



Returning to ONE Sunday Service at 10:30am

We're trying something new this fall in an effort to meet the varied needs of our congregants. Some want to attend services live on Sunday mornings. Some want to attend "virtual" services livestreamed on YouTube. Some want to watch recordings of the services later in the week. So we plan to do all of the above — but as safely as possible.

We experimented with two Sunday morning services in September, but returned to one 10:30am service (with Children's Programs happening downstairs) starting October 18th. **Pre-registration is required for all attendees**, and will include COVID-19 protocols (see page 4) to help keep us safe. The service will be livestreamed on our [YouTube Channel](#), and recorded.

Livestreamed Services on **YouTube** Will Still Be Available

Our weekly 10:30am Sunday service will be livestreamed on our [YouTube Channel](#), and will be recorded for later viewing. So those who prefer to watch the service from the comfort and safety of home can still do so.

Pre-Registration Required: How to Get the Links



Pre-registration is required at all of our 10:30am Sunday Services, as well as for the Children's Program, which is provided downstairs at the same time as the adult service upstairs. Get the pre-registration links

in our weekly eBulletin, which is emailed to the congregation every Friday. Not receiving our eBulletins yet? Contact [Janni in the Church Office](#) to subscribe.

Don't Have a Computer?

Pre-register for any of the upcoming services by phoning

Ruth Sherwood (604-987-0626). (People with computers will register using links in the weekly eBulletins).

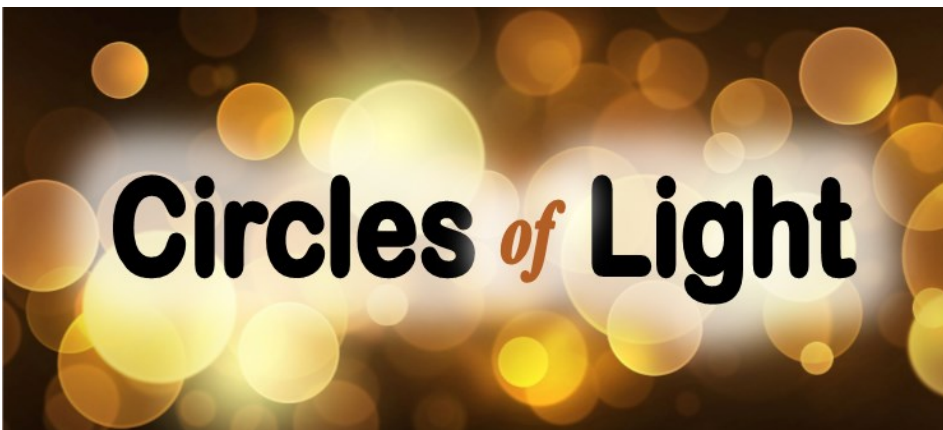


Washroom Use During COVID-19



Although church washrooms will be available for use during COVID-19,

only one person is allowed in each washroom at any given time. To avoid long lineups of people waiting for the washrooms, we ask that everyone use their facilities at home before attending services or live events at the church.



"Circles of Light" Small Group Ministry

You are wanted. You are needed. You are invited to participate in **Circles of Light**, North Shore Unitarians' small group ministry program! Read more about this program in our eBulletin or [HERE](#) and sign up for it [HERE](#).



Rev. Ron Phares

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A new church year begins. But this is not the reliable celebration of cyclical and community that the first services of the year normally bring. So this is not exactly the beginning of a new church year. It is not a renewal of a cycle. It is the start of something new. That is interesting and a little scary and full of unseen possibilities and pitfalls (none of which are too grandiose).

But the really interesting and thrilling thing is that *I don't know what is going to happen*. Oh, I have plans. I have pointed invitations to deliver to each of you. And I have a boil of yet-to-be congealed thoughts about the future of church, religion, and civilization — all of which are subject to being blown away like one of those Tibetan sand paintings. Though at least those get completed before dissolution. COVID may dictate that we have to shift gears, changing our plans on the fly before we can complete our original vision.

With that in mind, we are building flexibility into as many programs and projects as we can. In fact we are trying to infuse the very culture

of NSUC with the ability to adapt. Really, we are developing an ability that was already there. It will serve us well in a future that will likely defy expectations.

