

# Wendy's Words of Wisdom

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With Freedom of  
Religious Thought

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF KAMLOOPS

"How was your summer?"

It has been, for me, a summer of heart-opening.

No, not by surgery - at least not of the physical kind. Heart-opening is something that happens when I am able to open myself more, emotionally and spiritually, to the lives and the life around me. It happens when I allow enough space and time to let down some of the protective barriers I unconsciously defend.

Tears have flowed easily, simply out of emotion being close to the surface. Like when Janet and Dennis got married. Like when I heard that Jack had died.

*"My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world."* – Jack Layton, letter to Canadians, published 22 August 2011.

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I know that despite rumours to the contrary, neither the United Church nor the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is really "the NDP at prayer." But these words of Jack Layton's move and inspire me – and maybe you, too. Not a bad motto to live by.

A heart-cracking summer in other ways, too.

A visit to Quebec to see my mother, as she is moving in and out of mental acuity. Brings to consciousness that thin veil between life

and death, and before that, between yesterday and whatever the transitional period looks like for her; for me.

Heard with sorrow about the death of Bill Y., a long-time UU and a friend of this congregation. Brings to awareness the importance of being present to one's every moment – doing what one can to craft a life of meaning, and to reach out to others. Tomorrow is but a dream.

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## The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kamloops

meets on Sundays at the Valleyview Community Hall on Park St. in Kamloops during the months of September through June. (starting on the Sunday after the Labor Day weekend. )

For details on individual Sunday schedules, please see inside, or go to our **website** [www.uukam.bc.ca](http://www.uukam.bc.ca)

*We are a welcoming community, believing in the dignity of every individual and in freedom of religious thought.*

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## Wendy's Whereabouts

### Wendy's Words (continued from page 1)

Spent time with close friends, with whom my vulnerabilities seem less tender, with whom I can laugh and explore and pray, without needing to explain what "prayer" means, what the joke is about, or where the exploration is leading.

Encountered both joy and pain simultaneously present at a wedding. Twice. Such a gift of "real" life, both times.

This is what vacations are for; this is what Sabbath days are for – to give time and space to what is Real in our selves.

How was your summer? How was/is it with your soul?"

Shalom,

Wendy

### Use your minister well!

Typically I am in Kamloops on "my" weekend from Thursday early afternoon through Sunday afternoon. This year, as we will be holding regular worship services on the First and Third Sunday of each month (instead of the Second and Fourth), I will usually be there for the First Sunday (except September and January).

Contact Rev. Wendy directly to arrange a meeting, a visit, or any other kind of rendezvous, either while I am in Kamloops, or by phone or skype between trips. There are a thousand good reasons to call your minister, so please feel welcome to do so.

#### **Contact information:**

The most reliable way to contact me is by e-mail.

**Note :** that I do NOT check my cell phone very often except when I'm in Kamloops. E-Mail is the most reliable way to reach me.

Please let me know if you would enjoy a visit, or wish to talk with me about anything. We can meet in the UU Reading Room, (2nd floor of KUC), at your home, or somewhere else.

I will look forward to seeing you at the "Munch with the Minister" sessions, which are held on the Friday of my weekend in Kamloops. Bring your own lunch. Tea will be provided. EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Munch with the Minister :** Friday, September 16th  
Friday, September 30th

**BC Fall Gathering October 21 - 23** in Kelowna. Join with other UU's from around BC! See notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

## With Sadness

### Bill Y. 1964—2011

It was with great sadness that we heard this summer about the death of Bill Young, a friend of our Fellowship. Reverend Wendy has known Bill well for many years, and she writes this :

*"Bill was a part of this congregation, in a loyally occasional way, for the last three years. I knew him from his days as a member of the Kelowna Unitarian Fellowship, starting in about 1993. Born in 1964, Bill spent his early years in a one-room schoolhouse near Mission, BC, and then moved to Kelowna and graduated from Kelowna Secondary School. He was quite brilliant, intellectually. He received a degree from Okanagan College in computer science, and worked in that field, as well as working part-time as a care aid at a group home. Microsoft in Seattle was his employer for some years, before he moved to Kamloops.*

