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Summer Services are always a bit more laid back, but no less impactful. They give members of our community a chance to share ideas that they are passionate about; come see them shine!

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## July

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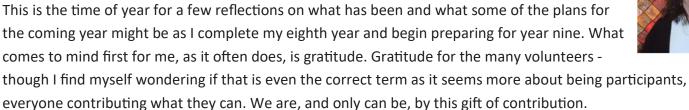
Facilitators: Rev Debra Faulk, Dean Kasner

and Brandis Purcell



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#### **Debra's Deliberations**





Let me particularly acknowledge the Committee on Shared Ministry. They have had a very full plate this year and on into the coming year as they prepare a survey of the overall shared ministries of the congregation that we do every 3-4 years (much more about this in the fall) that helps give direction to all we do. They also just completed probably the best evaluation process I have received. Thanks to all of you who participated, it was affirming to receive such positive results. The feedback is so useful. One thing mentioned was that while my involvement in the wider community and denomination is appreciated it may spread me too thin. I too have been feeling this and am working to shift it. In May I completed 6 years serving on the UUMOC (UU Ministers of Canada) Executive. The last 2 included being on the CUC (Canadian U Council). I will pick up a position on the Collegiality Team with the UU Minister's Association to fulfill my own volunteer commitment to the wider denomination and this will be much less demanding. I will focus this year on local initiatives through the work we do here at Calgary Unitarians as well as with Calgary Interfaith Council and the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good.

I offer my deepest appreciation to our amazing staff! Jane, completing her seventh year, and I have been sharing ministry for most of my tenure and that shared ministry is a blessing to me every day, her many gifts and tireless grace, inspire us all. Sheila moves from being interim to permanent Director of Religious Education. Her enthusiasm, visionary thinking, and commitment so compliment and complete your Program staff trinity. We delight in being a team and contributing to leading us forward as we adjust to the changing dynamics of congregational life. Martha, our stalwart administrator, brings so many skills, her creative flair and dedication helps enormously with keeping communication flowing and information current. Arno came on staff as our very part time "handy person" and is he ever! His incredible skills and good humour, such a welcome addition. Thanks too to Robert for checking the building every night and bookkeeper Charles for the financial support for our treasurer and finance team. We are so fortunate!

My summer wish and hope for you all is that you take time to explore and express gratitude for life's many wonders and gifts, for the many blessings in your lives, including being part of this community. Reflect on what you can contribute and what you feel is important for us to engage. May the summer bring rejuvenation and insight, connection, and relaxation.

I thank you, every one of you, for the incredible opportunity to be in service of the greater good as your parish minister, it is an incredible responsibility, honour and blessing – deep, deep gratitude.

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# **Calgary Unitarians**



Danielle Webber is stopping in Calgary on her way to her new job with the Kelowna Unitarians!

She will be preaching on July 22, and we will be having a luncheon after her service.

Come and join us! If you are able to help set up, clean up or with food prep please contact Bev Webber at

webberbev@gmail.com or 403-863-3110



**Save the Date!** Calgary Unitarians will march in the 2018 Pride Parade on Sunday, September 2. We have signs! We have a quadracycle Surrey with the fringe on the top! Join us for a fun walk in a family-friendly festival!



### **THR Engagement**

Throughout the coming year there will be opportunities to engage in the work of addressing the recommendations of the Truth Healing and Reconciliation commission and the CUC (Canadian Unitarian Council) commitment to educate ourselves (responding to THR Calls to Action, especially #58-61).

These opportunities will try to meet differing needs, understanding, and learning styles. There will be some Sunday services dedicated to this work, some suggested readings/videos and opportunities to discuss with others, there will always be some content in the monthly Reflections and planned 'field trips as well. If you have additional ideas, please communicate with Rev Debra debra@calgaryunitarians.ca

Truth
Healing
Reconciliation

Here are some upcoming events which may be of interest:

**Tuesday, June 26**: A group visit to the Glenbow Museum to view the art exhibit: *Alex Janvier: Modern Indigenous Master.* See the signup sheet on the "Church Activities" bulletin board.

Friday, June 29: Day trip to Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, organized by Calgary Association of Lifelong Learner's (CALL) Indigenous Awareness Group, open to the public. \$40 per person. See poster on Community Events part of our bulletin board. Register through CALL or contact Pam Rickey at pamelarickey@gmail.com or at 403-979-3135 for more information.

