



October Service theme:

Water & Life

Please join us online!

All services are online at this time. [Please register to attend on Zoom](#)—enter your name and email address, and the Zoom link will be emailed directly to you. (We are using the same Zoom link from week to week, so you only have to register once to be able to attend all the Sunday morning services.)

Many of our small groups meet via Zoom. For those Beacon groups and events that want to meet in person, please follow the link below to learn about how to do that within Beacon's updated Communicable Disease plan (effective as of Sept. 10, 2021): <http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/covid-protocols/>. If you would prefer the PDF be emailed to you as an attachment, email Rachael at adminsupport@beaconunitarian.org

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In the Flow

Guest Speaker: Debra Faulk
Service Leader: Glenn

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The theme of Water and Life inspires reflection on the communal and individual capacity to stay in the flow and get through the rapids of life and change while keeping our own boat, and the vessel of community, afloat.



Bio: Debra Faulk, Minister Emerita, recently retired after serving Calgary Unitarians for eleven years. She is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and

has served the wider denomination since her youth. She has degrees in Psychology and Anthropology from UVic and a Masters degree from the Vancouver School of Theology. Her passions include interfaith collaboration, community organizing, and

gardening. She is now into a new venture of home co-ownership in Victoria.

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Eco-Change Challenge

Rev. Meg Roberts and Teresa Morton

Our planet is challenged as are so many of us during this past year and a half. In response to the signals of the climate crisis—drought, fires and floods—we know we need each other to work together for change at both the smaller and the larger levels. Join Teresa and Meg in exploring some of our fears, challenges, and hopes for eco-change in our individual lives and in society around us. When we come together as a team and a community, we can make a difference as part of a larger network of change agents. See Teresa's article later in this newsletter about the 3-week Eco-Challenge that is running October 6th to 27th—we hope you'll join our Unitarian team!

Come and learn more—you may be inspired and find your own way of engaging with the challenge of eco-change.

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All Gathered Here and Those Far Away

Service Coordinators: The Beacon Pledge Drive Team

We give thanks to all the amazing people who share their talents and treasure at Beacon. This Sunday we will be highlighting some of this talent in appreciation of all that has sustained us as a community through these challenging times.

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Where do we come from, what are we, where are we going?

Rev. Meg Roberts

In this time of significant changes in our lives, the life of our congregation, and on our planet, what grounds us, literally? What do we feel grateful for? What helps us know where we come from and what to carry forward from that into the present? And how does all this influence where we will choose to go—as individuals and as a con-

gregation? Come and ponder these questions and reflect on some possible answers together!

**OCT
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An All Hallows' Eve and Samhain Journey

Guest Speaker (Video): Rev.

Mary Malinski

Service Leader: Rev. Meg Roberts

Come to this fun service where we will be honouring our ancestors in the All Hallows' Eve spirit. We will also include our second installment of the multifaith series this year: a short video by our multifaith Wiccan colleague, Reverend Mary Malinski. According to Rev. Mary: "The goddess Hekate has become increasingly popular in recent years. She is known by many epithets—Mother of Witches, Keeper of the Keys of Wisdom, Torchbearer, and Goddess of the Crossroads, among others. She is a goddess of the dark time, both the dark of the moon and the dark of the year. We will talk about the celebration of Samhain, and take a meditation journey to visit our ancestors with Hekate's guidance."

Today we will also be having a covenanting ceremony with Beacon's new



lay chaplain, Janet Pivnick. Joining Meg in this ceremony will be Beacon's other active lay chaplain Sue Sparlin, past chair of the Lay Chaplaincy Committee, Marilyn Medén, and all of you!

Bio: Reverend Mary Malinski is the Archpriestess of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church of Canada, and the founder of the Circle of the Sacred Muse, the public ritual group of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church. She has been leading rituals for more than 20 years, and writing guided meditations for almost as long. Mary also teaches at the Woolston-Steen Theological Seminary, and holds a Bachelor in Wiccan Ministry from the same school.



