

## Amahl and the Night Visitors

Tickets are on sale now for this truly magical one-act opera for all ages by Gian Carlo Menotti. It uses music (and comedy) to tell the story of a young shepherd boy with wonderful imagination who experiences the magic of Christmas in a life-changing way. We're offering two performances: **2pm on Sat. December 15<sup>th</sup>** and **3pm on Sun. December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Adult tickets are \$20 if you pre-purchase them, or \$25 at the door. Children are free, but please bring a pair of mitts, or socks, or even a gently used sleeping bag for the downtown shelters. All proceeds go to the church.



## Potluck & Talent Show: 5pm Sun. February 17<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for our first potluck of 2019! Bring a dish and a beverage to share for dinner downstairs, and then join us in the Sanctuary for an all-ages Talent Show from 7-8:30pm. 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!



Do you receive our weekly eBulletin (which is sent out on Fridays)? If not, please contact Janni in the Church Office so we can add you to the list. Our eBulletin contains important and timely information and news about things happening at the church. (People without email can read a printout of each week's eBulletin, posted on the bulletin board in the stairwell).



## Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendar for our annual Congregational Budget Meeting: 12:15pm on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary.

Although anyone may attend the meeting, only Members 90 days or longer may vote. The notice packets will be distributed to Members in mid January.

## From Our Consulting Minister

I love Christmas! I always have. As a little girl, my large family knew how to make the holiday special, focusing less on gifts (my family was never well-to-do) and more on activities that allowed us to enjoy the season together. Trips to get the tree, see the holiday lights and listen to music were always high on the list. But, most important of all were all the activities we took part in at church.

I was raised Unitarian Universalist so our family approach to Christmas was broad as well as deep. We had a crèche in our home but also a menorah. Our Christmas traditions included stories from the Bible and stories from many other sources. But, most of all, we came to church to participate in all the activities we could. I sang in the children's choir, made cookies and ornaments at the holiday fair and participated in the Christmas Eve service, my absolute favorite service of the year.

This year at North Shore you, too, have the opportunity to be a part of wonderful holiday traditions at this church. Bring your kids, bring your friends, and bring yourself to church. Come to the Sunday services where you'll hear meaningful messages and hear amazing music. Come to the performances of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* and be inspired by its poignant story. Encourage your kids to participate in the Solstice Pageant on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. And come celebrate Christmas Eve at one of our two services on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Bring friends and family to these beautiful and meaningful services.

December in our part of the world is dark and dreary. Brighten it by joining your church family in the many activities and services we do together. See you in church!

All the best,  
Rev. Barbara



Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells ten Hove  
Consulting Minister  
Email:  
[rev.barbara@northshoreunitarians.ca](mailto:rev.barbara@northshoreunitarians.ca)

### Rev. Barbara's Winter Schedule

Rev. Barbara will be on site at North Shore between the following dates:

- December 11<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>
- January 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
- January 24<sup>th</sup>- February 10<sup>th</sup>

She will be away at a conference between February 15-20<sup>th</sup>.

Reach Rev. Barbara by email at:  
[rev.barbara@northshoreunitarians.ca](mailto:rev.barbara@northshoreunitarians.ca)



### Christmas Eve Services

#### 5:30pm Family Service

features a story, carols, and a candle-lighting ceremony. Geared for families and younger children. Brief reception following.

**8pm Service** features music by Vox Lumina, reflections, and candle lighting. Brief reception following.

## From Our Board President



Marcia Stephenson  
Board President

**T**his English translation below a string of Mandarin

characters greets visitors to the Muslim quarter in the Chinese city of Xi'an. Of all the wonders I witnessed on my trip to Asia for my son's wedding, this signpost captures the essence of my experience of welcome. At the endpoint of the Silk Road, the ancient capital of Xi'an offered Muslim traders the opportunity to worship in their own mosque and preserve their culture in a foreign land. But this string of words on a sign also serves as a metaphor for my membership here in my own congregation.

As we move into the winter months, each one of us experiences the holidays of the darkest season in our own individual spiritual "language". We have different family traditions and different interpretations of annual celebrations handed down to us through the cultural mosaic. But as we come together in love, we celebrate our Unitarian heritage of "overcoming obstacles between different languages" and "linking our hearts together". The positive response to

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TOGETHER."



our annual NSUC Canvass campaign has been a reaffirmation of our commitment to this congregation and its future.

