



North Shore Unitarian Church

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January 2017

Canvass Update

This year's Canvass gathered over \$234,000 in pledges. This is outstanding considering that last year we raised \$210,000 in the fall canvass and \$14,000 in the mini-canvass for a total of \$224,00. Our community has generously pledged to contribute \$10,000 more this year than last *without having to resort to a mini-canvass!*

This result is due to the hard work and untiring efforts of the canvass committee (Greg Huynh, Brian McConnell, Ian Shearer, Linda Pratt, Judith Radford and Malcolm Mallory) and our 22 canvassers listed below. Another key ingredient to our success was the strategic advice we received from Rev. Marcus, which was crucial to establishing this year's canvass theme – what does membership in our beloved community bring to you? Marcus co-led the canvasser training events with me and made sure we always kept in mind the spiritual foundation on which our canvass campaign rested. I'd also like to acknowledge moving testimonials by Greg Huynh, Bruce Grierson, Jacky Coates, John Duffy and Tricia Edgar who spoke so eloquently about what being an NSUC mem-

ber means to them.

I'd especially like to thank all who pledged. Each of the 163 pledges we received contributed to this amazing result. Thank you for giving from the heart and for all your gifts of time and talent that breathe life into our community.

Canvassers: Gwen Bird, Diana Cathcart, Nora Coates, Romney Copping, Elain Duvall, Leslie Gibbons, Judith Gordon, Ryan Gunther, June Hahn, Dianne Hicks, Vivian Himbeault, Bruce Howlett, Melissa Picher Kelly, Jennifer MacKay, Diane Noble, Ruth Sherwood, John Slattery, Marcia Stephenson, Cathy Strickland, Linda Vance, Joanna Vaughan, and Merrick Walsh.

~ Mark Pezarro, Canvass Chair

Reminder: Congregational Meeting:

Mark your calendar for our Annual Budget Meeting:
January 29th at 12:15pm.
Packets will be distributed in early January.

Town Hall: New Bylaws

All are invited to the Town Hall meeting at 12:15pm on Sunday, January 22nd. The Bylaw Team will present their recommendations (see John's article on page 4), and members can ask questions and provide input.



All are invited to celebrate NSUC's 50th Anniversary and the Installation of Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief, on Saturday, March 25th. The Installation Ceremony begins at 3pm in the sanctuary of Mt. Seymour United Church in North Vancouver. At 5pm, we'll enjoy a dinner of meat and vegetarian entrees cooked by the Forbes duo and Barb Moore, along with potluck sides and cake for dessert. Plans for music and entertainment are in the works; stay tuned! The steering committee (Marcia & Jim Stephenson, Pat Meyer, Linda Pratt, and Melissa Picher Kelly) needs help from volunteers, for this gala will be a labour of love from the whole congregation. Marcus and Emily will plan the installation ceremony with the Sunday Services Team. Janni will track RSVPs and transportation needs. Lynn will want to hear from families who will need child care. Save the date and dust off those dancing shoes!

Upcoming Sunday Services

January 1st, 10:30 am

“Earth, Air Fire and Water”

Presenters & Coordinators: Joy Silver & John Slattery

This New Year's Day, a simplified and interactive service will give you opportunity to reflect both on the year past and on the year ahead. It will feature our ever-popular Fire Communion for the negative stuff, a sharing of last year's positive stuff, and new rituals signifying our intentions for the New Year. Adults, youth and children are welcome to participate. There is no childcare available for this service.

January 8th, 10:30 am

“Learning, Travel and Faith”

Speaker: District of North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton

Coordinator: Mark Pezarro

The best gift we can provide for our young is the chance to open their eyes to how other people and cultures live, and how various faiths reflect and shape humanity.

Children will begin the service downstairs.

January 15th, 10:30 am

“Monkey Traps and the Crime of Innovation”

Speakers: Revs. Emily & Marcus Hartlief

Coordinator: Sue Forbes

Change is in the nature of our tradition . . . but that doesn't make it any easier. How do we make space for the grief of losing what has been while embracing the possibilities that change may bring?

Children will begin the service upstairs.

January 22nd, 10:30 am

“First Things First”

Speaker: Rev. Emily Hartlief

Coordinator: Leslie Gibbons

Many people make resolutions at the start of the New Year. Three weeks later, where are we with these resolutions? What helps us to continue to show up for the commitments we make to ourselves and to others?

