

## September Service Theme: VISION

The theme for September is VISION; the creative challenging insight of tomorrow. What vision do you live toward? What informs or inspires the vision of your future? Does your heart inform it, does your intellect inform it or perhaps social media?! Is it utopic or dystopic? How has the vision of your life changed?



of us, a spark that can light our way as we venture forth.” These questions cause us to dig deep into our Unitarian principles, ponder how we want to live our lives and consider what our contribution might be to the world. In this service, you will have an opportunity for quiet reflection, creative play and sharing with others in our warm and welcoming community, as we ponder the question: “How, then, shall we live?”

In addition, a representative for the 2018–19 Sharing-the-Plate Recipient ‘Camp Kerry’ will be with us.

- Choir sings

**Children & Youth:** This morning we welcome Eden Patten who will lead a sing-along Spirit Jam with the children based on this month’s theme of *vision*.

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### Vision that Connects: Ingathering and Water Ceremony

Rev. Debra Thorne

The seasonal wheel turns, summer is coming to an end and we flow back to Beacon from the many shores, coastlines and pools of summer activities. Each year we reconnect the Beacon community through the image of water, a symbol of the spirit and of the diversity and strength in community. Please bring with you a little water that represents the spiritual journey you have been on through the summer. This service is for the whole family, participation from children and youth is welcome and appreciated.

- Choir sings
- Soup Lunch following the service

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### Vision that Transforms

Rev. Debra Thorne

When have you been so inspired by someone’s words that your life was transformed? Today or 550 years ago, when Francis David inspired the first Unitarian kingdom based on respect and acceptance of all religious faiths, an individual’s words and actions have the power to transform lives. We are both the transformed and the transforming.

In addition, this service will include the installation of Beacon’s

new Lay Chaplain Judith McLean.

- Choir sings

**Children & Youth:** Curriculum for

this fall will focus on UU identity.

This week the children will explore the signs, symbols and rituals of UU faith while the youth will explore the themes of journey and wholeness through a UU lens.

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### Vision that Inspires

Rev. Debra Thorne

These are difficult days on the earth. We are faced with burning forests, rising oceans and air we cannot breathe. The system humans have created to manage ourselves has pulled the rug out from our traditions of truth and trust, honour and integrity. How can we envision our world today in a way that inspires hope?

**Children & Youth:** Today the children will explore leadership within the UU community and discover ways they can become faithful leaders. The youth will explore faith journeys, from abstract to specific.

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### How, Then, Shall We Live?

Service Leader: Janet Pivnick

In his book, *How, Then, Shall We Live?*, Wayne Muller asks fundamental questions that allow us to “glimpse that relentless spark of spiritual magic that burns within each

## Minister's Message

### Dear Beaconites and Friends

It's been a harrowing summer in some ways—experiencing, for a second year, intense heat that we are not used to on the West Coast, little rain, forest fires in the hundreds, and anger flaring in the streets. Without even touching on international issues, I fear we have entered into very difficult times. Which is precisely why we need to turn to the sources and resources in our lives that give us strength and hope.

Beacon is one such source where connection and inspiration abound. Beacon is a community where you can bring your despair and your worry, and find consolation and hope. Where you will find others who will share their experiences and concerns, so that together we discover new insights, strength and resilience. There are amazing people at Beacon, who will inspire you through the choices they have made to address the challenges we are all facing in the world (see article on Cathy and Sandy Burpee page 9).

In a community like Beacon, that

lives its values, you will discover you are not alone. In hearing other's stories of courage and creativity, we are comforted and encouraged to face the uncertainties of the times we are in. We need each other now, more so than ever.

And let us not forget the pure joy of being together—the joy of singing together, of seeing the children grow and of hearing the wild stories of our adventuring elders!

This next season of Beacon life will be one that challenges us and inspires us. Let me tell you a few things that we will be doing together:

- The Board's goal for Beacon this year is growth. To this end they have initiated two new staff positions to support our families with children.
- Last Earth Day we pledged to live with less plastic, so we will continue the initiative to understand and become aware of and remove from our lives 'single use plastic'. We will also begin to investigate how to challenge political and business systems to find alternatives to using plastic.

- And we anticipate that the next members of the Al Rbaai family will arrive from Syria in the following months.