Coffee Hour

After the Sunday services, we are pleased to offer an online coffee hour (as we did last year). We hope you can stay to join us for small group conversation: the **first round** is a brief check-in; a **second round** allows you to choose to be in general conversation in the main room, or be in a separate conversation room as a follow up to the Sunday service topic, so that there is time to deepen into that exploration and how it applies to our lives. We are looking for people who might like to learn how to host or co-host a coffee hour from time to time. If you're interested and want to learn more, please contact worship@beaconunitarian.org. Training will be provided.

Musings by Meg

Our theme for this program year (Sept. 2021 to June 2022) is:

Inspired by our Unitarian Universalist sources and by the elements of water, fire, earth, and air we will explore what grounds us, what we value, and how we want to be together.

Here is a simple language version of our Unitarian sources for wisdom and inspiration from the [Jefferson Unitarian Church](#): Unitarian Universalists find inspiration from six sources. The stories and lessons we offer in religious education are drawn from these foundations of our faith:

- the sense of wonder we all share.
- women and men long ago and today—people whose lives remind us to be kind and fair.
- the ethical and spiritual wisdom of the world's religions.
- Christian and Jewish teachings which tell us to love all others as we love ourselves.
- the use of reason and the discoveries of science.

- the harmony of nature and the sacred circle of life.

This month, we continue with the element of water. I remember the first time I saw these words on a sign in an Indigenous-led protest against a development and its impacts on the water. The sign said, "Water is Life." That is our October theme: Water & Life.

What role does water play in your life? In the life of our communities here in the Fraser River Valley? What waterways in this area keep the animals and trees and plants alive, as well as us humans? I invite all of us to look and notice the water this month, and ask yourself: how does this help support life and well-being? I'd love to hear your thoughts: minister@beaconunitarian.org

In the spirit of life,

—Rev. Meg Roberts



Rev. Meg Roberts

Pastoral Support Team

Beacon's Pastoral Support Team encourages members and friends to reach out and let us know if you, or someone you know, has a specific need. For example:

- wanting emotional or physical support of some kind
- illness at home or in hospital
- needing help with errands
- if you, or someone you know, would like us to drop off one of the Beacon Caring Quilts

We will do our best to be of use in ways that meet Beacon's Communicable Disease Plan protocols as well as being within BC's Provincial Health Officer's guidelines for social contact. To reach the whole team:

pastoralcare@beaconunitarian.org

or contact one of us directly:

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An important update about ways to connect with me and how I'm working this coming month:

My carpal tunnel flare-up continues in both wrists. I'm working with good health practitioners to get it calmed down. While that is happening I'm limiting my time typing but I can still read emails and documents, and talk on the phone. I ask for your patience and understanding if some of my emails are brief. Let me know by phone if something is pressing and I'll get back to you as soon as I'm able. Also, driving impacts my wrists, so I'll be limiting that as well. I'll still be working, just in a different and slightly slower way right now. And as I'm working 1/2-time from home, here's how best to reach me:

- Mondays and Tuesdays are my regular days off.
- **My regular Beacon days for meetings are Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Depending on the Provincial Health Officer's Orders, I will be offering both emotional sup-

port connection and physical distancing. I'm available for appointments via Zoom or phone.

- **On weekends when I lead Beacon's Sunday service, I also work Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (this month those are October 8–10, October 22–24, and October 29–31).** On those days I will be focusing on service preparations as well as doing other work. I will respond to emails and phone calls on those days as well.
- I can be reached via email: minister@beaconunitarian.org and on my cell at 778-870-9015. I will respond as soon as I'm able. (If it's an emergency, please indicate that and leave a message on my phone.)
- If you need assistance during times when I'm unavailable, please email board@beaconunitarian.org or if you would like pastoral care support, please email pastoralcare@beaconunitarian.org.

I look forward to connecting with you.

Board Bitz

It's been said that it's easier to untangle a string of lights if you plug them in; it's no different for people. Humans, just like strings of lights, are wired for connection. —Erin Powers

The Worship Committee, with a Sunday team of volunteers, worked hard on presenting two multi-platform services in September. Most attendees were the volunteers, indicating a current lack of interest in attending in person. After the second service, emails were sent, phone calls were made, and discussions were held. The Beacon Board and Rev. Meg decided that in order to support our community we needed to focus time and energy elsewhere. We will continue with online services only at least until the end of December. We postponed the Congregation Startup Workshop that was planned for

September 18th—a new date will be set soon. Thank you for your patience as we navigate the changes that the pandemic continues to demand.

