

North Shore Unitarian Church

BELONG WITH HEART. THRIVE IN SPIRIT. ACT IN SERVICE

September 2016



Welcome Hartliefs!

We warmly welcome
Revs. Emily and Marcus
Hartlief as they begin coministry with NSUC! Our
church year begins with
Marcus preaching on Sunday, September 11th. Immediately after this service, we'll enjoy a tasty
corn roast & BBQ downstairs. Emily regrets she
will be away officiating a
family wedding this
weekend. She looks for-

ward to preaching her first Sunday on September 18th. Stick around, if you can, for intergenerational games and activities with Emily and Marcus following the September 18th service. Hope you will join in celebrating this new beginning!



Volunteers Needed for September 11th Corn Roast

Pat Meyer of Act in Service has agreed to coordinate the BBQ & Corn Roast on September 11th. But we need volunteers who can help before, during and after this event. If you can volunteer, please contact Pat by phone 604-986-3899 or email pmeyer@telus.net.

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A Change in How We Do Announcements

Revs. Emily and Marcus have decided to make the announcements during Sunday services, rather than have various people coming forward to speak. This will offer clarity and ease, as well as a consistent welcoming beginning of our service for visitors.



Here are the two ways you can now share an announcement with the congregation:

To have it read in the service: Email it to the Minister/Coordinator at announcements@northshoreunitarians.ca

To include it in the Friday email: Email it to Janni at info@northshoreunitarians.ca

You're welcome to use BOTH of these options, if you'd like. But either way, please send your email no later than 9:00 on Friday morning.

Upcoming Sunday Services

September 4th, 10:30 am Title: "Carpe Diem!"

Speaker: Bruce Grierson Coordinator: John Slattery

Description: Do you ever feel like your life is a tumble of half-finished tasks and good intentions forever forestalled? There are so many demands on our time and attention that many of us just don't get around to the important stuff. Bruce Grierson has a suggestion for a Big Day project to help us identify our core values and put them into play.

September 11th, 10:30 am

Title: "The Two Hundred Year Present"

Presenter: Rev. Marcus Hartlief Coordinator: Leslie Gibbons

Question: What does it mean to belong to this moment in history? Notes: First Sunday of the new church year. Welcome back! Rev. Emily regrets that she will be away to officiate at a family wedding.

September 18th, 10:30 am

Title: "Your Place in the Family of Things"

Presenter: Rev. Emily Hartlief Coordinator: Sue Forbes

Question: How do we belong in the widest sense of the universe, and in

the most intimate?

September 25th, 10:30 am

Title: "Nothing Left at the Door"

Presenters: Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief

Coordinator: Mark Pezarro

Question: Do we bring our whole selves to church?

The Seven Principles Which 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.

CUC Tip #10 for Intentionally Inclusive Congregations:

"Take a Seat"

Most of us find a "spot" which feels comfortable and familiar when we attend services. Is your "spot" at the end of a row? If so, guests have to step past you. Is it at the back of the room? If so, you are taking up the easy-to-find spots guests look for. Consider how your seating choices affect visitors.

Miss a Service?

VIDEOS of many of our sermons are available to watch online:

- 1. From our home page at northshoreunitarians.ca, hover over "News & Events".
- 2. From the drop down menu, select "Watch Recent Sermons".
- 3. Click on one.

Mission Statement

THE MISSION
OF NORTH SHORE
UNITARIAN CHURCH
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.

urt Vonnegut once imagined Mercury as a singing planet, inhabited by creatures he called harmoniums. The musical beings only ever said two things to one another. One would call out, "Here I am, here I am, here I am." This joyful declaration always drew the sole and perfect response, "So glad you are, so glad you are, so glad you are."

Here we are! And here you are!

During our initial meetings with leaders and groups this August, we heard these refrains of gladness. When we walk into the sanctuary we still hear echoes of the joyous song that welcomed us back after the vote to call us as your ministers. As we meet with you and begin to dream into our future together, we hear your excitement and we feel the celebration of our arrival.

