



Possible Site for New Building Described at Town Hall

At a Town Hall meeting on December 3rd, the New Building Task Force gave a presentation about a possible site for NSUC's new building. The Task Force and Board have been investigating the site with much interest since it was proposed to us recently by Darwin Properties, our development partner for the new building.

John Biasucci, Chair of the Task Force, gave a slide presentation that described the possible site and its location, as well as Darwin's major redevelopment proposals on which the availability of the site depends. The proposed site is presently the parking lot for the North Shore Winter Club, at 1325 E. Keith Road, North Vancouver. It constitutes the portion of the Winter Club's property that fronts on Keith Road. (See image below).

John explained that Darwin has been in negotiations with the Winter Club over the last year and has reached a preliminary agreement to undertake rezoning of the club's 5.65-acre property to permit multifamily residential housing. If the rezoning is successful, the increase in value of the Club's existing property will enable Darwin to build a new facility for the Club at a new site within the North Shore Innovation District, another major redevelopment project Darwin is undertaking in the District of North Vancouver.

Darwin's proposal is to include NSUC's new building as part of Darwin's proposed comprehensive rezoning plan to be submitted for the 5.65-acre existing Winter Club property. Under this plan, NSUC would acquire the approxi-

mately one-acre portion that is now the club's parking lot, and Darwin would build residential housing on the balance of the site, plus a moderate amount of retail and commercial space.

A key part of the plan is that NSUC's new building would be built over and incorporate the two-level, 133-parking space underground parking structure located on the site NSUC would acquire.

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Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar for our Annual Budget Meeting: January 28th at 12:15pm. Call Lynn to arrange childcare: 604-926-1621.

2017 Donation Deadline



Our last bank deposit for the 2017 year will be done at noon on Thur. December 21st. If you want a donation to show up on your 2017 tax statement, please date it no later than this date, and get it to the church by then. Payments received after the deadline will be deposited in the new year.

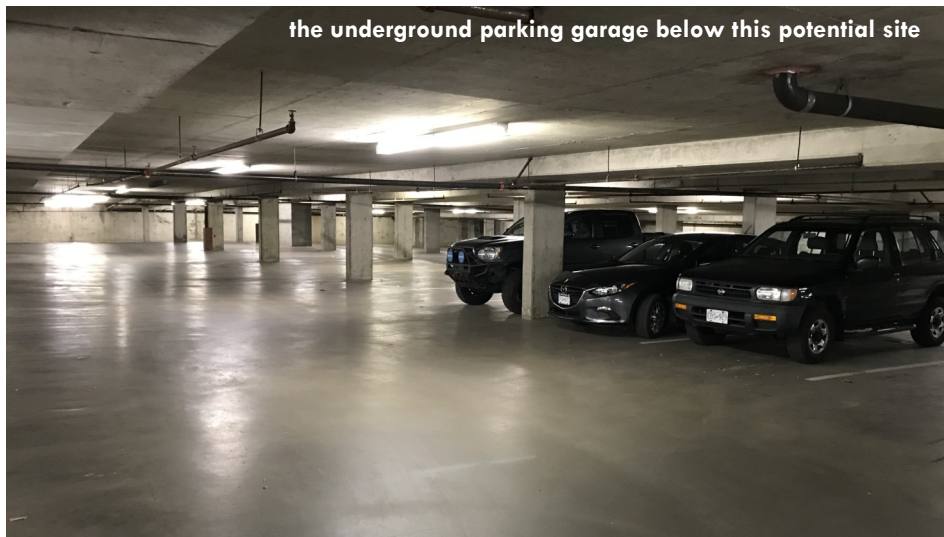
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By preserving and reusing for itself the Winter Club's existing underground parking (see picture at right), NSUC would significantly reduce construction costs for our new building since new underground parking typically costs \$25,000 to \$30,000 per parking space to build.

In his remarks John emphasized that it is very early in the development process for Darwin's redevelopment proposals and much has to happen, with many parties involved, before success can be assured. He emphasized also that the selection of a new site for our future church, as well as the building design, must be approved by the congregation (by two-thirds vote) at a congregational meeting or meetings. No decision is being requested at this time since it is too early in the process and there are so many unknowns. The Task Force and the Board, however, felt it important to inform the congregation of the possibility of this Keith Road site at the earliest opportunity.

