

# North Shore Unitarian NEWS

Spring 2018

BELONG WITH HEART. THRIVE IN SPIRIT. ACT IN SERVICE

# FundFest Dinner & Auction: 5-9pm on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **How FundFest Works**

- Members and friends of NSUC offer to host social events, donate treasures or share particular talents on a date or dates throughout the year.
- These donations are presented at the live and silent auction where they are purchased by attendees or absentee bidders.
- Purchasers get a great concert, party, meal, experience, item, skill or service. In the process we get to know each other better.
- 100% of FundFest income goes to NSUC.

#### The Basics

- Tickets go on sale in March (\$10 per person or \$20 for a family).
- On the night of our FundFest auction, ticket holders will enjoy a delicious light meal and cash bar in advance of Live and Silent Auctions.
- Newcomers to FundFest will get a \$50 Certificate towards their purchases.
- Free child care onsite is provided. (Tell us ages of children when you purchase tickets).

#### The Details

- During the auction, our skilled auctioneers lead you through the paddled but very inclusive bidding.
- Our team of tech wizards keeps track of who buys what.
- Our Financial Administrator sends you a tax receipt at tax time showing the value of what you donated.
- Donors are given a list of what they sold and who bought each item. Purchasers are given a list of what they bought and from whom.
- FundFest brings our community together for great events all year long while also giving us the opportunity to participate in the spiritual practice of generosity. It's our biggest revenue source after pledges and rental income.

#### **A Call for Donations**

We need donations! Between now and mid April, email or phone Janni with a description of your donations of events, treasures and talents or use the <u>online form</u>. With your help, we'll get the list out earlier this year.

# FundFest



#### **Donations Ideas**

You may have heard about some of the bigger events from previous years: Living Extraordinary, TED Talks at NSUC, a catered film series, Bunko, stand-up comedy, concerts, gastronomic experiences, games nights, a guided tour of Guatemala, plus fun and useful workshops of all sorts. Every year the community surprises us with some new and wonderful events!

For your first time, you may want to just attend the auction and make a few purchases. But feel free to make/ organize/ create a donation as well. It's not hard to do, especially if you involve other young families.

In the weeks to come, you'll be hearing more about this year's auction. Mark the April 28th date on your calendar. Chances are you will find it's a great way to get connected to others here!

Questions? Contact a committee member (Stuart Browning, Andrea Fast, Leslie Gibbons, Brian McConnell, Jean Prescott, <u>Janni</u> <u>Kretlow</u>).

### From Our Co-Ministers

s I write to you, it is still February, cold and dark, though the sunshine is glistening on the snow today. We are still trudging through the month of Perseverance.

And yet I am looking out at March, April and May — at Balance, Emergence and Joy! Perhaps you, too, feel yourself carrying both the pre-

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sent and that which is coming. Perhaps you, too, feel both the weariness of winter and the excitement of anticipation for spring.

I feel this push and pull in our community, as well. One place it shows up especially is the work being done to build a new church home. Many are looking ahead with enthusiasm toward the possible site identified by Darwin and overwhelmingly approved at our January congregational meeting. Yet a move is still years away, and there is important work to be done here

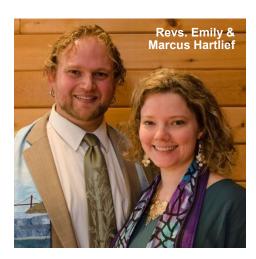
and now to nurture and sustain our community. In this season of our community life, we hold both the excitement for what will be possible in the future and the possibility that we can thrive right

here and

As we hone in on a Strategic Plan that will guide our collective efforts

over the next few years — focused on the time before our move — a wondering keeps surfacing for me. This is what I wonder: are you deeply satisfied in how you are connected and engaged in this community? Are there ways you would like to give, receive, or co-create here that would bring you alive, connect you with depth, meaning and purpose?