On my visit to China, I re-discovered what it means to be a recipient of radical hospitality. As the holidays draw us closer together, I invite you to join me in celebrating the spirit of abundance. As my new extended family reached out to me around circular tables during our shared meals, I was reminded of our own linked hands and hearts at the close of each Sunday service when we Circle Round. Wherever we are in the world and in history, the spirit of generosity and gratitude helps us overcome obstacles. May peace be with you this winter. ~ Marcia Stephenson



### Winter Eliot 2018-2019: "What We Sing is Who We Are" with Rev. Jason Shelton

Vibrant congregational singing is a sure sign of a healthy, thriving church. Congregations that sing with vitality know who and why they are. Revitalizing congregational singing is one of the best growth strategies available, and it's easier to do than you might think!

The Rev. Jason Shelton served as Associate Minister for Music at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville from 1998-2017, and is now pursuing a freelance UU music ministry in the broader world. In addition to his work as a composer, he is an active choral conductor and worship leader, and an advocate for using music as a means of creating community in multi-faith, multi-cultural environments.

The Eliot Institute, located in beautiful Seabeck Washington, has been offering intergenerational camps for Unitarians Universalists and their friends and families since 1947. Winter Eliot runs from Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. More info and registration details are available online:

<https://www.eliotinstitute.org/calendar/8511-winter-eliot-2018-2019-what-we-sing-is-who-we-are-with-rev-jason-shelton>





Lynn Sabourin  
Director of Family Ministries

### A Special Thank You to our Teachers!

I would like to thank the teachers and assistants who make up part of our village in the church school. They have been with the children for this past fall semester. A number of them will continue in the winter semester and will be joined by new recruits. Our teachers are all incredible and the children and their families are lucky to have such dedicated people guiding them! Thanks also to Cara Elrod who continues to assist every Sunday morning while managing to sing in the choir. It's an amazing juggling act.

# THANK YOU!

**A**t the beginning of November, Doug and I and members of the Mayall-Wooten family had the great privilege and honour of attending the wedding celebration of Janet Lawrence, a young woman who grew up in our church school and youth program. It was held in St. Petersburg, Florida, on a hot Saturday afternoon, a combination of UU and Hindu traditions. It was full of colour, pageantry, ritual and just pure all-out joy. Sameer, the groom, rode in on an ice cream scooter (having foregone the traditional elephant or horse) to begin the baraat. The 300 gathered guests greeted him in their saris and finery; live music kept it lively and exciting. His groomsmen crowd-surfed him to the front of the crowd and he led the way, with his parents, along the walkway of the hotel to the plaza where those of us in the bride's "village" were to greet those in the groom's "village."

When Janet was growing up here on the North Shore, with periods of living back in the United States, our church family was her family. It struck me, as I watched her make her vows with her beloved, that that was an important touchstone for her and her family. We had been witnesses to her growing up, her maturing, her becoming. There are not too many places in our current society where this can happen. It really does take a village to raise a

child, and with fewer and fewer opportunities for extended family to bear witness to a child's growing up, churches can fill that void. We can support parents in the spiritual development of their children. Our kids are becoming world citizens and much guidance is needed to navigate a constantly changing global landscape. We were thrilled to be part of Janet's Canadian family and to celebrate this special milestone in her life.

~ Lynn Sabourin



Sameer & Janet, surrounded by their "village"

## Children's Program



### Spirit Play (3-6 Year Olds)

Our Spirit Play kids age 3-6 years have had Jilly Watson, Gabi Harvey, Elizabeth Cody-Rutter and Allyson Yee. They have been learning the routines and songs in the program and have started hearing stories connected to our Unitarian Universalist (UU) principles. They are invited to explore the ideas and wondering questions raised in these stories through various art materials or by taking the story basket with the manipulatives that illustrate it, and telling it in their own way.



each other, the magnifying glass – questioning, flexibility – duct tape, reflection – mirror, paintbrush- creative expression, power (for good not evil) – hammer, and integrity – compass. It is a fun and concrete way of remembering the concept covered.