**Saturday, September 29**: Blackfoot-guided tour of the Blackfoot permanent exhibit at Glenbow Museum. More information and a signup sheet to come.

Reading List for Fall/Winter/Spring 2018-19: Group reads: Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, And the Teachings Of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer and The Inconvenient Indian: a Curious Account of Native people in North America by Thomas King. Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations (Richard Wagamese)

## □ UpBeat News with Jane Perry □

#### A Sneak Peek!

Whether you participate as a performer, a volunteer, or an audience member, there is room for you at our music events! Here's an advance look at what we've booked so far for 2018-2019.

### Choirs, Choirs, Choirs!

**UUphonia**: first rehearsal of the new season will be on Thurs September 6, 2018 at 7:30pm in Panabaker Hall. This is our mixed-voice, unauditioned choir. All interested singers are welcome to join us --- just show up and we'll be happy to greet you warmly!

**Chor Vida**: first rehearsal on Tues October 23, 2018 at 6:30pm, as we prepare to sing at the Remembrance Day service and the Nov 17 choir concert. This is an auditioned choir, designed for experienced choristers with good sight-reading ability.

Coffee Choir, Round One! Three Tuesday afternoons --Oct 9, 16, and 23 in Wickenden Hall. Come at 1:30pm
for coffee, cookies and conversation, and sing from
2:00pm to 3:00pm. This is singing for everyone, and
everyone gets to sing the tune!

**Coffee Choir, Round Two!** Three Tuesday afternoons --- February 12, 19, and 26 in Wickenden Hall. Coffee at 1:30pm, singing from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

### **Concerts galore!**

**Silent Movie Night.** Friday, October 19, 2018 at 7:30pm in Wickenden Hall. Come and see a classic black-and-white silent film, with live film score provided by pianist Jane Perry and sound-effects guy Dave Bradt.

#### **Choral Concert: Creation**

Stories. Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 7:30pm in Panabaker Hall: UUphonia and Chor Vida present their annual winter concert, this year with guest Indigenous story-tellers and musicians.



**An Afternoon of Chamber Music.** February 2019 (date and time TBD) with cellist Tom Mirhady.

Jazz On The Side. Spring 2019 (date and time TBD.) This quartet features vocalist Michelle Dias, pianist Jane Perry, bassist Cora Castle, and drummer Sarah Nielsen.

#### **All-music services!**

**Unitarian Lessons and Carols.** Monday December 24 2018 at 7:00pm in Panabaker Hall. A candlelit service featuring carols, choral anthems, and stories of the season.

The Spirit Sings: the life and music of Kurt Weill and Berthold Brecht. Early 2019.

The Spirit Sings: the life and music of Michael Franti. Sunday March 31, 2019 at 10:30am.

**May Your Life Be As A Song**. Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 10:30am. An all-choir Sunday.

**Good Ol' Fashioned Hymn-Sing.** Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 10:30am.

### And when the heck is Cabaret 2019?

**Cabaret 2019!** Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12, 2019 at 7:00pm both nights in Panabaker Hall. UUphonia and friends present their hotly-anticipated annual musical revue!

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# **Calgary Unitarians**



As we end our 2017/2018 CYRE year, I would like to express my gratitude. I have really enjoyed getting to know all the children, youth, and parents in our program. There have been so many opportunities for creativity, collaboration, and connection. I am honoured to announce that Calgary Unitarians Board has renewed my position as DRE from a one-year contract to a permanent position as staff. I am so excited to continue the work of creating connection between the upstairs and downstairs, between the children and youth and all the members of our congregation. – Sheila MacMaster, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth.



A Big Thank You to All of Our 2017/2018 Staff and Volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you. It really does take a village! Holly Noelle, Marsha Haug, Heather Walker, Yoseth Diaz, Marie Collins, Bev Webber, Kenzie Love, Ben Bradt, Micheal Leboldus, Donna Ontonio, Linda Brown, Joan Brown, Ronnie Joy, Paula MacMaster, Arno Buruma, Laurie Lin, Nicole Jordan, Nicola Russell, and Hedda Zahner.

We also have some staffing changes with moves out of province, and volunteers stepping into new roles.

**Anu Arora, Class Lead for Elementary**: Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm and cultural richness, from Rangoli to traditional song and dance. Wishing you all the best in Toronto!

**Christhia Andres, Explorers Class Lead:** Your warm spirit, and caring heart will always be remembered, all the best in your journey to Victoria. You will be missed!