Rev. Debra Thorne

The regular groups continue, such as Soul Matters, Humanist Group, Book Club, Lunch Bunch and Circle Dinners. Margaret returns to facilitate part two of *Our Whole Lives for Adults* and I will be offering a class called *Building Your Own Theology Part Two: Explore!* (see page 6).

Beacon offers a wide spectrum of opportunities to dig into the principles we affirm and the roots of our Sources, but none are more important than our Sunday worship services. Sunday is the one day the whole interdependent community gathers together to deepen into our lives, into our hearts and into our spirits. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in September and throughout the coming year.

—Warmly, Rev. Debra



### You're Invited!

#### Beacon's 2018–19 Church Year Start-Up Gathering

**When:** Saturday September 1st, 10 am–2 pm

**Where:** Centennial Community Center – 65 East 6th Ave (between McBride and Cumberland)

**Who is Invited:** YOU! And your best Beacon Friend, Parent, Child or Grandparent.

**Potluck Lunch:** Please bring a salad, sandwiches or desert to share. Coffee, tea and juice provided.



This year we are trying something a little different. Between the board's focus on 'Beacon Growth' and our collective desire to be an intentional multigenerational community, this year the Start-Up Gathering is designed for the whole family. Using interactive games and dramatic devices we will playfully imagine this growing and joyful community, and discover how to navigate the pitfalls. There will even be a little clowning around, appropriate to all ages! **Remember to also bring a plate, cup and utensils.**

## Board Bitz

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer with lots of rest, relaxation, and possibly an adventure or two. We didn't have regular services during the summer months, but we sure had some great get-togethers that kept us in touch with our Beacon friends. We had 'Poetry, Prose, and Music', 'Sunday in the Park' and 'Sunshine, Singing, and Socializing'. We also had an exciting time at our table at the New West Pride Street Festival on August 18th. Thank you so much to all those who organised, volunteered, and attended these events.

Our next exciting event is the Beacon 2018 /19 Start up Gathering on September 1st. It is from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the River Room at the Centennial Community Centre on 6th Ave. between McBride and Cumberland, right next to the Canada Games Pool in New Westminster. This is an event for young and old, so bring the whole family. Reverend Debra has some fun (and possibly silly) things planned. We will be having a potluck lunch about halfway through, so bring

some sandwiches, a salad, or dessert to share. If the weather is nice we will be able to eat outside.

If you have 'get more involved at Beacon' on your to-do list for this year, board member Elizabeth Campbell and Beacon committee members have been busy organizing a committee fair to be held during coffee hour on Sunday, September 23rd. Come and check it out.

Our first service for the new church year is on September 9th. When you arrive, make sure that you look around at all of the work that has been done at the hall over the summer. They have been very busy painting, repairing the ceiling and refinishing the floor on the upper level and they have repaired the big crack that used to run across the floor on the lower level. The board of the Sapperton Old Age Pensioners Association really deserves a lot of credit for all the improvements they have been making to that old hall over the last few years.

Another thing you may notice this year is that we have different pianists



David Kristjanson



Donna Hamilton

playing on different Sundays. Because of Ming-Xuan's new school schedule, he is unable to attend choir practices, so Angela has graciously agreed to play for us on Choir Sundays, as well as direct the choir. We are very pleased that Ming-Xuan is able to continue playing for us on non-choir Sundays.

So, see you at the first service on September 9th, to connect with compassion and respect, inspire learning and spiritual growth, and transform through joy and justice for the coming year. Don't forget to bring a bit of water to the service. Something that represents your spiritual journey over the summer, or something from one of your summer adventures. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

— David Kristjanson and  
Donna Hamilton, Co-Presidents

## Faith in Action: The Gift of Volunteering

As Unitarians we put more emphasis on our actions, on what we do, than on what we believe. For me, if it can't be demonstrated it doesn't exist. That's why, in my opinion, we are so big on social justice issues. But you don't have to join a cause to put your faith into action: just volunteer at church. By being part of a committee or participating in one of Beacon's many projects, you build community, you test your values, share your unique gifts and make a difference in the world.

I am reminded of a quote attributed to Edward Everett Hale:

*I am only one, But still I am one.*

*I cannot do everything, But still I can do something; And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.*

Every little bit helps, and in small congregations like Beacon, every little missing bit is noticed. If you're not currently volunteering at Beacon, please consider doing so. Talk to Rev. Debra or to me if you're not yet sure where you can participate, given your skills and time schedule. I have personally grown spiritually by volunteering at Beacon throughout the years. I have been prodded and I have

been pruned by my interaction with fellow congregants.