Children will begin the service upstairs.

January 29th, 10:30 am / “Dragons, the Apocalypse And Standing in the Fire of Transformation”

Speaker: Rev. Marcus Hartlief

Coordinator: Kerry Burke

The fiery dragon parades as the emblem of the Lunar New Year. Apocalyptic visions of dystopian futures loom large in the imagination of the popular culture. How are you called to stand in the fire?

Children will begin the service upstairs. (Budget Mtg. after the service).



Special Invitation for Visitors:

On January 15th visitors are invited to stay after the service to meet with one or both of our Co-Ministers in their office, and ask questions about our congregation.

CUC Tip #14 for Intentionally Inclusive Congregations:

“What’s That, You Say?”

1 in 4 Canadian's report some degree of hearing loss. To make it easier for people with hearing issues:

- Use microphones.
- Speak clearly.
- Pause at the lectern for a few seconds before speaking to allow time for 'tuning in'.
- At coffee hour, make eye contact with someone before you start to speak.

Miss a Service?

VIDEOS of many of our sermons are available to watch online: From our home page at northshoreunitarians.ca, hover over “News & Events” on the top menu. From the drop down menu, select “Watch Recent Sermons”. Click on one you'd like to see.

The New Year brings anticipation and excitement to North Shore Unitarian Church. Led by our Vice President Marcia Stephenson, we have begun preparations for our 50th Anniversary Celebration slated for Saturday, March 25th. Before the party, we will hold an installation service — a traditional ceremony to honour the relationship we have entered together as congregation and settled ministers. We look forward to this event, and are already grateful for the volunteers and staff who are making it happen with ease and grace.

As we welcome the year, we also make preparations for a new addition to our sanctuary. Barrie Forbes and his daughter have crafted a new pulpit. The current pulpit, which came with the sanctuary and was built by a previous congregation, has been used since we moved into our current building in 1982. In the current pulpit, the colored plexiglass in the sides reflects colored glass that has long since been changed in the sanctuary. As we focus on NSUC's vision for the future, including moving to a new building in the not too distant future, it is appropriate to anticipate the many changes to come, through changing our pulpit. Our new pulpit will have a more simple, modern design with reclaimed wood from decommissioned pews, a perfect metaphor of the work our tradition is being called to do: to reshape and renew our history to be relevant and meaningful now and into the future.

Change is afoot in the larger global landscape as well. We were heartened to read these words from Rev. Shawn Newton, reflect-

ing on Canada's role in this political moment:

"Now more than ever is an opportunity to lean in to the promise of this country, to make real our commitment to multiculturalism, to nurture the sacred human hope that we can learn to overcome our fears of difference, and, instead, celebrate the unique experience and gifts of every person. To stand on guard for Canada, to my mind, means doing what we can to protect this unprecedented experiment in building human community. It means doing the hard work of reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of this land. It means taking steps to ensure the wellbeing of all. It means recognizing we share a common destiny on this planet. It means, in this time of tumult, keeping alive for the rest of the world a compelling model of what a compassionate society can be."

Our deepest hope is that NSUC can be a model of this compassionate society, and that together we can contribute to a more peaceful and just Vancouver, Canada and world.

We look forward to seeing you at church as we explore the theme of Change throughout January's services. Whether you love change, or just can't take the thought of any more of it, let's wrestle with it together.

With you on the journey,
Revs. Emily & Marcus



Revs. Marcus & Emily Hartlief

Hopes & Histories Invitation

In September, we shared our plans to gather with you in small groups so we can hear about your histories with the congregation and your hopes for its future. Hosts have graciously stepped forward, and we are now ready to ask you to sign up for a gathering. These will not be business meetings that lead to next steps and decisions, but rather simple listening circles with space for stories. We want to hear how you've been moved, or transformed, or heartbroken in this community; we want to know what excites and inspires you as we dream into the future together.

A list of dates/hosts is available [HERE](#) or on the foyer table. Please find a date that works for you and RSVP to the host. Space is limited. You might consider choosing a gathering near where you live to get to know better others in your neighbourhood. If you would like to participate but cannot make any of these dates, please let us know so we can schedule additional circles.

From Our President



John Biasucci, Board President

At the congregational meeting on January 29th, members will be asked to vote on a new set of NSUC Bylaws. Let me explain why the new Bylaws are needed, and give you a brief preview of what they will contain.