We, as well, are so glad that you are. We are grateful for all the hands and hearts and spirits that have formed and shaped and held this community. We are grateful for the history that has led to this moment, and to this opportunity to commit the next chapter of our lives to North Shore Unitarian Church. And we are grateful for your hopes and vision to keep growing and evolving as we answer together the call of our changing times.

Your histories and your hopes: this is where we want to begin our ministry with you. Over the next several months, we will gather in small groups to hear your hopes and histories. 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.

Would you consider being a Hopes and Histories host?

We are looking for about a dozen hosts who will offer their home for a two-hour circle sometime between September and January. As a host, you would provide space for 8-10 people, prepare simple refreshment, and keep track of RSVPs for your circle. Once we have our hosts, we will send an invitation to all members and friends of the church with the places and dates, encouraging people to join a circle meeting in their neighborhood. If you'd like to host a Hopes and Histories circle, please email Marcus at marcus@northshoreunitarians.ca and mention two or three dates and times that would work well for you.

As we prioritize and plan for our first year with you, the three-word version of this congregation's mission has been coming up for us over and over: "Belong. Thrive.

Act." We will begin the year with Belong as September's theme, asking the question "How do we belong together?" We will let that question linger all year, even as we shift the worship theme from month to month. Over the next two years we will turn our focus to Thrive and Act.

This summer we enlisted the help of the Building & Grounds group to refresh the foyer and make the



Revs. Marcus & Emily Hartlief

space open and welcoming for new energy. We are delighting in our work with Alison and the Sunday Service Committee to plan a year of enlivening and enriching services that follows the rhythm of the seasons. We have begun the process of designing a membership pathway that will welcome visitors into the heart of the community and nurture fresh leadership. We have already felt supported by Janni's competent hands and will work with her to continue to foster ease and care in office operations. We begin the year at Camp Alexandra with Lynn and the religious education teachers, deepening relationships together to inspire a community of learning.

This September, we will be throwing the doors wide open! Expect to find us out front before Sunday services, with outstretched arms and full hearts. Hope to see you there!

With you on the journey,

Revs. Emily and Marcus

Greetings from the HMS Committee

Greetings, everyone, as we resume a full calendar of church programming with our new ministers, Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief. Our committee met with the ministers in August to discuss their vision for adult programming and how best to work together to bring our plans to life. We also welcomed a new member on board, Patricia Grinsteed.

Many programs are under development and will be publicized over the next few months.

Marcia Stephenson Heart, Mind, Spirit Co-Chair & Board Vice-President, Congregational



October 26th

Save the date for the evening of Wednesday, October 26th, when our Doc and Talk series of discussions of documentary films begins. The title and additional details will be announced in the October newsletter.

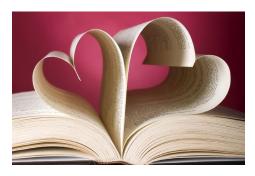


We're looking into the idea of organizing carpools to selected Vancouver Institute lectures at UBC on Saturday nights, with discussion at a pub or coffee bar afterwards. The full slate of distinguished presenters and topics has not yet been posted online, but we're monitoring the site for updates. We would probably meet at the church and head over to UBC around 6:45 or 7 pm. The lectures are free, but annual members get in earlier to claim the best seats. Watch for announcements about the kickoff Saturday.

New Women's Groups

Interested in starting or joining a Women's Group? Leave your name with Janni in the church office (604-926-1621 or info@northshoreunitarians.ca). Marcia will contact you when we have at least a half dozen people ready for an introductory meeting.





Stories with Soul

Our daytime series of Stories with Soul is looking for a coordinator, as Marcia Stephenson has stepped down in order to focus on Board responsibilities. If one or more people would enjoy sharing the leadership of this afternoon program, please get in touch with Marcia or the Church Office. Remember, the story is selected in advance, but the format is simple: participants arrive ready to listen to the short story read aloud and then share responses.

Helping people live with GREATER



ere we are in early September already. I hope all of you have had a lovely summer. Our family did. We slowed our usual pace ... had time to relax, enjoy the summer weather, do some reading, appreciate the beauty of nature we have here on the North Shore... yes, a lovely summer.

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Most exciting

and promising is that our wonderful new Co-Ministers, the Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief, arrived in mid -July and started their ministry with us on August 1st.

