

## North Shore Unitarian NEWS

March 2017

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# NSUC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Installation Celebration

## March 25th

at Mt. Seymour United Church 1200 Parkgate Ave North Vancouver

Gather the spirit as we celebrate NSUC's 50th Anniversary and the Installation of our co-ministers, Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief. Greet old friends and welcome visitors on Saturday, March 25th. The installation ceremony starts at 3pm. After the service, the reception begins at 5pm with a buffet dinner of main courses served with potluck side dishes. We'll light candles on a special celebration cake for dessert. Musicians and singers are busy rehearsing for the afternoon ceremony and evening entertainment. Please fill out the online RSVP form HERE and find more info HERE. (Contact Janni in the office to RSVP by phone, or if you need the information in paper form). The steering committee is grateful for all the offers of help that have come in to date. Contributions for flowers in honour of our founders, or to help defray rental and food costs, are welcome at any time. Mark your donation envelope "Installation/Anniversary party" to ensure accurate accounting. Bring your memories, your smiles and your dancing shoes.



## 23 Years with Our Partner Church in Hungary

March is Partner Church Month across

North America. Our Partner Church in Hungary will receive 100% of our Inreach/Outreach Collections during March.

In May, about 30 NSUCers are embarking on another choir tour to Hungary & Transylvania that will include a final weekend with our Partner Church to sing farewell to Minister (who is retiring), and if possible, start a relationship with a new minister. Read the full story of our partnership HERE.



## **Gaming Grant Approved!**

Good news! Our application for the Community Gaming Grant was approved in the amount of \$30,000. The money will be used to help pay for Children, Youth and Adult education programs. We are grateful for this funding!

## FundFest 2017 is coming soon! (May 6th at 5pm)



It's time to start thinking about your offer. What do you like doing? How can you bring activities you enjoy to the NSUC community? Maybe you could organize: an outing of young families, a concert, film or talk, sailing, walking, snowshoeing, playing easy outdoor games, a road trip, making music, poetry, noise, dance, getting messy with paint, or a food or beverage tasting. (It's even better when food is involved!)

Consider, also, a donation to the silent auction. More to come later on who to send your donation to and how you can offer an amazing experience for almost no cost. Contacts: Brian McConnell, Leslie Gibbons.

## **Upcoming Sunday Services**

# March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am "Draw the Circle Wide"

Speaker: Rev. Emily Hartlief Coordinator: John Slattery

Description: In UU congregations, Pagans share ritual with Christians; theists break bread with atheists; Jews and mystics of all types sing hymns together. Among our great diversity, what is it that holds our faith tradition together? We will have a new member joining ceremony as part of this service. Please contact Rev. Emily or Marcus if you would like to join. Children will begin the service upstairs.

## March 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am "What Do You Expect?"

Speaker: Rev. Arthur Berman Coordinator: Sue Forbes

Description: This service explores how our expectations affect outcome. We also explore how the perception of our past affects our future.

Children will begin the service downstairs.

# March 19th, 10:30am "The Covenant of the Seasons"

Speakers: Revs. Emily & Marcus Hartlief

Coordinator: Leslie Gibbons

This Sunday we will celebrate the equinox and beginning of Spring with an intergeneration story service. Plan to participate as we recreate the Greek myth of Persephone, Hades, and Demeter and explore what it means to be in covenant with the Earth. Children will be upstairs for the whole service.

# March 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am "There is No Away"

Speaker: Rev. Marcus Hartlief Coordinator: Mark Pezarro

Description: We live in litigious times, oriented toward mediating relationships through punitive justice. How does rooting ourselves in covenant rather than contract change the way we respond to broken promises?

Children will begin the service downstairs.



#### **Special Invitation for Visitors:**

On March 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### Wanted

Barb Moore's term as Lay Chaplain is coming to an end soon. We thank her for her 6 years of outstanding service to NSUC and the greater community!

We need someone interested in taking on the Lay Chaplain role. (Training is provided). If you are interested in this, or just curious about Lay Chaplaincy, please contact Karen Epp or Rev. Marcus.