The new Societies Act

As most of you know, NSUC is a non-profit society that was incorporated — 50 years ago this year — under the BC Society Act. In 2015, the BC legislature enacted a new “Societies Act” that replaced the old one under which we were formed. The new Societies Act just became effective on November 28, 2016, and as of that date all BC societies, including NSUC, must comply with the new Act.

Compliance with the new Act means two things. *First*, any provisions in NSUC’s Constitution or Bylaws that conflict with the Act are now void. *Second*, NSUC must “transition” into full compliance with the Act by re-filing with the Province its Constitution and Bylaws in a form consistent with the Act.

In anticipation of this law change, several months ago your Board

asked Lesley Giroday, Board Trustee and a lawyer, to lead a team to investigate the requirements of the new Act and to prepare the revisions to our Bylaws necessary to comply with it. Lesley and her team (Michael Watson, Wayne Hanna and myself) completed their work, resulting in the proposed new Bylaws to be voted on at the January 29th meeting.

Bylaw Revisions

In carrying out its work on the Bylaws, Lesley’s team recommended to the Board, and the Board approved, Bylaw changes of three primary types:

- Changes required by the new Societies Act because our existing Bylaw provisions conflict with the new Act.
- Improvements in the Bylaws that the old Act did not allow or encourage, but that are now allowed or encouraged by the new Act.
- Editorial changes to make the new Bylaws easier to read/use.

An example of a Bylaw change mandated by the new Act is eliminating the provision in our existing Bylaws that requires one-year membership in order to vote on real estate matters (rather than the usual 90-day requirement). The new Act specifies that a voting member of a society must be able to vote on “every matter” before the society.

An example of an improvement in the Bylaws which is encouraged by the new Act are provisions allowing a society to indemnify its directors against liabilities asserted against them in the course and scope of their duties as long as

they have acted in good faith in the best interests of the society. Such indemnification provisions are standard in the business world, and recommended as good practice in the non-profit world. The old Society Act, however, required a court order to provide indemnification in this way. The new Act consciously eliminated this requirement.

Finally, Lesley’s team made many editorial changes to make the proposed new Bylaws easier to read and use, such as a table of contents, a fully revised numbering system and section headings.

Understanding the Changes

To help members understand the proposed Bylaw changes, a package of materials will be sent to members before the January 29th meeting including a redlined copy of the proposed new Bylaws (showing the changes), a clean copy incorporating the changes (easier to read than the redlined version), and a memo describing the reasons for the changes.

In addition, Lesley and her team have scheduled a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, January 22nd to go over the proposed new Bylaws and to answer questions for any members who may wish to attend.

We recognize that technical documents like a full set of Bylaws are not the most exciting or easiest things to read or understand. We hope, however, you will take time to read the materials you’ll receive with the notice of the congregational meeting, and will be able to attend the January 22nd Town Hall meeting so you’ll feel adequately informed to vote on the proposed new Bylaws on January 29th.



A new UUA Tapestry of Faith Program

This program facilitates a process of personal reflection, learning, and spiritual growth focused on the topic of death and dying. It is not designed to be a grief support group, nor is it an intellectual study of the

topic. The series will include information from the social sciences, theological reflection, personal and shared narratives, creative expression, journaling, and practical learning. It helps participants move from viewing death as an abstract concept to developing a personal recognition of its meaning in their lives. All are invited to experience death and dying as a healthy part of life. Co-led by Kathryn Nicholson and Marcia Stephenson, this group will meet from 10am to noon on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, January through April, in the Fireside Area.

A screening and discussion of the Ken Burns



DVD *Defying the Nazis* will be held in the Fireside Area on January 4th at 7 pm. This is another opportunity to view the original PBS broadcast. Rev. Waitstill Sharp, a Unitarian minister, and his wife, Martha, went to Europe in the late 1930's to rescue many who were targeted for the death camps by the Nazis. They were credited with saving hundreds of lives, many of them children. Sign up downstairs.



Connections: New Name, New Team, New Process

Revs. Emily and Marcus are bringing new ideas to our "membership" process. They began by hosting a "Pathway to Belonging" brainstorming session in October. About 30 people – both new and long-time congregants – participated. The animated group generated reams of new ideas to influence how we operate.

First, we have a new name. The former Membership Committee is now the Connections Team. This name better expresses our goal, which is to make it easy for people to get connected and determine if we're the right fit for them.

