



Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation

The Capital Letter

VICTORIA, BC

2013

I shall take my voice wherever there are those who want to hear the melody of freedom or the words that might inspire hope and courage in the face of despair and fear. My weapons are peaceful, for it is only by peace that peace can be attained. The song of freedom must prevail.

Paul Robeson



Peter Scales and Amanda Tarling at the Canadian Unitarian Council's Annual Conference and Meeting Calgary, May 18th - 20th. For more information see the article on page 3 and the photos on page 4.

Sunday Services in June

June 2nd Jan Greenwood "**One person's spiritual Journey**" Wonderings and wanderings among religious denominations and tenets, philosophies, nature, books and friends. Are there answers?



June 9th Peter Scales "**Why Unitarians Marry**" Unitarians are famous for marrying same-sex couples but why do Unitarians conduct weddings at all? Why do some people like conducting weddings?

Peter has been a lay chaplain for six years and has performed over 60 weddings.



June 16th Rev. Shana Lynngood "**Spirituality for Atheists**"

Is there such a thing as a spiritual atheist? How do we, as a theologically diverse community, gain insights from those in our midst who are atheists? What might a spiritual practice for atheists be? This morning we will look at atheism as a spiritual perspective.

Rev Shana Lynngood is one of the co-Ministers at First Unitarian Church of Victoria.



June 23rd **Rosemary Morrison's Installation as Lay Chaplain and Peter Scales' Retirement as Lay Chaplain**



June 30th Youth from First Unitarian Church of Victoria including Gemma Tarling presenting the play they wrote "**Coming out Straight**"

Join us for this excited collaborative effort.

All services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at The James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street, Victoria, BC. Child care is provided free of charge with our Children's program.



Board Notes

Making Decisions Together

If I have my calculations right, we had the 15th Annual General Meeting of Capital on May 5th. The meeting was attended by 23 of our number, 19 Members and 4 Friends. Highlights from that meeting included:

- Reduction of Capital Connects from 25% of unidentified donations in the plate, to 20% in order to give us more capital for our operations.
- Thanks to the support of our Members and Friends, and an aggressive review of our costs, our financial situation remains good and a stalwart budget for 2013-14 was passed. We are very grateful to Rita and Jim for painstakingly reviewing our finances and tightening up our financial practices.
- Our Lay Chaplains, Rosemary and Dana, were ratified. The role of Lay Chaplain is high profile and demanding and we thank them for taking on that commitment. We also give our sincere thanks to our very productive outgoing (in both senses of the word) Lay Chaplain, Peter Scales.
- Jim Rogers and Ben Dolf were confirmed as our Nominating Committee, the committee responsible for finding Members to serve on the Board. We anticipate needing new members for the next Board.
- We appointed our Independent Bookkeeper, the person who reviews the work of our ongoing bookkeeping to ensure that we are on track.
- We had a presentation by Dyanne Lineger on planned giving – thanks Dyanne.
- Peter raised the issue of our deliberations about improving our sound system.
- Finally, we are very thankful to Muriel Buchner for her recent service to the Board, only a part of her long service to Capital. Her incisiveness will be missed.

With the many, many details of the AGM behind us, your Board will be moving on to a host of engaging issues that have been waiting in the wings for their turn. Watch this space for more news. For example, I have had the great pleasure of reading texts from Peter and Amanda as they were immersed in a sea of new ideas and fellow Unitarians in the CUC AGM in Calgary. I think their tangible excitement and sense of renewal may be contagious.

With respect,

John Pullyblank, Secretary



News

The 16th Unitarian Women's Retreat will be held on the weekend of September 20-22 at the Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo. For information please contact Patricia Hofstrand at phofstrand@shaw.ca.

The Neighbourhood Church in Toronto is Organizing a `Mindful Trip to India. If you are interested please see the events calendar at www.cuc.ca or cut and paste this link to your browser:
<http://www.nuuc.ca/Journeys/2013India.htm>



If you have an idea for a submission for the newsletter the deadline is Monday June 24th for the July & August Edition. Please send poetry, articles or photos to Amanda.

My thanks to Audrey Woodward for her wonderful editing skills.

Birthday's in June

June 6	Bel Paul
June 14	Kathyrn Poirier
June 20	Audrey Woodward
June 22	Peter Scales
June 24	Winnie Cooper

If your Birthday is missing please let Amanda know 250 382-6828

CUC ACM Calgary May 2013

If you possibly can reserve the May long weekend of 2014 for a trip to Montreal, that's where the next AGM will be held and I can not encourage you strongly enough to attend. This year I was asked to present the Lay Chaplain workshop on Outreach so I got the chance to stay on for the ACM.