I invite you to take a moment to wonder with me over the next couple months. Spend five minutes



chatting with someone after a service, wandering our grounds, our browsing the website and ask: Is there something new or different or more I'd like to do here that would light me or bring me joy? If the answer is no, perfect! If the answer is yes, lets talk.

With you on the journey, Rev. Marcus

#### Miss a Service?

VIDEOS of many of our sermons are available to watch online:
From our home page at northshoreunitarians.ca, hover over "News & Events" on the top menu.
From the drop down menu, select "Watch Recent Sermons" to go to our YouTube channel. From there, click on the sermon you'd like to see.

#### **Contacting Us**

We are generally available for appointments Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Phone or text us for an appointment, or email us (note that we may not reply to weekend emails until Tuesday).

#### **Rev. Marcus**

Marcus@northshoreunitarians.ca 604-704-6740

**Rev. Emily** (on medical leave) Emily@northshoreunitarians.ca 604-704-6749



CUC National Conference May 18-20<sup>th</sup> / Hamilton, ON

Be a part of the national Unitarian conversation

Please consider representing NSUC as a delegate to the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council this May. Delegates may travel to Ontario to attend the conference in person, or participate from home through a videoconference. Contact Marcia Stephenson (teacheach1@shaw.ca) or the Church Office if you are interested in serving as one of our four delegates this year.

The CUC's National Conference & Annual General Meeting (AGM) is the national gathering of Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists in Canada. The conference takes place every other year in May over the Victoria Day weekend.

More info on our blog and at <a href="http://cuc.ca/conference/">http://cuc.ca/conference/</a>.

Questions?

Email: conference@cuc.ca



# Gather, Connect, Inspire April 7, 2018

Connect with Unitarians from BC and beyond at the Metro Vancouver Unitarian Gathering on April  $7^{th}$ . The Saturday conference, co-sponsored by four Lower Mainland congregations, will begin at 9am at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver at 49th & Oak.

Taking their inspiration from the theme Catalysts for Change, local organizers have shaped a plan for the day that features networking sessions about social action, a presentation by young adults on intergenerational solidarity, and a special appearance by singer-songwriter-activist Tony Turner. A Unitarian from Ottawa now living in Nanaimo, Tony will lead a workshop entitled "Singing for Change" and will also emcee the Open Mic Coffeehouse from 7 to 9pm. Registered participants will receive a ticket for the evening event, but drop-ins are welcome to attend the coffeehouse for \$5 at the door.

A children's program and a youth con are in the works; stay tuned for details. Registration, which includes lunch, dinner, and coffee breaks, is available through the CUC at this link: <a href="http://cuc.ca/metro-vancouver-unitarian-gathering">http://cuc.ca/metro-vancouver-unitarian-gathering</a>

Early bird adult fees are set at \$65, with special pricing for other groups. Please consider volunteering to help stage this event: greeting at the door; answering questions at the welcome table; serving the catered meals and cleaning up afterwards; driving carpools from the North Shore to UCV; or offering home hospitality to a Unitarian from out of town. Questions? Willing to volunteer? Contact Marcia Stephenson (teacheach1@shaw.ca) or the Church Office (info@northshoreunitarians.ca).

# Heart, Mind, Spirit



### **Monthly Bag Lunch Event**

Don't travel at night? Do you love stimulating conversations? Do you crave connection between Sundays with fellow Unitarians?

Come to **Bag Lunch** held at the Church on the fourth Thursday of the month at 12:30pm.

Dates: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup>. All ages, stages and wages invited. Gender friendly! Bring a friend.

Need a ride? Contact Joanna Vaughn (604-904-9535 or <u>ivaugh-n48@gmail.com</u>) or the <u>Church Office</u> (604-926-1621). We will do our best to hook you up with a car pool.



#### **Cronies**

The Cronies women's group meets monthly at the church

for lunch, tea, fun and up-to-date news of what is going on in their world. Join us anytime! Bring a bagged lunch at 12:30pm on the second Thursday of the month: March 8th, April 12th, and May 10th.