One of the central themes we will bring that adaptability to is **Community Beyond Community**. In other words, how do we craft (remember craft v. control?) community when we are not able

to physically gather as a community? It's possible. I am part of a certain message board community. I don't even know the real names of the people in that community, since we all use call names or handles. (I am known as Faustian on an Arizona State Sun Devil Football message board). Despite not actually knowing the other participants by name or face, I know them by character and disposition. And there is real care in that community. So this is possible. And we as a church have many advantages over that Message board model.

Community Beyond Community is our Stewardship theme this year.

But really, it is THE theme of the whole congregation for the foreseeable future. With that in mind, I want to begin introducing to you one of my/our primary efforts this year. It is my hope to invite every single one of you into a small group ministry. I'm still mulling the exact form and foci of these groups. But it is clear to me that in this now radically disseminated congregational reality, we need to

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be quite intentional about being with one another (either online or, as safety permits, in person). I beg your indulgence. I beg your enthusiasm. And I beg your patience as we build this way of being together. I think there is great promise in this model and we may well learn a great deal

about how to do church differently, COVID or no.

In the meanwhile we will, as always, hold one another through loss and in joy. We will take counsel with one another and encourage each other to live with ever greater depth, meaning, and purpose.

~ Rev. Ron Phares

Community
beyond
Community

From Our Board President



Robyn Newton, Board President
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A year ago, the Building Enhancement Advisory Task Force (BEAT) finished up their improvements to our church, including sprucing up our Sanctuary & upgrading the furniture in our Fireside Room — and we held our first Sunday Service with Rev. Ron Phares in our newly refurbished sanctuary. How the world has changed since then! Now the majority of the upholstered chairs that replaced the pews are stacked on the sidelines, as COVID restrictions limit Sanctuary occupancy to 25. Our last in-person Sunday Service was March 1st, but thanks to our amazing Communications Team, and the flexibility of our staff and service leaders, we successfully transitioned to Zoom services in record time. Kudos to all involved!

In consultation with the Board, staff worked throughout the summer to develop a plan to safely resume in-person services in the fall. The staff presented three options to the Board, who supported the idea of two services, with the second service also livestreamed on our YouTube channel. The 9:30am ser-

vice will be oriented to families with young children, with the Sunday school program happening during the first service. See the details, including our new COVID protocols, elsewhere in the newsletter. Special thanks to Janni, Lynn, Alison and Rev. Ron for doing the hard work to make this happen!

Another big change to our world happened last May, when the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis sparked worldwide outrage and fueled the Black Lives Matter movement. Canadians realized we have our own troubled relationship with racism and oppression. Your Board discussed the idea of coming up with a Statement on Anti-racism, following adoption of anti-racism statements by the Canadian Unitarian Council and the Vancouver Unitarian Church, among many other organizations. We realized we have much to learn about the issue before deciding on an appropriate course of action, and have asked the Social Responsibility and Heart, Mind and Spirit Teams to establish a task force to work with Rev. Ron, the congregation, and stakeholders in developing a draft statement and action plan.

The Board held our Planning Retreat on August 22nd. Our main tasks were to develop a Board Covenant and to set Board Goals for the year, based on the Strategic Plan that was adopted by the Congregation in June 2020. Once the Board Goals are finalized, they will be available on our website. My thanks to the Strategic Planning Task Force for their work in creating our congregational road map for the next

five years. (If you have not yet read the Strategic Plan yet, it is available on the member-only area of our website, and I highly recommend you take a look).

I am grateful for the work done by the Governance Committee in guiding the:

- Restructuring of our governance model
- Creation of Terms of Reference for Board Committees
- Development of policies and procedures for transitioning to the new model, and
- Orientation of incoming Board members in the new model.

The hard work of the Governance Committee, under the direction of their Chair, Sanford Osler, have made it easy for the Board to focus our attention and effort where it will make the most difference to our Congregation and realization of our Mission and Vision.

A strong theme that emerged from the Congregational Survey undertaken as part of the Stewardship Campaign last year was the importance of our community, our shared values, and our connection to one another. This resonates for me, especially at a time when getting together safely has become trickier. We have been resilient, creative, flexible and adaptable during the time of COVID, finding new ways to stay connected. There is still more work to do to ensure we remain welcoming, inclusive and relevant in a changing world. You will see this concern reflected in the Board's goals and work plan for the coming year.