In the opinion of the Task Force, the site's location is excellent. It has good visibility from a major road (Keith Rd). It is easily accessible by car from most areas of the North Shore, which will get even better after the major highway improvement projects now under way are completed, such as the new Mountain Highway interchange, which will provide very direct access between the site and Highway 1. The site is well served by public transit, with a bus stop at the site and one directly across Keith Road.

Task Force member Doug Sabourin



pointed out the site will be accessible from future high growth areas, such as Lynn Creek Town Centre, which is just across Lynn Creek from the site (and will eventually be reachable by a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the creek). Lynn Creek Town Centre is one of four major areas in the District of North Vancouver slated for concentrated growth and development over the next 20 years. Doug said it is expected to become the "downtown" the District of North Vancouver has never had, and at the new site NSUC would be close to the heart of this downtown.

Another major benefit is that the site is adjacent to Bridgman Park, Lynn Creek and nature trails. It is also within a short walking distance of Park & Tilford Shopping Centre, and of hundreds of apartments and condos, such as those in Seyllyn Village (600 units just across Keith bridge), Carleton at the Club (182 units adjacent to the site), and the many units to be built by Darwin on the Winter Club property once it is rezoned.

A disadvantage to the site is that due to an easement cutting across the northern portion, the footprint over which our building would be built is not as large as we would ideally like. This makes designing the building more challenging. Other disadvantages are the possible delays and complications that may arise because of the need to rezone two large parcels of land – the Winter Club property and the 45-acres on which the Innovation District will be developed. The timeline from now to occupancy for our new building will be long.

On balance, though, the Task Force believes the site's many advantages far outweigh its disadvantages, and its members are enthusiastic about the prospect of locating our future home there. Brian Welwood, who has been a member of the Task Force since its creation, said this site is one he has long been hoping for and, in his view, is the most promising site that has come to the attention of the Task Force since he joined it 10 years ago.

From Our Co-Ministers

Winter is upon us. Trees have let go of their leaves and new growth slows to a halt. The nights are long and the daylight short. The Earth rests.

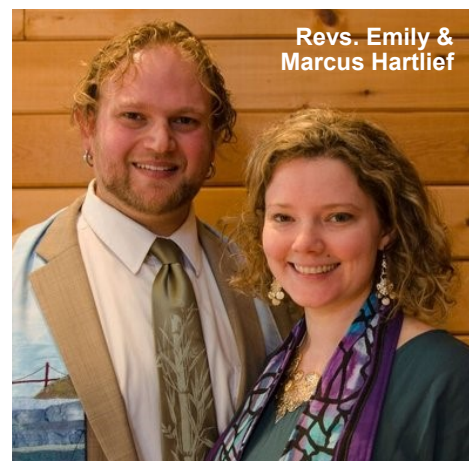
People, however, often get very busy at this time of year. With cookies to make, lights to put up, gifts to wrap and cards to send, it is easy to get swept up in the *doing* of the holiday season. Sometimes, all the *doing* can lead to exhaustion – snapping at our loved ones or collapsing on the couch after running errands all day.

In this season of lengthening dark and waiting for the return of light, we invite you to, like the Earth, slow down and rest. Stay in bed a little longer one morning. Linger with a friend over coffee. Take a slow walk along the seawall. Cross something off your to-do list, even if you haven't done it. Less really can be more! Whatever extra space and time we can give ourselves will truly be a gift to those around us.

For many, the holidays can also bring up sadness within us. Amidst all the holiday expectation to *do* and *be joyful*, we may feel pressured to push aside grief. If you feel blue around the holidays, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and your NSUC community. We are here to be a witness and comfort to one another – not to add layers of expectation. You won't disappoint us if you have the holiday blues.