What an experience. Let me give you an idea of what I did: Friday I took the `Queer Ritual` for Lay Chaplains, that I can now facilitate here on the Island. Friday evening was an inspiring Opening Ceremony followed closely by a wonderful Keynote given by Dr Rev Mark Morrison-Reed. Saturday morning at 7am I joined the `Thinking about Ministry` breakfast, then attended the energetic Confluence lecture given by Rev Sean Newton from Toronto First. The theme of the conference was Diversity. Saturday I signed up for the for Sexuality and Diversity series of workshops that was incredible. (I would like to facilitate a day long workshop for Capital about why we need to be talking about sexual diversity at church.) Saturday at noon there was a special Lay Chaplains` lunch. Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning was part 2 and 3 of the Sexuality and Diversity Workshop pool. Saturday evening was the Youth and Young Adult worship followed by the Hootenanny, which was a blast. The evening included Liz and Mike Graham from FUCV singing ``I am Humanist, you are theist`. Sunday`s activities were the Sunday morning service, with the most wonderful music and drumming, the multigen workshops, I did one on The Church and Technology, followed by Congregational Dialogues and lastly the UU-UN reception hosted by the Director, Bruce Knotts who became a good friend during the conference. I was so sad when the conference was over I was inspired beyond my wildest dreams in all things Unitarian. I made so many friends and had a marvelous time. It was one of the best weekends of my life - thank you CUC. - Amanda Tarling



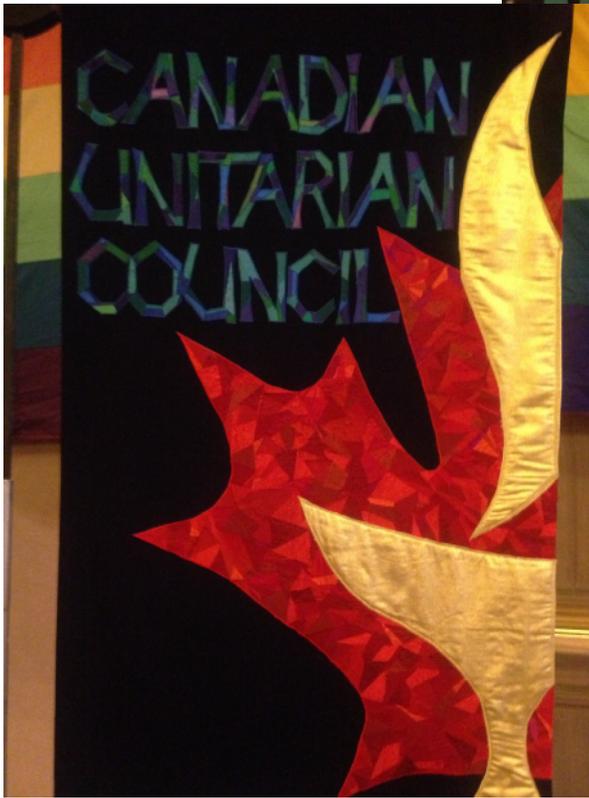
Pictures from the CUC ACM



Lay Chaplain's Outreach Workshop with Amanda



The ACM Opening Ceremony



A small part of the 300 plus Congregation for the Sunday Service at the ACM



The Young Adults



Vancouver Island Unitarian Summer Camp

(All of the following Summer Camp information can be located at
<http://www.unitariancongregation.org/capital/viuc/>)

COME AND JOIN OUR 51st ANNUAL AMAZING VANCOUVER ISLAND UNITARIAN
FAMILY SUMMER CAMP!

AUG. 9 - 11, 2013

CAMP PRINGLE at Shawnigan Lake

Reconnect with Camp
Rejuvenate your Spirit
Rejoice in Community

Welcome to a great time for all: families, elders, singles, you!

(just ask someone who's been to camp!)

- Spiritual Ingathering and Campfire
- Saturday morning programs for all ages
- Beach time: swim, sail, canoe, windsurf
- Talent show: music, song, dance, comedy
- Sunday Worship in the beautiful outdoor chapel
- Fellowship and connection all weekend long!
- all in a beautiful meditative atmosphere

Adult Programs: We will offer two morning time slots, each offering three programs to choose from:

- a talk/discussion on Theological Diversity
- sessions of Tai Chi and Qigong, and
- joyful and inspiring group singing

Youth Program (Age 13-18) Youth will have their own designated space where they will develop their own unique program led by qualified young adults.

Children's Program (Age 5-12) "Sharing the Joy of Nature"
is the theme of our children's program – sharing nature's
wonders and preparing a presentation for the talent show.

Wee Care (1-5 years) Responsible adults will take care of your
little ones.

To register or for more info, email
VIUCamp2013@hotmail.com



2013 VANCOUVER ISLAND UNITARIAN "FAMILY SUMMER" CAMP

August 9th to 11th, 2013

Camp Pringle at JShawnigan Lake, BC

FEES
(see below)

Camper's Name: M F Age____
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TOTAL =

Minus discount, if applicable =

AMOUNT DUE =

DIETARY NEEDS

(please list how many of each apply to your group):

Standard menu:

Vegetarian:

Gluten-Free:

Dairy-Free:

Vegan:

ACCOMMODATION TYPE (check one):

Rustic Cabin:

Tent/Camper:

Modern Building:

Other Allergies, etc.:

Special Requests, etc.:

Address:

City:

Prov:

Postal Code:

Phone #:

E-mail:

WEEKEND FEES
Adult 18+ \$130
Youth 13-17 \$105
Children 6-12 \$52
Preschool 3-5 \$32
Under 3 Free

DAY FEES
Adult \$42
Youth/Child \$22

10% Discount on Weekend Fees
(not Day Fees) is available for:
• Families of four or more
• Single-Parent families
• Early Birds!
Register by May 31st for this!

**DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS IS
JULY 31st.**

Make cheques payable to:
First Unitarian Church of Victoria

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