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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF KAMLOOPS

# Wendy's Words & Whereabouts

It's Miracle season. Happy Spring!  
Happy Easter!

In the natural world, this is a beautiful time of newness, when life reappears out of the dark, cold earth. It seems to come from nothing: from a seed in the ground, which has lain there for months, or sometimes for years, and is now ready to create itself. This act of creation is a most wonder-full miracle! When I think about it, there is hardly anything more unlikely and more mysteriously amazing than the creation of life, plant or animal or human. Words fail me.



The Mystery which creates this life is more powerful than anything we can do on our own. Humans can destroy life, but we cannot create it. That's a pretty profound recognition in itself. It's a reminder to be ever so careful in how we treat anything that is alive.

We can't create life, but we *can* align ourselves with the creative, mysterious power that makes life happen. (Some call it God, for short. You don't have to know what God really is to use this short-hand word.) It is not always clear exactly how best to align oneself with the Life Force, and it is not always easy to do, but it is an ideal or an intent that I want to hold close.

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*The Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Kamloops  
invites you to attend a  
Covenanting Ceremony  
as we celebrate a new stage in our  
ministry with  
The Reverend Wendy McNiven.*

*Friday April 9th 2010*

*7:00 pm*

*Valleyview Community Hall  
2250 Park Drive  
Kamloops B.C.*

*Reception to follow*



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## The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kamloops

meets every Sunday at the Valleyview  
Community Centre (2288 Park St.  
Kamloops

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the dignity of every individual and in freedom  
of religious thought.*

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# Wendy's Words and Whereabouts

## Contact information

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I will be staying with Janet and Dennis in April, c/o 374-5169.

## My April schedule as of this writing for April 8 - 11

I will be in Kamloops and available to meet with any of you from Thursday 2:00 pm through Sunday 5 p.m.

### Thursday, April 8

Thursday – 2:00 Sorrento planning committee – reading room

Thursday 7 pm – choir practice at M. Waldon's home (time to be confirmed)

### Friday, April 9th

Friday Noon –BYO Lunch and Munch with the Minister : noon to 1:30, Reading Room at Kamloops United Church, 4<sup>th</sup> / St Paul St. – **ALL WELCOME**

TOPIC for conversation – TBA

Friday 5 pm and following – clergy dinner, Covenanting Ceremony & reception

### Sunday, April 10th

Sunday morning service – bring a friend!

Sunday 1:00 – board meeting – reading room

Other meetings and visits will be filled in as they come to my attention.

PLEASE e-mail or telephone to arrange time with YOUR minister, if you would enjoy a visit, or wish to talk with me about anything.

Training for Small Group facilitators – Saturday morning, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Apply to Rev. Wendy or to Pres. Joan if you would like to attend this training. I will offer a short (2 hours) training session for people who are willing to facilitate groups for one of our First-Sunday Circles. You would be given a sort of script and outline of pertinent questions.

That same day, May 8<sup>th</sup>, afternoon – There will be a sort of work-bee to create and assemble the frameworks for a few worship services. Again, your creative ideas are invited, as is your presence. The idea is to have a handful of services that are mostly ready to go, other than the specific input of the participants in what would be the Meat (or veggies) in the sandwich – aka the sermon-time. I envision three or four people in each case, contributing their thoughts on the particular theme of the service, and these could be prepared a week or three in advance of presenting it.

Will you contribute?

## Canadian Unitarian Council

### 2010 Annual Conference and Meeting

Theme of the Meeting *“How Shall We Live?”*

Hosted by the First Unitarian Church of Victoria  
May 21—24, 2010

The early-bird fee is \$150 registration, not including meals or accommodation, by March 31. We can send two delegates, i.e. those who can vote at the business meeting, but as many as want to go can attend the conference. It will be at UVic; accommodation in residences ranges from about \$27 to \$45 per night, depending on sharing, etc.

## Wendy's Words (con't)

Part of what I want for this Fellowship is that we should be “seeking spirituality and practicing community”. To seek to align ourselves with the Creative power is a spiritual practice. As a group, we are creating, albeit imperfectly, a model of community based on values such as love, respect, and fairness. The human world would be a more beautiful place if these values guided more of us more of the time, but we have to start somewhere. In community, we give each other strength and encouragement for the journey. That's the “practicing community” part.