The Beacon Board is thankful for the many volunteers who found the time to help try out the multi-platform services. We belong to a small congregation and we continue to evolve, challenge and support one another. Our mission statement has never been more clear: Connect, Inspire, Transform.

Our social groups are active. The Film Club, the Book Club, the Lunch Bunch, the Soul Matters groups and the Theology Pub are very busy. The Humanist group gathers to enjoy

challenging conversations.

The Religious Explorations Committee supports our families. The Connecting group is very helpful, especially organizing the phone trees. Our Social Action group reminds us to consider our responsibility towards Mother Earth. This month many Beacon members will participate in the Eco Challenge. While we are not able to enjoy a choir yet, we are pleased that Ming-Xuan Chung will be able to offer his musical talents.

The Communicable Disease Plan is under review as different policies arise. The congregation has been sent the recent Plan and this will assist everyone when planning meetings. The Plan will be reviewed as we move closer to returning to in-person services. The Board encourages in-person gatherings; however, we want to ensure that the environment is welcoming and safe.

During the next several weeks you will hear from the Pledge Drive Committee. We hope to meet our target of a healthy budget to manage our church community. The Board appreciates the commitment of our members and we know that our community will pledge what they are able.

As the weather becomes colder and the days longer, take care of yourselves, grab a sweater and stay warm.

I'll end with another quote from Erin Powers: "We're at our best when we are plugged in to each other. We find our true purpose and spark with others, not alone—and it's in these connections that we shine most brightly."

—Regina Ogmundson
Co-President

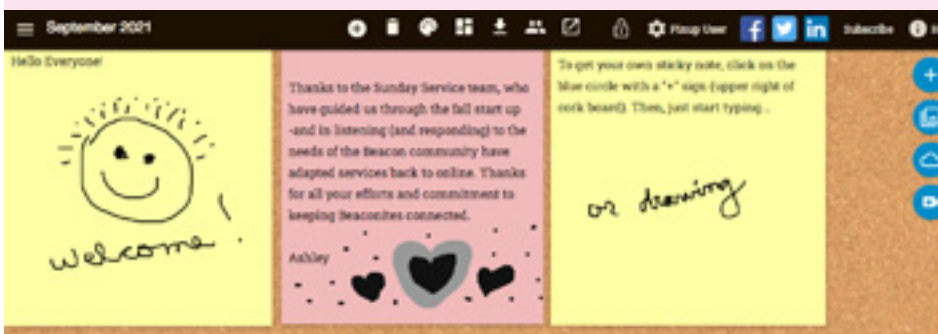


Regina Ogmundson
Co-President

Joys and Sorrows Virtual Cork Board

The Pastoral Support Team wants to expand our ways to hear from one another this fall. In case you are unable to attend a Sunday service online, and want others to know about your joy, sorrow or milestone, **please post by Saturday at 6 pm to be shared the next day**. Alternatively, you can visit the corkboard if you missed the Sunday service and want to catch up on the joys and sorrows shared by others (if they have given their permission for us to post their share).

We invite you to post your joy, sorrow or milestone on our virtual cork board using the private link provided in the weekly *Beacon This Week*. If you're not yet receiving our weekly e-news update on Thursday and want to, OR if you just want the link to that cork board, please contact: admin.support@beaconunitarian.org. You can visit the cork board anytime during the week to view and/or post joys and sorrows. The board will be cleared every Saturday, and ready for a new week of posts on Sunday. If you have any questions specifically about this new way of connecting and supporting one another, please email pastoralcare@beaconunitarian.org.



“We Give Thanks”

Beacon is completely supported by the generous donations of our members and friends and every year we pledge enough in October to take us through to the following year. Our pledge drive Sundays this year are October 17th, 24th, and 31st. We pledge over these three Sundays so that our treasurer, Carol Woodworth, knows what income to expect in order to prepare the 2022 budget to present to the congregation in December. Your contributions pay for everything that makes Beacon the wonderful, dynamic, and caring community that it is.