## **Contacting our Co-Ministers:**

Rev. Emily / Emily@northshoreunitarians.ca / 604-704-6749

Rev. Marcus / Marcus@northshoreunitarians.ca / 604-704-6740



he snow has melted, the rain is falling and early whispers of Spring are in the air. We eagerly celebrate signs of new life. This month we will have a welcome ceremony for new members in the service on March 5th. If you have been thinking about making this congregation your spiritual home, now is a wonderful time to make it official. We are also joyfully anticipating celebrating the 50th Anniversary of this congregation, as well as our Installation as your ministers. All signs point to a joyful occasion as we look back on a storied past and forward to an exciting future.

In our Hopes and Histories gatherings we have heard great stories about the church's history. We've heard about dedicated, creative Unitarians helping draft resisters across the border with a couple of suits and \$300 that passed through many hands as each resister used it to pass the border test and then returned it. We've heard about children growing up loved by this community. We've heard about conversations that changed lives. We've heard about witnessing for choice and reproductive rights at Lions Gate Hospital. What stories do you want us to hear from your life in this congregation?

We've also begun to hear about your dreams and visions for the future. We feel your longing to grow the power of our church to impact our wider community. We feel your energy to dive in and make new things happen. What vision for our future do you have to share with this community?

Our theme this month is Covenant. The idea of covenant emerges in the stories of the Hebrew Bible as a kind of sacred pact between God and people. In our modern UU context, we often talk about our tradition as covenantal rather than creedal—it's about agreeing how we will treat one another and the world, not agreeing about what we believe. In our congregation, we make many covenants with one another, and with our larger UU movement, about how we will be together. Often we write down covenants, in our RE classes, with our staff team, or on our Board. But covenants are so much bigger than words on paper—they are lived relationships, and not just with people.

Do you have a covenant with yourself? With others animals? Do you covenant with your work—not

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your job, but your purpose or calling? Do you live a covenant with the

earth? Do you covenant with life, with the universe, or with something you might name god or the holy? As we talk about Hopes and Histories, we ask, what does it mean to live in covenant with time, with the past and the future? In a time of great change, how do we honor and stay true to our roots, our history? How do we hold our responsibility to the future with integrity?

When we hold our Service of Installation on March 25th, it will be a ceremonial recognition of the



Revs. Emily & Marcus Hartlief

covenant we created when you called us to be your settled ministers last May. It is a ritual that lifts up our tradition's faith in the power of human relationships and our ability to work together towards

greater love, justice and peace. One of the central tenets of Unitarian Universalism is that we are a people who choose we choose how we

name the sacred, we chose how to organize and govern ourselves, and we choose our spiritual leaders. The Installation is a ritual that affirms the congregation's agency to choose its own spiritual leadership and our agency as ministers to choose the call we accept.

We are so glad to be here. It will be an honor to celebrate with you our intentions to do sacred work together for years to come.

With you on the journey,

Revs. Emily & Marcus



# New Workshop Series: "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven"

"Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" is a womanhonoring adult RE curriculum by Rev. Shirley Ranck. It examines pre-Judeo Christian cultures that may have worshiped the female as divine. The concepts of equality and reverence for the female in a religious setting are eye-opening to many participants.

This workshop series examines important elements of today's women's lives; personal, interpersonal and

societal. It examines how our culture has been influenced by Judeo Christian values. The primary question raised is: How would your life have been different if, when growing up, the divine had been imaged as female? Participants are encouraged to share their own experiences and beliefs, creating trust and strong bonds of friendship. The themes of the Session Plans are: The Sacred Female, In the Name of the Mother and the Daughter, Womanpower, The First Turning-From Goddess to God, and Reclaiming Women's Heritage of Peace.

Session 1 is offered 10am to noon on Monday, March  $6^{th}$  (or 7-9pm on Tuesday, March  $7^{th}$ ). Session 2 is offered 10am to noon on Monday, March  $27^{th}$  (or 7-9 pm Tuesday, March  $28^{th}$ ). We're offering both afternoon and evening time slots, so pick whichever works best for you.

Session leaders are Judith Gordon and Diana DeWeese. Sign up on the bulletin board downstairs or contact the Church Office.

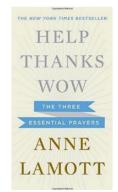
Our Mission is to empower people to live with greater depth, meaning and purpose. We welcome all to our caring community, foster spiritual growth free of dogma, and inspire actions in the service of life.

# 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.

# Help Thanks Wow Discussion Group

If an atheist Unitarian and a Christianleaning Unitarian both fell in love with the same wise and funny book on prayer, what would you get? An opportunity



for deep conversation in our beloved community.