In this UU Fellowship of Kamloops, the Covenant we are building together is about being in community and in relationship. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be making promises to one another about how we will interact, as we move towards living in harmony and alignment with that creative mystery which undergirds all life.

According to our UU tradition, we are each here voluntarily. No Pope or Bishop chooses your minister for you, nor tells me which congregation I will serve. It is a mutual choice we make. The Covenanting Ceremony on April 9<sup>th</sup> will be a symbol of our having chosen to be in community together, sharing values such as love, and respect, and compassion. It is a choice we can continue to make, day after day and week after week.

Shalom, Wendy

# Upcoming Services

## APRIL

**April 4 : Chalice Circle : *Easter and New Beginnings***  
10 a.m. at the Valleyview Hall

**Friday, April 9th : “Covenanting Service for Rev. Wendy McNiven”** 7 p.m. at the Valleyview Hall

A covenanting service for Rev. Wendy McNiven will be held on Friday, April 9th, in the EVENING.

This is a very special time for UUFK - the first time in our history where we have our very own minister with whom we are making an ongoing commitment to each other.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special ceremony.

**April 11 : Worship Service : “Walking the Environmental Talk” led by Rev. Wendy McNiven .**  
10 a.m. at the Hall

Tuula Helin purchased , at our Bid Nite, the right to choose one sermon topic this year. As this is the month of Earth Day, and as the topic is always timely, I have chosen to give it this month.

I will explore the idea of personal responsibility more than political action. I know that we are on the edge of major changes, and change means loss as well as gain.

**Last Soup Lunch of the Year**  
**Sunday School**

**April 18 : Paganism 101 : “Magic and Spell craft”**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Hall

**April 25 : Worship Service :**  
**“The Spirit Within : A Perception”** led by Arne

Raven . How can one define a “Unitarian”. Reflections from the spiritual journey of one of our members.

10 a.m. at the Hall

**Sunday School**



## MAY

**May 2 : Chalice Circle** 10 a.m. at the Hall

**May 9th : Worship Service** led by Rev. Wendy McNiven

10 a.m. at the Hall

Sunday School

**May 16th : Paganism 101 : “The Moon”**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Hall

**May 23 : Worship Service : *The Element of Surprise***

A group presentation. 10:00 at the Hall.

**May 30 : SEAC Service .** 10 a.m. at the Hall

## Volunteers for April

**April 4 : Chalice Circle** Set-up : ?? ; Take-Down ?? ; Greeter : Pat M. ; Coffee : ??

**April 11 : Worship Service** : Set-up : Heather ; Take-Down : ?? ; Greeter : Gerda ; Coffee : Christine

**Soup Makers** : Pat M. (vegetarian) ; Heather S. (meat) ; Buns and Margarine : Judy T.

**Sunday School Helper** : Anne N.

**April 18 : Paganism 101** : No Volunteers as of printing

**April 25 : Worship Service** Set-Up : ?? ;

Take-Down : Penny / Heather ; Greeter : ?? ; Coffee : ??

**Sunday School Helper** : Anne N.



# Getting to Know You .....



**Editor's Note :** In this month's issue, we are very pleased to learn more about the life of **Pat McN.**

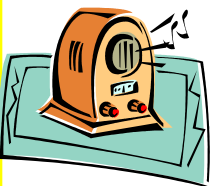
Please note that , due to privacy issues regarding the Internet, I avoid using a person's full name in this feature.

Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, my parents moved to Kamloops after the Second World War ended , when my father was discharged from the Royal Canadian Air Force.

I was the eldest of three children, and remember well the "old" arena (before Memorial Arena was built) where my mother ran the concession and my father had been hired to set up a new hockey team called the Kamloops Elks. He scouted (this is why there were so many players from Saskatchewan and in particular, Moose Jaw on that first team), managed, coached and became the trainer for the team. Not yet in school, I helped my mother by peeling wieners in the back of the concession (remember the plastic that wieners were wrapped in)? My father joined others in fund-raising to build Memorial Arena, which would have "artificial ice" rather than "natural ice".

