



Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation

The Capital Letter

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In time of silver rain
The earth puts forth new life
again,

Green grasses grow
And flowers lift their heads,

And over all the plain
The wonder spreads

Of life, Of life, Of life.

In time of silver rain
The butterflies lift silken wings
To catch a rainbow cry

And trees put forth
New leaves to sing
In joy beneath the sky.

When spring

And life
Are new.

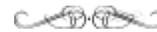
Langston Hughes

Sunday Services in February

February 7th Cindy Holder PhD **“Collective Responsibility for Wrongdoing”**

Many very damaging wrongs are the result of decisions made for, through and on behalf of a group. What responsibility do individuals have for their groups' decisions and acts? What does it mean to say something was done by the group? Examples include the Indian residential schools, systematic abuses of human rights for reasons of security, and corporations that abuse human rights to increase profits.

Children's Program



February 14th Amanda Tarling **“What's love got to do with it?”**

After Forum, Amanda & Peter will lead a recommitment ceremony for Alan & Elizabeth

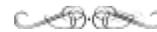
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Feb 21st Rosemary Morrison **“The Taboo of Death and Dying”**

How do we reconcile the fact that we are all going to die with the intense social pressure to remain young? The 'how to look and stay young' industry is booming at the same time as the inevitability of death is constant. This service will explore the taboo subject of death and dying in a death denying society.

Children's Program



Feb 28th Ben Dolf **“An Historic Opportunity to Reshape our Future”**

Thinkers and economists around the world acknowledge that the current economic models have failed and will not solve the problems we face. But this vacuum does create a chance for new (perennial) ideas. We have an opportunity to influence the creation of a more just, sustainable and humane public order. Let us participate in this effort and review ideas for a more peaceful world.

Children's Program



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

With the gradual return of the light after Solstice, we now see many manifestations of the quickening of Nature - snowdrops and primulas, flowering almonds and forsythia and, yes, even the under-appreciated and ubiquitous dandelions. So too are our congregational activities feeling that quickening.

A sure sign was Amanda's gung-ho participation in the annual wedding fair recently which resulted in 12 planned weddings so far this year. This not only familiarizes the greater community with the UU's presence and values but is also a source of revenue for Capital.

We have Amanda to thank once again for the prompt appearance of the CUUC directory, a necessary reference for our congregational communication throughout the year.

Yet again, our indomitable administrator, after approaching the CUC, has created and hosted 4 of 5 webinar workshops to date for some 20 lay chaplains from every province.

The board and congregants will rest much easier knowing that, in the continued absence of our dearly-missed Dyanne, our own Carole Smith has stepped up to the plate yet again to assume the interim duties of Kitchen Co-ordinator. We all recognize the importance of coffee/tea and treats as fuel for our Forum discussions. Please think about volunteering to help when asked. It's a great way to get to know people better.

On February 14th, we have the chance to celebrate the renewal-of-vows of Alan and Elizabeth, two longtime stalwarts of our congregation.

In conjunction with FUCV, we continue to work for the re-settlement of a Syrian family and likely one or more at-risk gay individuals. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may contact Rita Wittman. Many may also like to save the Jamie Oliver stamps given out by Thrifty and drop them in the collection baskets. The refugee committee will use these to obtain cutlery for the new arrivals which will henceforth be more politely referred to as New Permanent Residents.

Lastly, we have two very important upcoming congregational events. First is our Annual General Meeting on February 21st. It seems as though we had one not long ago but our financial year now runs from January to December. Come and participate in "the use of the democratic process" espoused by our congregation.

On March 6th, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Capital, the little congregation that could. Watch for more details
Frank Bowie





News



Re-commitment Ceremony.

On Feb. 14th. Elizabeth and Alan will celebrate their past 40 years of marriage and re-commit to the next 40 years, celebrating life together, loving and caring for each other. Two of our Lay Chaplains; Peter Scales and Amanda Tarling, will lead us in this ceremony.

Please join us after the Sunday morning service and Forum for our brief ceremony and a lunch in the main hall at the JBAC on Sunday Feb 14th. The ceremony will start at approximately 12:15pm.
-Elizabeth and Alan.



Happy 101st Birthday Rustom.
(Winnie and Rustom at Thrifty Foods)

Birthdays in February

Feb 12	Anna Isaacs
Feb 17	Barbara Spencer
Feb 21	Alan Dawson

If your Birthday is missing
Please tell Amanda
250 382-6828

Board Meeting: Tuesday Feb 16th at 12:30
at Rita & Jim's House.

**Bengal Lounge Luncheon, with Brooke,
Feb 7th**

Capital's AGM – Sunday Feb 21st

Luncheon Feb 28th at the James Bay Inn,
contact Don for info 250 380-4959.



Food Security

Wanting to do something for local food security?

The Environmental Action Team of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria is focusing on food security in the coming months. As part of this we are establishing a pilot project to link congregation members who would like to grow food but have no garden space with those who may have an unused actual or potential garden plot available. If there is anyone from the Capital congregation who would be interested in participating please contact Judy Gaylord at 250 477 4773 or jgaylord@shaw.ca

Pillars of Food Security



Singing Happy Birthday to Rustom