gathered in spirit, we embrace responsibility toward one another and the world at large. We encourage one another's search for truth and meaning and thrive to be active

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11-12 Year Olds

They're back!! Jessica Motherwell and Bill Richardson will lead the Intermediate Group (11-12 year olds) in their program called **Inquiring Souls** which is now in its third year. They create the program with the participants as they explore/investigate answers to their burning questions. Each week one of the kids' questions is brain

stormed and, as they do, a number of them create a large graphic of their findings. A combination of drawings and words summarize the discussion and remains as a reminder of their exploration. It is an exciting and creative process, the results of which will be seen on the walls (and ceiling) of Room 305.



Welcome to Ariel Hunt-Brondwin our new Youth Program Coordinator and Connections Coordinator!!

Ariel has been in the position of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Development at the Canadian Unitarian Council since 2010. She formed connections and relationships, significantly built the youth and young adult programming, and helped improve CUC processes in this role. We are very fortunate to have her join us! Welcome also to her husband Chris Wulff and son, Rowan! Henry will now have a playmate in the Nursery.



Ariel Hunt-Brondwin
Youth Program Coordinator
& Membership Coordinator

It's funny how cyclical life can be. Growing up, I was a dedicated Youth Group attendee at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver (you might even say I attended religiously!) — so I always knew about North Shore. But in my teenage mind, it was always 'that church over there, across the bridge.' Meeting some of your youth at Cons, and once attending a worship service here with my Coming of Age mentor, were the extent of my knowledge of this community.

When I began working for the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC), that ignorance was quickly lifted and I discovered what a vital and thriving community NSUC is. Over my years with the CUC, I had the pleasure of meeting and working with a number of your staff, and with leaders of all ages — especially your Youth Program Coordinators. Imagine my surprise and delight when life unfolded in just the right series of turns that I found myself moving back to Vancouver and to take on a new role serving this church. Seems pretty full circle doesn't it?!

Serving as the Youth and Young Adult Ministry staff for the CUC was an incredible experience. I was especially inspired by the youth leaders I collaborated with, mentored and learned from. And it was in doing this often high-level work of planning regional and national events and creating resources and policies to support healthy youth ministries, that a desire grew in me to work more closely with our incredible teens and incoming Young Adults. I craved the opportunity to walk along side our growing, forming young people without all of our interactions and connections being based around their ability to be organized youth Con staff! I felt a call to form deeper relationship and to minister to and with youth whether or not they were able or interested in being leaders. I wanted to get to know them for who they are, with all of the gifts and frailties they might bring with them.

However, because of my experiences being both a Young Adult and a newcomer at the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, the Kingston Unitarian Fellowship and the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto (all congregations where I was involved for several years at time) and of becoming a leader of the new member orientation at Toronto First - I also know what it's like to join a new congregation and feel passionate about making that process of joining and belonging truly one of welcome and inclusion and reflective of our Principles' high aspirations.

Serving your congregation's newest members, along side your growing teens, seems to be exactly the role I had been yearning for — and in a way takes me right back to the beginning. I can't wait to meet you and begin this journey with you!



Youth Group Fall Schedule

Youth Group: meets at the church Sunday nights starting September 10th (start time is usually 7pm, but sometimes is earlier so see the online church calendar for details).

YAC Meetings: September 17th, October 15th, November 5th.

Youth Ministry Team Meetings: 12:30-2pm on September 17th, October 15th, November 19th.

Coming of Age (COA): Wizard of Oz Event on September 22nd-23rd, monthly meetings 4:30-6:30pm on October 22nd & November 19th.

Halloween Haunted House & Potluck: October 29th, 1pm set up, 5pm potluck, clean-up following.



ACTING AGAINST RACISM: Strategies for Moving Forward

September 14, 7-9pm
Kay Meek Centre
1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

Keynote Speakers: Sunera Thobani & Handel Kashope Wright
and Panel Discussion Moderated by Margaret Gallagher

Acting Against Racism

Have recent national and international events made you feel uncertain or helpless about what you can do to prevent racist or discriminatory behaviour on the North Shore?

Racism is not new and neither is Islamophobia, but police-reported hate crimes have recently increased in Canada, leaving many of us wondering how we can avoid being victims or bystanders.

This forum on September 14th at Kay Meek Centre in West Vancouver aims to connect people in our community and share strategies and actions we can take together and individually. [Sunera Thobani](#) will be the Keynote Speaker. More info [HERE](#).

Join Rev. Emily and other members of the Social Action Team at NSUC to continue the momentum of resiliency and hope as active participants who see building an inclusive North Shore as a top priority.