Beacon prides itself in being a diverse community, and this includes a diversity of economic circumstances. We all contribute the best we can. The question of how much to contribute can only be answered by you. Some of us may be able to contribute more in 2022, and some of us may find that we are no longer able to contribute as much as we did in 2021. It

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Some people give one lump sum at the beginning of the year to give Beacon a strong start, others pay quarterly and some even make a donation of securities. Most people contribute monthly through a pre-authorized debit (PAD). This helps with monthly expenses. The pledge package will be coming out in a few weeks and will

include a pledge form that explains these different options so that you can do what works best for you.

During these uncertain times Beacon has been our rock. Our community holds and nurtures us as well as challenges us to do better in our own lives and in the world around us. This has never been more apparent than now when we find ourselves still in the midst of a global pandemic. Our contributions ensure that Beacon and its resources are here for us and for others now and in the future. This is how **we give thanks** to this wonderful community.

Connect with Compassion & Respect; Inspire Learning & Spiritual Growth; and Transform through Joy & Justice in 2022.

With much appreciation from
your Pledge Drive Team,

*Carol Woodworth, Nancy Rupert,
Karen Hamilton, Janet Pivnick, and
David Kristjanson.*



**We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give.**

—Winston Churchill

Coming Soon: the 2021 People's Ecochallenge! Join the MetroVan Unitarians!

On October 6th the People's Ecochallenge begins and will run for 21 days until October 27th. This is a great opportunity to learn about environmental issues, build new habits, be recognized for the good environmental work you do, and have fun with other members of our team!

The Challenge Actions are grouped in eleven categories: Justice for the Whole Community, Healing and Renewal, Waste, Food, Health, Transportation, Energy, Water, Simplicity, Community and Nature. Actions that you commit to can be daily, weekly, or one-time. They also vary in difficulty and are often accompanied by

learning resources such as articles or videos.

You can also earn points by indicating which actions you already do. Some examples are: 'say no to plastic straws', 'ditch the lawn', and 'support businesses owned by people of colour'.

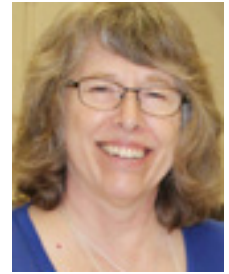
We have created a team for the Lower Mainland Unitarians called MetroVan Unitarians and are welcoming participation from Beacon, South Fraser, North Shore and Vancouver Churches. In fact, we are welcoming anyone interested in joining our team!

Additionally, there will be an aspect of study on 'decolonizing environmentalism' where we will take

the opportunity, together, to learn about ourselves and this land. We are considering offering two or three options we could all commit to as a team so we could discuss them. Anything people want to do beyond that, they're welcome to. Sometimes simple is the most powerful!

To join the team, visit peoples.ecochallenge.org and then click on 'Join'. Type in MetroVan to find the Team. The password is '2021Unis!'. There will be a FAQ sheet available soon.

—Teresa Morton
lessplasticnewwest@gmail.com

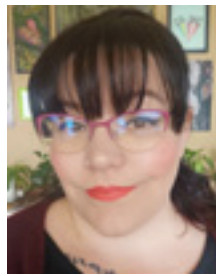


Teresa Morton



A sampling of eco-challenge categories from <https://peoples.ecochallenge.org/challenges>. Be a part of the MetroVan Unitarians team and contribute points. To join the team, visit peoples.ecochallenge.org and then click on 'Join'. Type in MetroVan to find the team. The password is '2021Unis!'.

Children and Youth Religious Exploration (CYRE)



Ashley Cole

In Religious Exploration, October's theme is both water and life. These are take-away words from larger inspirations, with 'Water' being an elemental feature that has a lot to teach us and 'Life' referring to the 6th Unitarian Universalist source which is *Spiritual teachings of Earth-centred traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.*

The theme of water often sets the tone for an autumn return to Sunday services in Unitarian Universalist spaces through the ingathering water ceremony in September. And as we move into October, we reflect on how we ebb and flow as a community.