Beacon is filled with people who are active participants in social justice in the world. Some aspect of Beacon may be calling you to share your gifts at church this year. I encourage you to answer the call.

And plan a little extra time on Sunday, September 23rd to check out our *Celebration of Committees Fair* after church. Get to know opportunities for faith in action all in one spot and see what we do when we're not at church!

— Sue Sparlin, Beacon member,  
Sunday Service Volunteer Coordinator





# Come to the Committee Fair!

**Sunday, September 23rd,** after the church service in the lower hall. There will be cupcakes (some gluten free) tea and coffee.

**H**ave you ever wondered what all the committees do that are involved with the community? Have you ever wondered if the idea you have should go to the board, the minister or a committee? Come and get your questions answered. At the same time, see all that the different committees do. Most of the groups are small and have a good time.

We also want to give you a chance to show our appreciation for the people behind the scenes who make our services and programs run.

If you want to know more people in the congregation—join a group!

## **Committees and groups: Look at them all!**

- The Board of Trustees
- Lay Chaplaincy
- Religious Exploration
- Data Base Taskforce
- Connecting and Membership
- Worship Services
- Music Team & Choir
- Pledge team
- Refugee Settlement II
- Social Action Taskforce
- Climate Change Action
- Coffee start up and clean up
- Sasamat Family Camp
- Beacon Collection Counters
- Sharing the Plate
- Nursery

- Soul Matters
- Humanist Group
- Book Club

## Let's Connect

**A**nother church year is about to begin—our chance to reconnect with old friends and new. Welcome to all who come through our doors.

There are many ways to connect aside from attending our Sunday morning services. For instance, why not join one of the many groups that meet monthly? Check the weekly bulletin and this newsletter for all the possibilities.

There will be a special committee fair September 23rd where you can check out the various committees and talk with members who can tell you why they love volunteering and contributing to the running of our community.

An opportunity to have a meal together with members of our community happens September 29th at Circle Dinners or Lunch. Circle dinners and lunches take place in homes of Beaconites—around 6 to 8 people at each. Everyone is welcome. Check page 7 for more details.

If you are new to the church and want to learn more, there will be an opportunity on September 21st. “Getting to Know U” is a gathering where you can learn more about Beacon, Unitarian history and chat with our minister Rev. Debra and a few Beaconites. Further details will be in the September weekly bulletins.

Following the “Getting to Know U” gathering, a new member welcoming ceremony is being planned for the service on October 7th. If you are considering membership, we welcome your queries. Talk with Rev. Debra or any of the Connections team.

See you in church!

—Joan Morris, on behalf of your Beacon Connecting and Membership Team: Rev. Debra Thorne, Phil Campbell, Joyce Gudaitis, and Susan Tarras

## Living with Less Plastic



Teresa Morton

Hello everyone, and I hope you have had a great summer!

I've found a good site for living with less plastic; <https://www.onyalife.com/plastic-free/guide-to-living-plastic-free-life/>

There you can check out the three most common MYTHS about living plastics-free (you need to throw out all your plastics, you need to go 100% plastic-free immediately, or all plastic products are off-limits), how to

spread the plastic-free mantra and the hardest parts of a plastic-free life.

I liked the First 10 Steps Towards a Plastic Free Life: use reusable shopping bags, identify the products you buy that include plastic, write down WHY you are making the shift to a plastic-free life, use a reusable coffee cup, use a reusable water bottle, cut out frozen meals, visit the farmers' market, use bar soap, join a like-minded community! Hey, that last one is already done; Beacon Unitarian Church! Now we can try the other nine steps.

This month, I will be working on the frozen meals part...