Tickets are free but please RSVP to 604-973-0457 or www.nsiip.ca/acting-against-racism

POWER privilege & Social Justice

**Power, Privilege & Social Justice:
A Study Group**
facilitated by Cathy Strickland

"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are." ~ Benjamin Franklin

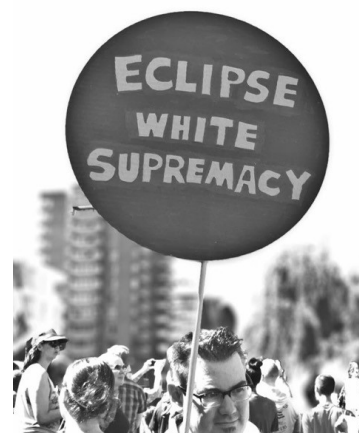
*"If you are not outraged, then you are just not paying attention".
~ Lisa Borden*

Three of our Unitarian Principles call us to serve social justice in all our actions:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

This study group will explore the dynamics of power and privilege and how they impede true and lasting social justice. We will use the lens of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) to remove our blinders about the privilege we hold and how it prevents us from realizing our Unitarian principles. Then drawing on our collective knowledge, we will explore the lessons from various social justice movements to identify what we can do to create the change we want to see in the world.

This study group will be facilitated by Cathy Strickland and Athene Lohan. The group will meet the first and third Friday evenings of every month from 7:30 until 9 pm at the church. The first session will be held on Friday, October 20th and the group will continue until May. There will be an information session for those interested on Sunday, September 17th at 12:30 in RS305 after church.





Canadian Unitarian Council's Western Region Fall Gathering

October 13-15th in Calgary, Alberta

Does your congregation need to re-energize itself? Are you looking for ways to refresh your purpose, to position yourself for growth, to become better known in your communities, and to attract a young and energetic demographic? Join us in Calgary at the 2017 Western Region Fall Gathering to hear strategies for attaining these goals, to take part in an invigorating session on Truth, Healing and Reconciliation, or to enjoy an engaging arts and music stream.

Full details, the schedule, and registration info are available at <http://cuc.ca/western-region-fall-gathering>.



Share Your Story: A Sermon Writing Workshop

Saturday, October 28th, 1-6pm
at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver
facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts

More info [HERE](#). To register: contact UCV Worship Committee chair, Way Kent at 110395@telus.net or phone the UCV office (604-261-7204). Cost \$35 if you register by September 30th. \$50 if you register October 1st to 22nd.



First Aid & CPR Class: October 28th

Registration is now open for a First Aid & CPR Class we're hosting on Saturday, October 28th. Pricing, information, and registration is available [HERE](#), or contact Janni in the Church Office (604-926-1621 or info@northshoreunitarians.ca).



Artarians

In September, Josephine Harrison will display her art in the Sanctuary. Josephine, North Shore artist, writer, and humanitarian is a natural watercolorist who also works in textile collage and bronze. She enjoys the natural beauty of the BC coast. The inspiration for her present series, "A New World Dawns" expresses her interest in all those who are working towards a new and better world for humanity and for all the kingdoms of nature.

In October, Janell Hilton will coordinate a photographic exhibit. In November, look for quilts and children's art.



Jammin' With the Band

All are invited to participate in this informal jam session at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary on the following Fridays: September 8th, October 13th, and November 10th. Bring a musical instrument, or sing along. All ages and skill levels welcome; the emphasis is on having fun.

~Paul Jaffe



Outreach/Inreach

Unless otherwise marked, half of all our offering basket collections on Sunday mornings are given to the charity for that month. During **June**, we collected \$603.63 for the [North Shore Women's Centre](#). There were no services in **July**. In **August**, we collected \$561.83 for [Child Haven International](#). Our Outreach Recipients for the fall:

September: [Kwi Awt Stelmexw](#), a Squamish arts and education organization.

October: [Sheway](#), a program in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver that provides health and social services to pregnant women and women with infants who are dealing with drug and alcohol issues.

November: [North Shore Lookout Society](#), which provides housing and a range of support services to adults with low or no income.

Congratulations

to Paul Symons, who again received a \$500 grant for NSUC from the **CN's Railroaders in the Community** program.

The funds will go toward Youth projects.

From the Library

Norma Elrod's compilation of *Celebrating 50 Years of the North Shore Unitarian Church* is now available in your library.

We also received many donations. From Lynn Sabourin: *Chaos, Wonder and the Spiritual Adventure of Parenting* by Sarah Conover and Tracy Springberry (ed.) and *In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby* by Mark Morrison-Reed; from Marcia Stephenson: *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War* by Artemis Joukowsky; from Jasha Ramsay-Latter: *No One Has to Die Alone: Preparing for a Meaningful Death* by Lani Leary, Ph.D.; from Reverend Fran Dearman: *The Art of Thinking Clearly* by Rolf Dobelli, *52 Ways to Ignite Your Congregation: Practical Hospitality* by Randy Hammer, *Children of the Same God: The Historical Relationship Between Unitarianism, Judaism, and Islam* by Susan J. Ritchie, *A History of Religion in 5 1/2 Objects: Bringing the Spiritual to Its Senses* by S. Brent Plate, and *A Ministry of Presence: Organizing, Training, and Supervising Lay Pastoral Care Providers in Liberal Religious Faith Communities* by Denis Meacham. Thank you to all donors.



where will your journey take you?

an introduction to
North Shore
Unitarian Church

a launch pad for
the next leg of
your spiritual path

a three-week series
on Wednesday evenings
from 7-9pm
October 18th
October 25th
& November 1st
To sign up email:
info@northshoreunitarians.ca



childcare
available by
request for this
event

B&G

Building & Grounds

Chairs, tenant changes, trees, custodian work and plumbing were the main B&G items this summer.