Leslie Gibbons and ElJean Wilson invite you to a 5-session book discussion of Help Thanks Wow: the Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott. We'll meet every other Tuesday, 10am to noon in the Fireside Room starting March 28th. Sign up downstairs or contact the church office to register.

## Global Climate Change: Can The Next Generation Avert A Catastrophe?

Join fellow NSUCers at the Vancouver Institute Dal Grauer Memorial Lecture by James Hansen. Discuss the talk afterwards in a campus pub or coffee shop. Carpools will form at the NSUC parking lot at 6pm. Sign up on the registration form on the HMS bulletin board in the downstairs hall.

WHERE: Woodward Instructional Resource Centre Lecture Hall 2, UBC. WHEN: Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15-9:30pm.

More info here: <a href="http://">http://</a>
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# Welcoming the Future: The Task Force Gets Ready for the Next Phase

s we prepare to celebrate NSUC's 50th birthday later this month, we have an extra reason to be proud: We can honestly say, even after 50 years, that our beloved community is still young in spirit, open to new ideas, and greeting the future with enthusiasm.

Our creating the Task Force on the Future (TFF) is evidence of that. It spearheaded the groundwork of congregational visioning that was significant in drawing the interest of our Co-Ministers, Revs. Emily and Marcus. Now, with an updated mandate from the Board, the TFF is taking on a new specific direction, which is what I want to discuss in this article.

## Task Force on the Future - The First Three Years

The TFF was set up by the Board in June 2013 and charged with the task of investigating the challenges NSUC and Unitarian Universalism are likely to face in the years ahead. (The Board did this in response to the 2013 Confluence Lecture by Rev. Shawn Newton, who in his lecture had issued a wake-up call to UU congregations to become aware of and rise to meet these challenges.)

Led by Leslie Gibbons, its Chair, over the more than three years since its formation, the TFF has been a catalyst for change and a steady source of inspiration for taking bold action to keep NSUC vital and relevant. It has dug deeply into the issues and challenges we and other UU congregations face now and in the future,

and has provided detailed reports and ongoing recommendations for what we need to do to address those challenges.

Based on the TFF's reports and recommendations, the Congregation, at its June 2014 AGM, adopted a resolution calling for the Congregation and the Board to treat as a major priority the design, development and implementation of an inspiring vision of the future, and a comprehensive strategic plan for achieving that vision. The first phase, developing an inspiring vision, was completed, with TFF's assistance, when the Congregation adopted its "Vision for the Future" at its January 2015 meeting.

Since then the TFF has been helping us take steps toward reaching that Vision. The ministerial search process, which began in the spring of 2015, meant some slowing in the pace of change, but important work continued. For example, the Governance Task Force, a subgroup of the TFF, spent more than a year of work helping us develop a new Governance Model. That model was adopted by the Board in November, and we expect it to greatly clarify and improve NSUC's entire management and organization system.

#### The Next Phase

With the ministerial search over and Emily and Marcus's ministry with us in full swing, the Task Force can now focus on its last major project: Helping the Board and Congregation develop a comprehensive strategic plan, as envisioned in



John Biasucci, Board President

the congregational resolution passed at the June 2014 AGM.

And as the Task Force does this, it has made two changes: First, to emphasize that the Task Force is now intensely focussed on the strategic plan, it has, with Board approval, changed its name to the Strategic Planning Task Force. In effect, the Task Force on the Future has now been reconstituted as the Strategic Planning Task Force. Its mandate from the Board is to help develop a Strategic Plan, in consultation with all relevant groups, by June 2018, and to initiate action as appropriate.

Second, Leslie Gibbons, who has led the Task Force on the Future since its inception, has decided to step down as Chair, and has passed the torch of leadership to Elain Duvall, who will be the new Chair.

Thank you, Leslie, for your effective, inspiring and highly successful leadership of the Task Force on the Future over these three and one-half years. We are deeply grateful. And thank you, Elain, for agreeing to lead the Strategic Planning Task Force as it continues on with this important and challenging work.



Lynn Sabourin,
Director of Lifespan Learning

he 50th Anniversary of our church is officially on March 19th but we are celebrating on March 25th. In preparation for that, and for Emily and Marcus' Installation, there is a hard-working crew of people planning away. Norma Elrod is putting together our written history, with the help of a few friends. I especially want to thank her as this is a huge undertaking! Having just researched and written the part on Religious Education, I realize (again) how rich our history is and how incredible were those people who first launched us. We have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate! I hope you all will join us, especially you young families — come and find out why we are so excited. Join with us as we commit to Emily and Marcus' ministry with us, celebrate our 50 years of history, and have some fun, too!