~Robyn Newton
Board President



Covid-19 Protocols

We ask everyone for complete cooperation in complying with the following protocols while attending services and other in-person events at the church:

1. Pre-registration is required for each person attending a church service (including all children and adults).
2. Occupancy limits (see article at right) must be observed.
3. We will pre-screen each person before they enter the building, asking a few Covid-related questions, and taking everyone's temperature using a non-contact thermometer.
4. No one may enter who is sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
5. No one may enter who is in 14-day quarantine or who has been in close contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19.
6. Everyone must use hand sanitizer upon entering.
7. Please bring your own mask(s). Masks are required in the building for everyone (except the Minister and Service Associate during the Sunday morning services).
8. We will track attendance in case contact tracing is necessary later.
9. Live singing and wind instruments are prohibited. (Humming is allowed). Music will be instrumental or pre-recorded.
10. Everyone will observe social-distancing, staying at least 2m away from others who are not in their immediate household. (Chairs may be re-arranged so people from the same household can sit together).
11. Sanctuary doors will be left open for improved air flow.
12. Please use the washroom at home before attending the service, as our washrooms are limited to one person each.
13. There will be no in-person coffee hour after the services.
14. The church kitchen is "closed". Please bring with you any food or drink you will need while you're at church.
15. Disinfectant spray and paper towels are provided throughout the church building, including the washrooms. Please use these supplies to disinfect commonly-touched surfaces before you handle them. (Do not spray disinfectant on chairs, as the bleach it contains may damage the fabric).



COVID-19 Occupancy Limits

Our COVID-19 Safety Plan (see article below) included establishing and posting occupancy limits for the various rooms and spaces in our buildings.

Please do not enter a space if the maximum occupancy has already been reached:

Foyer	6 people
Sanctuary	25 people
Chancel	6 people
Rev. Ron's Office.....	3 people
Lynn's Office	1 person
Janni's Office.....	2 people
Sound Board room	1 person
Fireside Room	20 people
Each Washroom	1 person
Kitchen	(closed)



Our COVID-19 Safety Plan

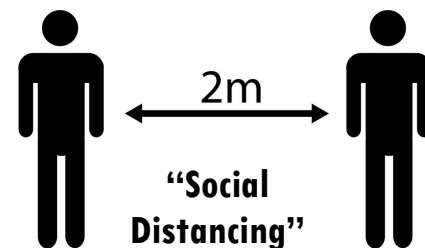
During the summer, our Board and staff developed our [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) required by WorkSafe BC and Vancouver Coastal Health.

The Plan outlines our policies, guidelines, and procedures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at church. Our COVID-19 Safety Plan is displayed in the foyer and is on our website [HERE](#).

We encourage everyone to continue general recommendations such as hand washing frequently, avoiding contact with shared surfaces, staying home when sick or required to self-isolate, social distancing, wearing a mask when in public places, and avoiding crowded places.

COVID-19 Information

Which Conditions Apply?	Sunday 10:30am Children's Program	Sunday 10:30am Adult Service	Other Church Meetings & Events
COVID-19 Protocols in use	YES	YES	YES
Pre-Registration Required	YES	YES	Maybe
Occupancy Limits observed	YES	YES	YES
Before entry, temperature taken & COVID questions asked	YES	YES	Maybe
Stay home if sick or in self-quarantine	YES	YES	YES
Hand sanitizer required at entry	YES	YES	YES
Mask required when inside (please bring from home)	YES	YES	YES
Attendance will be tracked	YES	YES	YES
Social Distancing observed	YES	YES	YES
If event is inside, doors opened (if possible) for additional ventilation	YES	YES	YES
Washroom use is limited to 1 person each (using washroom at home encouraged)	YES	YES	YES
Kitchen closed. (No coffee/tea service)	YES	YES	YES
Encouraged to use disinfectant spray before touching surfaces	YES	YES	YES
Children's Programs & Childcare for Infants is provided	YES	YES	NO
Service is Livestreamed on YouTube & recording available to watch later	NO	YES	NO



means maintain at least two meters or six feet apart from other people who are not in your immediate household. This is one of the ways we help keep each other safe.