**Rebekah Mobley-Kasner, Youth Advisor**: You have given so much of your time, wisdom, and love to our Youth Program over the past five years. You are so appreciated! For the coming year Rebekah will be taking on a new role as part of the Youth Team, and the Youth can look forward to some fantastic Circle Worship classes.

**We Are Hiring!** For the 2018/2019 year the CYRE program is hiring three staff. The time commitment is 3hrs per week. Contact DRE Sheila MacMaster for details – sheila@calgaryunitarians.ca.

Explorers Class Lead (ages 3-7) Elementary Class Lead (ages 7-11) Youth Advisor (ages 12 -18)

Our Nursery is now 100% volunteer, so please sign up! Spending just one hour on a Sunday rocking a baby or playing with an adorable toddler is a great way to feed your soul and connect with our youngest members. It could be one time or once a month. Contact DRE Sheila MacMaster to express interest and get the details.



#### Jerome Gordon Howell

Unitarian Church of Calgary Minister 1968 -1971 Born May 18, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan

Jerome was formally introduced to Unitarianism by his wife at The Unitarian Fellowship of Indian Wells Valley, China Lake in June 1962. There was a shortage of teachers for the children, so Jerry stepped in and taught Sunday School for two years. He was in charge of adult programming for one year



and chairman of the Social Concerns Committee for another year.

In May 1964, Jerry applied to and was accepted by Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California. Upon graduation in 1968, he accepted a position as minister of the Unitarian Church of Calgary and arrived with his family in September 1968. At that time, the congregation hoped to have a building of their own and they were successful later that year when they bought the present building. The congregation grew in that first year by about 60 new members bringing the total congregation to 250 people. Jerry focused his ministry on social ethics and personal counselling.

#### From his minister's report to the board of 1968-69

"Sermon topics ranged from theological (The Theology of Hope) to the practical (on marriage and divorce). Outside speakers contributed insights in areas of child psychiatry, Czech history, and student unrest. Services ranged from the pomp and circumstance of my ordination and installation, a delightful Chinese wedding, and a memorable performance by Ukrainian dancers. Our fairly informal standard service has included live musical offerings at most services."

Speaking engagements included participating "on a panel at the University of Calgary with Rabbi Ginsberg and a Catholic priest; an appearance on a radio panel with Bob Wrigley from Edmonton and Bill Wutanee and Theo Pezar from this church. (https://jerryhowellca.wordpress.com/about/)

In 1971, he resigned his ministerial position in Calgary due to his marital breakdown, left the ministry and moved to Edmonton where he became the Personnel Officer at the Cameron Library, University of Alberta. In 1974, he became a Canadian citizen. He remarried and later settled in Nanaimo, B.C. where he and his new wife began their careers as booksellers.

Jerry Howell, minister, bookseller and connoisseur of West Coast Island life, who thought of himself as the "luckiest fellow in the world," passed away on November 9, 2017, Nanaimo B.C. (https://bcbooklook.com/2018/01/24/jerome-gordon-howell-1930-2017/)

### **Summer and Beyond**



July and August have few formal Calgary Unitarian programs, with no Adult Religious Exploration programs. It is a time Deepen Relationships many of us pursue our own interests and continue to explore our own spiritual connections. Perhaps it's picking up a thoughtful book or podcast about spirituality; social justice; Truth, Healing & Reconciliation, and/or environmental concerns. Perhaps it's appreciating the natural landscape in Calgary and our backyard, the Canadian Rockies, exploring

our Alberta or other places in the world.

We come back in September refreshed, reinvigorated and ready for fall programs. As you start to plan your fall, consider including time for these programs:

> Death Is Not an Option (6 weeks): Monthly deep listening groups focusing on the church service theme

Truth, Healing and Reconciliation (THR - 4 weeks): Based on the THR Reflection Guides, the CUC's response to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission.

Theme-Based Listening Circle (monthly groups): Monthly deep listening groups focusing on the church service theme. Facilitator training available in September.

Introduction to UU (offered a few times each year): For those curious about our faith community Turn of the Wheel (in September and December): Half-day retreats for self-reflection.

New Moon Healing/Transition Circle (a few times each year): Some beginnings and endings are easier than others. Join a circle gathering with practices to support and celebrate a transition or change in vour life.