### Primary Group (7-8 Year Olds)

Children in the Primary Class have been using a program called **Treasure Hunting**. Joy Silver has been assisted by Sam Moller, Kay Welwood, Carla Mandy, DJ MacKinnon and Allyson Yee. They are also exploring how to be a treasure hunter in the world aware of the principles that can guide us. Particularly important is the concept that everyone has dignity and worth and is a treasure. The power of our hearts and minds and our ability to problem solve, the importance of feelings and expressing them responsibly and forming healthy friendships were the focus for a few weeks. Making peace with our worries, recognizing laughter as good medicine and adopting an attitude of gratitude were also key learnings for this semester.



### Intermediate Group (11-12 Year Olds)

The Intermediate class continues to explore and grapple with new ideas in their program, **Inquiring Souls**. Now in its fourth year, Jessica Motherwell and Bill Richardson came up with this program specifically to capture the imaginations and creative wondering of this age group. The kids come up with their own topics and along with Doug Sabourin who sometimes substitutes for them, Jessica and Bill inspire and guide the discussion and accompanying graphics. Some recent topics: Is time travel possible? Why do we have Thanksgiving? What about Halloween? Are there aliens? Is teleportation possible? Why do we set aside a time to remember in November?

## Connections & Youth Group



Ariel Hunt-Brondwin  
Youth Program Coordinator  
& Connections Coordinator

One of the things I appreciate about this transitional year is that it gives us permission to let some things go as we realize old practices weren't serving us any longer, or we admit we can't do all the things we did last year. This year is different.

But I also feel that this year is giving us permission to try new things — to experiment — and to trust a little more when we don't know how everything will turn out.

In October the Connections Team and I decided to conduct a small experiment: for the month of November, our Team offered coffee to visitors

and newcomers from the table in the foyer. We had a hunch that providing this hospitality upstairs might be a more accessible and welcoming experience for folks who are new to us — and so far it appears that our hunch was right. As I write this, our experiment is not yet completed, but while we wait for our results, we are enjoying the opportunity to connect more deeply with the new people who are making their way to our community. We are cultivating a trust that together, in time, we will discern the best course of action to go forward (or in this case to go upstairs or down).

In our Youth Program, we embarked on a somewhat bigger

experiment this fall. Since September, our Youth Group has been switching back and forth between meeting on Sunday evenings and Sunday mornings during the service. So far, it has been a worthwhile experiment as a wider range of youth seem to be attending Youth Group this fall. However, it's still too early to draw any hard and

fast conclusions on what this experiment has proven. At a Parent Meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>, I will

recommend that we continue our experiment, at least until the spring. Here again, we have to trust in our process and our ability to discern what will ultimately serve our youth program the best.

To be sure, this is a challenging year for our congregation. Living with uncertainty is hard; I know it weighs on many of you, as it does on me at times. And yet this permission to let go of what isn't working and to try new things feels like an unexpected source of lightness and an invitation to cultivate more trust in our resilient community.

Wishing you peace and light  
through this darkest season  
of the year,  
Ariel Hunt-Brondwin

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## JOIN US

**Want to Join  
Our Church  
as a Voting  
Member?**



On Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, we'll include a New Member Joining ceremony as part of our service. Contact [Ariel](#) (our Connections Coordinator) or the Church Office if you'd like to sign our membership book before this meaningful event.





### HMS Team

The purpose of the Heart, Mind, Spirit (HMS) Team is to further the mission of our Church community by providing opportunities for spiritual growth and learning. We focus on programs that deepen our heart connections and inspire actions in the service of life.

In our effort to source future learning opportunities for adults inspiring heart, mind, and spirit connection, we welcome thoughts, ideas and suggestions to enhance our HMS offerings. Direct these to our Team Chair, Marga Hanna at [margahanna@shaw.ca](mailto:margahanna@shaw.ca) or 604-649-1104.



### Soul Matters

themes are: **Mystery** (December), **Possibility** (January), and **Creativity** (February). Group discussions are immensely heartwarming and rich for participants. Currently we have five groups that meet monthly, and we hope to start two more soon. Some people use the monthly theme packets for self-study, but are not yet in groups. Printed copies are available on the foyer table, or access the packets online using the link provided in each eBulletin. To facilitate or participate in a group, contact the Church Office or Anne Mayall, the Soul Matters Coordinator at 778-686-3643 or [annemayall51@gmail.com](mailto:annemayall51@gmail.com).