# Multigenerational Potluck



#### Everyone is invited! Sunday, March 5th, 5-7pm

Bring a dish to share, and a beverage.

Prior to dessert, Secret Buddies will meet each other.

Need more info? Call the Church Office at 604-926-1621.



#### 3-6 Year Olds

Our little ones in Spirit Play have had stories from four different faiths. The Tiger and the Lame Fox, a story that tries to point out that we need to help ourselves and not expect that everything be done for us, came from the Sufi source. The famous Wise People and the Elephant, came from the Buddhist tradition, emphasizing that we all have a bit of the truth, but no one person has all of the truth. From our Christian heritage, came Noah's Ark and, as part of our Unitarian history, came the story of Francis David.

#### 7-8 Year Olds

The Primary class are now discovering our Unitarian Universalist UU Super Heroes, having finished Moral Tales. In the first session, they talked



about what a hero is and were introduced to the curriculum's idea of "heroes" as those people who have tried to live their lives so that their abilities and talents became "super powers" and who have used these powers to make the world a better place. Each week, they will be hearing the story of a different UU super hero. The first one was King John Sigismund, the Translyvanian king who believed in religious tolerance and who, in 1557, allowed the people of his kingdom to choose their own faith, even though he chose to be Unitarian. They discovered Henry David Thoreau who was a Transcendentalist and a good friend of Ralph Waldo Emerson. In 1845, Thoreau built himself a one-room cabin on the bank of Walden Pond, near Concord, MA. For two years he stayed there in an experiment of simple living. He grew his own vegetables and supported himself by doing occasional odd jobs. The kids talked about how they would manage this sort of simple living themselves in our day and age.



#### 9-10 Year Olds

The Middle Group finished their **Toolbox of Faith** curriculum, using a hard hat to represent resiliency. They heard the Biblical story of Moses' sister Miriam, and her

ability to think on her feet and to withstand adversity with positive actions. They started the Sing to the Power program and were introduced to the idea that the four elements—earth, air, fire, and water—represent different kinds of power that each of us can use to make the world a better place. They heard an Australian Aboriginal story of the creation of the world from the dreamtime. The emphasis was on making connections with each other and recognizing our common humanity. The children heard about the poet George Ella Lyons, who was inspired by a friend's describing a deep sense of place and roots to write the poem "Where I'm From." They explored their own sense of roots and place through writing their own "I am from...." Poems. You can see some of them on the bulletin board in Room 304. The class also saw a video about Michael Covington and the Georgia Street Community Garden, an urban gardening and community center in Covington's home neighborhood in Detroit. They explored the earth power of growth by decorating pots and planting chives, and investigated the journeys our food takes on its way to us. We learned about the impact that producing, transporting, and selling food has on our environment and communities.



Thank you once again to our teachers and assistants, who are the heart of our church school program!



#### 11-12 Year Olds

The **Inquiring Souls** in our Intermediate class continue to come up with questions that go deeper than they first appear. It was a little after Christmas, but "Why Do We Eat Candy Canes?" actually went beyond Christmas. "What is

Real?" prompted discussion about the fact that everything is a story, but what stories are true? (Given the events of our time and "alternative facts," this can be perplexing). Evolution vs. Creation involved many concepts including intelligent design and God's To Do List. The graphic here shows a bit of the discussion, "Where Did It All Come From? Why? Just Why?" This is a wonderful group of kids - thoughtful, curious and always putting out a challenge to their adult leaders (who, by the way, are up for it).



#### **News & Events**





#### Jammin' With the Band

All are invited to participate in this informal jam session on Friday, March 10th 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



### Outreach/ Inreach

In January, we collected \$1,075 for the Paul Sugar Palliative Sup-

port Foundation. In March, 100% of our collections will be given to our Partner Church in Hungary. Please make cheques payable to NSUC.