Second, we have a new team. It includes Ruth Sherwood (who for many years chaired membership), and Sharon Bowen, Diana Cathcart and Jennifer Mackay (long-time greeters). Sue and Barrie Forbes will co-chair the team. Revs. Emily and Marcus and our Director of Religious Education, Lynn Sabourin, will provide professional guidance.

As per the new governance model, the Connections Team will operate under the umbrella of the Belong With Heart Ministry. The "path to belonging" will consist of five clear and concise steps:

1. Website: The Media Team is reviewing the website to ensure it's even more visitor friendly.

2. In-person greeting: on Sundays, Marcus and Emily greet everyone at the door. They direct new people to a Greeter, who will encourage them to fill in a new information form if they'd like to know more. (You'll see the new forms in the pews also.)

3. UU 101: once a month, Marcus and Emily invite new people to join them in their office to ask questions about our tradition.

4. Starting Point: Marcus, Emily and Lynn will host a two-Saturday information session for new people. It will use the "small group" format to help people share their own journey and learn more about our history. The first of these will be held January 21st and 28th.

5. Small Groups: four interested Starting Point "graduates" will be paired with four longer-time members to form a small group to participate in facilitated in-depth discussions about topics related to our Sunday themes. The groups will meet every two weeks for about three months, or as long as they'd like.

The role of the entire congregation in this new process is vital! Please speak with new people, ask what brought them here, and help them feel at home.

~ Sue Forbes

Children's Program



Lynn Sabourin, DRE



Secret Buddies' Sign-Ups Start January 8th

Our Secret Buddies program is beginning! Secret Buddies is an opportunity for adults and children 5 years and over to get to know one another and have a little fun, too.

It's easy to do. Sign up between January 8th and 15th. Forms will be on the bulletin board downstairs in the main church building.

Starting on Sunday January 29th, there will be "mailbags" with the child's name on the bulletin board. This is the mail drop for both child and adult. Secret Buddies exchange letters, jokes, puzzles, drawings, baby pictures, book and movie recommendations etc. – anything that will help adult and child get to know each other.

Identities will be revealed at a potluck supper on Sunday, March 5th at 5-7 pm.

For more info call Lynn Sabourin by email at lsabourin@northshoreunitarians.ca or by phone at 604-926-1621.



Potluck & Talent Show

Mark your calendars for our first potluck of 2017 on Sunday, January 22nd, 5-7 pm. Bring a dish and a beverage to share for dinner downstairs, and then join us upstairs in the Sanctuary for an all-ages Talent Show from 7-8:30 pm.

Sign up on the poster downstairs in the hallway if you have an act you would like to perform, or call Lynn at 604-926-1621.

We want musicians, magicians, singers, dancers and other entertainers. We need an appreciative audience too, so plan it into your calendar now. You won't be disappointed!



Gift-Making Workshop Recap

Our November 20th Gift Making Workshop was a huge success thanks to all the fabulous volunteers who made it possible: Anne Dyer & Erin McNeill (sock puppets); Gail Lehman,

Marcia Stephenson, Melissa Picher Kelly (fleece no-sew pillows); Tim Hollick-Kenyon, Krista Tulloch (Chilcotin angels); Abby Egger, Kit To, Callia Moore, Sabrina Guzman Skolnitsky, Sima Yetbarek (gingerbread houses); Tricia Edgar, Rebecca Lindley (mistletoes); Joy Silver, Andrea Tyliczak, Karoline Moore, Olga Pickard (wax crayon cards); Robyn Newton (beeswax candles); Karen Epp, Anne Mayall (bean soup in jars); Lynda Fownes, Sharon Bowen (flower vases); Janni Kretlow, Jasha Ramsay-Latter (denim pillows); Jen Ritchie, Vicky Naranjo (alphabear ornaments); Joan Cox, Barb Moore (refreshments); Elizabeth Cody-Rutter (tickets). Many children went home having learned some new skills and with home-made gifts for friends and family.



3-6 Year Olds

Our **Spirit Play** class looked at three more promise stories this past month. The blue promise – believe in our ideas and act on them, was illustrated in Wanda's Roses in which a little girl cleans

up an empty lot and her neighbours help her realize her dream of growing roses there. In the story of Hunter and His Dog, the indigo promise- insist on freedom, justice and peace, was the focus. I Love You Sun, I Love You Moon highlighted our violet promise- value our home, Earth, that we share with all living beings. The children also heard a Cosmic Creation Story and a Christmas story The Legend of Old Befana.