Thank you to the team who has helped plan the programs and will be offering sessions in the fall. This includes: Reverend Debra Faulk, Lynn Nugent, Bev Webber, Mary Anna Louise Kovar, Rebekah Mobley-Kasner and the TLC facilitators.

Will you be introducing new comers to Calgary Unitarians in the next few months? Look for the updated Adult Religious Exploration brochure at the Welcome table. It provides an overview of the range of programs, fellowship, meals, special services, groups, discussions, and choirs offered within our community.

> Have questions or ideas about Adult Religious Exploration programming? Contact Wendy Benson adultprograms@calgaryunitarians.ca

### **Wickenden Etiquette**

There are often people participating in our Sunday morning services who watch the livestream in Wickenden Hall. People do so for various reasons physical, emotional, if they arrive late or just want a more casual atmosphere. Recognizing that those gathering in Wickenden have different needs, here are a few helpful suggestions to accommodate these needs:

- Remember that people are engaged in the service and be courteous (if you need to talk please do so quietly. If you are setting up a table, please do it before the service begins. If that is not possible, please work as quietly as possible.).
- If you want to talk quietly sit closer to the kitchen (if you really want to socialize rather than listen, consider the Barker Room. You will be able to hear the service and not disrupt others).
- Hearing challenge? Please sit close to the screen.
- If others are being 'too noisy' try sitting closer to the screen or politely request quiet.





Do you have photos of recent Calgary Unitarian events? Don't hoard them. Share them! Our social media coordinator has made it easy to submit photos and news for Calgary Unitarians' events. Your help makes it possible for us to share on Facebook how much fun and fellowship we enjoy in our community! The same form can be used to request social media promotion for upcoming events and announcements. The link to the form is: <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/VMPegOT3CFG3VnOf2">https://goo.gl/forms/VMPegOT3CFG3VnOf2</a> [Please ensure you have permission from individuals pictured and please note that we do not use photos on social media that include children's faces. Images may be edited and cropped as needed.]



# Summer Co-op Gift Card Sales and Pick-up

Thank you everyone who bought gift cards in June, we topped the magic number to receive the maximum % for the church!

Sales for the summer will be more relaxed, but no less important. There will not be a table set up for taking orders, but we will still take your orders for July and August.

Here's how it will work:

**ORDERS** - Leave your post-dated cheque in the envelope in the

Co-op Card mail box in the office (top right box labeled Co-op Gift Cards). OR, fill out the E-Transfer form that you find in the mail box – there is a sheet of information and instructions there too. Deadline for July ordering is July 1. Deadline for August ordering is August 5.

**PICKUP** - Card pickup will still be the 2nd Sunday of each month (July 8 & August 12th). On July 8, there will be no table set up; instead, look for members of our team circulating amongst the pancake eaters as you enjoy our annual Stampede breakfast!

Questions? – contact Ev Dewar - <a href="mailto:ev.dewar@kogawa.com">ev.dewar@kogawa.com</a>; Sheila Ward <a href="mailto:sggward@shaw.ca">sggward@shaw.ca</a> Frances Schaink <a href="mailto:blue.sky@infovisi.com">blue.sky@infovisi.com</a>; Alex Russell <a href="mailto:alex@itfromblighty.ca">alex@itfromblighty.ca</a>



# Stampede Breakfast! Yaaaahooo!!!!!!!

Save the Date! Put on your Western duds and dust off your two-step: The Calgary Unitarians' annual Stampede Breakfast will be held on July 8th. Drop in for pancakes, coffee, live music from TriUU and special guests along with all your favorite Stampede cuisine!

#### 10:00 am to 11:30

If you'd like to help, contact
Hazel Corcoran <a href="mailto:hazel@canadianworker.coop">hazel@canadianworker.coop</a> or
Mary-Anna Louise Kovar <a href="mailto:mary-annalouise@telus.net">mary-annalouise@telus.net</a>

## Young Adults (YAs)

Members & friends over 18 and under 40 have opportunities to engage with each other in many ways. Pub Nights will begin again in September 5<sup>th</sup> – (First Wednesday of the month). There are regular games nights and other events.

Mark your calendars now for the YA Welcome Dinner with Rev Debra Faulk, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to be included in YA communications send an email to <a href="mailto:youngadults@calgaryunitarians.ca">youngadults@calgaryunitarians.ca</a>



### It's PUB NIGHT!

When: July 6th from 7:00-9:30pm

Where: Kensington Pub- 207 10A St. NW

www.kensingtonpub.com

Come out for a night of great conversation at one of Calgary's most iconic pubs. The menu is very inclusive, complete with gluten free and vegetarian options.