#### From the Library

Marcia and Jim Stephenson gave the following books to the library: Living with the End in Mind: A Practical Checklist for Living Life to the Fullest by Embracing Your Mortality by Erin Tierney Kramp and Douglas H. Kramp, All My Puny Sorrows by Miriam Toews, and Remembering Well: Rituals for Celebrating Life and Mourning Death by Sarah York. From the Heart, Mind and Spirit Team, Patricia Grinsteed, Jean Prescott, and Gail Lehman we received respectively: The Shared Pulpit: A Sermon Seminar for Lay People by Erika Hewitt, The Empowerment Manual: A Guide for Collaborative Groups by Starhawk, Has Science Found God by Victor J. Stenger, A God That Could be Real: Spirituality, Science, and the Future of Our Planet by Nancy Ellen Abrams, and Einstein's God by Krista Tippett. The following two books are anonymous donations: Visions: Co-creating Our Future by Kaia Nightingale, and A Good Telling: Bringing Worship to Life with Story by Kristin Maier. Thank you to all donors.



Many thanks to Roy Brand and Paul Symons for their recent help installing fire alarms, adjusting timers, reprogramming the thermostat, moving speakers, fixing a broken glass table, installing

blinds in the ministers' office, and storing unused de-icer. We now have a "Good Book" on Smart TV use sitting on the AV cart. Any pilgrim with a little RTM willingness ("Read the Manual") should be able to attain AV enlightenment. You thought you had a lot of snow at your homes? During this unusual winter, our sidewalk contract made about 18 call outs and our parking lot contract 4, at an estimated total cost of about \$1500. As snow removal and salting of the entire lot would have cost us \$750 each time, I was very clear with instructions to the contractor. I'm hearing people wishing for a sanctuary screen and projector. Can we get it done?

~ Brian McConnell



#### **Cronies**

The March Hare has a story to tell our Cruising Cronies! Come to our cozy fireside corner to hear his story and yours (bring a newspaper story) at 12.30, March 9th and 23rd with a light lunch. Come, come who ever you are, wanderers, worshippers, friends. We will have a hopping good time. Questions? Joanna 604-904-9535.

#### **Artarians**

Alannah Haynes, our featured artist for March, works mostly in



acrylics and enjoys painting a wide variety of topics. Originally from the UK, she now resides in North Vancouver. Visit her website at http://alannahhaynes.com/.



#### Are We a Fit for You?

If you hunger for a community to help you deepen into life's questions, even when there are no final answers, this may be your spiritual home.

If you're "newish" to NSUC, and want to learn more, there's now a

clear path you can follow to decide if we're the right fit! The Connections Team (formerly Membership), building on ideas from the *Path to Belonging* brainstorming session last fall, has identified four specific steps newcomers can take:

- <u>Sign in:</u> (on the iPad or a Welcome Card) to get our newsletter and weekly bulletins.
- Attend UU 101: an informal Q&A after church with our ministers. Next sessions: March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- <u>Join Starting Point</u>: a short class where you can share your story and learn about our church and tradition. Next session: two Saturday mornings, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Join a Journey Group: an opportunity to explore life's questions and go deeper with the monthly theme of our services with a small group.

This pathway to connection will help you decide if you want to make this congregation your spiritual home. You'll also learn about our many engaging activities and opportunities.

If you already think you'd like to join NSUC, talk to Revs Emily or Marcus about either of the **New Member Welcome Ceremonies** scheduled for Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>.

And please join the Connections Team at a **New Member Dinner** on Friday, May 12th. It's for anyone who becomes a member in 2016-17 (or last year if you've never been to one). These are always interesting events with good company and meaningful conversation. We'll provide more info as the date approaches.



# A Salute to Broadway Concert & Tea

Featuring Kathryn Nicholson and Ken Cormier.

2pm on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at North Shore Unitarian Church.

\$15 Tickets available in the office. (Proceeds support NSUC's choir trip to Hungary/Transylvania)

Refreshments & home-baked treats will be served at intermission.

## Women's & Children's Clothing Swap — April 1st

You're invited to a women's and children's clothing swap on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am - 2pm. Here's how it works: drop off donations between **March 18-26**<sup>th</sup> (no earlier, please; we don't have storage space). Bring women's or children's clothing and Halloween costumes, clean and good condition (no missing buttons or nonworking zippers, please!) Donate clothing, accessories & jewellery.

On the day of the event, a \$10 donation gets you in the door — (proceeds will be given to the Wish Drop-In Centre. Take clothing, fashion accessories, jewelry, or whatever strikes your fancy, at no extra cost! We will serve light



refreshments. Come early and swap till you drop! Unclaimed items will be donated to WISH and other local charities.