So to Emily and Marcus (and little Henry)... welcome, welcome on behalf of the NSUC Board and our whole congregation. We are excited and delighted to have the three of you here with us, at last.

We look forward with great anticipation to what the new church year will bring now that you are here to launch it with us.

What might we expect the new church year to bring? Well, I see and hope at least four things:

First, to establish and build a deep relationship between our congregation and our new Co-Ministers. This will involve many things: Getting to know, understand and appreciate each other. Working together to strengthen NSUC and all its ministries. Finding ways to turn

NSUC's mission into action. And much more.

Second, under the leadership of the Task Force on the Future, and with Emily and Marcus to provide even more new ideas and inspiration, we can get back up to speed in our long-term project of meeting the challenges of the future.

> With so much of NSUC's energy and so many of its resources having been devoted to the ministerial search process over the last

18 months, the Task Force could not be as active during those 18 months as it wanted to be. But with the search over, and with Emily and Marcus now here, we can turn again with full energy and commitment to moving NSUC into the future.

Third, to achieve the next critical milestone in our long journey to sell our property and build a new church building on a new site.

Last year we passed one critical milestone -- getting our Mathers property rezoned by the District of West Vancouver. In this coming year I hope we can pass the next critical milestone – finding a new site elsewhere on the North Shore, and designing the new building.



John Biasucci, Board President

Fourth, and just as important as anything else, I hope all of us at NSUC will take the time in the year ahead to enjoy each other and our amazing NSUC community. We are so lucky to have a warmhearted, friendly community of people who share the wonderful values and principles of Unitarian Universalism. So let's be sure we take advantage of it -- by having fun together, appreciating each other, and being grateful for our good fortune.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, September 11th. On that Sunday Marcus will lead off with the first service from our new Co-Ministers. Don't miss it. And after the service, we will have our annual welcome back corn roast and barbecue.



Children's Program



Lynn Sabourin, DRE

he excitement leading into our new program year is palpable and I'm as excited as the next person as we welcome our new ministers, Emily and Marcus. I'm looking forward to this new beginning and some wonderful collaboration. Here is a snapshot of what our children will be doing this fall.



Many thanks to all the teachers and assistants who are dedicating their time, talent and energy to being with our children this fall. We couldn't do it without them! Jilly Watson, Joy Silver, Gabi Harvey, Kay Welwood, Catarina Gomes, Jessica and Bill – we are so glad that you are with us!

Special thanks to Joan Cox who has assisted me this summer with brochure production, database lists, mailings and other clerical tasks too numerous to mention. What can I say- she's awesome. Janni Kretlow, our wonderful Church Administrator, helped us with some of this production and we are grateful to her for her assistance.

Thanks to Nora Coates for her annual clean up of the fridge and freezer! There were some great science experiments in there, for sure. Thanks to Brian McConnell and Roy Brand for their handywork around the church.

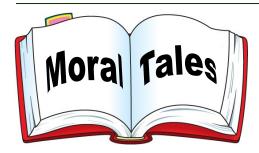




3-6 Year Olds

We will continue to use our storybased program **Spirit Play** which has been designed to encourage children's wonderings about the big questions in life. Each week a story is presented using manipulative materials. Wondering ques-

tions are posed for the children to consider. Following this, the children are free to choose their "work"; either an art activity to respond to the story or to re-tell a story themselves. The weekly story and its related materials are stored in baskets and will be available to the children. The teacher becomes a guide rather than a leader, creating a safe and sacred space for children to make meaning of their lives.



7-8 Year Olds

Every day our children go forth into a complex world where they are faced with different decisions and situations. Their program,

Moral Tales, attempts to provide children with the spiritual and eth-

ical tools they will need to make choices and take actions reflective of their Unitarian Universalist (UU) beliefs and values. The wisdom stories used draw on many of our UU Sources, and come from a variety of cultural and religious traditions. They illuminate the meaning of fairness, compassion and fourteen other UU values. Children learn how these values can direct us toward goodness and justice using the moral compass we each carry inside. The weekly rituals, hands-on activities, games, crafts and role-plays will help build community and allow the children to integrate sessions in their own unique way.