Barbara Brown Taylor writes in her excellent book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*:

“I HAVE LEARNED THINGS IN THE DARK
THAT I COULD NEVER HAVE LEARNED
IN THE LIGHT,
THINGS THAT HAVE SAVED MY LIFE
OVER AND OVER AGAIN,
SO THAT THERE IS REALLY ONLY ONE
LOGICAL CONCLUSION. I NEED DARKNESS
AS MUCH AS I NEED LIGHT.”
~ BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR



Revs. Emily & Marcus Hartlief

Our monthly theme in December is **Hope**, reflecting the hope found in the Winter Solstice, and the Hanukkah and Christmas stories. In January we focus on **Intention** and in February we will explore the theme of **Perseverance**.

The Earth needs rest. So do we. The Earth needs the coolness of winter, the wetness of rain, the darkness of night. So do we. May we embrace the long night while it is with us, and may we welcome the light as it slowly returns in the New Year.

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).

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Connections Team Updates

Your Connections Team has been busy over the past several months, working thoughtfully to consider how best to welcome and integrate newcomers to our congregation.



A very warm welcome to the following people who joined North Shore Unitarian Church since September of last year:

- Mary Conquest
- Jonathan Fountain
- Sara Stevens
- Ken Wilton
- Stuart Browning
- Jean Prescott
- Bob Rentz
- Barb Kroon
- Rebecca Watt
- Jel Coward
- Rebecca Lindley
- Catarina Gomes
- Chris Millar
- Donna Gordon
- Kate Muker
- Sukhi Muker
- Vicky Naranjo

Since September of last year, this team has met regularly and supported the introduction of a number of new or refreshed initiatives including:

- Ran the Starting Point class three times.
- Organized a training and appreciation for all of our Greeters and Ushers.
- Coordinated purchasing gifts for new members that were given out during three Sunday morning services.
- Hosted a special Welcome Dinner for the new members who joined during the past year.

Some of the things on our 'to-do' list for this year (in addition to continuing to hold all the aforementioned pieces!) are:

- Creating new brochures and pamphlets.
- Designing a section on one of the bulletin boards specifically for visitors & newcomers.
- Helping to coordinate the tracking of members in our database.
- Looking at our physical space to see how we can make it as welcoming as possible.



As our community grows, the Connections Team encourages folks to take a few steps to help keep our space a welcoming one even as it gets fuller.

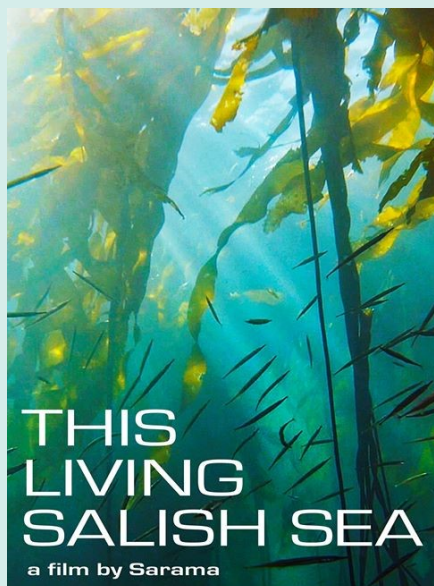
Our sanctuary has now for a number of weeks regularly been reaching full (or almost full) capacity in terms of seating so we'd like to encourage folks to 'fill-up' the side and front sections of the sanctuary so that the most easily accessible seating towards the back (but closest to the entrance) can be taken by newcomers and latecomers.

Please also try to park down the road at Hugo Ray Park (if this is not a burden) so that our full

parking lot doesn't turn folks away before they've even had a chance to get in the door.

Growing our community is wonderful thing, but there can be growing pains along the way!

Thank You



“Doc & Talk” December 6th at 7pm in our Sanctuary

Come preview “This Living Salish Sea” documentary, followed by a discussion with the film-maker. This documentary explores the living treasures of the Salish Sea and the powerful undercurrents of resistance to the corporate fossil fuel agenda that threaten it. There is a \$10 suggested donation for this event.



Soul Matters

Three “Soul Matters” small groups formed this fall, and we’re collecting names of people who would like to form new groups. If you’d like to participate in one of these monthly groups that delve more deeply into our monthly themes, sign up on the sheet in the downstairs hallway, or notify Janni in the Church Office. Monthly packets are available by email, with printed copies on the foyer table.

Wounded WORDS

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 12:30-2pm. We take one word each month. Drop-ins are welcome! Free childcare is provided.