We at Beacon are navigating our own rhythms, trying new approaches to Sunday services and programming. Based on conversations I've had with families over the past couple of weeks it sounds as if many are excited to keep connecting through the physical mail-out program kits and, when possible, participating in special RE programs. However, they are less likely to attend Sunday services. With this in mind I will be focusing my energy on ensuring those who participate remotely feel connected and I will be suspending in-person programming until such a time as families feel safe and energetic about attending in person. There may be a special event or two (such as the night tree party) that we may aim to host in person/outside but that will be in conversations with families.

This month we are also invited to participate in the People's Ecochallenge which speaks exactly to celebrating the sacred circle of life with the aspiration to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. I encourage all who are interested to sign up and participate in this fun interactive opportunity!

If you have any questions or if I can help clarify anything please do not hesitate to reach out.

Holding you all in love and compassion,

—Ashley Cole (she/her pronouns), Director of Religious Exploration, dre@beaconunitarian.org

WORKSHOP SERIES—REGISTER BY OCT. 31ST

Understanding Deep Diversity and Learning to Identify and Shift our Racial Discrimination

Eight sessions, starting in December, facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts

We will be using Toronto-based educator Shakil Choudhury's book, *Deep Diversity: A Compassionate, Scientific Approach to Achieving Racial Justice*. The hard-copy and Kindle version launched on September 29 (an audio version will also be available). I invite you to join me in an 8-part workshop series learning about how to overcome the "us" versus "them" reaction that arises when we face difference. These practices can apply to various types of discrimination—we will focus on racial discrimination as we engage in anti-racism work. I highly recommend Shakil's approach and research; I took more in-depth training with him this summer and very much valued what I learned, and look forward to sharing it with you this fall and winter. From the book description: **"Using a trauma-informed approach that removes shame or blame, he offers us the tools to recognize (systems of oppression), take authentic responsibility, and enact deep change.** In easy-to-absorb chapters, Choudhury interweaves research into the brain and studies on human behavior with hard-won lessons from his career of helping organizations and CEOs create more inclusive environments. He models vulnerability and mistake-making, sharing examples of his own bias-missteps so readers are encouraged into their own racial justice journey without judgment." For more information: <https://shakilwrites.com/>

Here's what will make it possible for me to offer these sessions:

- A group of 8–15 people committed to attending the sessions. (If you have to miss a session because something pressing comes up, that's understandable.) We will meet every two weeks, starting the first week of December (day of the week and time to be determined once I know who is interested in attending).
 - Reading a couple of chapters between sessions.
 - Spending time reflecting on your reactions (thoughts, feelings, body response) as you read the book. We'll take time during each session for reflection as well.
 - Bringing an open mind and heart, curiosity, compassion, and a willingness to be changed by what you are reading and sharing.
- Please email me by October 31st if you're interested in the course: minister@beaconunitarian.org. If there are financial difficulties in getting the book, please let me know and I'll arrange for you to get a copy. If you're not sure and want to know more, please contact me. I look forward to learning together.

—Rev. Meg Roberts

Beacon Programs

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

The Humanist Discussion Group (Online) likes to think about and discuss our common humanity, and our place as individuals and collectives in this dance of life. We are a group that welcomes different points of view and discusses a wide range of ideas. We meet the last Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm, via Zoom.

What is truth? What is truth for the world? For you? How do you know? Prove it if you can. ‘God’ will-ing and the crick don’t rise, Marilyn Medén will lead a discussion of truth at **7 pm on October 31st**. For Zoom details contact Marilyn Medén (contact info is in the Beacon directory). Also, if you would like to receive regular emails from the Humanist Group, please contact Marilyn.

Theology Pub (Online) continues to meet by Zoom on third Sundays at 1 pm—September 19th for this month. Members of our email list receive a reminder a week before the meeting, including topic information. If you would like to join that list, contact Franci Louann or David Kristjanson at theologypub@beaconunitarian.org.