—Teresa Morton

## Religious Explorations

Welcome to the new church year! I hope you all had rest-filled and possibly even adventurous summers. My wife and I spent nine days exploring Vancouver Island and I had so much fun! I particularly loved seeing the eagles soaring on the wind near the house we were staying at in Port Hardy. Near the end of our trip we made a point to check out the Parksville Sandcastle festival. This year's theme was 'wild things' and I couldn't help but notice that many of the sand sculpture entries focused on plastic pollution in the oceans. One of my favourite sculptures featured a turtle who appeared differently depending on which side you were standing on. The title, carved in the sand below, reads 'choose your side'. If you look head on at the mouth of the turtle you can see one side is eating a jelly fish and the other a plastic bag. It was a very visually compelling sculpture and one of many that reflected this theme. You may remember that last spring, Beacon held a service with the intention to reduce their use of plastic and choose the side of conservation instead of waste. Check out the pictures I've shared (below) of the turtle exhibit as a reminder of that commitment.

And now we turn to fall planning for Religious Exploration (RE). This past planning season has proven very



fruitful for RE. Many RE partnerships are in development across the Lower Mainland including the offering of OWL and also *Coming of Age* (more on those at a later date). A most exciting announcement that I am happy to share with you is that the Beacon Board has made a commitment to the growth of RE through the creation of a paid part-time support teacher position!

The support teacher will be the ongoing teacher for one of the two Sunday morning classes. This ensures consistent, quality programming and frees up our current volunteers to invest in other worthwhile projects. Thank you to the Board for their vision and we are eager to welcome a new support teacher!

Finally, I am also excited to share that due to its success and popularity last year, we will be bringing back *Spirit Jam Sundays*. Spirit Jams happen one Sunday a month in place of the regular RE programming and are an opportunity for a member (or members) of the Beacon community to share their time and talents with the folks in RE. There are still spots

available so if you can think of a talent, passion or favourite pass-time you would like to share with the children and youth of RE we would love to learn from you!

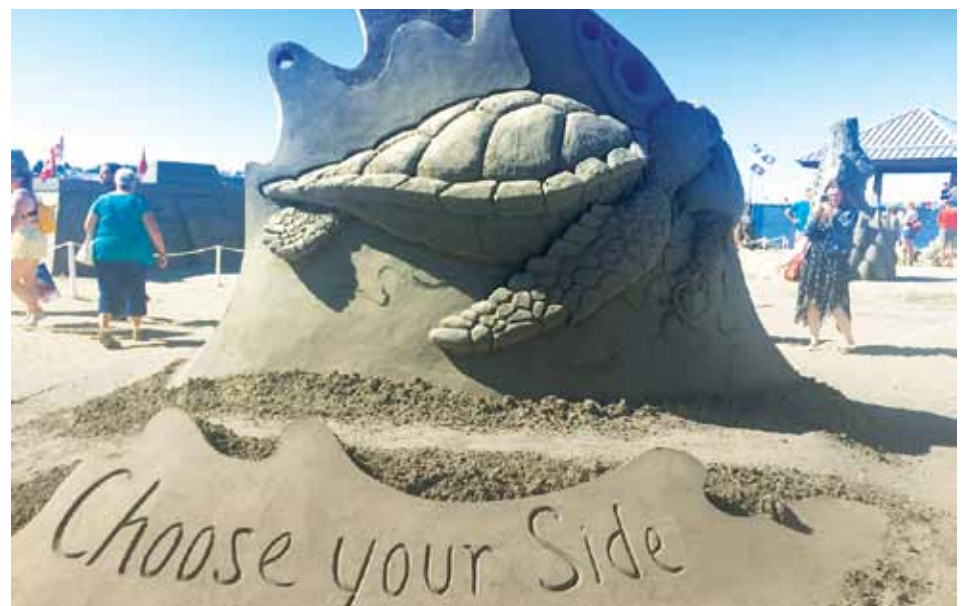
Please contact me (Ashley Cole) if you have any ideas or questions. Examples of past Spirit Jams include gardening, sock puppetmaking, and sing-alongs. Possible future Spirit Jams? More sing-alongs, dance lessons, UU history exploration, and anything else you can think of!

There is much more to share with you about all the exciting programming happening this year so stay tuned. If you haven't already, sign up for the RE weekly news blast for more up to date information. Until then welcome back and I hope the transition back into the 'swing of things' is a smooth one!

—Ashley Cole, Director of Religious Explorations  
[sundayschool@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:sundayschool@beaconunitarian.org)



Ashley Cole



## Photography as Spiritual Practice

**H**ave you ever considered taking photographs as a spiritual practice? If so, here is something that might interest you. Reflecting on Beacon's monthly themes for your inspiration, look around you as you go about your life, and when your eye finds an image that speaks to you or reveals something about the theme, pull out your phone or your camera and catch the moment.