We've reduced the number of chairs in our Sanctuary to 25, and have spaced them at least 2m apart. But when you attend church events with people from your household, you can sit side by side.



Masks are required for all indoor meetings and events at the church.

Why We're Taking Attendance

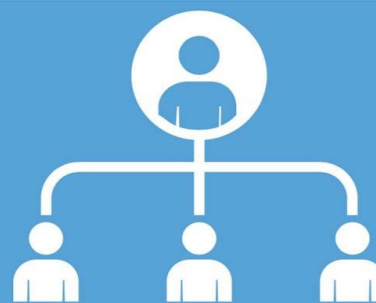


We're taking Attendance at all in-person events on church property (including the in-person Sunday Services) to help health authorities with Contact Tracing. Contact Tracing is a tool used by BC Health to reduce the spread of COVID-19. (More info about Contact Tracing [HERE](#)).

Janni made a short video to answers common questions about attendance taking at our church (including who, what, where, when and why). See the video [HERE](#).

Contact Tracing:

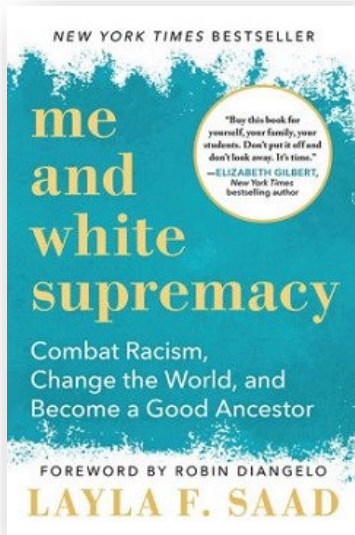
Reaching out to anyone who came into direct contact with an individual who tested presumptive positive with COVID-19 to see if they have developed symptoms and if they need to be tested.



Community *beyond* Community

2021 Stewardship Campaign: October 11th - November 15th

Our annual Stewardship Campaign (formerly called “Canvass”) will run from October 11th to November 15th. During this time, volunteer Stewards will contact members and friends through one-on-one conversations to explore how people feel about our church and to acknowledge all who contribute time, talent and treasure to our faith community. Watch for more details as October approaches.



The Social Responsibility Team Announces the Racial Justice Book Club!

The Social Responsibility Team will be hosting a year-long book club working through the book “Me and White Supremacy” by Layla Saad (see her website [HERE](#) and order the book [HERE](#)). The book club will happen in small groups with 8-12 people per group. The format will be similar to the Soul Matters groups in that it will focus on self-reflection and deep listening.

Members of the Social Responsibility Team will provide support and, if needed, facilitation for groups that want to do the book club. Your group can be one that is already in place such as an existing men’s, women’s or Soul Matters group, or you can be part of a new group.

The Racial Justice Book Clubs will start up in October and meet once a month until June. We are purchasing several copies of the book for those who have trouble sourcing their own copy. Sign up and indicate your monthly meeting date and time preferences [HERE](#).



Living Our Values Environmentally

L.O.V.E. is an umbrella for many green initiatives at NSUC, whether your focus is on education, conservation, or advocacy. Check Friday eBulletins for updates, and SAVE THESE DATES:

8am-1pm

**Saturday, October 10th
(10-10-2020)**

TED Global Countdown

Members of the local Drawdown action network invite us to view 5 hours of FREE TED programming online. Explore the latest thinking from experts and activists around the world: an hour each on the topics of Energy, Transport, Materials, Food, and Nature. [https://
countdown.ted.com/](https://countdown.ted.com/)

7-9pm

**Wednesday, October 14th
TEDxBC Drawdown
Presentation**

More information [HERE](#).
Free registration [HERE](#).

7:30pm

**Wednesday, September 23rd
Third Circle Coalition Update**

This Zoom session with Marcia Stephenson will focus on local government plans of action on the Climate Emergency.



First Aid & CPR Class October 17th (time TBD)

You're invited to join our church staff in a First Aid & CPR Class on Saturday, October 17th.

Due to COVID-19, the class will now be offered in two parts. First, you'll complete a self-paced study online from home using materials provided by the Lifesaving Society. Then, you'll meet with a trainer for the in-person part of the training, which will take place in the church's Fireside Room on Saturday, October 17th (the time will be determined later, but will most likely be a morning class that ends by noon). COVID-19 protocols will be in place (see page 4 and 5 of this newsletter).