Pub Nights are held on the first Wednesday of every Month. Hope to see YOU there!

### Fun at the Strawberry Tea

What a lovely afternoon! About forty people from our congregation came out to enjoy each other's company on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Strawberry Tea. They enjoyed an abundance of real strawberry shortcake and drank their tea from china teacups and saucers brought out for the event. From the buzz in the room, I'd say that folks were having a good time chatting.



It was good to see those that we don't see so often any more, like Verna Pollock, Karl Meyer, and Ruth Keith, as well as Elsie Sinha-Roy who was our administrator for years. We held a guessing game with small rose bushes for prizes, won by Peggy Raitt and Verna Pollock.

Some attendees really got into the spirit of a traditional afternoon tea with their wardrobe. Here are Jane Ebbern, Margaret McCrae and Helen Backhouse in their "Sunday best" including hats!



Thanks to a great team of volunteers who put on this event and served tea and cake to those we wanted to honour.



Karl Meyer, Mary-Anna Louise Kovar and John Backhouse



Joan Brown

From your Membership Team



### **Summer 2018 Sunday Services**

## July

#### July 1 Oh, Canada!

An exploration of Canadian history through various thematic interpretations.

Presenter: Pam Rickey
Host: Penney Kome

## July 8- Stampede Breakfast!

**Special Time:** Drop-In: 10:00- 11:30 am Pancakes, western wear, live music! YaaHoo!

Hosted by Leadership Team

#### July 15 - Ish and the Abandonment of Perfection

Inspired by Peter H. Reynolds's children's book, <u>Ish</u>. How to free creativity by thinking and acting "ishly".

Presenter: Pam Rickey Host: Marie Collins

#### July 22 - The Growth of Humanity

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- 1- Compassionate, sympathetic, or generous: the quality or state of being human
- 2- The totality of human beings: the human race. With the two very different definitions of humanity, what does it mean to be exploring the growth of humanity? And what really is the difference? We will be looking at how our personal and spiritual growth is different to the growth of human beings, and the human race trying to understand the pros and cons to how the growth of humans has affected humans.

Presenter: Danielle Webber

Host: Donna Ontonio

#### July 29 - Lammas

Come and enjoy stories, songs and poems about Lugh of the Long Arm, and Lammas, the pagan festival of first fruits. We'll be having garden soup and fresh bread. We'll be going out into the garden to stand in the grass in our bare feet and say a blessing for a bountiful harvest. Bring your treasures that you wished to have blessed by the group, and a potluck soup if you can.

Presenter: Brandis Purcell

### **August**

#### August 5 - The Gospel of Middle Earth

Moral lessons and optimism in J.R.R. Tolkien's

Lord of the Rings. **Presenter:** Holly Noelle

Hosts: Duff Bond and Mich Michell

# August 12th Peace and Quiet (in the Absence of Earlids)

Insights about how noise affects communities and impedes communication, based on some issues from

her book-in-progress. **Presenter:** Marcia Epstein

**Host:** Marie Collins

#### August 19 - Life, Matter, and the Universe

An exploration of the origin and evolution of life and its relationship to inanimate matter and the larger universe; four billion years in fifteen minutes.

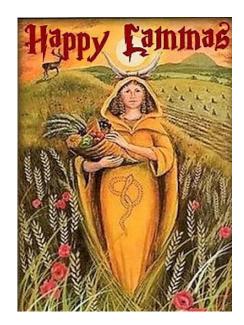
**Presenter:** Carl Svoboda **Host:** Penney Kome

#### August 26 - Around the Campfire

Amazing conversations happen around campfires, sometimes without words. Ahhhh, campfires. Oh, and of course, singing.

Facilitators: Rev Debra Faulk, Dean Kasner and Brandis

Purcell





### **Serving with Spirit: Sustaining Practices for Volunteers**



Explore strategies to increase your volunteer pool and sustain people in meaningful engagement with your congregation. The one-day workshop will be held in two locations, with options to attend either in-person or on-line:

**Saturday July 28**, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm ET at the <u>Unitarian Congregation in Mississauga</u> **Saturday August 11** 9:30 am – 3:30 pm CT at the <u>Saskatoon Unitarians</u>

Join this workshop created by Angela Klassen [Director of Lifespan Religious Education, Toronto First], CUC staff Rev. Linda Thomson and Joan Carolyn, and some local volunteer specialists.