On the 15th of the month, upload your best pictures to Rev. Debra via her email, [minister@beaconunitarian.com](mailto:minister@beaconunitarian.com). Please limit your 'best' to no more than three. The next Sunday you'll see your photos during the Sunday service meditation. The best photos will also be uploaded to the Beacon FB page.

The themes this year are Vision (September), Growth (October), Creativity (November) Delight (December), Embodiment (January) Water (February) Freedom (March) Wholeness (April) Curiosity (May) Celebration (June). Enjoy the process!

## Building Your Own Theology Part Two: Explore

**B**eginning with an introduction to the six sources of our UU faith, this program focuses on various theological questions to help participants understand and articulate their own belief system. Each class will examine key issues in religious inquiry such as truth and authority, theological diversity, spirituality, justice, suffering, death, immortality, and the idea of beloved community. This program builds on *Building Your Own Theology Part One*. It is not necessary to have done Part One to participate in Part Two.

Facilitated by Rev. Debra Thorne, the class begins Wednesday, October 10th and runs weekly until Wednesday, December 12th. Two sessions in October will be held on a different day of the week (to be decided).

The class will run with a minimum of 8 participants. If you would like to sign up for this class contact Rev. Debra at [minister@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:minister@beaconunitarian.org).

### Recommended Listening: 2018 CBC Massey Lectures

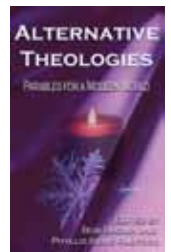
Prize-winning journalist **Tanya Talaga** (author of *Seven Fallen Feathers*) explores the legacy of cultural genocide against Indigenous peoples—in Canada and elsewhere—in her 2018 CBC Massey Lectures, *All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward*. For Tanya Talaga, that cultural genocide has led to a forced disconnection from land and language by Indigenous peoples. The need now, she says, is for Indigenous self-determination in social, cultural and political arenas. The lectures will be recorded in venues across Canada, and **will be broadcast on IDEAS the week of November 12th (CBC Radio One, Weekdays at 9 pm and Mondays at 3 pm).**

### Recommended Viewing: First Contact Canada

**A 3-Night Television Event on APTN (Aboriginal Peoples Television), September 11–13, 2018, 7:00 pm each evening** First Contact takes six Canadians, each with stereotypical opinions about Indigenous People, on an unforgettable 28-day exploration of Indigenous Canada. It's a journey that will turn their lives upside down, challenging perceptions and confronting prejudices about a world they never imagined they would see. This exploration of the true Indigenous experience in Canada will change the participants' lives forever. *NOTE: To watch the series online, each episode will be posted on [www.aptn.ca](http://www.aptn.ca) for streaming AFTER the television broadcast.*

### Recommended Reading: *Alternative Theologies: Parables for a Modern World*

This is Book Four in the *Alternatives Series* of anthologies. This series looks at the social and political questions of the day with a mix of story, poetry, essay and, above all, a healthy bite of humor. *Alternative Theologies* takes its turn with a gentle look at religion—a sensitive topic.



Henry Frederic Amiel said: "Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are travelling the dark journey with us. Oh be swift to love, make haste to be kind." And while this book explores theology and beliefs, it is written to be kind, thoughtful, and at times funny.

It starts with a foreword by Jim Wright, an American Icon, and it just gets better. There are poems by some wonderful modern thinkers including Gwyndyn T. Alexander and Jane Yolen, that explore the core of our world. Essays by David Brin and David Gerrold explore the nature of why we believe what we do. And then there are the stories: Funny stories, like *First*, that explains how hell got started. Serious stories of redemption, as seen in, *Izzy Tells no Lies*. Stories that explore familiar themes, and stories that ask if we would even recognize a returning messiah after 2000 years of interpretation? All written with the care, craft, skill and beauty that you have come to expect from B Cubed authors.



### Beacon Programs

**We invite you to explore these great ways to connect to the Beacon community and yourself!**

**Soul Matters Groups** delve into the monthly sermon themes—part personal sharing and part spiritual deepening. Group 1 meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1 pm; and Group 2 meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Email [minister@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:minister@beaconunitarian.org) for more information.