Parenting As Spiritual Practice with Rev. Emily

Join Rev. Emily from 12:30-2pm on the first Sunday of each month, now through June for a centering practice specifically geared towards parents. Each session includes a facilitated listening time and conversation on how to approach parenting with more compassion—for ourselves and the little people in our lives.

This is a drop-in monthly opportunity, open to anyone with children under the age of 20. Free childcare is provided for this event.



Cronies

Live it up. Start something new. Visit with the wonderful Cronies in the Church. Doesn't sound exciting, come and you will make it 'new to you' and a 'new face for us'. Discussions come in many fashions: offer us one of yours. Check in and offer your spirit! In December, instead of meeting on our usual dates, we'll meet on Wednesday, December 20th 1-3pm (bring finger foods to share). We'll have regular, Thursday meetings at 12:30pm at the church on January 11th and 25th, February 8th and 22nd; bring a brown bag lunch. Joanna Vaughan is standing by for questions (604-904-9535).



Lynn Sabourin,
Director of Lifespan Learning

It has been a joy to welcome new families to our church and I hope that everyone is settling into the rhythm of the new church year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the annual Gift Making Workshop such a success: Audrey, Paul and Freyja helped with setup; Elliot and Jaeden stepped in with clean-up; Gail Lehman prepped the no-sew pillows; Joan Cox and Krista Tulloch served cider and goodies in the kitchen; Elizabeth Cody-Rutter and Joanna Vaughan sold tickets; Janni Kretlow and Caryl Chamberlain made reindeer and sleigh cards; Robyn Newton and Betty-Ann Osler helped with beeswax candles; Kim Haworth, Craig Galbraith and Madeline made wax print cards; Joy Silver and Andrea Tylczak created medallion ornaments; ElJean Wilson and Donna Gordon helped with inspiration rocks in folded boxes; Julia Covell and Jacky Coates stuffed and tied no-sew fleece pillows; Lynda Fownes and Rebecca Lindley helped with sparkling candles; Jasha Ramsay-Latter and Anne Mayall sewed their hearts out on fleece scarves; Erin McNeill created pet wreaths with dog bones (I'm sure she was followed home by some furry friends), Gabi Harvey and Susanne Krebs helped with painted tile fridge magnets; Jen Ritchie and Vicky Naranjo helped fill layered jars with cookie mix; Mary Conquest strung glass bead bracelets; and Cara Elrod was the queen of finding stuff we forgot to put out. You all made many children happy that day!!

3-6 Year Olds

Our little 3-6 year olds in Spirit Play are learning about our Unitarian Universalist (UU) principles, which are referred to as promises. Each promise is assigned one of the colours of the rainbow and has an item representing them as a mnemonic. Each promise is illustrated by a story told with manipulatives and followed up with wondering questions. Here is what they have covered:



- Red** Respect all people or beings. (Gift)
- Orange** Offer fair and kind treatment to all. (Heart)
- Yellow** Yearn to accept and learn about ourselves, others and Mystery. (Flame)
- Green** Grow by exploring what is true and right in life. (Flower)
- Blue** Believe in our ideas and act on them. (Bell)
- Indigo** Insist on freedom, justice and peace for all beings. (Dove)
- Violet** Value our home, Earth, which we share with all living things. (Earth ball)

Thanks to Jilly Watson, Gabi Harvey, Elizabeth Cody-Rutter, Anne Mayall and Marguerite Mahy for being their adult guides.

7-8 Year Olds

The 7-8 year olds have been field testing a program called **Truth, Healing and Reconciliation**, learning about the legacy of the residential school system and the wrongs done to Indigenous People. While most of our children have heard something about this in the school system, they are discovering that our UU values mesh well with the Seven Grandfather Teachings. We have talked a lot about being in right relationship and how to be better allies. Many thanks to Kay Welwood and Sam Moller who have dedicated much time and caring into running this program and writing the follow-up reports for the Canadian Unitarian Council's THR team.





9-10 Year Olds

*Love is the spirit of this church,
and service its law.*

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,

To seek the truth in love,

And to help one another.