Book Club (Online) meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Newcomers and drop-ins are always welcome! For Zoom meeting details and all enquires, please contact John Hagen bookclub@beaconunitarian.org. See box on page 9 for more information.

Film Club (Online) meets every Friday at 7 pm. See the box on page 9 for more information.

Lunch Bunch (Online) meets every Tuesday at noon, year-round, currently via Zoom. Bring your lunch and share in lively and topical conversation. Contact Laura Ramsay at 604-816-5331 for the Zoom link or

check the *Beacon This Week* email. Newcomers are welcome!

The Beacon Choir has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19. Please contact choirdirector@beaconunitarian.org for general information.

‘Getting to Know Beacon’ New to this community? Want to learn about our Sunday services and other programs? Join Rev. Meg Roberts and a member of the Connecting Committee for a one-hour short introduction. You can ask questions and meet other newcomers. Contact Rev. Meg: minister@beaconunitarian.org.

‘Getting to Know You’ If you’ve been to a few of our services and want to take the next steps, we look forward to getting to know you, and you us. Join Rev. Meg Roberts and a member of the Connecting Committee to learn about Unitarianism and various ways to be part of this community. Contact Meg: minister@beaconunitarian.org or 778-870-9015 for more info.

Heart-felt thanks to the Lundervilles for housing Beacon’s office these past years

The Board and I thank Peggy and Tom Lunderville for creating and hosting a Beacon office in a front room in their home these past years. As they now need the space for their family’s use, we moved out Beacon’s things. It was a touching moment on September 24 when I took down the small sign in the Lunderville’s entrance window (photo at right). It was so helpful to have David (our past president) and Susan (our current co-president) arrange this move and shift things to the storage locker.

We’ve put things into a storage unit for now, until the end of the

year, to give us time to sort through all the Beacon office and administration material and remove what is no longer needed. In the move, we did downsize the Beacon library to just core Unitarian books and other key resources.

Thanks also to Jane Shoemaker and John Hagen for housing some of Beacon’s archival materials these years; those will also go into our storage space. If anyone is interested in working on archives or helping us catalogue Beacon’s resources, please contact the board: board@beaconunitarian.org

—Rev. Meg Roberts



Soul Matters Sharing Circles

Soul Matters Sharing Circle is a small group that meets once a month during our program year to explore and experience how Beacon's monthly theme can be woven into the tapestry of our days. For September the theme was *Water and Wonder*. Led by Rev. Meg Roberts, our groups meet on the first Wednesday of the month (October 6th) and explore the previous month's theme. We will be meeting via Zoom this fall. Choose from one of the following online groups:

- First Wednesday of the month, from 1–3 pm
 - First Wednesday of the month, from 6:30–8:30 pm
- Newcomers are always welcome! Interested? Contact Meg: minister@beaconunitarian.org.

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Nothing Gold Can Stay: The Colors of Grief— a Supportive Circle

Six weeks, once a week, starting the week of October 25



This small group will meet to learn about, process and make meaning from our experiences of facing adversity (including various forms of grief and loss).

We will be using a short reflection book by UU Rev. Mark Belletini called *Nothing Gold Can Stay: The Colors of Grief*. If

you're interested, contact Rev. Meg Roberts by October 1st. Depending on interest, I'll decide whether to offer one or two groups, and whether participants want to:

- meet in person and/or online
- during the day, evening or weekend

—Rev. Meg Roberts, minister@beaconunitarian.org, 778-870-9015.

Beacon Book Club

Thurs, Oct. 28, 7 pm (Online)



The Book of Secrets by M.G. Vassanji (1994, 337 p.)

Moderator: John Hagen

Genre & Subjects: Canadian Fiction, Families, Immigrants, Race Relations

Awards: Scotiabank Giller Prize

Summary: *The Book of Secrets* is a spellbinding novel of generations

and the sweep of history that begins in 1988 in Dar es Salaam, when the 1913 diary of a British colonial officer is found in a shopkeeper's back room. The diary inflames the curiosity of a retired schoolteacher, Pius Fernandes, whose obsession with the stories it contains gradually connects the past with the present. Inhabiting the story is a memorable cast of characters, part of an Asian community in East Africa, whose lives and fates we follow over the course of seven decades. Rich in detail and description, M. G. Vassanji's award-winning novel magnificently conjures setting and the realm of eras past as it explores the state of living in exile from one's home and from oneself. (Source: NWPL)

Beacon Film Club

Fridays, 7 pm (Online)

The idea behind our club is to view a film in advance, and then come to a Zoom meeting at 7 pm on Fridays to chat about it. The Zoom link is in Thursday's *Beacon This Week*.