**The Humanist Discussion Group** meets the last Sunday of the month at *The Astoria Retirement Home* (2245 Kelly Avenue, Port Coquitlam) to discuss a wide range of current topics. **Sunday, Sept. 30th, 7 pm:** John Slattery will present on “the inherent worth and dignity of every person”, our first Unitarian principle. What exactly does it mean? And is it as absolute as it suggests? John has written a short essay on this subject which suggests that a careful analysis of these words may take us in some surprising and not always comfortable directions. Let’s see if you agree. Please contact Marilyn Medén, 604-469-6797 [m.j.meden@telus.net](mailto:m.j.meden@telus.net) for more details.

**Join the Beacon Choir** for musical fun and skill development. Choir rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings, at 7:30 pm, at Miller Park School starting Sept. 4th. Contact [choirdirector@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:choirdirector@beaconunitarian.org). Basses urgently needed!

**Book Club** meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm. For meeting location details contact John Hagen, [ajhagen@telus.net](mailto:ajhagen@telus.net). The book for September is *Annabel* by Kathleen Winter.

**Youth Group:** Contact Ashley Cole, [sundayschool@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:sundayschool@beaconunitarian.org), for more information.

**Lunch Bunch** meets every Thursday at noon, year-round. Bring your own

lunch and share in lively and topical conversation. Contact Anne MacLeod at 604-524-2434.

**Settlement 2:** The Settlement 2 task force is organizing the sponsorship of four further members of the Al Rbaai family. Please contact Peggy Lunderville for meeting times and dates: [prlunder@gmail.com](mailto:prlunder@gmail.com). All are welcome.

**Attend a ‘Getting to Know U’ session** to meet other newcomers and deepen your knowledge of how Beacon functions and what Unitarianism is. Please contact Rev. Debra (minister@beaconunitarian.org) if you are interested in attending the next meeting on September 21st.

**Help out on Sunday mornings as a Coffee Host** (contact Joan Morris, [joanmorris@telus.net](mailto:joanmorris@telus.net)), **or sign-up as a Sunday Morning Greeter** (contact Susan Tarras, [starras@telus.net](mailto:starras@telus.net)).

### Plan to attend the first Circle Dinner of this church year, on Saturday, Sept 29!

This is a wonderful way to meet other Beaconites in a casual, social setting. You will be able to catch up with each other after the holidays, and will probably get to know someone better.

Circle dinners and lunches take place in homes of Beaconites—around 6 to 8 people at each. If you have attended a dinner before, you will receive an email invitation. You sign up for a dinner by responding to that email or sign up at church. If you haven’t attended a dinner before, sign up at church or contact Donna or Joan for more information.

Once you have signed up, you will be sent details of your dinner, by your host, about 10 days before the dinner.

Families with children are invited to attend the family dinner hosted by Tom and Peggy Lunderville.

We always welcome volunteer hosts so if you would be willing to host this time, please let Donna or Joan know: [donna-h@telus.net](mailto:donna-h@telus.net) or [joanmorris@telus.net](mailto:joanmorris@telus.net).

### Coffee Hour – an approach that works!

Our coffee hour is a treasured part of the Sunday morning experience and contributes to our Beacon community. We have had some problems recruiting people to set-up or clean-up. ☹️ And now we are putting in place an approach that will yield a smooth functioning coffee schedule AND help build community! 😊

Each of the groups at Beacon is being invited to take responsibility for set-up and clean-up for coffee ONCE per year. This extra support, along with individuals who are able to continue with their coffee volunteering, allows us to fill out the schedule for the year.

Beacon groups are encouraged to provide yummy nutritious snacks. They are also working out the fair distribution of roles to accommodate group members. For example, one group is asking for a snack contribution from those who aren’t able to help in the kitchen.

We anticipate that this approach will allow our coffee volunteers to swing into action in September, helping to make our Sunday mornings even better and contributing to our community at the same time!