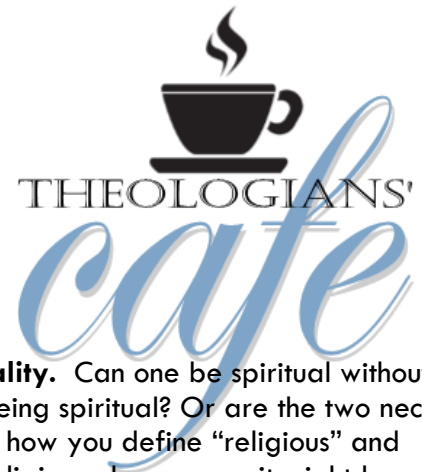
### Theologians Café (at Seniors' Centre)

John Slattery continues to offer a series of monthly Theologians' Café discussions at 2pm at the West Vancouver Seniors' Centre. Upcoming dates and themes are:

**December 13<sup>th</sup>: Religion and Spirituality.** Can one be spiritual without being religious? Or religious without being spiritual? Or are the two necessarily connected? Does it depend on how you define "religious" and "spiritual"? In this season of so many religious observances it might be a good time to explore these questions.

**January 24<sup>th</sup>: Humanism vs Religion.** I propose that we explore these often conflicting world views, and our ideas and feelings about them. But while we all have a general idea what religion is all about, what about humanism? Is it the same as secularism? And as for the apparent conflict, are they as incompatible as they seem? There is such a thing as 'religious humanism' after all. What is *that* all about?

**February 28<sup>th</sup>: Rites of Passage.** We all experience these. Baptisms (or equivalent), marriages and funerals come immediately to mind. But graduations, retirements, age-related-milestones and even divorces are significant times of passage as well. Should these (and maybe others) have their own rites? What might they look like?



### Cronies

Pack a bagged lunch and join us at 12:30pm in the Fireside Room for conversation and tea on the following Thursdays: December 20<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, and February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Call Joanna at 604-904-9535 if you need a ride or have questions.

### 2018 Donation Cut Off Time Is Noon, Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

If you want a donation to show up on your 2018 tax receipt, we must receive it at the church office by noon on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Donations received AFTER that time will be deposited in early January 2019 and will appear on your 2019 tax receipts.



### From the Library

New books have been added to the children collection. From Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove, *Oh No, Jonah* by Tilda Balsley; from Janni and Rod Kretlow, *A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo* by Marlon Bundo; from Beverly Grice, *A Porcupine in a Pine Tree: A Canadian 12 Days of Christmas* by Helaine Becker; from Jasha and Gordie Latter, *Sometimes You Fly* by Katherine Applegate; from Joy Silver, *If Peace Is ...* by Jane Baskwill. The following are anonymous donations: *Angela and the Baby Jesus* by Frank McCourt; *Stories from Adam and Eve to Ezechiel* by Celia Barker Lottridge; *Baabwaa & Wooliam* by David Elliott. Upon the recommendation of D.J. MacKinnon, the library purchased *It's Dangerous to Go Alone: A Relationship Survival Handbook* by Harris O'Malley. Thanks to all the donors.



### Artarian Updates

Lynda Fownes will sell her annual wreaths on Sun. December 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Sun. December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Artarian cards will be for sale. The Artarians will show their artwork and photos during December and January. In February, we will feature the work of Andrea Argyros, a contemporary South African artist. Please review our Artist manual at the top of the staircase!



### Circle Dinners

What goes around comes around. Our Circle Dinner Tradition nurtures our community as participants delight in both familiar and new acquaintances gathering in small informal groups over a delectable meal and fellowship.

Would you consider being a guest and/or host for a potluck dinner once a month at members' homes? We create an evening of friendship, discussion and delicious eating. Dinners are usually held on the last Saturdays of the month. Sign up on the sheet in the stairwell or contact Joy Silver, our Circle Dinner Coordinator, at [odetojoy@telus.com](mailto:odetojoy@telus.com) or 604-941-2606 to let her know your dietary needs and schedule.



### Holiday Office Closures

The Church Office will be closed for Winter Break December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>, and for Family Day on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



## News & Events



### Outreach

Each Sunday, 100% of our offering basket collections, unless otherwise marked, are given to the charity featured for that month.