9-10 Year Olds

Tools continue to fill the **Toolbox of Faith**. Water in a canteen or water bottle represented the Spirit of Life. *Saddlebags* conveyed the message of courage and conviction; these were used by the circuit riding Universalist ministers of the early 1800s. A *stethoscope* was symbolic of listening; I'm sure every parent appreciates the quote from Epictetus, the Greek Stoic philosopher, "Nature has given [people]

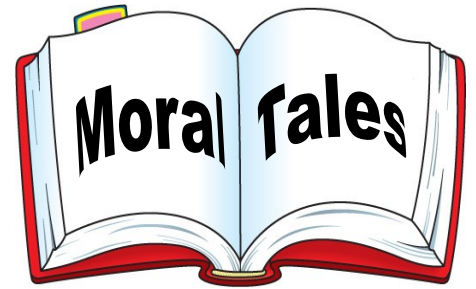
one tongue but two ears, that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak". As *sandpaper* helps to smooth out the rough spots in wood, humour smooths out the rough spots in life. Love and the warmth of compassion were represented by gloves.



11-12 Year Olds

So many questions, so little time. Our **Inquiring Souls** keep coming up with more. On deck this past month were: What is the point of school? Joining them were Ann Travers and Letitia Lipp, two educators from our congregation, who

sparked a lively conversation with the kids. Should parents lie to their children? Is there ever a good reason to not tell the truth? Do white lies sometimes protect people? An ethical dilemma, for sure. They spent one session discussing rainbows and all they represent, both scientifically and ideologically. Why Winter Solstice? Why do we have any of the winter holidays/celebrations such Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Saturnalia, Advent etc.?



7-8 Year Olds

Moral Tales covered this month included the values of balance (treading softly on the earth), non-violence, responsibility, justice and equality, and courage. I hope the children will wear their WWUUD (What Would a Unitarian Universalist Do?) bracelets often to remind them to make choices that reflect goodness and justice.

A Special



To

Fall Semester

Teachers & Helpers

Many thanks to the Fall teachers and assistants, storytellers and doorkeepers: Jilly Watson, Joy Silver, Gabi Harvey, Elizabeth Cody-Rutter, Anne Mayall, and Marguerite Mahy in Spirit Play; Catarina Gomes and Kay Welwood in Primary; Dennis Cooper, Marcia Stephenson and Robyn Newton in Middle Group; and Jessica Motherwell, Bill Richardson and Doug Sabourin in Intermediate. We appreciate you!

News & Events

Social Responsibility takes many forms. At NSUC, one of the ways we promote our values in the larger community is through financial donations to worthwhile charities. Each month, we collect donations during our Sunday morning services for a charity whose principles are in line with our own. In 2016, we collected funds for the following organizations:

January	Paul Sugar Palliative Support Foundation	\$775
February	Wish Drop In Centre	\$582
March	Our Partner Church in Hungary	\$1,535
April	Unitarian Service Committee.....	\$859
May	McLaren Housing	\$748
June	North Shore Women's Centre	\$416
July	UU United Nations Office.....	\$170 (USD)
August	Pacific Northwest UU Growth Fund	\$20 (USD)
September	Child Haven International.....	\$882
October	Rainbow Refugee Society.....	\$1400
November	Hope's Place	\$1004
December	Pastoral Discretionary Fund	TBD



2017 CUC Annual General Meeting

At our Budget Meeting on January 29th, NSUC will elect delegates for the 2017 Canadian Unitarian Council's AGM, which will be held in Toronto on May 13, 2017. This is an opportunity to represent our congregation at our national UU organization. Please email Elain (meduvall@shaw.ca) if you're interested in serving as one of our delegates.

~ Elain Duvall
VP Denominational



Cronies

Happy New Year from the Cronies of NSUC!

We want to see you at our next meeting. Join us on January 12th and 26th, Thursdays, with a light lunch at 12:30pm. There will be lots to 'show and tell' from our December antics. We look forward to seeing some of you who may not be quite sure what we are up to every month. May peace be with you. Joanna 604-904-9535.

Fun Shui Monthly Social Walk & Coffee

Sunday, January 8th at 1pm sharp, we will meet at the Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre 2443 Park Rd (end of Peters Rd) in N. Vancouver. We'll cross over the historic Lynn Canyon Suspension bridge, travel through a century-old forest, and stop for a coffee. Bring water to drink. RSVP to Merrick Walsh 778-847-6377.