# Navigating the Minefield of Religious Vocabulary

with Rev. Marcus

God. Worship. Prayer. Sin. Salvation. Soul. Faith. Church. What do these "wounded words" really mean? How did their meaning develop over time? What happened to wound them so deeply for so many of our ears? What meaning does the progressive theology of our tradition make of them?

This series continues on the first Sunday of each month through June, in the Sanctuary from 12:15-1:45pm. We take one word each month. Drop-ins are welcome! Free childcare is provided.



Soul Matters groups meet monthly to delve more deeply into the theme for that month.

To participate in a group, sign up on the sheet downstairs, or contact Janni in the Church Office.

Monthly packets are available by email to those who have signed up to receive them, with printed copies available on the foyer table.

# **startingPOINT**

Want to be more connected in our community? Would you like to learn more about our traditions, history and theology? Or perhaps you've been wondering about what it means to formally join our congregation?

In our Starting Point class, you'll get to know other newcomers in our community, learn about the history of both our church and Unitarian Universalism and get plugged in with opportunities for creating depth, meaning and purpose. Each session includes a mixture of discussion, activities and time for reflection, sharing, and asking questions.

Our next session, facilitated by Rev. Marcus, is scheduled for two Sunday afternoons, 12:15-3pm on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Childcare is available at all classes upon request.

Please RSVP by April 18th to Ariel Hunt-Brondwin (ariel@northshoreunitarians.ca)



Ariel Hunt-Brondwin Youth Program Coordinator & Connections Coordinator



# Spring Youth Group Schedule

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm
April 1st	No Youth Group
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7-9pm
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	6-9pm (movie!)
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	No Youth Group
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm



Our Coming of Age (COA) program marks the transition from child-hood to adolescence and is based on our belief that each of us, including our youth, has the ability to create a life that will be rich and meaningful.

The program begins each year with a "Wizard of Oz" retreat, continues with monthly meetings and activities, and concludes with a Credo Writing event in April. Throughout the course of the program, youth and their adult mentors explore our faith's history, social responsibility, values clarification, etc.

After the Credo Writing event (April  $6^{th}$ ), there is a family celebration (April  $20^{th}$ ) where mentors speak about the strengths they see in their youth that will help them through the coming teenage years. At the Credo Service (April  $22^{nd}$ ), the congregation affirms each COA youth's personal credo, bringing the program to a close for the year.

Here are the spring COA dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	4:30-6:30pm	6th & final meeting
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Credo event
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	6-9pm	Coming of Age Celebration Dinner
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Credo Sunday Morning Service



# Spring Youth Adult Committee (YAC) Meetings

March 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm April 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm May 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm

The Youth Adult Committee (YAC) is made up of youth, youth advisors and the Youth Program Coordinator. Its role is to offer input and feedback to the Youth Program Coordinator about youth group activities and projects throughout the year.

## Children's Program



Lynn Sabourin,
Director of Lifespan Learning

y heart is heavy as I read about the 30th mass shooting in the U.S. this year, seven weeks into 2018, 18 of which have happened in schools. For some children, innocence has been short-lived. In our country we still have a long way to go in making things right for our Indigenous people and the case of Colten Boushie emphasizes that even more. As we hold all those whose lives have been shattered in our hearts, we are reminded that we must be vigilant. What we model for our children and what we teach them about living lovingly and with integrity matters. What we stand up for and act on matters and children learn from that more readily than from our words. What we do in our church school classes and in our worship services is to hold up that which is of value and, hopefully, to reinforce the positive values parents are living out in their homes.