Recent Outreach Recipients and amounts raised (rounded to the nearest dollar) are:

**August** Are You Syrious (\$978) to assist with sponsoring a Syrian family

**September** Edible Garden Project (\$1,301)

**October** Sheway (\$1,235)

**November** North Shore Lookout Shelter (TBD)

Upcoming Outreach Recipients:

**December** NSUC Minister's Discretionary Fund

**January** North Shore Women's Centre

**February** Wild Bird Trust of BC



### Jammin' With the Band

This informal jam session welcomes all ages and skill levels! We meet at 7:30pm on a Friday night in the Sanctuary. Our winter dates are: December 7<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, and February 8<sup>th</sup>. ~Paul Jaffe



### Secret Buddies Program

This is an opportunity for adults and children 5 years and over to get to know one another and have fun. It's easy to do! Adults and children sign up between January 27<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup> using the forms on the bulletin board downstairs. Starting on Sun. February 10<sup>th</sup>, use the "mailbags" with the child's name on the bulletin board downstairs. 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 and games night 5-7pm on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. For more info contact Lynn Sabourin at 604-926-1621 or [lsabourin@northshoreunitarians.ca](mailto:lsabourin@northshoreunitarians.ca)

### Canvass Update

This year's canvass is shaping up to be another success with pledges totalling \$243,068 (88% of our \$275,000 target) from 131 donors as of the end of Canvass Month (Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>). The final total

is likely to be somewhat higher as typically more pledges trickle in between this newsletter's publication and year end. By way of comparison, at the same point last during last year's fall Canvass, we had received pledges totalling \$201,076 (76%% of last year's target of \$265,000) from 115 donors.

Many thanks to all who have already pledged so generously! If you haven't yet pledged and would like to experience what it's like to "give until it feels good", get in touch with your friendly neighbourhood canvasser who has been diligently trying to reach you, or contact me ([mark.pezarro@gmail.com](mailto:mark.pezarro@gmail.com) or 604-785-6884).

I would also like to thank the Canvass Committee, the 24 canvassers, the 5 testimonial speakers, Rev. Barbara and Janni for their contributions towards achieving such a promising result — the highest amount we have ever raised by the end of Canvass Month.

~ Mark Pezarro, Canvass Chair





## Update on Syrian Refugee Family

The Syrian refugee family that we helped the Beacon Unitarian Church sponsor in 2016 has passed their two-year anniversary living in Canada! Meghan Sharir visited them recently and reports that the family is doing well. They enjoy living in New Westminster. The son plays soccer, is learning to swim, and loves to skate. He converses fluently in English and is enthusiastic about school. His older sister is in Grade 10. She has made friends at school, and proudly acts as a translator for her parents. Dad has a new job at an auto-body shop where he works in his own trade as a car painter, while mom continues to look after the family at home.

Although the official sponsorship year is up, Beacon is still deeply involved with the family, helping out on a practical level, and continuing their social connections and friendship. In addition, they are in the process of applying to bring over four more family members; all the paperwork has been submitted and funds are secured—only government approval is still pending. ~ Meghan Sharir

“Timing, place and style are important to any community which wishes to thrive.”  
(Stefan Jonasson)

## B&G Building & Grounds

Following the Board decision to hire a cleaning firm, we have come up with a plan to have Tom, our Custodian, do far less cleaning and far more B&G work. Hopefully this will lighten the load on your long-suffering B&G crew, Brian McConnell and Welwood, Paul Symons, Bob and Joanna Vaughan, Barrie Forbes, Roy Brand, and Mark Mayall. You can see first results in the entrance way pruning. This still left volunteers with the tasks of investigating high water usage, repairing counter and plumbing for Kuddles, removing clutter of all sorts, replacing damaged AV equipment, tree work and clearing roofs. This year's fall work party had only a few members show up, some only briefly, some at other times. Thank you John Duffy, Andrea Tylczak, Gail Lehman, Liana Biasucci, Shirley McDonald, Jim and Marie Bensley.