Several years later we moved to Kelowna where my Father took a position as Trainer with the Kelowna Packers Hockey Team. I spent many hours with my father at the "rink" watching senior practices, games, and skating. Unfortunately, he died at 49 years of age soon after returning to Kamloops to take a position as trainer with the Kamloops Chiefs Hockey Team. I returned to Kelowna to live with my grandparents and to begin a career in radio.

Radio competed with daily newspapers to be the most influential media in the daily life of people in the 50's and 60's when I was hired to write Continuity for CKOV Radio in Kelowna. I worked for CKOV for two years, until hearing that CFJC Radio and Television in Kamloops was hiring a Continuity Editor, I applied, got the job, and moved back to Kamloops (and have lived here since). The Radio Station was located right across from the United Church on St. Paul Street, and the fledgling CFJC Television Station was located in the basement of the Radio Station.



D. Tomada and I were married in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Delano was a hair-stylist and owned a salon on Victoria Street where the house he had been raised in had been replaced by a building; it was located directly across from what is now the Art Gallery in the 400 Block. Eventually we opened another salon, called Delano's Salon of Beauty in the "new" Woodward's Store, now the home of the Lotto Centre. In the first year of our marriage, we bought a small house on West Nicola Street, but after a couple of years, and expecting our third child, we bought a house on Valleyview Drive. We had four children: Troylana, Dario, Danaleigh, and Dante. Primarily, a homemaker, and involved in community volunteerism, I eventually became a hair-stylist and worked part time in our salons until Delano and I divorced several years later.

As a single-parent mother, I entered Cariboo College to undertake a teaching certificate. The children were very young...7, 8, and 9 and 2 years of age, but I completed the Teaching Certificate as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University, and began teaching secondary for the Kamloops School District. While attending University, I met Reg McNamara, a professor who instructed Sociology and Psychology at the time. We enjoyed 27 years of married bliss, and Reg was the most loving father to my four children who adored him in return. I am fortunate to have 6 grandchildren (7th expected in April 2010) and 3 great-grandchildren.



After nine years teaching secondary with the School District, I decided that I wanted to teach post-secondary, so I returned to University and completed a Master's in Adult Education at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. I was excited by the work being done at St. FX in communities throughout the world, in particular using education as a tool for social change. My focus and research was in using the tools of *educational brokering* to empower the educationally disadvantaged. I designed and taught several community programs for the Secwepemc Cultural Education Society , who represent the 17 Bands within the Shuswap Nation in conjunction with Thompson Rivers University. Over the years, I have developed several programs for disadvantaged adults in the Kamloops Thompson area: Re-entry Programs for Women, Young Single Moms , Adult Education

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# UU Kids' News — by Anne Neave

This past month has seen a lot of interesting events in our UU Kids Program.

On February 28, Enid led a session about the Greek Goddess, Gaia. In addition to tasting Greek-style snacks, the children were introduced to hand-weaving on a cardboard loom.

On March 14, Rev. Wendy led a great intergenerational service about all the different forms that prayer can take. This was an opportunity to conclude the Heifer International fundraising project which ran for 4 weeks. Many thanks to children, family, and fellowship members, who generously donated to Heifer International. The children will be choosing an animal to purchase for a needy community.

Due to fluctuating attendance in the junior and senior UU kids classes, I have decided to prepare a multi-age program for our UU Kids. I will use Creating Home as a focal point for the lessons. Each lesson will begin and end around our portable labyrinth. There, the children will be introduced to the day's theme, and have an opportunity to explore issues around that theme. Our questions will stimulate thoughtful responses from a variety of age levels. We will also practice our UU Principles in a variety of ways. We hope that the Faith in Action activities will be fun and exciting for all ages in our group.

Coming up, Teacher Wendy will be presenting these sessions:



**March 28** - we will be focusing on Animal Homes. There will be presentation using a special education kit from the Burrowing Owl Conservation Society of BC and we will be having fun in the kitchen again.

**April 11** - our theme is Homelessness and our project will be making a knotted fleece blanket for distribution at the food bank.