~ James Vila Blake (1842-1925),
Unitarian minister

Inspired by this famous quote, our lively group of 9-10 year olds in the **Love Connects Us** program, have been exploring how to put those words into action, often hearing stories of those who did so in exemplary fashion. The concept of covenant, being in right relationship, was illustrated by the Biblical story of Noah. Judith Sargent Murray taught about "God as love," which is part of our Universalist heritage; the children made cooperative friendship bracelets. The story of the "Mish Mash Heart" was about giving back to community and the class practiced making cat's cradles together. Respecting others' viewpoints was emphasized in looking at the "ethic of reciprocity," also known as the Golden Rule. The story of Joseph Tuckerman, a Unitarian minister and the first social worker in the States, exemplified service. In recognition of his work with sailors' families in Boston, the kids practiced tying sailor knots. Woven bookmarks were a reminder of the tale of the Ant and the Grasshopper, also a story of service in community. Craig Keilburger, a Canadian from Ontario, was only 12 years old when he championed the rights of child labourers in the rug industry in India and Pakistan. His organization, Free the Children, is still active today. The class knew a lot about other forms of child labour in many parts of the world. The concept of non-violent protest was illustrated in the linked stories of Henry David Thoreau, Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Thanks to Catarina Gomes and Erin McNeill for leading the way with this group.



11-12 Year Olds

The 11-12 year old **Inquiring Souls** have not yet confounded leaders, Jessica Motherwell, Bill Richardson and Doug Sabourin, but they do keep them hopping with their incisive questions. Here is a sampling of the questions that have piqued their interest:

What is a question? How do you benefit from school? What is the origin of Halloween? What is cute? Why? (what are our culture's standards). What is the world and life like from an animal's point of view? Is there other life besides that on planet Earth? (now a 4 part series). To view the thought processes that go into deliberating on these topics, visit Room 305 in the Rod Stewart building, where the graphics of their discussion, are posted.

Thank You, Youth Group!

Special thanks to the Youth Group, who did an awesome job of creating and acting in the Haunted House at our Halloween Potluck.

Thanks to Bill Richardson and Doug Sabourin for help with setting up, Emily Motherwell Richardson for theatrical make-up and to Kit To and Paul Symons for supervising take down.





Ariel Hunt-Brondwin
Youth Program Coordinator
& Connections Coordinator

Youth Group Winter Schedule

Here are some important upcoming dates in our Youth Calendar for December, January, February and beyond:

Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 7-9pm unless otherwise noted.

December 3 rd	YAC Meeting at 5:30pm
December 10 th	Youth Led Circle Worship at Youth Group
December 17 th	Youth Group 'Holiday Party & Potluck' starts at 6pm
December 24 th	Mini-Youth Group meeting at 5:45pm (TBC)
December 31 st	No Youth Group - Happy New Year!
January 7 th	Games Night at Youth Group
January 28 th	YAC Meeting at 5:30pm
February 11 th	No Youth Group
February 24 th	Youth Group Event

Our Coming of Age and Youth Group are both off to a great start this year with the 'Spooky Circus' themed Hallowe'en Haunted House being a definite highlight! We have a strong core group of teens participating, including a great mix of returning youth from last year and a number of new grade 8s who comprise our Coming of Age program.

This year we've started to incorporate exploring the monthly themes into youth group in different ways. Sometimes the theme is a jumping off point for a discussion and other times simply inspiration for the meeting's opening or closing words. Either way, adding this dimension to our weekly meetings has offered another way to go deeper and provides a nice link between the 'upstairs' and 'downstairs' church.

A creative tension we've been leaning into is one I imagine many will find familiar. Like so many of us, our youth are also struggling to find a balance among their many commitments. With school, work, sports and numerous other extra-curricular pursuits (not to mention friends and family), youth are often challenged to figure out where exactly church fits in. This has meant that despite wanting to attend, we have several youth who often can't be with us at Youth Group even though they may be around on Sunday mornings serving coffee or may be at special events like the Haunted House. There is no easy solution here, but thinking imaginatively about how we can create many ways for our teens to engage with our community is one tactic that I, our Youth Ministry Team, our Youth Advisor Team and our YAC are keeping front of mind.