*Bill's sudden death on June 11<sup>th</sup> leaves to grieve his sister Janet and her husband Rick Senft, in Langley, and his niece Angie with whom he had a special relationship.*

*There will be a service of remembrance at the Kettle Valley Railway trestles near Kelowna, in late September: details to follow.*

### Horn of Africa Fund

East Africa is struggling with the worst drought in 60 years. Almost 10 million people now face severe food shortages. Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, and the Karamoja region of Uganda are all affected. Rising food prices and civil war in Somalia are deepening the crisis. Oxfam estimates that \$1 billion is needed to prevent a major human catastrophe. Just over \$200 million has been provided to date.

The CUC established a Horn of Africa Crisis Fund, to encourage our members and friends to donate to this important cause:

<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=d2314>

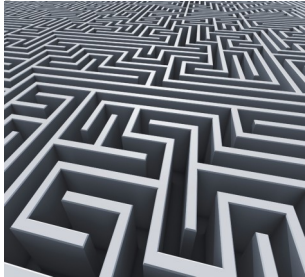
To target your donation, choose "Horn of Africa Crisis" as the "Fund/Designation." The Government of Canada will match all donations made through this fund through September 16th.

**Jennifer D.**, Executive Director  
Canadian Unitarian Council

# Upcoming Services

## SEPTEMBER

**September 4 : Pot Luck Picnic at the Labyrinth at noon**  
There will be NO service at Valleyview Hall on this day.



Instead, everyone is invited to meet at the Labyrinth at noon for a **“Welcome Back”** Picnic. Please bring a chair or blanket, plate and cutlery, a drink and a pot luck food item. There will be an opportunity to renew acquaintances, share a meal and then enjoy some quiet meditational time as we walk the labyrinth together. This replaces

the usual Summer Picnic in Riverside Park.

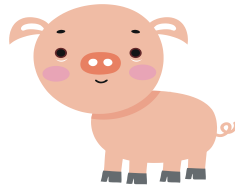
Please Note : There are NO washrooms close to the Labyrinth, so do the necessary beforehand.

Directions to the Labyrinth : The best place to park is in Pioneer Park. Take the footpath under the red bridge in the direction of downtown. It’s called the Rivers Trail, and will meander along beside the river. The labyrinth is on the left, about a 5 - 10 minute walk, depending on your speed.

**September 11 : Intergenerational Worship Service : “When Piglet is completely surrounded by water” : a dramatic presentation by members of the UUFK.**

10 a.m. @ the Hall

This is our annual water communion as we come together after the summer. We invite you to bring a sample of water from your summer travels , or just tap water, and share with the rest of the congregation your stories of the meaning and importance of water in your life.



**September 18 : Worship Service : “Loving, Hopeful and Optimistic”** led by Rev. Wendy McNiven. 10 a.m. @ the Hall.

The instruction from Jack Layton for us to be loving, hopeful and optimistic - that we might change the world, is a directive to take charge of one’s attitude towards life. In order to adopt such an attitude, it helps to be able to name for ourselves who or what motivates us, by laying claim to our hearts and our lives.

**Sunday School : Registration and Toolbox of Faith Part 1**

**September 25 : Chalice Circle : “Whose Am I?”** 10 a.m. @ the Hall

Referring to the September 18th sermon, we will look at “Whose Am I” — who or what lays claim to your heart.

## OCTOBER

**October 2 : Worship Service : “Whose are We?”** led by Rev. Wendy McNiven . 10:00 a.m. at the Hall  
This is the second part (following from Sept. 18th) of a two-part series about what it is that claims our highest allegiance. With whose lives are our lives bound up; to whom do we answer; whom do we love?

