



# Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation

## The Capital Letter

VICTORIA, BC

2014

When all the people of the world love,  
 Then the strong will not overpower the weak.  
 The many will not oppress the few.  
 The wealthy will not mock the poor.  
 The honoured will not disdain the humble.  
 The cunning will not deceive the simple.

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### Sunday Services in March

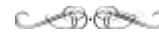
March 2nd Rosemary Morrison “The history of Unitarian liturgy” What does our Sunday service have in common with some of the first services after the reformation? How has our structure changed since then? Join Rosemary as she delves into the rich heritage that is our Living Tradition.

Children's Program



March 9th Helene Cazes “Books, Collections, and Collective Memories” Gathered from 1866 by the second Catholic bishop of Victoria, Charles Seghers, the Seghers Collections comprise some 4000 volumes, most of them ancient treating of theology, ecclesiastical history, and canon law. On permanent loan in UVic collections, they are beautiful books, which should have been the pride of a seminary library, they have no other readership than bibliographers now. Why do we collect, keep, and study book collections that no longer represent our communities? Helene’s talk will explore the values, communitarian and spiritual of books and collections: an iconic book is an identity, a material book can be a piece of freedom.

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March 16th Samantha Magnus “What is right about being wrong?” Pursuing diversity, compassion, and equity in our congregations requires our willingness to be dead wrong about the world. This is a good thing, and I’ll talk about why.

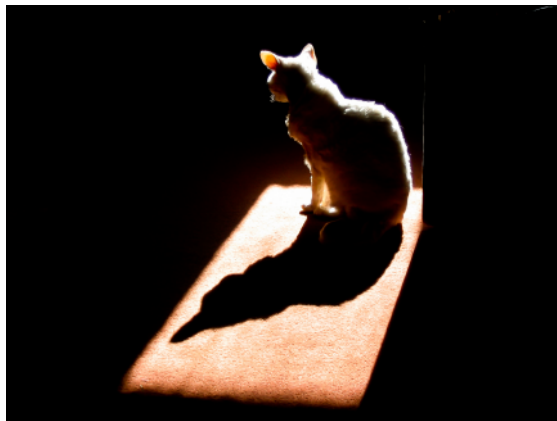
Sam is a member of First Unitarian Church of Victoria and has two delightful children Lucas and Mary Stefanie and is pursuing a Masters Degree at Uvic.

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March 23rd Christine Johnston “Peace and Justice in the Holy Land?”

Looking at some of the issues from a Unitarian point of view. A First Victoria's Social Justice Committee team are involved in exploring some of the current concerns in preparation for the CUC study we hope we will all be doing next year. (There is a study resolution coming up this May at the CUC annual meeting in Montreal.) The presenters are Christine Johnston, Virginia Daniel, Dr. Ed Daniel and Dr. Adrian Fine.



Pensive Pookie - John Pullyblank

All services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at The James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street, Victoria, BC. Child care is provided free of charge with our Children’s program.

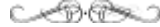


## **Board Notes and services continued**

March 30th Alan Dawson The WHY of Unitarian Universalism.

WHY did you become a Unitarian Universalist what was the delight, emotion, rational thought that drew you to our denomination. How would you express that to someone who has no idea what UUism is. WHY should they join us and how it would change their life for the better.

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Board Report

I awoke the other night to the sound of hail and snow pounding into the house. When I went to the car the next morning I noticed some snow had stayed on my windshield. We seem to be inching very, very slowly toward spring, however, I'm certain warmer and drier weather is just around the corner. Looking east we are quickly reminded of how lucky we are here in Victoria, there is real winter not too far away.

Your board met recently in what is affectionately known as, 'The Ark.' How fitting given the down-pour during the meeting and the glorious double rainbow that afternoon. Just like the arrival of spring, the good work the board is doing for Capital is also inching along. We feel great when a task is completed and crossed off the list, we are eager to discuss new ideas, and appreciate the comradery between us all. We recently hosted potential board members, and hope they feel inspired to come on board, as it were.

We are pleased to report our financial picture is good, the kitchen seems to have volunteers right now, friendship committee is doing a great job, and we have counters and greeters. These are all good things to report. Also, February has been canvas month and Rita let us know the pledges came in at a good pace. It's not too late, so if you haven't done so already, please consider pledging as it helps the board determine the budget over the coming year.