At this time we need someone to take on the management of all the materials in the aesthetics shed. That area could be used to store 100 black chairs, and if no one is caring for these materials, then we should consider disposing of them.  
~ Brian McConnell



## Want to learn more about the Canadian Unitarian Council?

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## Our Quarterly Newsletter Schedule



**Edition:**  
Winter  
Spring  
Summer  
Fall

**Covers These Months:**  
December-February  
March-May  
June-August  
September-November

**Due Date for Articles:**  
November 15<sup>th</sup>  
February 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
August 15<sup>th</sup>



### Cares & Concerns Team

Our Team is willing to connect with the congregation in a caring manner in times of need or celebration.

Our members include Doug Sabourin, Barb Kroon, Jean Prescott, Barbara Moore, Beverly Grice, Ian Shearer, ElJean Wilson, Jasha Ramsay-Latter, Linda Eterman, Judith Radford, and Rev. Barbara.

We are a non-professional volunteer resource. We will keep confidences and walk beside you and others through life's ups and downs. We can offer short-term, practical connections and support, such as:

- Make phone calls if you are feeling out of touch.
- Visit if you can't come to church.
- Make hospital visits as appropriate.
- Assist in arranging delivery of groceries, prescriptions, meals and transportation.
- Assist in connecting with available community resources.
- Assist in developing a plan to meet short term or emergency needs.

But we can't help if we don't know. We need you to make us aware if you or others are in vulnerable situations, such as illness, injury or changed circumstances, as well as times of joy. Referrals can be made through the Church Office or directly to Judith Radford, Team Coordinator, at 778-990-2366 or [Judith\\_radford@yahoo.ca](mailto:Judith_radford@yahoo.ca).

## MSC UPDATE

The work of finding a new settled minister is progressing right on schedule. Collectively we've completed our "Congregational Record" – you by providing detailed input and thoughtful feedback (via the survey, town halls, interviews, etc.), and the MSC by mining the data and crafting it into

a compelling synopsis. It was no small task, and we thank you for helping make it truly representative of our community.

The Record will give prospective ministers a detailed overview of who we are, where we're going, and who we're looking for. It highlights our history, strengths, challenges, finances and congregational health. In a nutshell the Record will convey this message to ministers:

*You will want consider this bold congregation because:*

- We are a vibrant 52-year old congregation.
- We have a plan to change "the way we do church" for the 21st century.
- We need/want your skills and creativity to help us transform for the future.
- We're located in one of the most desirable and multi-cultural regions on earth.
- We offer a good salary and benefits, AND we have a solution for the crazy high house prices (which will be revealed by the Board at a later date.)
- Our country offers universal health care, great public education and other progressive social policies.
- We're creative and caring, and if you love us we'll love you right back!

The MSC has been collecting information for a "Congregational Packet" to share with potential ministers. This includes dozens of documents that illustrate who we are and how we do things (eg. Board minutes, annual report, general meeting minutes, organizational chart) and information about the North Shore. Additionally, our MSC chair, Lesley Giroday, has worked diligently with a negotiating team and the board to develop the contract for our potential minister – with all the details about salary, benefits, etc. Assuming our materials all pass muster with Rev. Keith Kron (the Director of Transitions with the UUA in Boston), they will be published on the UUA's search website in December. Ministers in search (which range from 90-120 in any given year) will review their choices, and expressions of interest will flow through the UUA to us in January.

We expect to pique the interest of many ministerial prospects who share our values and goals, and who would love to lead us to new heights. If all goes well, we will present a candidate to the congregation in late April/early May 2019. We have a great team working well together for the benefit of our church community. For more info about our team and process, check out the MSC blog on our church web site. Feel free to contact any member of our team if you have questions or concerns.



# SNOW

## Closures



When weather is bad, our main concern is for the safety of our congregants. It is up to individuals to determine whether or not they feel safe coming to church in inclement weather.

On rare occasions, church services (and other events) may be cancelled due to poor weather conditions. On a Sunday, the decision will be made by 8am.

If a Service is cancelled, we will try to notify the congregation several ways, including:

- Posting a message on our website's Blog.
- Emailing congregants on our eBulletin email list.
- Changing the message on our phone's answering machine.
- Encouraging "word of mouth" communications.
- If possible, putting a note on the church door.

Unforeseen situations may prevent these methods of communication, in which case we will use whatever means we can to notify congregants of the closure.

Church events other than Sunday Services may be cancelled for bad weather at the determination of the event leader. It is the responsibility of the event leader to communicate the cancellation with the participants.



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traditional territory*

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