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APRIL SERVICES

April 3rd Rev Alan Merson "**How Music Shapes Our Culture: J.S. Bach to John Denver**". Music both reflects and determines how we view the world and it influences our actions. "Show and Tell", lots of music both live and recorded and a little less talk!

Children's Program: Celtic Myths

April 10th - Dr Harold Foster "**HIV/AIDS, the environment and nutrition**". The presentation will show that HIV causes AIDS by depleting those infected of four key nutrients. This pandemic is occurring now because a selenium deficiency, caused by acid rain and fertilizer use which promotes infection.

Children's Program: Celtic Myths

April 17th Guy Dauncey "**We are the Answer**". The world seems to be facing so many enormous problems that it is easy to feel hopeless and overwhelmed. And yet there is one factor we may have failed to understand: that our very feeling of hopelessness may be the biggest problem of all. Can the human spirit dive deep into the black hole of hopelessness, and come up resilient with solutions, its faith intact?

Children's Program: Celtic Myths

April 24th Marion Pape "**War on Trial**" This engaging service, first presented to the Salt Spring UU Fellowship, challenges us to look at war and its alternatives. Set up like a mock trial, actors from Salt Spring Island and some of our own members will present the different angles of war.

Children's Program: Celtic Myths

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Harmony Lines.

Thank you, all who participated in the "NOW & THEN CHOIR's" first presentation to the congregation on March 6th. Here's a special thanks to flautists Renee and Judith and as always a big thank you to Kim Cousineau.

If you can read music and study parts on your own, please speak to me about joining the "Now & Then Choir."

I'm sure a number of you will turn up on April 6th. 7:00 pm at Phillip T. Young Building, UVic. to cheer on Kim at his piano recital.

"Music on Monday" is on April 4th. Phone me if you can offer a musical piece or simply come as audience at 7:30 pm to the James Bay New Horizons Centre.

On Sunday April 10th. we will have a special guest cellist.

In harmony, Elizabeth Atchison, 472-6262

Be gentle with the earth

Dali Lama

Victoria Forsch



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Theme Lunch (Ukrainian)

On Sunday May 15/05 following Sunday Service and Forum CUUC will be having a lunch at 1:00pm.

The presentation will be a Ukrainian Theme which means we will have a variety of dishes which follow this tradition. A menu will be posted before we start selling tickets. For further information please see your May /05 newsletter, as well as posters which will be upcoming.

Our goal is Fundraising for our Childrens Religious Education. Watch for further information.

Victoria Forsch.

An All Island Worship Workshop

Hosted by CUUC (Capital)

Arranged by May Partridge

On April 9 from 9 to 4 (less lunch and 2 coffee breaks) at JBNH at 234 Menzies.

The morning program takes in 4 ways of looking at a worship service and in the afternoon we will look at the skills involved and practice them to create a mini service.

Billets will be needed for some on Friday for starting at 9 AM on Saturday morning.

Besides those presently on Worship committees newcomers are invited to see how they may become involved.

See item April 1 in the Silver Folder for the original

Capital Greeters Meeting: A roster with two greeters every Sunday is now arranged. With other changes at the Literature table a smoother, safer and more appropriate situation should develop. (item 8 in S. F.)

Coffee Time Anyone:

Yes, of course! We buy (not free) fair trade coffee. Help keep this going by dropping a coin in the basket, when ever you can afford it. The goodies are bought and sometimes donated.

Thumbnail Bio's

Mavis B., has agreed to write up any members biographical sketch. The style is introductory. It is designed to let us get to know each other by giving some highlights of your life. Hopefully this will encourage others to relate to you in a more meaningful and respectful way.

Of course the write up would be presented to you for any changes before it was published in the bulletin.

The plan is to have two bio's per Capital Letter: one of a new member and one of long standing. Let Mavis know if you wish to "step up to the plate."

Publicity Committee

It was recognized that the web site has been pared down and now needs enrichment. Any suggestions to pass on to the committee? See Peter W, Elizabeth, Alan, Victoria, Robert, Shurly or Jill.

Advertising is being co-ordinated for upcoming events. Also the need for a budget to be in by the end of March was noted 7 in the Silver Folder for more specifics.



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Board Notes

Our board meeting was held on Mar. 15/05, 4-6:30, @ JBNH. We had 5 board members and 11 guests in attendance.

We are doing very well financially (about \$3000.00 in the black) although we are a little over budget in some areas (see financial report). This will help in financing our intern minister in Sept. Canvass time is happening in the next few weeks and we hope everyone will give generously, as they are able, so we can continue with our CUUC's vision of a student minister, continued excellent services, more adult programs and social responsibility activities (outreach), and more young families. (A youth program). What are your visions for CUUC? (Use the suggestion box) Then we can have some discussion. Membership and Publicity are working together to bring our brochures up to date and the wording consistent in all our material.

