



Latest from your Planning Team



Check us out at www.uusalishsea.ca and our new Facebook page! 

UUSS now accepting tax deductible donations!

We can now make tax deductible donations to UUSS by way of First Unitarian Church of Victoria!

The most important thing to remember is to put "donation for UUSS" in the Message field of the eTransfer or on the memo line of the cheque.

To donate: etransfer to treasurer@victoriaunitarian.ca Make the answer to the security question FUCV (if your bank requires more than four letters, use FUCVictoria)

Cheques should be made out to FUCV and can be mailed to:

First Unitarian Church of Victoria
5575 West Saanich Road
Victoria, V9E 2G1

Again, all donations should be clearly labeled as donations to the Unitarian Universalists of the Salish Sea, UUSS.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation!
Ryan Guenther

Article on Hope



From Catherine:

Hope is not a feeling generated by an individual from within. Hope is a flame that is intentionally co-created in community that then permeates & passes through us all.

<https://wokescientist.substack.com/p/how-do-we-keep-hope-alive-in-our>

Upcoming UUSS Events

Covenant Creation Workshop This coming Sunday



Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith, not a creedal faith. The heart of our communities is the covenant (promises) we make to each other, not shared religious beliefs. Covenants help us to balance the needs of individual expression with attending to communal goals and invites us deeper and deeper into Beloved Community.

Covenant also helps us differentiate between behaviour and individual inherent worth. The promises we make are about how we treat each other, our behaviour, and what we do when we don't keep our promises. It affirms that how we act towards each other and the collective, not who we are or what we believe, is how we define membership. Beloved Community and Covenant require individuals to surrender some degree of autonomy in service of collective purpose.

Because our covenant is central to our faith, we hope you will join us in person for our Covenant Creation Workshop on Sunday, January 28th, from 1:30 pm until 6 pm.

The workshop will include time for self-reflection and creative expression of what you believe our covenant should include. There will be art supplies, collage materials and journaling prompts to help you express your vision. We will also share a simple meal of soup and bread afterwards. The soup will be provided so please do not bring a potluck dish.

Below is the schedule:

1:30 to 3:00: Covenanting visioning exercise

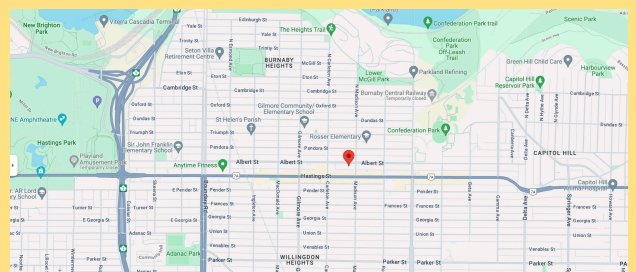
3:00 to 3:15: Break

3:15 to 4:30: Build our initial Covenant using the values, needs and elements that arose from the collages, art or journaling.

4:30 to 5:30: Dinner - provided

5:30 to 6:00 Clean up

The workshop location is Cranberry Commons Cohousing, 4272 Albert St, Burnaby. If you are lost, please call Cindy's cell: 778-995-8034.



Get Involved



UUs of the Salish Sea Accessibility



Have you filled out your survey yet?

We are committed to creating a radically inclusive community! To help us achieve this, we have created an Accessibility Survey to identify needs and barriers to participation for our members. We know that it is unlikely that we can meet everyone's needs for all events, but as we evolve, we hope to be able to offer enough variety that everyone can participate in spiritual and community events at least once or twice a month.

Please see the link below to Part 1 of our survey which is focused on identifying your needs and preferences regarding the timing of events, whether they are offered in person or on line and any transportation needs.

It is 9 questions, most of which are multiple choice or check boxes. It should take between 5 and 10 minutes.

Link to Survey

SAVE THE DATE!

Arran Liddel's ordination
Saturday, April 13, 2024
@ 2:00pm



with dinner and dance afterwards

UUSS members are invited to attend Arran Liddel's ordination ceremony in Victoria. This might be a good excuse for UUSS leaders to meet with FUCV leaders in person. Anna Isaacs will arrange billets for out of town guests, contact her at anna.fucv@gmail.com if you would like to spend the weekend.

This newsletter is brought to you by your erstwhile Planning Team: Barb Moore, Catherine Strickland, Cindy Leitner, Cynthia Becker, John Slattery, Ryan Guenther, Robyn Newton

OTHER EVENTS



Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice Presentation/Q&A on SOGI1,2,3 education SATURDAY, JAN 27, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Our own Liam Patterson-Morris will be the key note speaker about why he is passionate and champions the tenants of the program to his K – 7 students. (SOGI means Sexual Orientation Gender Inclusion)



Registration at www.cusj.org for complete information and registration form. Zoom Link will be provided when you register.

Join some of UUSS members performing in the next Out in Harmony concert "Whatever the Weather" SATURDAY, JAN 27, 2024 @ 7:00pm



Tickets are \$17 on Eventbrite or \$20 at the door.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/out-in-harmony-whatever-the-weather-tickets-796297837267>

Nancy McMaster's Celebration of Life on SATURDAY, FEB 10, 2024 @ 2pm at NSUC



Nancy McMaster passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th, in the loving presence of close friends and her sister. Liz Moffitt and Kerry Burke will coordinate a Celebration of Life Ceremony for Nancy at 2pm on February 10th. All are invited.