#### 3-6 Year Olds

Our **Spirit Play** kids have welcomed in some new children; we hope that Evelyn, Sophie, and Tamara are settling in and enjoying the stories that are told with manipulatives, followed by their



own choice of artistic expression or story-telling themselves. The class heard two variations of creation stories from different traditions: The Cosmic Creation Story, a science based version and The Blessing Seed, a Christian based version with a modern twist. The Greatest Power, a tale from China, talked about the power of life in something a little as a seed. The children have been learning some of our Unitarian Universalist (UU) history. The learned about the symbol of our faith, the flaming chalice, heard the story of theologian, Jon Hus, who went up against tradition in the 14th century and Francis David, who was a religious advisor to the first Unitarian king, John Sigismund. Thanks to Jilly Watson, Elizabeth Cody-Rutter, Anne Mayall, Marguerite Mahy and Susanne Krebs for being with these children.

#### 7-8 Year Olds

Our Primary group finished their Truth, Healing and Reconciliation program with a visit from Stewart Gonzales, a Squamish First Nation residential school survivor, who gave a gentle first hand account of his life as a small child growing up in that system. The kids were very receptive and respectful and asked very thoughtful questions, which Stewart answered honestly and at their developmental level. Thanks to Kay Welwood, who has been with the class this whole year so far, they are now exploring the curriculum, Love Will Guide Us. They were introduced to love as an unseen, guiding force unfolding in the universe and to the Sources of our UU faith, with an emphasis on love. The story, "The Everything Seed," described the origins of the universe as a single seed which contained within itself everything our universe needed, including love. Children listened to a magical, bedtime story by Kim Stafford, "We All Got Here Together," which offered a mystery-filled explanation for beginnings. Drawing on the story's bubble and rain themes, the children imagined their own story and made rain sticks. The love of discovery was illustrated by a story about how a 19th -century discovery of dinosaur bones in New Jersey helped prove the earth is older than claimed in the Bible. They talked about love in our congregation and all that volunteers and staff do to help our church run and heard the basic story of Jesus. Another story, The Scratched Diamond, gave a visual to the notion that we are loved, flaws and all. The kids had fun breaking open their own geodes, rocks which look rough and ugly on the outside, but have beautiful crystals on the inside.

## Children's Program



#### 9-10 Year Olds

The Love Connects Us group explored peacemaking, and how each of us can find creative solutions to solve conflict and work cooperatively. They heard the true story of The Christmas Truce, in which, during World War I, soldiers from both sides crossed into

the No Man's Land between enemy lines to share Christmas gifts and songs in the spirit of shared humanity. They learned how the well known, nondenominational Serenity Prayer can give perspective on a conflict with a friend. They practiced using "the wisdom to know the difference" between things we can change and things we cannot in true-to-life situations and made their own strands of knotted meditation beads. They heard about Unitarian minister and scientist Joseph Priestley, whose story embodies our Unitarian heritage of "seeking the truth in love." The kids did simple experiments with air pressure to explore Priestley's discovery of the existence of oxygen. Separating out hard truths from lies was illustrated by a true story of the Rev. David Pettee's research to learn about his slave-holding ancestors. The class had some fun using optical illusions and challenges to show how different perspectives affect your interactions. The class experienced an obstacle course and then heard a story about Elizabeth Blackwell (the first woman in the U.S. to go to medical school and to become a doctor) who persisted in her quest to become a doctor even as she faced many obstacles to achieving her dream because she was a woman. Helping one another in community was the focus of one session; the kids created a large cardboard "kiosk" to advertise our church team that was formed by Erin McNeill to take part in the "Coldest Night of the Year" walk to raise awareness and funds for the homeless. Thanks to Erin and Misty Paterson for helping me in this class. Special welcome to newcomer, Salma!



#### 11-12 Year Olds

**Inquiring Souls** illustrate their thoughts as they brainstorm each Sunday's topic. Here are their most recent explorations:

- What is Death?
- Why does food taste so delicious?
- Why do we dream?
- What's up with ketchup? (food figures greatly in a lot of their deliberations)
- Dinosaurs –what happened?
- How do you survive the Hunger Games? Part 1 and 2.

Visitors to Room 305 are amazed at the variety of the class' questions and the depth of their discussions. Thanks to Jessica Motherwell, Bill Richardson and Doug Sabourin for supporting this wonderful group of kids.