Speaking of inching along, we are looking toward our next Annual General Meeting, scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> of this year. From now until then, a lot of board time will be taken up preparing for the AGM. Over the past several months we have been working on canvas, discussing the ins and outs of a quarter time minister, pondering future workshops and completing the tasks from the last workshop given by Rev. Antonia Won, our Canadian Unitarian Council representative.

Even though there is a lot of great news about Capital, there are still some places to volunteer if you are wishing to get more involved. Membership committee could use one or two more folks, some technical assistance is always appreciated, and the Sunday Service Committee is a great place to hone your public speaking skills.

Listening to the rain I am grateful for the warmth of my home and my wonderful spiritual community. May we inspire and encourage one another as we offer support and love.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemary Morrison



## News

Thank you, Sara.

About 1 1/2 years ago, I felt ready to step forward and help out on the Membership committee. However, I didn't want to take it on by myself. I thought of asking Sara Comish to co-chair with me. Happily she accepted.

From our very first meeting we were on the same wave length. We both wanted to increase the communication and the sense of community that has long existed at Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

The easiest first step was to create the regular Thursday morning coffee gatherings we have at James Bay Coffee and Books and the monthly Coffee Houses, that members kindly host.

Sara and I both felt we needed to renew the Website and take some of that load off Amanda and Dick, as well as make it easier for a subsequent web master to look after.

Sara placed herself on a steep learning curve and soon accomplished our present Website. We hope you will all find it useful.

Sara also set up our Capital facebook page. We really hope that many of you will have fun on it. Sara worked so hard on this while caring for her family with John Pullyblank, and her private Counselling Clients and serving on the board of the Citizens Counselling organization.

And OH! how I will miss Sara's skillful conducting of our newest members Welcoming Ceremony. Thank you, thank you Sara.

Elizabeth Atchison



Thank you to our Unitarian community for helping us with our search for a rental accommodation in Victoria. Our family are seeking a long term rental commencing mid to late August 2014. We would prefer a 3 bedroom home with plentiful natural light. We would love to be near the sea and walking paths. We are happy to consider various neighbourhoods, furnished or unfurnished accommodation, and caretaking responsibilities. Please feel free to contact Heather or Andrew anytime on (807) 472-3950 or (250) 537-2902, or at [heatherhopkins@hotmail.ca](mailto:heatherhopkins@hotmail.ca). Thank you!

We are a family of four with two children. Elisabeth (14) is starting high school at the new Pacific School for Inquiry and Innovation next fall and Evan (18) is applying to the music program at University of Victoria. Our family recently spent four years in New Zealand where Andrew and Heather pursued PhD studies in Public Policy (Andrew) and Environment and Health (Heather). Andrew is a consulting Archaeologist and cultural heritage specialist and Heather is a research associate with the Centre for Place and Sustainability at Lakehead University. Our family are spending the winter On Salt Spring Island while on sabbatical. We are coming from Thunder Bay, Ontario Where we are long term members of the Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship.



## Coffee Houses!

COFFEE HOUSE, March 1, 2014, at 7:pm

Place, Maureen Zahir RSVP to Elizabeth, 250-472-6262 or email: [findlaygirlea@gmail.com](mailto:findlaygirlea@gmail.com)

Parking is limited so let us try to pool rides where we can.

Maureen is hoping we can share our experiences of what was helpful as Unitarians at times of great stress in our lives. Was a Third Presence helpful.

Please come to share and listen, bringing some goodies, sweet or savoury, Maureen will provide some beverages and her kind hospitality

### Birthdays in March

Mar 1	Sue Mackenzie
Mar 10	Mimi Otway
March 16	Frank Bowie
Mar 21	Elizabeth Atchison
Mar 22	Sara Comish
Mar 28	Celso Mendoza



The Flying Comishs - John Pullyblank

Hoorah, another March Coffee House, Friday, March 28, at 7pm. Please come and talk up a storm.

Place: Nan Fairchild's in James Bay

RSVP: to Nan at 250-595-7241

Nan will provide beverages and is asking that we bring vegetarian savouries.

Topic will be your choice.

I wonder if Nan will have any new art work to show us. We certainly enjoyed seeing her own wonderful works last time. Thank you for welcoming us into your home again Nan. Nan says 10 people will be about her seating limit, so please phone her early. We don't want you to be disappointed.

Street parking is a little limited so you may prefer to pool rides if you can or let me know you would like a ride.

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