On a final note — as the new Youth Coordinator, I am deeply appreciative of the welcome I have received from this year's team of dedicated Youth Advisors (who are: Paul Symons, Kit To, Bruce Grierson and Sacha Was-sick). I have been so grateful for their thoughtful and committed presence with our youth, and their willingness to walk alongside our teens. They always show up fully for whoever is there, no matter how big or small our gatherings may be.

Upcoming Dates for Coming of Age Program

December 10th, 4:30pm meeting
January 14th, 4:30 pm meeting
February 2nd, 6:30pm DTES event
March 18th, 4:30pm meeting
April 20th, 6pm COA Celebration
April 22nd, 10:30am Credo service

Family HOLIDAY Dinner

Saturday, December 9th
6pm carols / 7pm dinner
\$25 adults / \$10 children

Tickets on sale at the Church Office, while supplies last. This festive event is hosted by Dianne Hicks and Betty-Ann Osler with help from Jasha Ramsay Latter (decorations) and Paul Jaffe (music). Hope to see you there!



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: December 15th, January 12th, and February 9th. Bring a musical instrument, or sing along. All ages and skill levels welcome; the emphasis is on having fun.

~Paul Jaffe



Potluck & Talent Show Sun. January 28th

Mark your calendars for our first potluck of the new year! 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 7-8:30 pm. 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!



Secret Buddies Program

This is an opportunity for adults and

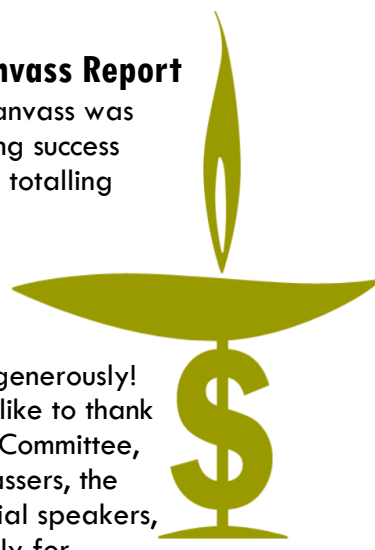
children 5 years and over to get to know one another and have a little fun, too. It's easy to do. . . Sign up on Sunday, January 14th and 21st or anytime inbetween using the forms on the bulletin board downstairs. Starting on Sun. January 28th, use the "mailbags" with the child's name on the bulletin 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 on Sunday, February 25th at 5-7 pm. For more info contact Lynn Sabourin at 604-926-1621 or lsabourin@northshoreunitarians.ca

Canvass Report

This year's canvass was an outstanding success with pledges totalling \$258,368.

Many thanks to all who pledged so generously! I would also like to thank the Canvass Committee, the 26 canvassers, the five testimonial speakers, and Rev. Emily for their contributions towards achieving such a tremendous result - the highest amount we have ever raised in a fall canvass.



In deep gratitude,
~ Mark Pezarro, Canvass Chair



Outreach/Inreach

Unless otherwise marked, half of all our offering basket collections on Sunday mornings are given to the charity for that month.

- During **September**, we collected \$802.94 for [Kwi Awt Stelmexw](#), a charitable Squamish arts and education organization.
- In **October**, we collected \$1196.35 for [Sheway](#), which provides support to pregnant women and new mothers with drug and alcohol issues.
- In **November**, we collected \$916.90 for the [North Shore Lookout Shelter](#).

Upcoming recipients include:

- **December:** Ministers' Discretionary Fund.
- **January:** [North Shore Women's Centre](#).
- **February:** [Wild Bird Trust of BC](#), which manages the conservation area at Maplewood Flats in North Vancouver.

Practicing CPR

Five staff and seven congregants attended our CPR/AED class on October 28th. Participants learned CPR (practicing on dummies, as shown in this picture) and how to use our AED machine.

From the Library

Our gratitude goes to John Duffy, Sue Forbes, Beverly Grice, Ruth Sherwood, Joy Silver, Gary Robinson, Virginia Meachin and Shirley MacDonald who respectively sponsored the following books: *Shin-chi's Canoe* by Nicola I. Campbell; *From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea* by Kai Cheng Thom; *Shi-shi-etko* by Nicole I. Campbell; *Malala's Magic Pencil* by Malala Yousafzai; *Stolen Words* by Melanie Florence; *I Am Peace: A Book about Mindfulness* by Susan Verde; *Come with Me* by Holly M. McGhee; and *Amix Loves School: A Story of Wisdom* by Katherena Vermette. We also thank Cara Elrod and Marcia Stephenson who donated *Happy in Our Skin* by Fran Manushkin, and *My Grandmother's Garden* by Kit Eakle.