The cost is \$140, payable to the church ahead of time in the form of cash, cheque, or eTransfer. Register [HERE](#) or use the link in the eBulletin.



Connections Team

Our Connections Team, now chaired by Joanna Vaughan, is exploring ways to stay connected in community during this pandemic, following Rev. Ron's theme of **Community Beyond Community**.



FREE Ukulele, Guitar, & Fiddling Classes for Beginners

Alison Nixon (our Music Director) is offering free beginning instrument classes to the congregation of the North Shore Unitarian Church on Wednesdays starting September 30th. All ages are welcome! Pre-registration is required for both classes using the links below or in the eBulletin.

FIDDLING CLASSES will be held in the Sanctuary from 5:30—6:30pm every other Wednesday night, September 30th through November 25th. More info [HERE](#) or on the bulletin board in the stairwell. Register [HERE](#).

UKULELE & GUITAR CLASSES will be held weekly from 7-8pm, meeting in the Sanctuary every other week (Wednesday, September 30th through November 25th) and via Zoom on the alternating Wednesdays. More info [HERE](#) or on the bulletin board in the stairwell. Register [HERE](#).

Grocery Receipt Program

City Market and IGA Dundarave participate in our Grocery Receipt Program. For each \$5,000 worth of receipts, these stores give us gift cards that Nora Coates converts into cash donations to the church. Since 1999, this program has earned over \$7,000 for the church! If you shop at these stores, put your receipts on the bulletin board in the stairwell. It results in "free money" for the church!



Lunch Bunch

We meet in the Fireside Room (socially distancing) on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 12:30pm. Fall dates are September 10th & 24th, October 8th & 22nd, and November 12th & 26th. Please bring a brown bagged lunch, and your own coffee or tea in a travel mug, since the kitchen is closed during COVID.



Holiday Office Closures:

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th (Labour Day) and Monday, October 12th (Thanksgiving).

B&G

Building & Grounds

One good thing about this pandemic is reduced wear on the buildings! Still, if anything critical shows up, Janni and Lynn let us know. Kuddles Daycare is functioning again. Recently, Kuddles made these upgrades at their expense: playground turf, fencing, a new shed, kitchen cupboards, and flooring). Their increased share of utility costs is now in full force.

Since the spring of 2020, we have updated our custodial job description with positive effect. In August, the first time in many, many years, we did necessary repairs and maintenance on the 55-year-old main boiler. A pump replacement

may yet be necessary. We have also replaced the 18-year-old water heaters in the main and Rod Stewart buildings and made repairs to the boiler in the Pre-school Building. With these and other smaller tasks, we have spent about \$10,000 of budgeted \$15,350 to date.

In consultation with the B&G Team, a small number of us make rational proposals about caring for or improving the current property. At the same time, the New Building Task Force (NBTF) continues looking for a new one. Still, it seems a good idea to have a deliberative body to make maintenance or upgrade decisions, and co-ordinate these with the NBTF. To that end the Board is attempting to find a few more members, and above all, a Chair for a Property Committee. Brian Welwood is Board Liaison.

In the meantime, here are the maintenance projects that have our attention. We have obtained estimates for repairing and repainting exterior surfaces of our 3 buildings (\$10-16,000). I think a socially distanced **Work Party** could safely do a lot of the work with the Custodian doing the pressure washing beforehand. I see a role for the specialists of colour as well. I have obtained partial estimates (interrupted by the pandemic) for a lighting upgrade throughout the building. Through numerous trials, we determined unfeasible the installation of a wide screen TV (aka confidence monitor) to assist presenters. Inspection of ground water drains has been scheduled for September.

Thanks this time especially to Andy Laird, Roy Brand, Brian Funt, and Mark Mayall.

~Brian McConnell
B&G Chair

Circle Meals:

What goes around comes around!

Circle meals are in-person or Zoom gatherings of 6-8 guests that meet monthly to nurture relationships and engage in meaningful conversations. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and help to deepen and strengthen our fellowship.

All are welcome, including new and long-term NSUC-ers, singles, couples, and families. Until it is safe to meet in person, we'll do Circle Meals by Zoom.