Worship is working hard at providing us with excellent services.

Look for up and coming adult education workshops and a reminder that a Worship Service Workshop will be held at JBNH on Sat. April 9/05 from 9-4. This workshop is for the worship service committee, greeters and coordinators and anyone else who is interested. We will need billet hosts for out of town guests. See Alan or Shurly if you can host, Fri. PM and perhaps Sat. PM for those wanting to stay for our Sunday Service.

Our intern minister for Sept. 05-June 05 is Jen Devine, her contract has been signed. We need three people to be on the ministerial committee to work with 3 members from 1st Church and Jane. Any volunteers? Contact Shurly or Anna.

The Chaplains have 6 weddings coming up Social Responsibility is hoping to hold a public meeting on the Single Transferable Vote. Look for details.

Publicity is doing a great job at making us more visible in the community with newspaper articles, posters, newsletter and web site. Check these out. We had an arousing discussion on congregation safety and security and ended in a stalemate. The Conflict Resolution Team on behalf of the Board has asked Michelle, who is a negotiator, to help out and she is compiling a report with recommendations. Just a reminder that until further notice and by request from JBNH, we will lock the doors at 10:15 AM, if late knock and a greeter will let you in. The doors will remain locked until 11:AM. Please check all exits from the bldg. In case of an emergency.

2005 EVENTS CALENDAR

VIUC All Island Worship Service: "Sowing Seeds" with Karen Fraser.

April 17, 2005 1:30 p.m. Fulford Hall,
Saltspring Island, BC

Info: Mona Zaharia mzaharia@shaw.ca

CUC Annual Conference & Meeting

May 10-23, 2005 Hamilton, ON

Info: Mary Bennett mary@cuc.ca or <http://www.cuc.ca/CUCcalendar.html>

Eliot at Naramata: 'Letters of the Spirit' with Rev. Stefan Jonasson

July 2-9, 2005 Naramata, BC.

Info: <http://www.eliotinstitute.org>

See Silver Folder April item 6

Birthdays for April

Michelle P. and Wan-Yong C.

BOARD NOTES CONTINUED

Another job has been brought to the Board's attention, we need a CANVASS CHAIR each year. If this is something you think you might be interested in contact Shurly or Alan. (the treasurer will help as well as Board Members.)

Policies and procedures are being developed & hopefully will be ready for the Congregation's approval at the May AGM.

Look for Special Events in May, such as delicious Ukrainian Dinner. Bring a friend.

We have had a suggestion for our unidentified funds "The Open Door", any others? A vote will be taken at the AGM. We hope to send some members to the CU*UL in Calgary in July.

The AGM will be May 22/05 after the service.

Next Board Meeting is May 17/05.

In Good Faith, Shurly, Chair



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Statement of Principles

See item Apr 2 in the Silver folder. There are 6 reports (listed from A to E) on various concerns ranging from “Why bother” to “Your being non UU” to “You are going in totally the wrong direction”.

See the price of a democratic approach.

STV Single Transferable Vote

See item 3 in the Silver Folder for all the information I could get off the E mail.

It seems that if the referendum passes it would cause a significant change in how B C politics are conducted. Therefore expect the powers that be to blow sunshine up your kilt.

Democracy in Everyday Life

See item 4 in the Silver Folder for the eleven parts (on a single sheet) of Resolution No. 1 From the CUC Task Force on Democracy.

The Land Conservancy

Volunteers are needed to meet and greet people at the **Sooke Potholes, Abkhazi Garden, Craigflower Historic Site, and Head Office**.
Email admin@conservancy.bc.cca

For a more complete description of what is involved see item 5 in the Silver Folder

Eliot News Flash

Eliot camp is a week long holiday from July 2 to July 9 at the village of Naramata on the shores of Lake Okanagan.

There is a full program for children and one for adults. And the grounds have cherry orchards you have to pass through where the cherries are ripe and juicy.

There is a \$200 discount to the first nine families to register.

This year Joyce Poley is Song Leader and the adult program features Rev. Stefan Jonasson.

Eliot has ample funds for those who need financial assistance so don't be shy about asking.

The web site is www.eliotinstitute.org or call 206-374-2497.

See also item Apr 6 in the Silver Folder.

19th ANNUAL WOMEN'S GATHERING

July 1 - 3, 2005

**St. Michael's Retreat Centre
Lumsden, Saskatchewan**

Our theme this year:

"ARE WE THERE YET?"

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Brochures will be mailed in mid April