From the Library

The Library Team will not be holding a big used book sale this year; however, we remind you of our ongoing one. We reduced the price to 50-cents for any book, and added free magazines on the window sill. We renew the stock every month, so make sure to visit us at the library table at least once a month.

We accept donations, but please, no text books or reference books. Before you donate a large number of books, please make arrangements with Nicole Hostinsky (nicole.hostinsky@gmail.com or 604-294-3916).



Outreach/ Inreach

In November, we collected \$1,004.20 for Hope's Place.

In January, half of our Outreach/Inreach collections will be given to the Paul Sugar Palliative Support Foundation, which provides care and assistance to those living with terminal illness who are in financial need. Please make cheques payable to NSUC.

B&G

Building & Grounds

At November's work party, 11 NSUC members gathered to serve the community by practicing a particular sort of ministry. As Cohen said, "It doesn't matter how you worship as long as you're on your knees." Most were B&G members (Brian McConnell, Brian Welwood, Paul Symons, John Duffy, Barrie Forbes, Bob Vaughan, and Merrick Walsh). The B&G group wants to give a special thanks however to Malcolm Mallory, Gail Lehman, Blair Thompson and Romney Copping who came and raked, clipped and sawed with us. It means a lot to the B&G group to have support from the congregation as we completed the following tasks:

- Dealt with slip and trip risks at entrances, exits and walkways at the request of the insurer and the tenants.
- Trimmed brush in and around the John Cox garden.
- Cleared walkway to the Rod Stewart Building (RSB).
- Removed leaves in tenant area and parking lot.
- Felled encroaching tree behind RSB; removed low hanging limbs in playground.
- Cleaned gutters at RSB and removed leaves from Chelsea House and main building roofs.
- Sealed off wasp nest.
- Replaced exterior flood lights at Mathers Avenue entrance.
- Adjusted exterior light timers.
- Repaired couch in Fireside Room.

December's snows proved a challenge for us. We had a parking lot plow contractor who failed to materialize, and efforts to get another were difficult. Sidewalks were well maintained by our contracted neighbour with help from B&G.

In December, Brian McConnell, with page layout help from Janni and technical advice from Ira Jordison, delivered a 30-page draft Sound Booth Guide, for use by the Sound Booth team and other users. We replaced Emily's headset, which was giving us problems. We also showed how the new system can be used to amplify sound downstairs in the Social Room.

Brian McConnell provided a detailed report to the insurer outlining the measures undertaken to ensure that we do not succumb to ground water flooding again.

~ Brian McConnell

startingPOINT

January 21st & 28th

Want to be more connected at North Shore Unitarian Church? In our Starting Point class, you'll get to know other people in the community, learn about the history of our church and Unitarian Universalism, and get plugged in with opportunities for creating depth, meaning and purpose. Our next session, facilitated by our Ministers and Director of Religious Education, is scheduled for two Saturdays: January 21st and 28th, from 9:30am-12:30pm. Please RSVP to Lynn Sabourin at 604-926-1621/ lsabourin@northshoreunitarians.ca



Jammin' With the Band

All are invited to participate in this informal jam session on Friday, January 13th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Bring a musical instrument, or sing along. All ages and skill levels welcome; the emphasis is on having fun.

~Paul Jaffe

Artarians

Thank you to all who shopped at our Craft Sale in November — our best sale ever! In January, the Sanctuary display will again feature NSUC artists.



by Lynda Fownes

Bluegrass Concert Saturday, January 21st At 7pm

All are invited to attend this Fund-Fest event in the Sanctuary featuring a live performance by the Lawn Dogs! Tickets at the door are \$20 each (all proceeds go to NSUC). Refreshments and nibbles will be served. Please RSVP to Lesley Giroday or the church office if you plan to attend.

Youth Group



Meike Schieb
Youth Program Coordinator

"A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES
MUST BEGIN WITH A SINGLE STEP."

— CHINESE PROVERB



Paul Symons, Kit To, Callia,
Maisy, Liana, Abby, Teya,
Gemma, Zoe, and Sian.

December was a short month for the youth group, yet it was filled with fun, deep discussions, excitement and celebrations.

In December we dove into the explorations of various different religions in the spirit of the upcoming holidays, and of course embraced the holiday theme in general. During the Grade 12 Meeting, we also looked back at the past year considering how it impacted us and how we grew, and we set goals for 2017. We will also be setting goals in youth group in January; a new year often means a new beginning!