Circle Dinners

Dinners are from 6-7:30pm on what is usually the last Saturday of each month. Fall dates are:

- September 26th
- October 24th (a week earlier than usual, due to Halloween)
- November 28th

Contact coordinator [Joy Silver](#) (604-941-2606) to participate as guest or host, or to get the Zoom link.



Circle Lunches

Lunches are from 11:30am to 1pm on the Second Tuesday of the month. Fall dates include:

- September 8th
- October 13th
- November 10th



Artarian News

With the re-opening of live church services, we will display art both in the Sanctuary and online (on the Monthly Art Show webpage on our website). We will change the art every two months.

The September/October art show will feature lovely floral photographs done by **Stephanie Alexander**. In November/December the display will feature **the Artarians** group show. A portion of all sales of art is donated to the North Shore Unitarian Church.

~ Beverly Grice
Artarian Chair



Soul Matters is a small group ministry program using curriculum put together by a group of UU ministers. This program has run for three years and will continue again this fall. Monthly study packets are available in the eBulletin or on the foyer table. Groups of 6–8 people meet monthly by Zoom or in person to share their reflections. Contact [Anne Mayall](#) (778-686-3643) or the [Church Office](#) to join or facilitate a group. Upcoming themes are:

- September: **Renewal**
- October: **Deep Listening**
- November: **Healing**

Outreach

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

During **June, July** and **August**, our Outreach Recipient was [RAVEN](#) (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs). The total amount raised will be determined at the beginning of September and will be reported in our Winter Newsletter.

Our Fall Outreach Recipients are: [St. James Music Academy](#) (Sept), [North Shore Multicultural Society](#) (Oct.), and [Sheway](#) (Nov.)



From Our Cares & Concerns Team

We are living in strange and different times right now, and it is hard to know how our Team can best support our members and friends. Our wonderful group of volunteers continue to call on people who are living alone and those who have indicated that they would appreciate receiving a periodic call.

We welcome feedback on any resources that people have used to specifically help with managing through this time of semi-isolation. Our list can be found on our website, and is continually referenced in the weekly ebulletin. Click [here](#) for quick access to the resource list.

A recent survey was conducted of people on our contact list to determine how well things were going. For the most part, family



and friends are helping with shopping and meals as needed. While most seemed quite positive, almost 50% of those surveyed rated themselves less than a “7” on a scale of 1 – 10 (with 10 being “great”).

Plans are in place to begin programs at the Church (physically distancing), so we are hopeful that this will help us all feel more connected.

If you have any ideas of how we might assist you, please let us know: [Barb Kroon](#) (604-986-3166) and [Jean Prescott](#) (604-924-6006).



Lynn Sabourin
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It has been a challenging few months, but this COVID-19 pandemic has sure put Joke Central into high gear. If I don't laugh, I'll cry — so I read them all. I hope that with the sunny periods this summer, folks connected with each other safely outdoors to share some fun times. As we plan our fall programs, we will pivot quickly, should circumstances change. We will follow the recommendations of our medical experts, like Dr. Bonnie Henry. As one sign on a US church read, "This too shall pass: it might be like a kidney stone, but it's gonna pass."

Our current plan is to have children and their parents meet at 9:30am on Sundays, with parents going to the service and children meeting outside while the weather is good and downstairs in the Fireside Room when it is not. We may put up an awning or two on the front lawn to extend our time outside where it is safer. We will require both children and adults to pre-register, since we know how many people can be safely accommodated in each area of the church. Janni has outlined the procedure elsewhere in this newsletter. Look for the link that I will send out to parents each week giving you access to the registration sign up sheets.

It will be an interesting year and I welcome any questions or concerns you might have. I can be reached at 604-926-1621.

~ Lynn Sabourin
Director of Lifespan Learning



their large graphics of their explorations as they go. This group will likely meet outside while we are in COVID-19 mode.