**Sunday School : Toolbox of Faith Part 2 “Facilitating a Chalice Circle — a short training seminar will follow the service.**

**October 9 : Chalice Circle : “Whose are We?”**

10 : 00 a.m. at the Hall

A follow-up discussion from the October 2nd service, focusing on the questions “What keeps us from living as we wish to do? What are the competing goods between which we must choose?”

**October 16 : Worship Service : “The Journey of a Seeker”** led by Jan G.

10 a.m. at the Hall.

The story of an individual life – of the intentional, dedicated search and unwitting discoveries of the meaning of events in one life. As well, the awareness that there are many gaps of not knowing or sensing what is happening.

**Sunday School :**

**Toolbox of Faith Part 3**

**Farewell Pot Luck Luncheon in honor of Jan G.**



**There will be a farewell Pot Luck lunch gathering after the October 16th service to give people a chance to say “Bon Voyage” to Jan.**

**October 23 : Chalice Circle: “The Journey of a Seeker”** 10 a.m. at the Hall

We will discuss Jan’s homily.

**October 30 : Intergenerational Worship Service : Pagan Celebration of “Samhain”.** Led by Heather A. , Mitch and Heather S. 10 a.m. at the Hall.

Pronounced SAH-win, Samhain is a holiday known by another name — Hallowe’en. It is celebrated by Pagans and non-pagans alike, as children dress up in costumes and collect candy. In ancient times, Samhain was believed to be the time when the veil was thin between the world of the living and the world of the dead. The ceremony will celebrate the cycle of death and birth, endings and beginnings.

*Getting to Know You..... This month*  
*This month featuring Heather A.*



I was born in, and spent the first five years of my life in Edmonton Alberta. My parents went against the grain (pun not intended, but it works!) of their southern Alberta family traditions of farming etc to make their lives away from their close immediate families.

I don't remember much from Edmonton, except the Government Buildings with the dome, which I called the "Oh Canada Building", and it being so cold in the winter that I broke off the signal indicator stick on the inside of my parents powder blue Volkswagen while I was waiting for my mom in the grocery store (yes parents left their kids in the car back then, no seat belts either!).



Heather, with her children : Lily and John - Hunter.

When I was five, we moved to Ottawa, where my family spent the next 23 years. Living in Ottawa, I spent most of my free time playing in the forests that surrounded our neighborhood, and so began my love for nature and the outdoors. Each season offered some kind of play opportunity. Fourteen foot winter snow banks, mounds of fall maple leaves and of course muggy summer days ending with amazing thunder storms.

I became aware early on that I was sensitive to others and wanted to be a helper, which I appreciate now as the foundation of my current vocation in massage therapy.

When I left home at 19 it was to attend Trent University in Peterborough Ontario, where I received my B.A. in Cultural Anthropology. But, as a result of not knowing how I was going to apply myself in the real world (!) with that degree, I found myself yearning for "hands on" work. In 1990 I moved to Toronto, lived with my musician sister, and entered massage school... **"hands on"!** We lived on Queen Street West in the fashion district.

This was a time of awakening for me to be in the big city, exposed to such a variety of ideas, people, art, music, food!

For me the 1990's was a decade of much searching in which I found myself living in Hawaii studying massage, living on Gabriola Island working at a permaculture farm, being a cook at a Montessori school, and a few other adventures, and then finally returning to Ontario to resume my massage therapy profession.

As fate would have it, I ended up back in Ottawa to work, and I fell in love and moved to Vancouver in 2001 and started my family. We moved to Kamloops that year to be closer to my parents who had retired in Chase in 1992 (they live in Kamloops now). Now, I share my home with two dear children, Lily and John-Hunter and one dear husband, David (oh, and as of yesterday, two guinea pigs). They teach me everyday that being gentle but true is a good idea to act on, and that we're all a work in progress.

The UU Fellowship of Kamloops has been a part of me and my children's life since 2004 when I saw an ad for a UU service in the local paper. That Sunday I put my kids in their wagon and walked to the service. We have just kept coming back, and now enjoy the privilege and challenge of being part of this community. This Fellowship supports and informs my personal spiritual journey and points to ways I can be of service, all of which I feel is a tremendous gift.