**April 25** - our theme will be Homes in Nature - Lessons from Walden's Pond, during which we will have a field trip to a marsh to observe and sketch animal life and homes.

We encourage all our children to attend and enjoy these great sessions for UU Kids!

## ***Getting to Know..... P. McNamara (con't)***

Programs for First Nations, and an educational brokering center called the Career Development Centre whose focus was counseling and removing barriers to education for adult learners. I retired from Thompson Rivers University four years ago.

Reg passed away in 2001, and my life changed. Although I returned to the classroom, teaching College Prep for a couple of years, I knew my life was evolving to a different form and experience. I did not know what shape that would take, nor did I know how to get there. That is when I began exploring Unitarianism...and the rest...has yet to be written.

*Sincerely, Pat*



*Pictured above, one of the buildings of*

## Sharing Grace

From the Neave's home, here are several blessings which you might like to use at your family's table :

*"For all our family and our friends; For flowers and for food; For life and laughter and for love, we give our gratitude. "*

*"Blessed be the hand that plants the seed. Blessed be the earth giving all that we need . Blessed be the food we share among friends. Blessed be the love that knows no end."*

# A Choir and A Concert

## UUFK Choir

We are very fortunate to have Margaret Waldon, an experienced choir director, agree to help us form a UUFK choir. The overall goal will be to enhance the music at the services and support congregational singing. She has agreed to take on this challenge on a trial basis from April to June. At that time we will all evaluate the situation to see if we will continue in September. There will be at least two one-hour rehearsals per month, perhaps even 3 times if folks agendas could handle that. They will be at Margarets home in Dallas and can be in the evening or in the day, depending on the wishes of the group. This choir is for anyone who wishes to sing however, Margaret does ask that those who choose to be in the choir, make a commitment to the task.

The first practise will be on Thursday, April 1st from 7 - 8 pm. At that time, we will decided on a rehearsal time that is suitable for everyone. Please call or e-mail me if you want to come. When I have list, I will send the address and directions to her place.

A quote from Margaret "I believe music to be a mysterious gift of the Spirit, expressing the inexpressible. When language is too weak, music speaks! I refer to myself as an "animator" rather than a "director". The root word "animus" refers to spirit and I see my role as enabling choir and congregation to discover and express their sense of the Spirit.

I hope many of you, singers and non singers, will turn out for this precious opportunity.  
*Joan*

## SORRENTO FAMILY RETREAT

he UUFK is hosting the Sorrento Unitarian Retreat this year : June 11, 12, 13th. This retreat weekend is a long-standing tradition shared with the Kelowna Unitarian Fellowship.

It runs from Friday, June 11th in the late afternoon until mid-day on Sunday, June 13th.

Don't forget to make a note in your calendar of the dates!

The first PLANNING MEETING will be on Thursday April 8th at 2pm in the Reading Room.

Anyone interested in helping to organize this year's retreat is encouraged to attend.

If you can't make the meeting, but have some great ideas for workshops or activities you would like to see, please contact Heather S by email [mitchhez@shaw.ca](mailto:mitchhez@shaw.ca) or phone (250) 573-3506.



## CANADIAN MUSIC FOR THE SOUL



Randy Demmon , one of three members of "The Ark"

*The ARK Trio* is made up by three musician/composers who love to travel, seeking out new music and meeting new friends where ever they go. The musicians is the group are Kerry-Anne Kutz, Angie Tysseland, and Randy Demmond.

Their all-Canadian concert features their own music plus songs written by Canadians such as Anne Mortifee, Joni Mitchell, Jimmy Rankin and Leonard Cohen.

The UUFK is sponsoring a concert of the trio, a concert which will also feature choral selections by the Kamloops choir *Ashira*.

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 7:30 pm

**PLACE:** St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 6<sup>th</sup> & Douglas

**TICKETS:** \$12 in advance at Healthy Life Nutrition and Wells Gray Tours

\$15 at the door



Angie Tysseland is also a member of

The concert is a fundraiser for the UUFK. This is the first time our Fellowship has attempted an event of this nature.