Inquiring Souls Program For Grades 6-7

Jessica Motherwell McFarlane and Bill Richardson will again lead the Grade 6-7 young people in their Inquiring Souls Program, which is entering its 6th year. Each week the group will tackle one of their burning questions, discussing and drawing



Cara Elrod (our Children's Program Assistant) and I will lead the Grade 2-5 children using Soul Matters children's materials, which were designed by the writers to work online. We will use these materials as building blocks, adapting them as needed:

- **"Introduce It" - Object lessons and wonder box presentations to help leaders introduce the lesson/theme angle for the children.**
- **"Tell It & Talk About It" - Stories to bring the theme to life.**
- **"Meditate on It" - Various mindfulness practices to help children engage the theme in a more reflective and quiet way.**
- **"Explore It" - Small group activities and experiential learning to involve other members of the congregation who may have special skills and knowledge that can be shared with the children.**
- **"Take It Home" - Ideas about how to weave the theme angle into family and home life for parents.**

September's theme is **Renewal**, which seems so apt for our start up sessions. We will look at our recommitment to community, renewing relationships, honing our sense of wonder, and recognizing again that our inherent worth means loving who we are. October's theme is **Deep Listening** and November's is **Healing**.



Coming-of-Age Program

We are excited to offer the Coming of Age (COA) Program for eleven Grade 8-9 Youth. The COA Youth have been matched with eleven amazing adult Mentors from the congregation.

In the COA program, Youth are introduced to their Mentors in the fall and then the pairs get to know each other during the year through monthly program meetings and one-on-one meetings.

The COA program includes three retreats that help the Youth and Mentors to go deeper, both in building their relationships and delving into some of the bigger questions the program asks.

- Our Fall Retreat uses the story of the Wizard of Oz to explore themes around identity and the journey and transition of growing up.
- Our Winter Retreat includes a service project in the Down Town East Side; dealing with the themes of marginalization, privilege and poverty.
- Our Spring Retreat explores Unitarian Universalist beliefs and theology and is focused on the credo-writing process.

At a time in their lives when social connections are so important, our youth have had to put the brakes on many of those interactions. Many of them have missed getting together with their church friends — and the incoming Grade 8s have anticipated youth group for a long time.

Now that we have become accustomed to social distancing, mask wearing and hand sanitizing, we can meet in person again, with safety measures in place (see our COVID-19 Protocols on page 4).

Our Fireside Room can accommodate our Youth Group meetings, and our wonderful Youth Advisors are game to give it a go. They will meet 7-9pm on Sunday evenings. When the weather is decent, we will meet outside. Thanks to our awesome team: Kit To (our Youth Advisor lead), Bruce Grierson, Jessica Motherwell McFarlane (often with Bill Richardson), Sacha Wassick — and welcome to Kalan Wassick!

This promises to be a full and busy year. I'm so appreciative of all the adults who have stepped up to ensure that the programs that we have valued over the years will be available to our young people.

~ Lynn Sabourin,
Director of Lifespan Learning



Thanks to Paul Symons and Sacha Wassick, we will run the Grade-12 Program. The goal of this program is for youth graduating in 2021 to have the opportunity to think about their goals for the future, their concepts of spirituality, life's big questions and what the transition into young adulthood might entail.

Our two fearless leaders and the Grade 12 Youth will meet in a coffee shop on a weeknight once a month with a special focus each time. They will start in the fall with a Silent Retreat/Day of Reflection and end with a vigil where they will come up with their vision statement to be presented to the congregation at June's Bridging Service.

Exploration of 9 World Religions: September to May



In a unique partnership between the South Fraser Unitarian Church (SFUC) and Calgary Unitarians (UCC), the Revs. Debra Faulk and Samaya Oakley, and UCC member Lynn Nugent, are pleased to offer an exploration of nine of the major world religions/faith traditions — one each month from September through to May.

This program is open to Unitarian Universalists in Western Canada. You'll be able to participate several ways:

- Attend the monthly Sunday service at SFUC or UUC featuring a guest speaker from the faith tradition being explored
- Monthly Soul Matters Reflections packets will contain a spiritual practice, readings and resources from the traditions under consideration, and
- Twice monthly gatherings to delve deeper into the history and current practices of that tradition.

The twice monthly gatherings will meet on specific Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm. Together we'll explore:

- September – Judaism
- October – Wicca
- November – Hindu
- December – Christianity
- January – Bahai
- February – Buddhism
- March – Sikhism
- April – Islam
- May – Indigenous Spirituality

Dates and more info [HERE](#).
Registration [HERE](#).



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