We now have 34 very comfortable, interlocking and versatile chairs in the sanctuary thanks above all to our amazing anonymous donor.

John Biasucci, Jonathan Fountain, Mark Mayall, Brian McConnell, Brian Welwood, Barrie Forbes, and staff had input regarding their choice, ordering, unpacking, installation, or required pew and orange chair removal.

As of July 1, Lesley McCrae ended a successful tenancy in our "Chelsea House" building. Kuddles Day Care assumed the lease and with small adjustments to our current space usage in RSB, our properties continue to be rented and providing income. A certified plumber inspected and cleaned our 6 furnaces and 2 boilers. Two small valve replacements will be done in the fall.

In response to a dangerous tree incident in the spring near the entrance at Mathers, I consulted with the President, a tree expert associated with our community, and a tree company of his recommendation. Three trees were identified as trees to monitor, and two dead trees to the west of the driveway were designated for partial or complete removal. This and removal of brush piles will take place in September.

Our custodian Tom Fullerton, having billed fewer hours than budgeted in recent years, has indicated a willingness to take on more jobs. Conversations between him, staff and B&G are underway to work out the details. Replacement of the collapsing entrance way planter, outside chair storage and recycling storage at Kuddles are some of the projects being considered.

We are in conversations with West Vancouver District about our most recent water/sewage bill, an increase from about \$750 to \$1500 for the same period. Having replaced our water meter, WVD agents tell us that there are no leaks (we knew that), that under 30 cubic metres of water is too little (we're closed in the summer and have only 2 small timed sprinklers) and that we have been undercharged for years. Knowledgeable input about this is welcome.

~ Brian McConnell, B&G Chair

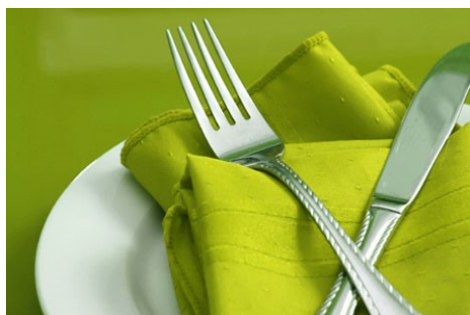


Help Make the Most of Our New Projector and Screen!

We have heard lots of excitement about the new possibilities our projections system enables for our Sunday Services! It was a joy experimenting with it last June, seeing everyone looking up and singing out as we shared hymns with words on the screen.

In order to make the slides a rich and integrated part of our weekly services, we need a team to help make it happen! If you'd like to be involved in this visual ministry by contributing to the slideshows or occasionally running the projection on Sunday, please contact Rev. Marcus.

Whether you'd like to join this A/V team or not, we would love anyone to contribute photographs we can use for slides. Please send high resolution photos you think might make good material for a service (landscapes and still life images are especially useful, but feel free to send anything you think might work) to Janni. Please only send photos you've taken yourself or know that we have permission to use.



Circle Dinners are times to enjoy conversation and food with different groups of people. Held on the last Saturday of the month, dinners generally have 6-8 people. Hosts provide space, beverages, and hospitality; guests bring potluck dishes tailored to the dietary needs of the participants. Dates are: September 30th, October 28th, November 25th, January 27th, February 24th, March 31st, April 28th and May 26th. To participate as a guest or host, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board downstairs, or contact either Joy Silver or the Church Office.



John Slattery is again moderating Theologians' Café sessions at the West Vancouver Seniors' Centre this fall, the second Thursday of each month from 2-4pm:

September 14th: Compassionate Care in Hospice Work

Presenter: Kathryn Nicholson, Registered Clinical Counsellor at Vancouver Hospice. Caregivers often describe their experience in hospice work as extraordinarily re-

warding and uplifting, and the hospice itself as a "house of love". This presentation will explore the aspects of end-of-life care in a hospice setting: care of patients, their families, and also the emotional impact of this work on the staff who are providing that care.

October 12th: The Divine Lure

Presenter: Rev. Marcus Hartlief. What if anything that anyone ever does is an attempt to meet beautiful human needs? So queries psychologist Marshall Rosenberg. But what are human needs? And how can we make sense of the human capacity for evil? Let's explore how to make sense of Rosenberg's work by viewing it through the lens of *Process Theology*, opening the doors to fresh and enlivening ideas about the

human-divine relationships that satisfy the intellect as well as the soul.

November 9th: Jihad: What does it really mean for most Muslims?

Presenter: Mahammad Shujaath Ali Nadwi, Imam Masjidul Haqq, Vancouver, BC. A great deal of confusion exists among non-Muslims over the extent to which followers of ISIS do or do not follow the Koran and the hadith. What do the majority of Muslims *really* say about Jihad and the justification for armed struggle?

Lay Chaplains

Our Lay Chaplain and Ministers perform Rite of Passage and Life Transition Ceremonies to mark important milestones.



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