Ministerial REFLECTIONS Team

In 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.



Save the Date!

April 14th, 10am-2pm

Our annual Clothing Swap is coming soon. Mark the date on your calendar NOW, and begin setting aside women's & children's clothing and accessories that you can donate to this worthy cause. More info coming in the Spring newsletter!





5-7pm Sunday, February 25th Multi-Generational Potluck and Games Night

In the Fireside Room

Bring a dish and a beverage to share. Secret Buddies will be revealed at this event, but everyone is welcome whether or not you participated in the Secret Buddy Program.

B&G Building & Grounds

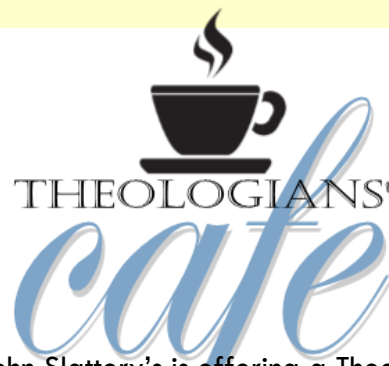
Overview: This fall B&G Chair and members have dealt principally with these projects: disposing of dangerous trees, reducing water wastage from defective toilets, and dealing with a collapsed planter at the front entrance. We also supervised pro-

fessional maintenance of all boilers, repaired some painted surfaces, removed clutter, responded to tenant needs and lead fall grounds care. Free libations and pats on the back at social events are due to Brian McConnell, Barrie Forbes, Bob Vaughan, Joanna Vaughan, Paul Symons, Brian Welwood, Roy Brand and Mark Mayall. Thanks to Gail Lehman for maintaining the youth planned pollinator garden. Estimated savings to NSUC this term by volunteers: \$5,000.

Fellowship Hall Chairs: Dianne Hicks negotiated the donation of 153 cushioned conference-style chairs from Vancouver Landmark. Bravo Dianne! These replaced the wooden chairs. Four B&G stalwarts assured the delivery of the former. Brian and Janni sold the wooden chairs via Craigslist for over \$500. We need to store about 30 of the new chairs judging that all 153 could very well be taken with us when we move. Until then, the kids seem to have found a new climbing apparatus.

AV training: With Sunday services, programs, FUNdFEST activities and renters using the screen and audio capabilities, increasing the number of people able to operate the system is crucial. Brian McConnell's group and individual training sessions are on-going to complement Janni's excellent Guide to the AV system. With the Guide Brian and Janni made for sound amplification, you should be able to navigate these systems with a little training. The clicker donated by Cynthia Becker allows presenters to advance slide shows remotely (that's not a nervous twitch Marcus has developed).

New B&G members are always welcome. Contact Janni, Brian McConnell or any member of the group. Estimated B&G Chair volunteer hours so far this year: 400. Additional work done by B&G members: 200 and other NSUC members: 100. ~ Brian McConnell, B&G Chair



John Slattery's is offering a Theologians' Café session at the West Vancouver Seniors' Centre, 2-4pm on December 14th. The topic is "Changing One's Spiritual or Religious Path". How painful or liberating is it to abandon one's birth faith (if any) and convert to another spiritual or religious path? How does this impact one's family and friends? Join the discussion!



From the Artarians

Thanks to all who attended and participated in the Artarian Craft Fair on November 12th. The current show in the Sanctuary, featuring NSUC artists, will be up until the end of January. We are pleased to include many paintings from the children and youth programs! In February the visiting artist will be Fran Alexander.

Singing the Season
 Chalice Choir Advent
 Concert
featuring
 Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm
 Unitarian Church of Vancouver (Oak & 49th)

Tickets: \$20
 at the door
 (or pay what you can)

Our 7 Principles

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



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 all genders
 and sexual orientations
 in our faith community.