#### Grade 5-6 OWL

Thanks to Lesley Giroday and Kit To, our Grade 5-6 kids will participate in the Our Whole Lives program. This 10 session curriculum is designed to help children gain the knowledge, life

principles, and skills they need to express their sexuality in life-enhancing ways, while recognizing that sexuality education begins at home and continues through open and honest communications between parents and children. Lynn Sabourin will facilitate a parallel parent group.

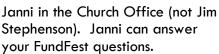
# Thank You

I can't say enough about our wonderful volunteer teachers and assistants. Some of them will be finished with their commitment and I'm looking for folks to replace them. Call Lynn at 604-926-1621 to discuss the possibilities.

## From the Church Office

# FundFest Questions

Have questions about prior FundFest Purchases? Need to know what you bought, or who bought your item(s)? Please contact



### **Church Directory**

- Want to be added to our Church Directory?
- Are there changes to your Church Directory listing?
- Do you need a Church Directory?

Please contact Janni in the Church Office:

info@northshoreunitarians.ca or 604-926-1621

# Change in Office Hours

Janni has shifted her office hours by a half hour, So the Church Office is now open a half hour earlier (8am). Although Janni leaves at 2:30pm, Lynn remains at the office until at least 3pm on most days. (Call before you come, if you plan to stop by after 3pm).



#### Do You Get Our Weekly eBulletins?

Now that our newsletter is distributed quarterly, it's more important than ever to subscribe to our weekly eBulletins so you can receive weekly updates such as:

- Sermon titles, descriptions and speakers.
- Church news and events.
- Invitations to Canadian Unitarian events.
- General meeting & Town Hall invitations.
- And more!

If you're not already receiving these weekly emails, please contact Janni in the Church Office to be added to the list.

# Our Quarterly Newsletter Schedule



**Winter** (December-February)

Due date for articles is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

**Spring** (March-May)

Due date for articles is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

**Summer** (June-August)

Due date for articles is May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Fall** (September-November) Due date for articles is Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>



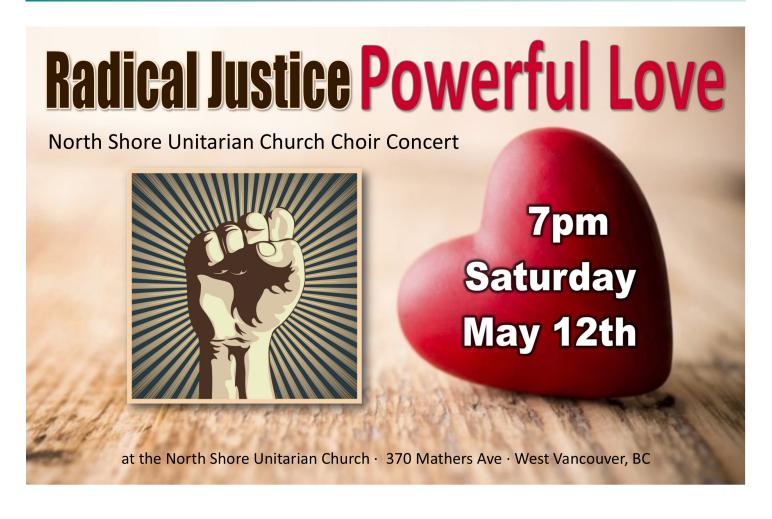
### Need a Name Tag?

Name tags help us get to know each other better, and make everyone feel more welcome. If you don't have a name tag yet (or used to have one, but can't find it), let a Greeter know on Sunday morning, or contact Janni in the Church Office. We'll gladly make you a new one!



## Office Closed for Holidays

Our Office will be closed March 30<sup>th</sup> for the Good Friday holiday, and May 21<sup>st</sup> for the Victoria Day Holiday.



### Food Labels Help Us Welcome All

As you may know, many people in our congregation and wider community suffer from food allergies, or for other reasons have strict food requirements.

To help make everyone feel welcome at our social events, the Connections Ministry Team is promoting a food labelling experiment in our community.