—Joan Morris, Joyce Gudaitis, Teresa Morton

## New West Pride Street Festival on August 18th

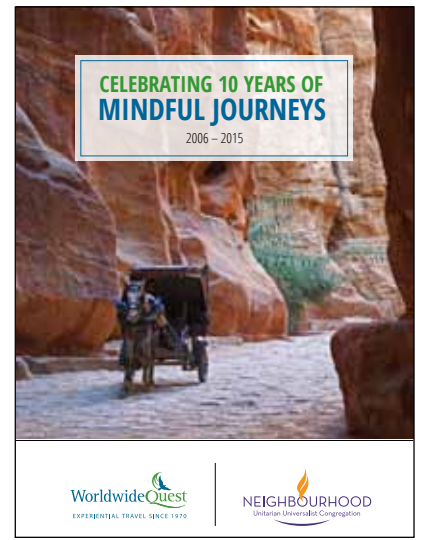


We had an exciting time at our table at the New West Pride Street Festival on August 18th. Thank you so much to all those who organised, volunteered, and attended this event. Photos by David David Kristjanson and Michael Scales.

## Mindful Journey to North Vietnam and Cambodia for Spring 2019

We have found that U.U.'s enjoy traveling with like minded individuals and this trip promises to be very popular. For the itinerary, please visit [here](#). For an idea of the type of trips that we lead see our e-booklet highlighting ten years of *Mindful Journeys* ([this link](#)).

—Joan and Wayne Walder ([saranac2@gmail.com](mailto:saranac2@gmail.com))  
Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Toronto





## Beaconites Making Waves in the World



Laura Ramsey (right) won a silver medal in the World Master's Squash Tournament, in the 65+ age category.



Cathy and Sandy Burpee (left) were honoured for their work as homeless and housing advocates at the 2018 Douglas College convocation ceremonies.

Just a few weeks ago at the World Master's Squash Tournament in Charlottesville, Virginia, Beacon member Laura Ramsey came runner up in the world championship game, in the 65+ age category. Her opponent, and the world champion for this year, was Gaye Mitchell from Australia.

This summer, Beacon members Sandy and Cathy Burpee were honoured for their work as homeless and housing advocates at the 2018 Douglas College convocation ceremonies.

"They received recognition as 2018 Honorary Fellows for their achievements including advocating and building community support for 3030 Gordon Avenue, a permanent shelter and transition housing for people without a home. As long as many can remember, the Burpees have been working to support those less fortunate. They worked to end violence in the 1990s with a group called Together Against Violence, and with their Beacon Unitarian Church helped start a food bank with Share Family and Community Services and

Como Lake United Church. Cathy also worked as a volunteer with the Society for Community Development, which helped groups dealing with social issues, while Sandy was also a member of the Coquitlam Search and Rescue team, participating in over 50 searches." Read The Tri-Cities full article [HERE](#).

More waves: Carol Woodworth and Katie Stein Sather paddled from Whitehorse to Carmack, to Dawson City. That is 618 km, and 47 hours, 12 minutes of paddling.



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**Deadline for article submissions** is the 15th of the month, for inclusion in the following month.

**First UU Church of Winnipeg & The Canadian Unitarian Council invite you to join in a weekend of *Building Beloved Community***



**Building Beloved Community**

Western Regional Fall Gathering Oct 26-28, 2018

**Explore Sessions On:**

**Building Communities of Joyful Resilience  
Food for all, Justice for All  
Growing Solidarity Together**

Our Children's Program welcomes you to meet **Tibert, le Voyageur**

All Youth are invited to exciting Youth Con!

Join other Unitarian Universalists for worship, learning, fellowship, and fun!

**Guests Include:**  
Rev. Jason Shelton  
Asha Philar, CUC  
Jenna Wirch of Aboriginal Youth Opportunities

Hosted by the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg  
603 Wellington Crescent, and the Canadian Unitarian Council

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**Please join us as we together explore sessions with:**

**YOUTH:** "mUUGles and Magic Con", a Harry Potter- themed weekend full of fun youth activities and multi-gen community.

**CHILDREN:** Featuring a program with TiBert le Voyageur!

**ADULTS:**

- Building Communities of Joyful Resilience with Rev. Jason Shelton
- Growing Solidarity Together with Asha Philar & Jenna Wirch [Aboriginal Youth Opportunities]
- Food for All, Justice For All with local First UU Church Wpg. Harvest

Team and community organizations addressing concerns regarding food equity.

An added highlight will be the Installation Service for our minister, Rev. Meghann Robern as we welcome her as our Settled Minister.

Whether you live within the CUC Western Region, will be traveling through the area or have friends there with whom you share event information, we welcome you to consider this great event!

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**Registration Deadline:**

Early Bird, Oct. 1/18

All other registrations, Oct. 18/18