## Test Your Knowledge!

Name the city that gave us both our Minister AND our first Lay Chaplain. (to see the answer, turn this page upside down)



ANSWER : The city which gave us both our Minister AND our first Lay Chaplain was MONTREAL.

## President's Message

It is a busy and exciting time for the Fellowship with so many major events happening in April.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Wendy McNiven becomes our permanent minister. How is that different, you might ask? Wendy has been part of our Fellowship to varying degrees for the past 16 years.

Well, it IS different. Previously, Rev. Wendy was considered a 'consulting minister', with us on a temporary basis. Last July, after much soul searching by both Wendy and the congregation, the decision was made to have Rev. Wendy installed as our 'settled minister'. The contract has been drawn and signed, and on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> we affirm and celebrate that decision.

At Valleyview Hall, in the presence of several special out-of-town guests, we, the congregation and our dear Minister Wendy, will covenant together — will make promises to each other, that will guide us through out time together, however long that may be.

Wendy once described it as the difference between living together and getting married.

There is a saying that when two people get married, the angels come. I think there will be angels rejoicing with us at our covenanting ceremony on April 9<sup>th</sup>.



Speaking of rejoicing, the ARK Trio is coming to Kamloops to enliven our spirit through music. This delightful trio will sing an all-Canadian repertoire with a well known soprano, Kerry-Anne Kutz from the Unitarian Church in Montreal.

This is the first time the UUFK has undertaken an enterprise such as putting on a concert. Hopefully it will be a fund raiser, and if not, it will be just fun. My hope is all of you will support this concert by attending and bringing friends. It will have been well advertised in the community so it is up to all of us to make it successful.

The concert is on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m.. It will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (6th and Douglas).

The third exciting development is the formation of a UU choir. We are fortunate to have the services of Marg Waldon, the former choir director of the Kamloops United Church choir willing to work with us from April to June. After a three month trial, we will assess whether we will continue in September. See more detailed information on this on another page of the newsletter.

So folks, April is a time to sing, to rejoice and celebrate. In years to come we may well look back on April 2010 as a turning point in UU history.

In loving friendship, Joan

## Planks from the Board

On Friday, March 12th, the new UUFK Board met and discussed several exciting initiatives. Here are some of the highlights:

Anne Neave presented the board with a summary of the exhaustive work she has been doing for our new UUFK website, and the board voted to accept her recommendation to work with Merge Media as our new web designer. Thank you kindly for your work, Anne.

The coordination of several events was discussed, including the Kerry Anne Kutz concert on April 6th at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (tickets \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance), our Covenanting ceremony with Wendy on April 9th, the Sorrento Retreat on June 11th-13th, and the CUC ACM on May 21st-24th (two delegates needed from the congregation – some travel funds are available).

Perhaps the most highly anticipated item of old business addressed was the official signing of Reverend Wendy McNiven's ministerial contract!

New business discussed included the documentation of policies and procedures for the Fellowship, the possibility of securing a choir director, and the viability of supporting a letter-writing campaign in favour of continuing funding for 'farm prisons' in Canada.

Christine Hammonds, Secretary to the Board

### Your New UUFK Board of Directors

President	Joan G.
Vice - President	Dennis B.
Treasurer	Tuula H.
Secretary	Christine H.

Members - at - Large :

Shannon H ; Jim G ; Arne R.

The next meeting of the Board will be on April 11th at 1:00pm in the Unitarian Reading Room at KUC

### Test Your Knowledge!

A member of our UUFK was the first Unitarian Lay Chaplain in the interior of BC. Who is this person?

Answer : Jim Gordon was the first UU Lay Chaplain in the interior of BC.

## Lay Chaplaincy

**Quick snapper:** Who are the two Lay Chaplains for UUFK?

**For bonus points:** What do Lay Chaplains do?

**The real question:** How can we or You? help the Lay Chaplains do more of what they do??

Lay Chaplains are appointed by Unitarian and UU Congregations and trained by the Canadian Unitarian Council to perform “rites of passage”.

While the most common of these ceremonies are weddings and funerals or memorial services, there are many other life transitions that the Lay Chaplains facilitate. Examples of these are Child Namings and Blessings, House Blessings, Divorce Ceremonies, “Coming of Age” ceremonies at any stage of life.