To that end we've set up a foodlabelling station in the kitchen top drawer under the table. It includes various supplies (index cards, plastic stands, etc.) to make labelling as quick and easy as possible. Please use them to identify your food gifts under major categories (such as vegetarian, glutenfree, etc.) Also list, as best you can, what's in your dish – the more specific you can be the better. (This may require you to list, for example, "a can of Campbell's tomato soup.")

On ready-made foods it's even easier. Just cut-off the ingredients list and attach it to the index card.

Especially important on homemade foods, add your name to the card so that people might be able to find you and ask specific questions.



Then slip the card into a plastic holder and place it beside your contribution. Presto – valuable details presented in a professional and friendly manner.

Many thanks to our generous cooks who are able to help us make everyone feel welcome.

~ The Connections Team



## Annual General Meeting May 27th 12:15pm

Although anyone may attend the AGM, our bylaws state that only members in good standing may vote at the meeting.



#### Jammin' With the Band

All are invited to participate in this informal jam session at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary on the following Fridays: March 9th, April 13th and May 11th. Bring a musical instrument, or sing along. All ages and skill levels welcome; the emphasis is on having fun. ~Paul Jaffe



Last June, Revs. Emily and Marcus, formed a small group that acts as a sounding-board for them. They meet monthly to reflect on the progress of the church's overall ministry. The team members are: Liz Moffitt (chair), Judith Radford, Melissa Picher Kelly, and Michael Watson. Feel free to approach any of them if you have input for the team's work.

# Clothing Swap April 14th, 10am-2pm

Starting April 8th, bring your women's and children's clothing, accessories, and Halloween costumes to the church (only clean items in good shape, please!)



On April 14th, a \$10 donation gets you in the door (proceeds will be given to the Wish Drop-In Centre). Take clothing, accessories, jewelry, or whatever you like, at no extra cost! We will serve light refreshments. Come early and swap till you drop! Unclaimed items will be donated to Wish and other local charities. Tell all your friends, and invite them to bring something to "swap shop"... the more the merrier!!

### Outreach/Inreach

Beginning in January, unless otherwise marked, 100% of our offering basket collections on Sunday mornings are given to the charity for that month. Here are our recent and upcoming recipients:



December: Ministers' Discretionary Fund (\$3,275), January: North Shore Women's Centre (\$1957), February: Wild Bird Trust of BC, March: our Partner Church in Hungary, April: Rainbow Refugee Society, May: WISH Drop-In Centre.

### From the Library

The following books were added to our adult collection. From Inga Puhlmann: Carpe Diem: Seizing the



Day in a Distracted World by Roman Krznaric. From Linda Vance: Help, Thanks, Wow: the Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott. From Rev. Fran Dearman: 50 Great Myths of Popular Psychology: Shattering Widespread Misconceptions about Human Behavior by Scott O. Lilienfeld, et al. From Jasha Ramsay-Latter: Tomorrow's God: Our Greatest Spiritual Challenge by Neale Donald Walsh. From Rev. Stephen Atkinson: A Feminist Ethic of Risk by Sharon D. Welch; Wherever You Go There You Are: Mindfullness Meditation in Everyday Life by Jon Kabat-Zinn. From Joy Silver: Old and Smart: Women and Aging by Betty Nickerson; The Wounded Woman: Healing the Father-Daughter Relationship by Linda Schierse Leonard. From anonymous donors: The Language of Letting Go by Melody Beattie; Ann the Word: the Story of Ann Lee, Female Messiah, Mother of the Shakers, the Woman Clothed with the Sun by Richard Francis.



Property Management. The Board is working on terms of reference for the property management committee. Now and as we move towards a new building, we are well advised to get a stronger framework/process in place. We thank the major volunteers of this

past period: Bob Vaughan, Roy Brand, Paul Symons and me from B&G. Others have been Stuart Browning, Romney Copping, Gail Lehman, Andrea Fast, John Duffy, plus of course Janni.