The program for this class will be **Toolbox** of Faith; each Sunday, they will look at a different key quality or tool of our UU faith using an actual tool to represent it; for example a hammer represents power, duct tape is flexibility, a compass, integrity. Following a central story, the kids will reflect



on it and talk about how it can relate to their lives. They will be involved in activities that will hopefully inspire action.



11-12 Year Olds

Last year's class was so successful, they want to do it again! Leaders, Jessica Motherwell and Bill Richardson will be creating the program, Inquiring Souls, with the participants as they explore/investigate answers to their burning questions.

Each week one of the kids' questions is brainstormed and, as they do, a number of them create a large graphic of their findings. A combination of drawings and words summarize the discussion and remains as a reminder of their exploration. It is an exciting and creative process!



Children's Spring Adventure

On June 24-26th, 21 kids and 5 adult leaders met at Cheakamus Centre in Brackendale for a lively weekend exploring the theme, **The Masks We Wear**. Starting with the movie *Inside Out*, we talked about feelings and the

different "faces" or "masks" we present to the world depending on our state of mind. Each child created a mask, and in small groups presented skits for the whole group. Our challenge course on Saturday was a fun team-building exercise. These teams also did clean up and skits together. Everybody bravely walked across the stream on a wire bridge on the way back down the river. Unlike last year, this year's cooler, damper weather allowed for camp fires

and marshmallow roasting, not to mention songs, stories and bad jokes around the fire. Our Saturday night glow-in-the-dark dance was followed by a scary night walk for those brave of heart. Between the hearty dinners prepared by the Centre's staff and the food everyone brought for other meals, we all had full stomachs and light hearts. Many thanks to Blair Thompson, Jen Ritchie, Phil Watt and John Duffy for assisting with the weekend — they were a fantastic team!

From the Library



Rev. Fran Dearman left some more books for our library: Cultivating Empathy: The Worth and Dignity of Every Person by Nathan C. Walker; Love & Death: My Journey through the Valley of the Shadow by Forrest Church; The Resilience Factor: 7 Keys to Finding Your Inner Strength and Overcoming Life's Hurdles by Karen Reivich, Ph.D and Andrew Shatte, Ph.D.; The Secret Sabbatical: The Revolutionary Approach to Recover Your Imagination and Discover Your Destiny for the Rest of Your Life by David Cawood, Ph.D.; The Grateful Life: The Secret to Happiness and the Science of Contentment by Nina Lesowitz and Mary Beth Sammons; A Year of Spiritual Companionship: 52 Weeks of Wisdom for a Life of Gratitude, Balance and Happiness by Anne Kertz Kernion; Rumi Day by Day by Maryam Mafi. Among the many books that Rev. Stephen Atkinson also gave us is The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life by Parker J. Palmer. Nora Coates donated Fred Cappucino's book Bonnie and Her 21 Children: A Memoir by a Long-Suffering Husband. Finally, Esther Harrison, a former Jehovah Witness and recent visitor to our church shares her journey with us in her book Phoenix of Faith: From Delusional Beliefs to Discovery of the Self.

Do You Know Shirley Cummings Leiby?

Someone left a scrapbook at NSUC that belonged to Shirley Cummings Leiby. The scrapbook includes an assortment of photographs,



letters, newspaper clippings, resumes, play programs, and other interesting items — mostly from the 1950's. Contact our church office if you have information about how we can get in touch with Shirley or her family. We would very much like to return this album to its rightful owner(s)!



Art Show in the Sanctuary

The Artarians met at Sharon's house on August 15th to plan for the coming year and share a potluck. In September, Gillian Olson's watercolours will be on display in our Sanctuary. Gillian is a long time Vancouver resident, active member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, convenor of the Brock House Artists Group, and more. Her bio will be available in the Artarian binder on the foyer table. For more information about the Artarians, contact Marguerite Mahy or the Church Office.



Cronies

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Season with the Cronies! We are a diverse gaggle of ladies who love to giggle and keep up with current events and quirky stories of the world and ourselves. Join us on Thursdays September 8th and 22nd, at the Church 12:30 pm with a light lunch. Tea will be served. We finish between 2 and 2:30. Rides are available if needed. Call Joanna at 604-904-9535 for info.