I am currently transitioning to being a self employed massage therapist here in Kamloops this fall. I feel so happy I am able to continue working at something I enjoy, and am gratefully looking forward to this new chapter in my life. I'm intending to be part of the UUKam choir this year too!

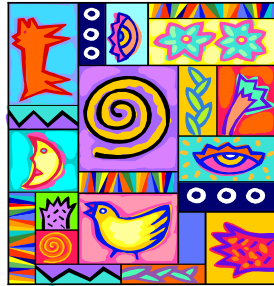
That's about all I have to say "About Me" for now. I've got to keep some secrets to share for that bestseller autobiography one day! I've enjoyed this process of reflecting and writing about me, thank you. Heather

# UU Kids' News

As we begin a new year in our Children's Program, we are looking for a new teacher. (see ad in next column) Wendy L. has retired from this position. We are sad to see her go, but hope she comes to some of our services so we can re-connect! This means we all need to put on our thinking caps and find a teacher for this valuable program. Please contact coordinator Anne at 374-2351 or [theneaves@shaw.ca](mailto:theneaves@shaw.ca) if you or someone you know would be able to fill this position.

We will be following **Tapestry of Faith** again this year, completing the second half of two programs :

**Toolbox of Faith** invites participants to reflect on qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as justice, courage and resiliency, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith.



In **"Love Will Guide Us"**, participants learn to seek guidance in life through the lens of our Unitarian Universalist Sources, with an emphasis on love. Together we ask questions such as, *"Where did we come from?" "What is our relationship to the Earth and other creatures?" "How can we respond with love, even in bad situations?" "What happens when you die?"*

Sessions apply wisdom from our Sources to help participants answer these questions. Participants will learn that asking questions is valued in Unitarian Universalism, even as they begin to shape their own answers.

**Family Events** are an important part of the Children's Program. In September, look for family participation in the **Great Green Transportation Tune-up Week**.

In October, plan to attend our "Pumpkin Patch Family Dinner"!



**September and October Sunday School schedule :**

**September 11** : Intergenerational Service : *"When Piglet is completely surrounded by water."*

**September 18** : Registration and Toolbox of Faith, Part 1

**October 2** : Toolbox of Faith, Part 2

**October 16** : Toolbox of Faith , Part 3

**October 30** : Intergenerational Service : *"Samhain"*

*Anne N. , Children's Program Co-ordinator*

## PART-TIME TEACHING POSITION

We are searching for an enthusiastic teacher for our Children's Program. Please consider yourself as a teacher, or, share this ad with a friend!

For your friends ---No religious affiliation or training is needed for this part-time position. They can read all about us on our website: [www.uukam.bc.ca](http://www.uukam.bc.ca). We pay our teacher \$50 per lesson.

This program invites participants to reflect on qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as integrity, courage and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith.

We have 3 to 6 children in our program with ages ranging from 7 to 10 years. Each lesson can be easily adapted to suit our age group and lesson time, which is 45 minutes.

Here is a break-down of time needed to fulfill the tasks for each lesson:

- \* 1-2 hr. preparation
- \* Sunday, 9:30 to 11:15 am. : set-up, lead lesson, clean up

This is a great opportunity if you love to work with children, and are creative and enthusiastic! We would love to hear from you!

Contact: Anne N., Children's Program Coordinator

## Letter from "Heifer International"

We recently received a letter from Heifer International, thanking us for our donation of \$264.18, raised by the children and adults of the fellowship, during the month of May. ---

*Dear Friends:*

*Thank you so much for your generous gift to Heifer International. Through your gift, a struggling family will receive the gift of livestock and training in its care to overcome hunger and poverty. Your support means better nutrition, health care and education, which will help them build a better future.*

*As spring approaches, families all over the world are looking forward to a new season of hope and promise rather than one of need and desperation. Through Heifer's cornerstone Pass on the Gift,\* your gift will continue to help more and more families for years to come. Because of you, hundreds of families in villages all over the world will become self-reliant.*

*Thank you once again for being Heifer International's partner for a better world.*

*Sincerely,  
Pierre F., Chief Executive Officer*

## President's Message

Wow ! - where did the summer go?? They never seem to last long enough.