Ladies of all sizes — start looking through your closet with a critical eye... "Will I really wear this again, or is it time to pass it on?" Tell all your girl friends, and invite them to bring something to "swap shop" . . . the more the merrier!!

## Youth Group



Meike Schieb Youth Program Coordinator

ebruary was filled with Social Thinking and Social Action for the youth. Over several different youth group gatherings, the youth created an Anti-Monopoly Game or also know as UUopoly. The goal of this game is to give, instead of take, and the actions involve social action projects around our city, as well as across the world. Ask any one of the youth for more information about this UUopoly game!

The Coming of Age youth dove into the exploration of social awareness and social action during the Downtown Eastside Scavenger Hunt that is part of the Coming of Age program. Despite the snow, the youth went on a 3-hour walk from Commercial Drive, through the downtown eastside, to the Seabus at the Waterfront station. We stopped at the Carnegie Community Centre and learned about all the services they offer as well as how they support their community. It was any eye-opening experience for the youth and mentors present, and it inspired many actions of further supporting others in our community.

#### **Coming in March**

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March 3-4 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-10am	Youth Group Event
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-8pm	Grade 12 Meeting – Offsite
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-2pm	Youth Volunteer at Shelter Downtown
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:30-6:30pm 7-9pm	Coming of Age Meeting Youth Group
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:30-2pm	Youth Ministry Team Meeting (No Youth Group)
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30-7pm 7-9pm	YAC Meeting Youth Group



Another fun event in February was the Picture Scavenger Hunt on the North Shore. This is one of the youth's favourite events, and we all had a great time again this year! On February 19th, parents of youth came together for a mid-year parent gathering, followed by a joined youth group. This mid-year parent meeting is a new initiative we started this year, and it was great to see all the parents re-connecting and learning more about the youth program.

The youth will be doing some fun activities in March as well, but they will also all be enjoying their Spring Break!

"Begin each day with
a little courage, a little curiosity,
and a little spring in your step."
~ Doe Zantamata

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Sanctuary Rental 7:30pm SS Team Mtg (offsite)	2 10am Connections Mtg 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice	3 9:30am Yoga 7pm Youth Event	4 10am Hopes/ Histories (offsite) 2pm FF Karaoke 7pm RR Karaoke
5 10:30am Sunday Service 11:45am Soup 11:45am UU101 Noon—Beginners' Choir 12:15pm NVC 5pm Secret Buddy Potluck 7pm Youth Group	6 10am Cakes for the Queen of Heaven 7:30pm Meditation	7 9:30am Yoga 6pm G12 Mtg (offsite) 7pm Cakes for the Queen of Heaven 7pm Strategic Planning TF	8 10am Facing Death with Life 6:30pm Sanctuary Rental 7pm Board Mtg	9 10am Meditation 12:30pm Cronies 1pm Staff Mtg 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice	9:30am Yoga 7:30pm Jammin' with the Band	4pm Fireside Rental Change clocks forward 1 hour before bed!
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26 10:30am Sunday Service Noon—Beginners' Choir 5:30pm YAC Mtg 7pm Youth Group	10am Cakes for the Queen of Heaven 7:30pm Meditation	9:30am Yoga 10am Help Thanks Wow 7pm Cakes for the Queen of Heaven	Calendar events often change without notice. See our most up-to-date calendar on our website <u>HERE</u> . (Click on News & Events on the main menu).			



# **Unitarian Family Camp June 2-4, 2017**

Set in the natural splendor of Port Moody's Belcarra Regional Park, the camp offers swimming, boating, hiking, climbing, children and youth programs, a choral workshop for youth/adults, campfires and other fun communal events.

Heated cabins with electricity. Meals provided.
Note: You do not need children to attend Family Camp!

#### Early bird registration deadline: Sun. March 19

Early bird rates: Adults: \$145; Children/Youth: \$133. Register early, save, and help out the planning committee!

Download a brochure/registration form at http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/camp/

To see a fun video created by Ross & Gaby Harvey of Jazzfly Productions of our 2016 camp, go to Youtube and search for "Camp Sasamat hosted by Beacon Unitarian".



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... meeting in Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh traditional territory

### Lay Chaplains

Our Lay Chaplains perform
Rite of Passage and
Life Transition Ceremonies to
mark important milestones.
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We're happy to help!

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