Outreach/ Inreach

In July, we collected \$221.63 for the Unitarian Universalist

United Nations Office. During September, half of our Outreach/Inreach collections will be given to Child Haven International, which assists children and women in developing country with food, education, health care, shelter, clothing, and both emotional and moral support. For more information, see their website HERE.

Wanted: Toaster Oven. Could you donate a Toaster Oven to the church kitchen? Contact Janni in the Church Office.

BELONGING

From the Membership Ministry Team

With Emily and Marcus starting this September, we can expect a lot of first-time visitors. New ministers always spark new interest!

Newcomers will sense right away if we're a healthy, welcoming congregation. You can help send the right message by remembering what it's like to walk into a room full of strangers.

So please...

- Smile and greet newcomers as they arrive even in the parking lot! The first few minutes are critical and cannot be left to chance.
- Strike up a conversation with new people in the pew after the service. Ask what brought them to NSUC. Mention something you really like about us.
- Invite newcomers to coffee time. Involve them in a conversation with others.

Those first impressions can make all the difference. They send the message that there's room for new people to truly "belong with heart."

As Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association puts it, "if everyone could meet new people, shake their hands and chat for a little while, we could transform our movement."

Upcoming Membership Ministry Renewal

Longer term, Marcus and Emily will lead an initiative to redesign our membership process. They'll be looking for input. If you have some great ideas, let them slip to our ministers or other members of the Membership Ministry Team. The team will be co-chaired by long-time members Sue and Barrie Forbes.



John Slattery is again leading a series of Theologians' Café sessions at the West Vancou-

ver Senior's Centre on the second Thursday of each month, 2-4pm. "Compassion" is the theme for September 8th. Click HERE for a complete listing of topics and dates.



Jammin' With the Band

All are invited to join us on Friday, September 9th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a musical session. All ages and skill levels are welcome! Bring an instrument or sing along. The focus is on having fun.



In August, we focused on making our new ministers feel welcome. Brian, Kay and Clayton Welwood painted the Minister's Office a beautiful shade of yellow. Brian McConnell, following on an idea to replace a ripped carpet in Janni's office, installed new carpet in the Ministers' Office and changed up their furniture. John Biasucci began spearheading an upgrade to our audio-visual capacity in the Sanctuary. In addition, Brian and Roy Brand placed privacy screens around the urinals. New washroom signage was installed. Barrie Forbes, combining Membership and B&G roles, arranged for an invitation-only work party on September 8th to spruce up the foyer and Sanctuary. In addition, Kuddles brought in new sod, and Brian replaced their kitchen faucet after leaks were discovered. Brian took care of the Chelsea House roof and sky lights, and is organizing the replacement of their rusting wash basins. He also set up timed sprinklers in the John Cox garden.

In September we plan to replace the lighting in a washroom, fix the left urinal, and build a recycling cart.

We welcome any and all to the B&G group. All it takes is a little skill and a desire to make NSUC buildings and grounds a good place to gather.

> ~ Brian McConnell, Chair of B&G

Youth Group



Meike Schieb Youth Program Coordinator

"No summer ever came back, and no two summers ever were alike. Times change, and people change; and if our hearts do not change as readily, so much the worse for us."

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

hope you all had a fantastic, relaxing and sunny summer filled with adventure and fun, family and friends! I want to welcome you back to another great year ahead. We have some exciting youth programs and events to look forward to at our beloved North Shore Unitarian Church.

This year we are welcoming 7 new youth who are joining the Coming of Age program as well as our youth group community! We also have 3 youth who are participating in the Grade 12 program this year, and another 7 youth who join our youth group regularly and display their UU values and leadership skills in various ways. Our youth group count is therefore now up to 17 youth, which makes us the biggest UU youth group in the country! How amazing is that!?

In addition to all the regular programming we will have this year, we will also host the Youth Regional Fall Gathering, which will be held November 11–13th on Remembrance Day weekend. We are expecting about 40-50 youth from around the region (and even some from across the country and the United States) to join us for this youth conference.