Now I look forward to another exciting year of Worship, learning, and having fun.

I have wonderful memories of last year. The great services put on by Rev. Wendy. The other services — who can forget the one by Carole Gillis? .. And the very thought inspiring Chalice Circles.

We had Stephen Atkinson here, as well as Karen Fraser Gitlitz. Lots of fun at the "Appreciation Dinner" put on by the Board members, along with a lot of other special times, like the Garage sale and bid night events etc.

And, of course the start of our very own Choir led by the fantastic Marg W..

This year is starting to present itself as one which will be even better than the last one! We have a Gospel Singing Workshop coming in November. Everyone is encouraged to come out and participate in the choir (you don't have to be a seasoned singer).

We are having the Fall Gathering in Kelowna this year, — lots of workshops, so there will be something for everyone. (see Page 8)

I am positive Rev Wendy will give us some great services, and I am sure Heather Stefanek and the Worship Committee will have wonderful services for all to enjoy.

Now the sad part. — We are losing one of our members, Jan Greenwood. Jan is moving to Victoria, and she will be dearly missed. She has done so much for this Fellowship. Words could never express our loss. I know that as with life when one door closes another will open.

In closing I urge all of the members to come out to the services and enjoy all the hard work and effort put in by the volunteers on all the committees.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

**Dennis B.**, President Board of Directors  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kamloops

## Choir News

The choir is VERY excited looking forward to a new singing year!

Upcoming - a workshop on "*Singing Gospel as a true UU!*" on November 19/20 with Kathryn N.. Kathryn is the director of the Universal Gospel Choir (<http://www.universalgospelchoir.ca>) and a member and former music director at the North Shore Unitarian Church. We will sing all day Saturday and at the worship service on Sunday.



Please register with Janet by September 15 to attend this great event. Depending on Kamloops numbers we may invite Kelowna singers. Registration is "pay as you are able", recognizing we need to cover about \$800 worth of costs.

Our regular choir practices are on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, usually at Marg W.'s in Dallas (please see below) EVERYONE is welcome - all voices, all level of experience and INexperience. as well.

If you haven't been part of the choir before and you are considering it this year - please email me so that I can get you "on the list" for all the GOOD NEWS for the year.

Blessings, Janet ; Choir Coordinator

Choir Practice Dates for Sept. /Oct.

Friday, Sept. 9th 4:30 p.m. @ Janet's

Saturday, Sept. 17th 3 p.m. @ Anne's

Thursdays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13 and Oct. 27th 4:30 p.m. @ Marg W.'s

## Listening

*"Listening is an attitude of the heart, a genuine desire to be with another which both attracts and heals....."* J. Isham

*"It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen."* — Oliver Wendell Holmes

# Celebrations of Love



## Celebrations of Love

### Janet and Dennis tied the knot - twice!

*“We were handfasted in a sacred stone circle in Wales at noon of the Summer Solstice, asking a blessing from the earth and from the universe. And we did it all again on August 19 with our own Rev Wendy asking for blessings from family and friends. Thank you to all who sent us good wishes for our journey.” —*

**Dennis and Janet**



## Love

*“And what do all the great words come to in the end, but that? — I love you — I am at rest with you — I have come home.”*

*— Dorothy Sayers*

# Regional and International

## ***BC Fall Gathering "Building Community, Coming Home"***

Join us for the annual gathering of BC Unitarians for a weekend of fun and fulfillment!

Mark your calendars, make your plans.

A peek at the program:

Workshops will be focused in 3 streams -

- **Stewardship in Congregations** featuring Kathleen P., CUC's Resource Development director. Just in time for canvass! Bring a team.

- **Singing and Worship** featuring vocalist and ethno-musicologist, Samantha Taylor - worshipful singing for ALL levels of musical experience.