While Ministers perform these services for their congregation members and contributing friends, the Lay Chaplains typically provide services to the wider community, and, as such, are a major “outreach” to that community.

Where churches have their own building, the Lay Chaplains are often contacted through the church by people interested in having their wedding or ceremony in the church building. That’s a relatively straight forward process.

Here in Kamloops we don’t have that same avenue for “advertising”, and we are looking for other ideas of how to get our message out. While the funeral homes keep “lists” of ministers able to do funerals, other services aren’t quite so easy to advertise.

The Lay Chaplains, Jan Greenwood and Janet Kusler, are inviting YOU to send in your suggestions – in person or by email [uufellowshipkamloops@gmail.com](mailto:uufellowshipkamloops@gmail.com) – as to how we can “get the word out” to the Kamloops area that we are here, willing, able, and ready to help bless important life transitions.

All suggestions will be acknowledged and a prize is being considered! Looking forward to hearing from you.

*Blessing,*

*Janet K.*

## Okanagan Lake Camping Retreat

Psst! Want to have a REALLY GREAT summer holiday? A week's holiday on a lovely lake, with your meals prepared for you, kids programs for all ages, interesting speakers who challenge your mind, discussion groups who invite you to look for the meaning of life? Beautiful surroundings, campfires, worship services, music, happy hour, AND MORE?

If all of that sounds really appealing AND the icing on the cake is that it is sponsored by Unitarian Universalists - then you want to attend an **Eliot Institute** camp this summer.

Eliot Institute is a non-profit society which runs camps in Washington State near Seattle and at Naramata Centre on Okanagan Lake in BC. I have attended camp at Eliot nearly every year for the past ten years and it is completely wonderful. **Naramata this year is July 3-10.** Camps at Seabeck in Washington are mid July, early August, and between Christmas and New Years.

Summer camps are intergenerational family camps and are a fantastic opportunity for kids and youth. Many families come as multi-generations - giving kids, parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents, a chance to hang together in a relaxed atmosphere. Separate kids programs run in the morning while the adults attend the presentation by the featured speaker for the week and then small discussion groups. In the afternoon there are a variety of activities for everyone or you can snooze in the shade, read a book, swim, walk the labyrinth, or just hang loose. There is



"happy hour" before supper with beer and wine and soft drinks available for purchase together with good conversation and wonderful music on the patio. Evenings have worship services, and night time fun with talent shows, coffee houses and games of charades and encore or early bedtimes - all your choice.

For me, over the years, the best part of Eliot has been having a holiday place with my daughter that is safe and welcoming and where there has been something to challenge my mind and feed my soul as well. There is a wonderful sense of Unitarian community too, something that nurtures me deeply. While I

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# Social and Environmental Action Committee News

## Water Plant Tour

The SEA committee arranged a tour of the Kamloops Water Treatment plant on March 19, 2010 at 1:30 pm. Here we are blinking in brilliant sunshine just before the tour.

Normally, tours take about an hour: we asked so many questions the manager of the plant, David Teasdale, said we were the best tour group he had ever taken through the plant! We also stretched the tour out to almost double the normal length and had an enormous amount of fun on our tour.



We learned the water intake is out in the river and has 2 mm screens to keep out large debris such as dead cows. (Yes, I've seen a dead cow floating down the river in high water season!) A polymer is added to the water as a flocculent to settle out debris and then the water is pumped through a membrane. The membrane is a series of spaghetti like tubes held in a frame and the water flows into the tubes through tiny holes in the outside of the spaghetti wall. The largest hole in the membrane is 1 micron - way too small to permit nasties like cryptosporidium and giardia through. Chlorine is added to the water before it is pumped out to our houses – so our drinking water is completely safe.

We also found out, that on hot summer days, the water treatment plant is blasting away at full capacity because we use so much water to sprinkle our gardens and lawns. If just one pump goes down, we'll have trouble getting water to higher elevations like Aberdeen – which spells trouble if fires break out at the same time pumps are down. Moreover, the water utility is revenue neutral: therefore, if we use less water and the costs of providing the water go down correspondingly, the City will reduce our costs! More reasons to conserve water - besides water meters of course!