**Buildings.** We just replaced the 2 very tired kitchen stoves with 2 much newer, more functional models for \$500 including taxes, delivery, 30 day warranty plus removal of the old stoves — a great value! Stuart Browning, Romney Copping, Gail Lehman, Paul Symons and I shampooed the upholstery of the 150 donated black chairs. Slide bolts were installed on washroom doors. Maintenance (check valve and pressure release valve) was required on both the main boiler and the Chelsea House boiler (thermocouple). Wobbly electrical receptacles in the building were replaced. Drips on the chancel and near the sound booth were investigated and roofs cleared of debris. No further occurrences have been reported. Condensation may be one of the causes as the roof structure looks very sound.

**Grounds.** We monitor ice and snow conditions carefully and avail ourselves of professional services as needed. Last year, snow removal cost NSUC approximately \$5000. So far this year, costs are under \$1000. We await decisions regarding tree removal from Donna Gordon's contact, who has been to the property and evaluated the trees in question. John Duffy cleared the gutters of Rod Stewart Building. Gail Lehman has been helping with the grounds care along the walkway to RSB. Romney Copping has taken on clearing blow down of branches on the front lawn.

**Tenant Care.** Having a major tenant is good for our bottom line, but there are costs involved in keeping rental spaces functioning properly. The dishwasher, boiler, furnaces, sink drains and urinals all needed attention recently. Kuddles will be reseeding the playground in the spring at their expense. 

~ Brian McConnell



### Special Thanks to Heartwood Tree Consulting!

Heartwood (an experienced insured, certified and local tree consulting company) generously donated a tree risk assessment and arborist report to our church. We are grateful for their assistance, and to Donna Gordon for setting this up!

www.heartwoodtreeconsulting.com



#### From the Artarians

In March, we welcome artists Sylvia Bayley and Elizabeth Austin. Sylvia works in an intuitive and instinctive way using acrylic paints and various mediums to create texture and interest. She commences with no preconceived ideas as to the final creation, but simply embarks on a journey with the canvas and paints. Elizabeth grew up on the North Shore, and has been painting and drawing as long as she can remember. Observing nature, she enjoys the challenge of translating her inner vision into reality. Primarily using acrylic on canvas, Elizabeth paints outdoors when the weather cooperates.

In April, the West Vancouver Senior Centre Quilters are excited to display their quilts.

May's art show is still being determined, but watch the eBulletin and Orders of Service for artist names along the way.

See the Artarians Biography Manual in the stairway for bios and more info about all of our featured artists.



Thanks again for a wonderful weekend. I have never seen my boys so delightfully exhausted. They smell like campfire, their clothes bear traces of marshmallows, their faces are a little sunburnt, their knees are bruised, and they fell asleep on the way home. We loved it! As Albert put it, let's do this again!

Ernest, 2017

# **Unitarian Family Camp June 8–10, 2018**

Set in the natural splendor of Port Moody's Belcarra Regional Park, the camp offers swimming, boating, hiking, climbing, children and youth programs, a choral workshop for youth/adults, campfires and other fun communal events. Heated cabins with electricity. Meals provided. Note: Children love this camp but you do not need kids to attend Family Camp!

Early bird rates (ends March 18th): Adults: \$151; Children/Youth: \$139. Regular rates (ends April 30th): Adults: \$161; Children/Youth: \$149.

Download a brochure/registration form at http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/camp/More info: sasamat@beaconunitarian.org



**Sing for Joy!** Music Workshop with Patti Powell on Sat. June 9th. \$67 includes lunch & the opportunity to swim or kayak after the workshop!



North Shore Unitarians 370 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver, BC V7S 1H3 Phone: 604-926-1621

Website: <u>northshoreunitarians.ca</u> Email: <u>info@northshoreunitarians.ca</u>

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

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

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Children's Program Assistant: Cara Elrod (Sundays)
Youth & Connections Coordinator: Ariel Hunt-Brondwin

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