- **Social Justice: Homelessness in BC** - A chance to meet with BC Unitarians committed to creating change in BC.



Plus....

- networking time
- Active Democracy update
- good worship
- meet with CUC Staff

- other inspirational pieces still being finalized.

Registration begins in September. Contact Heather at [bcgathering2011@shaw.ca](mailto:bcgathering2011@shaw.ca)

Fees and accommodation information forthcoming. A hotel will be designated and some homestays will be available.

Check the CUC website for BC Fall Gathering updates. [www.cuc.ca](http://www.cuc.ca)

## ***A Blessing***

***"For you and your family, I affirm for the Highest Good for All: accept only what is positive in the moment, releasing what you no longer need."***

— Gerda M., UUFK

## **VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS WITH WORLD ACCORD**

World Accord [www.worldaccord.org](http://www.worldaccord.org) is a Canadian International Community Development Agency affiliated with the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto.

They arrange two week trips to Honduras to assist the locals with building schools in small rural communities.



**2012 Dates are**

**Jan 14 – 28, Feb 11 – 25, Mar 10 – 24.**

If you wish, you may travel earlier or later and spend some extra time seeing this beautiful Central American country.

The cost is \$2000 per person for in-country and construction materials costs, plus the actual cost of air-line tickets.

Participants are encouraged to seek donations from friends, family and colleagues to cover part of the trip. Donation receipts provided.

As previous volunteers, Mitch and Heather S. have several "Pay It Forward" gift certificates for \$200 off the cost to give to anyone interested.

## **UU Women's Retreat**

The 14th Annual Vancouver Island Unitarian Women's Retreat will be held at Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo, BC on the weekend of September 16-18, 2011. The cost for the weekend is \$225.00 before August 19 or \$240.00 after this date. Space is limited.

The featured workshop will be Opening Our Hearts Through Story led by storyteller Margaret M. from Nanaimo.

For further information or to request a registration form, please phone talk to Janet K.

# Social and Environmental Action News

Great Green

## TRANSPORTATION TUNE—UP

*Travel Smarter, Live Better*



The Kamloops 350 Environmental Association, a group to which most of the SEA committee belongs, is partnering with the City of Kamloops and BCSEA to present the Great Green Transportation Tune-up from **September 26 to October 1, 2011**.

The Great Green Transportation Tune-Up is a week of events that provides Kamloops residents with many ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. By promoting vehicle efficiency, removing barriers to transit use and providing fun ways for citizens to "test-drive" alternative modes, the Tune-Up will increase overall awareness of the issues and facilitate an eventual transition to a sustainable transportation future.

The Great Green Transportation Tune-Up will:

- Encourage residents to increase the efficiency of our vehicles through maintenance, trip reduction strategies and carpooling,
- Increase familiarity with our City's transit options by providing incentives and **free access**,
- Promote alternative modes of travel; including walking, cycling, and other "clean " ways of getting around, and
- Give residents a chance to dream a bit about what an ideal future Kamloops transportation system might look like.

Activities include:

The Reel Sustainability Film Fest on Friday, September 23 to Saturday, September 24, 2011 at TRU. (There are too many movies to list individually.)

*How to Boil A Frog* will be shown Tuesday, September 27 in the evening - downtown at the Paramount **or** at TRU. (venue uncertain at this time.)

BCSEA will present a panel discussion on "The Future of Transportation" at TRU on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. Panelists are John K. and Erin F.

**The Transit Treasure Hunt** - participants become eligible for prizes as they travel the City by bus all week, picking up clues as they go.

**Tire pressure** checking mobs will distribute vehicle efficiency information at parking lots everywhere.

**The Green Your Transportation Pledge** - if you reduce your vehicle use by car pooling, biking, walking, or taking transit for one week, you will be eligible for prizes.

**Cool Wheels** - a show featuring hybrid & electric cars, and **one solar car**, as well as scooters and bikes.

**The Transportation Imagination Station** - a place where people can describe their vision of a sustainable Kamloops.

**Bike, Bus or Boogie challenge** - a multi-modal challenge where each participant uses a different means of transportation to complete a set of errands.