We ended our year with a Youth Group Holiday Potluck Celebration and a gift exchange to celebrate this wonderful time of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Youth Adult

Committee (Teya, Liana, Calli, Zoe, Sian, Jasmine, Maisy and Jason) for planning such great themes for the youth groups and for displaying their amazing leadership skills this year. In addition, I would like to thank our remarkable Youth Advisors (Paul, Bruce, Sacha and Kit) for their continuous support and patience. They have been wonderful leaders and role models for the youth.

I am excited to see what 2017 has in store for all of us, and look forward to continue working with you!

I wish you all a happy 2017. May all your wishes come true, and may you find the courage and motivation to reach your dreams and goals!

~ Meike
Youth Program Coordinator

Coming in January

January 8 th	7-9pm	Youth Group
January 10 th	6:30-8pm	Grade 12 Meeting (offsite)
January 15 th	12:30-2pm	Youth Ministry Team Meeting
	4:30-6:30pm	Coming of Age Meeting
	7-9pm	Youth Group
January 22 th	5-9pm	Multigenerational Potluck & Talent Show
January 27 th	7-10pm	DTES Scavenger Hunt Walk Through
January 29 th	5:30-7pm	YAC Meeting
	7-9pm	Youth Group

January 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 10:30am Sunday Service	2 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm Meditation 	3 7:15pm Governance Mtg	4 7pm Doc & Talk Documentary Film	5	6	7
Revs. Emily & Marcus are away						
8 Secret Buddy Sign-ups Begin 10:30am Sunday Service 11:45am Soup 12:30pm Usher/Greeter Training 1pm Fun Shui walk 7pm Youth Group	9 7:30pm Meditation	10 9am Gentle Yoga 6pm G12 Mtg (offsite)	11 10am Facing Death with Life 6:30pm Sanctuary Rental 7pm Board Mtg	12 10am Meditation 12:30pm Cronies 1pm Staff Mtg 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice	13 9am Gentle Yoga 7:30pm Jammin' with the Band	14 4:30pm FF Lawrence Set-up 6:45 FF Lawrence of Arabia Film
15 10:30am Sunday Service 11:45am Soup 11:45am UU101 12:30pm Youth Ministry Mtg 4:30pm COA Mtg 7pm Youth Group <div>Newsletter Deadline</div>	16 7:30pm Meditation	17 9am Gentle Yoga 6:45pm Children's Program Mtg.	18 Noon Care & Concerns Mtg 6:30pm Sanctuary Rental 7pm Hopes/Histories Mtg (offsite)	19 10am Book Group 11 Administrators' Mtg 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice	20 9am Gentle Yoga 7pm Middle Group Event <div>Trash Pickup</div>	21 8am Middle Group Event 9:30am Starting Point 2pm FF Lawn Dogs set-up 7pm FF Lawn Dogs event
22 10:30am Sunday Service 12:15pm Town Hall 5pm Multigenerational Potluck 7pm Talent Show	23 7:30pm Meditation	24 9am Gentle Yoga	25 10am Facing Death with Life 4pm LC Mtg 6:30pm Sanctuary Rental 7pm Hopes/Histories Mtg (offsite)	26 10am Meditation 12:30pm Cronies 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice	27 9am Gentle Yoga 7pm DTES Walk Through 7pm FF Feasting on Films	28 9:30 Starting Point 1:30 Rental Circle meals (offsite—start times vary)
29 Secret Buddy Exchange Begins 10:30am Sunday Service 12:15pm Budget Mtg 5:30 pm YAC Mtg 7pm Youth Group	30 7:30pm Meditation	31 9am Yoga	<p>Calendar events often change without notice. See our most up-to-date calendar on our website HERE. (Click on News & Events on the main menu).</p>			



On rare occasions, we may need to cancel church or other events due to bad weather. See full details in the Church Directory or on our blog: <http://northshoreunitarians.ca/2016/12/08/church-close-snows/>

The Seven Principles Our Congregation Affirms and Promotes:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Mission Statement

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UNITARIAN CHURCH
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TO LIVE WITH GREATER DEPTH,
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TO OUR CARING COMMUNITY,
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FREE OF DOGMA,
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Lay Chaplains

Our Lay Chaplains perform
Rite of Passage and
Life Transition Ceremonies to
mark important milestones.

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