Interestingly, the water treatment plant is environmentally friendly in several ways. They send the waste debris to Lafarge as they add it to their cement. (I'm sure Al Gaunce would be happy to explain why Lafarge finds the treated silt useful.) Moreover, the building is designed so that heat from the water systems is used to heat the administrative building. A really cool – oops warm concept!

If this description has piqued your curiosity, I can easily arrange another tour. The tour could even be held after hours – if more people would like to take a tour and enjoy themselves as much as we did. *Tuula Helin*

## April SEAC Events

On Sunday April 11th, our Rev Wendy will be devoting her service to the subject of our natural environment and our relationship and responsibility to it.

Also, April 22nd is world wide Earth Day. The SEA Comm encourages all to check out the BC Sustainable Energy Assoc's promotion of Electric Bikes. Watch the papers for details.

## SEAC Water Challenge Results

Pictured below are J. Gordon and J. Greenwood of the SEAC Committee. The results of the Committee's "Water Conservation Challenge" have been tabulated, and the results surpassed even the expectations of the Committee.



## Okanagan Lake Camping (con't)

youth put on one of the evening worship services and it is often one of the most powerful experiences. They get a chance to explore leadership as well as times just to be kids. Programs

I have attended one of the Seabeck camps as well and, while they are good too, I like Naramata for it being Canadian, close to home, and generally smaller and more relaxed than the American camp.

I would encourage you to look at the website [www.eliotinstitute.org](http://www.eliotinstitute.org) for more information and to talk with Annelise, Dennis, or I about this absolutely great summer holiday.

Blessings, Janet K.

# Lunches , Book Clubs & Other Things

## UU Men's Lunch

Wednesday, April 14th

Caffè Arianna, 272 Lansdowne Street - 250-374-2670

[corner of 3rd and Lansdowne - near to where Robbie's Downtown used to be - north side of Lansdowne - in strip mall]

**Note:** If you are planning on attending the UU Men's lunch in April please let Wes ([wcole@tru.ca](mailto:wcole@tru.ca)) or Roland ([roland@wellsgraytours.com](mailto:roland@wellsgraytours.com)) know a few days before April 14th.



## UU Women's Lunch

Monday, April 19th, at 11:45 a.m.

the Lynx's Grill,

1200 Columbia Street

## Okanagan Lake Camping .....con't

I have usually enjoyed the speaker, I would never choose or reject, a camp because of the speaker. One year I didn't attend many of the speaker's presentations but I still went to the discussion groups - it's all good and all easy. I sing with the choir each year - we practice for an hour or so each afternoon, sing at a some of the in gatherings and worship services and sing at least one number in the talent show. It is lovely to sing with a variety of singers in a relaxed setting with no need to have anything "perfect". The youth program is awesome with the teens having a safe place to hang out together including a sleepover night. The for younger kids and even a nursery are equally good.

Sincerely, Janet K.

## ELIOT INSTITUTE AT NARAMATA

July 3 - 5 - Eliot Institute is a one-of-a-kind intergenerational experience of stimulating speakers, discussions, music, activities and worship for the whole family.

<http://www.eliotinstitute.org/pages/Naramata10.pdf>

## Morning Book Club

The Morning Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. at G. Morrow's house.

There have been changes in the book titles for the upcoming year. Please see below :

April "Ireland" : a novel by Frank Delaney

May: "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova

June: Planning for the coming year.

New participants are welcome. Talk to Gerda, Anne, or Kay if you are interested.



## Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club meet at Jane's (372-3690) at #30 - 137 McGill Road on Friday, April 23rd starting at 7:15 pm.

The April book will be "*The Lost Symbol*" by Dan Brown, presented by Jane.

**New members are wanted!** Please talk to Enid or Wes for more information.

## Munch with the Minister

Friday, April 9th

in the UUFK Reading Room (Room 216 — 2nd floor of the Kamloops United Church )  
Bring your bag lunch & join us for tea and conversation.



**TOPIC for conversation – TBA**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Rev. Wendy if you need more information.