As a UU member, you are eligible to join in the Transit Treasure Hunt or the Green Your Transportation Pledge. There is no cost to you: we are not charging registration fees. In fact, we will provide you with a free weekly bus pass if you choose to join the Transit Treasure Hunt!

We also welcome the help of volunteers - we are going to need everyone! If your curiosity is piqued by this description, please contact Gisela R., Jim G., Tuula H. or Chris P. for more information.

# Book Clubs and Lunches

## Morning Book Club

Generally, the Morning Book Club meets from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month. The location changes each month.

**BOOK CLUB CRASHERS WELCOME** at the September meeting, as there is a guest speaker. See below....

Sept. 15 - **Interred with Their Bones**, by Peter Grauer. @ Stefanek's

PSSST!!!! Author Peter Grauer is the guest as we discuss his book "Interred with their Bones" – a history of Bill Miner in the Kamloops area, 1903 – 1907.

*If you are not a book club member, but are interested in how an author prepares to write a biography, this is your chance to find out.* Please let Heather know if you plan to "gate crash" the book club. (573-3506)

Oct. 20 -- **The Outliers**, by Malcolm Gladwell @ Fleurette's. Also on this day, Anne will distribute book club set of **The Soloist**

Nov. 17 -- **The Soloist** by Steve Lopez @ Anne's.

Dec 15 -- **The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**, by Jamie Ford @ Mona's.

Jan 19 -- **Annabel**, by Kathleen Winter @ Kay's.

Feb 16 -- **Infidel**, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali @ Suzanne's.

Mar 15 -- **Good to a Fault**, by Marian Endicott @ Colene's.

Apr 19 -- **The Lacuna**, by Barbara Kingsolver @ Gerda's.

May 17 -- **Shoot**, by George Bowering @ Enid's. Also on this day, Heather will distribute book club set of **The Buried Book**

June 21 -- **The Buried Book**, by David Damrosch @ Stefanek's. Book Club set. Also on this day, we will choose next year's books.



## Evening Book Club

For the 2011/2012 Evening Book Club sessions, the 7:15 start time will remain the same. However, members are still deciding which night of the week to meet. The September meeting will be on Monday, September 26th (see below for details).

Here is the tentative book schedule for the Fall 2011 :

**Monday Sept 26, 2011** 7:15 PM Eleanor H. is hosting ( This date is confirmed for Sept)

**Kill All the Judges** by William Deverell (Eleanor reserved copies at the Library for us). Please let Eleanor know if you plan to attend.

**Oct Date** to be confirmed last Monday or Friday . Penny H. is hosting . Book : **Water for Elephants** by Sara Gruen

**Nov Date** to be confirmed last Monday or Friday. Host??? Book : **The Golden Mean** by Annabel Lyon

**Dec 16 or 19, 2011 Date to be confirmed** Host???? Read your favourite poem

**January 2012** Date to be Confirmed . Trudy Hosting . Bring your favourite cookbook

**Anyone wanting to join or seeking info. can phone Enid.**

## UU Women's Lunch

**The Women's Lunch in September will be a "Farewell" party for Jan**

Monday September 26 – Noon at the Noble Pig, 650 Victoria Street.

It is a pub, but they have an outdoor patio now, so if the weather is good we can eat outside. Food is good, and they make their own beer! RSVP to Heather S. by Friday, September 23, so tables can be booked.



## Munch with the Minister

There are TWO "Munch with the Minister" gatherings in September. Both are :

**Friday, September 16th** — Noon at the UU Reading Room in Kamloops United Church. If this is your first time, ask the Secretary of KUC for directions and / or the key.

**Friday, September 30th.** — Noon at the UU Reading Room

## UU Men's Lunch

The UU Men's Lunch will be on Tuesday September 13 at 12 noon at the Ploughman's Lunch, 152 Victoria Street.