Our first Youth Group meeting will be on Sunday, September 11th from 6-9pm! This will be a great opportunity to connect and re-connect with the group, create this year's Covenant, and set expectations. There will also be an opportunity for a parent meeting on September 11th at 12:30pm. I highly encourage ALL youth parents to attend, since I will go over a lot of information about the resources and activities that are

available for UU youth in our community. This will also be an opportunity to get to know each other and discuss the best ways to incorporate parental involvement and support into this year's programs.

Lastly, please check the church calendar for updates and changes as they come in. Please note that some of the dates so far are tentative, so keep an eye and ear open for scheduling changes and contact me to confirm if you have any doubts.

Important Announcement: We are still looking for one more youth advisor! If you would like to be more involved in the youth community, join us for youth groups once a month, and attend some special youth events, please email me at nsucyouth@gmail.com.



Coming in September					
September 11 th	12:30-1:30pm 6-9pm	Parent Meeting Youth Group			
September 12 th	7-9pm	COA Mentor Training			
September 17 th	10-4pm	G12 Silent Retreat			
September 18 th	12:30-2pm 5:30-7pm 7-9pm	Youth Ministry Team Meeting YAC Meeting Youth Group			
September 23 rd	<i>7</i> pm	Wizard of Oz Retreat			
September 25 th	7-9pm	Youth Group			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Calendar events often change without notice. See our most up-to-date calendar on our website <u>HERE</u> .		1 10am Art hanging in Sanctuary	2 Trash pickup	3		
				Teachers' Re	treat (offsite)	
4 10:30am Sunday Service	5 OFFICE CLOSED for Labour Day Holiday 7:30pm Meditation	6 OFFICE CLOSED for Staff Retreat 7pm Sanctuary Rental	7	8 10am Meditation 12:30pm Cronies 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice	9 7:30pm Jammin' with the Band	10
1 1 10:30am Sunday Service Noon Corn Roast 12:30pm Parent of Youth Group Mtg 6pm Youth Group	7pm COA Mentor Training 7:30pm Meditation	13 7pm Sanctuary Rental	14 7pm Board Mtg	15 10am Book Group 1:30pm Staff Mtg 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice Newsletter Deadline	16 6:30pm Board Retreat (offsite) 7pm Intermediate Group Event	9am Board Retreat (offsite) 10am G12 Silent Retreat
18 10:30am Sunday Service 12:30pm Youth Ministry Team Mtg 5:30pm YAC Mtg 7pm Youth Group	19 7:30pm Meditation	20 7pm Sanctuary Rental	9:30am Fireside Rental Noon—Cares & Concerns Mtg 4:30pm Lay Chap- lain Mtg	10am Meditation 12:30pm Cronies 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice	23 7pm COA Oz Retreat	24 2pm Media Ministry Mtg (offsite) 6pm FF Men's Dinner for Women (offsite)
25 10:30am Sunday Service 7pm Youth Group	26 7:15pm Children's Program Com. Mtg. 7:30pm Meditation	27 7pm Sanctuary Rental	28	29 6:15pm Chamber Choir Practice 7pm Choir Practice	30 7pm Middle Group Event	



Last year a small group of girls, "Allegra", sang White Winter Hymnal at church. Rehearsals were great, and the congregation loved the performance. Huge congratulations to Allegra! We will be continuing this ensemble this Fall. Allegra is an ensemble for 12-14 year olds. We will rehearse on Sundays October 16th through December

Our Music Director Announces Two Children's Choirs!

18th from noon to 1pm, and will perform for both the Christmas Pageant, and the Christmas Eve Service. Singers interested in joining Allegra must be already able to sing at pitch accurately, and should have some familiarity with either choral singing or playing an instrument. A short audition is required.

We are also offering a Thursday afternoon Children's Choir for ages 9-11. We will rehearse from 4-5 pm in the Sanctuary starting on October 6th and continuing

throughout the year. The Children's Choir will perform during Sunday services as they are ready. This is a training choir, so kids are not expected to have instrumental or choral experience, but singing on pitch and a willingness to learn are essential.

All children will have a friendly voice placement meeting with Alison. A more detailed calendar will be produced when the membership of the groups is clearer.

~ Alison Nixon, Music Director



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

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We actively welcome all genders and sexual orientations in our faith community.

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!