The films selected are all available from YouTube for a rental fee (from free to \$6.99). They may also be available for streaming from other internet sources, so if you have a subscription to a streaming service, do check there first. To rent a film from YouTube, just search for the title in YouTube and look for the video that has a blue "Buy or Rent" box next to it.

Please connect with Marilyn Medén (using the Beacon directory) for more information.

Oct. 1: *Muriel's Wedding*, introduced by Janene White

Oct. 8: *Copenhagen*, introduced by Rhea Kikkert

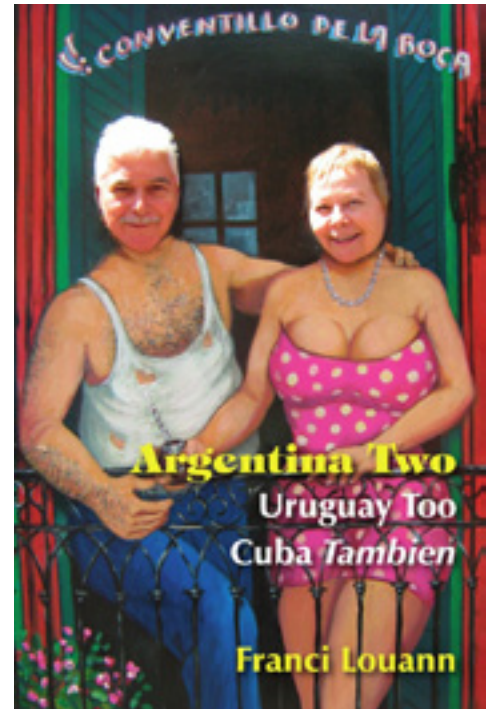
Oct. 22: *The Dressmaker*, introduced by Judy Villett

Oct. 29: *The Father*, introduced by Pauline Atwood



Rising Together Connects BIPOC UU Youth and Emerging Adults

Rising Together is the Canadian Unitarian Council's group for Black, Indigenous and other people of colour youth and emerging young adults (ages 14–24). This group gathers every two months for themed worship, discussions, and workshop-style activities. Join us for a chance to meet other BIPOC Unitarian Universalists across Canada and nurture our community with the aim of affirming each other and ensuring we have a confident voice in the broader UU community. Next meeting is Saturday, October 9, 2021 – 1:30 pm PT. See cuc.ca/events and email risingtogether@cuc.ca for more information.



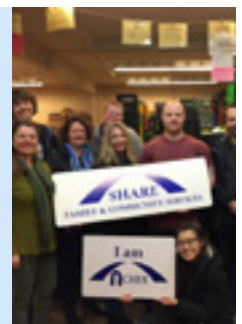
Franci Louann's 'next book'

Franci Louann's *Argentina Poesia* (Ekstasis Editions) was published at the end of 2020. Soon we will have her *Argentina Two, Uruguay Too, Cuba Tambien* (156 pages, also published by Ekstasis). This will complete her collection of 'Spanglish' poems—rapportage of her travels in Argentina, Uruguay and Cuba. The cost for each book is \$25 (or two books for \$40) including postage; or \$20 each, hand-delivered with a meetup.

Next we may anticipate *Portugal Calling*, which will include a large section titled *Loving Lisbon*. A final travel poetry collection would be *Oz and NZ*.

Please Support the Share Food Bank!

During COVID, donations to the food bank can be mailed directly to *Share Family and Community Services* at number 104 - 3020 Lincoln Avenue Coquitlam BC, V3B 6B4. Phone: 604-540-9161. Thank you for supporting neighbours in our community through your donations to our local foodbank.



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