Registration: \$55.00 in-person \$25.00 on-line

Deadline: Mississauga Workshop- July 18

Deadline: Saskatoon Workshop- August 1

For more information about these events visit: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y8gs5vl6">http://tinyurl.com/y8gs5vl6</a>

This one-day workshop is designed for in-person and on-line participation. It focuses on re-imagining volunteer engagement practices, learning better ways to recruit, train and sustain people, and helping them engage meaningfully with your congregation. For in-person participation, teams of two or more are recommended to maximize learning and sharing.

Online participation will only occur with 5 or more registered people to ensure that there are sufficient participants for Zoom group discussion (register early to make sure this happens!). Online participants are encouraged to gather in one location. Calgary Unitarians board is hoping to create a team to participate in this event. The board room will be the place for both events on both dates, with the Zoom connection managed by our crack AV team. Please join us!

### **Volunteer Sign Up Made Easy!**

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to volunteer on Sunday mornings with coffee, welcoming, setting up, or ushering. If you haven't had the opportunity to volunteer, or wish to do more, please visit our volunteer sign up page online. We're using SignUp.com. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click on one of the links below to see our SignUp.
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Coffee Prep or Cleanup: There are two separate signups - http://signup.com/go/ngfHRvc

Ushers - <a href="http://signup.com/go/LLfnBjt">http://signup.com/go/LLfnBjt</a>
Greeters - <a href="http://signup.com/go/tDxnMEG">http://signup.com/go/tDxnMEG</a>
Service Setup - <a href="http://signup.com/go/xAYQCXZ">http://signup.com/go/xAYQCXZ</a>

We'll be happy and excited to see your name beside a job for any of the Sundays this year!

~ Eric, Leslie, Donna, and Brandis.



# Where There's a Will, There's a Way to Support Our Endowment Trust Fund

I had the pleasure of speaking at our lovely Strawberry Tea in June about why our Endowment Trust Fund has a place in my will. This Unitarian community has given me so much already in my lifetime that I want to ensure it receives something from my estate. And the Endowment Trust Fund is the best way to do this. The additional \$12,000-\$15000 that this fund provides each year to our operating budget makes a big difference in being able pay our staff fairly and provide valued services.

We have benefitted from some shining examples of generosity to our fund. For example, Ruth Barker's donation of \$100,000 last year, helped bring our total to almost half a million dollars under investment. I discovered at the recent Strawberry Tea that Heather Walker's great grandmother, Fairey Walker, left a third of her estate in the early 1960's to this great community.

If you haven't included a bequest in your will to date, you can add it with a simple handwritten codicil. And if like me, you don't know how much will be "in the kitty when I go", consider leaving a percentage of the estate.

Here are some ways beguests can be made:

- As a fixed dollar amount
- As % of the estate
- As \_\_% of the estate or a \_\_ \$, whichever is greater.
- As \_% of the estate to a maximum of \_\_\_\$

Note: if you would like to make a stock donation to the Endowment Trust Fund, you will not be taxed on any capital gain on this stock and you will receive a tax-deductible receipt for the full proceeds from the sale of this stock.

Please take a moment and think about everything our beloved faith community has given to you and join me in adding a bequest to the Unitarian Church of Calgary Endowment Trust Fund in your will.

But don't leave it too late. Derek Smith was Treasurer of our Endowment Fund; he and I discussed how to encourage bequests. He told me that he was going to see his lawyer the following month to redo his will and that he would write a Quest article to inspire others. This wonderful man had the best of intentions, but three weeks later he died very unexpectedly.

In addition, I hope you will also consider a donation to Endowment Trust Fund during your lifetime – maybe to celebrate a special occasion or in memory of a friend, etc. Or if you have a special birthday coming up, and don't want gifts, please consider suggesting a gift to the Endowment Trust Fund instead. All donors will receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of each calendar year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Jane Ebbern

Past Chair, Unitarian Church of Calgary Endowment Trust Fund

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# **Calgary Unitarians**

#### **How to Reach Our Staff**

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#### **Publishing the Quest**

The Quest is published 11 times per year by Calgary Unitarians. Electronic copies are available at <a href="https://www.unitarianscalgary.org/newsletter/">www.unitarianscalgary.org/newsletter/</a>.
Submissions of articles, photographs,

and event announcements are encouraged. Questions about the Quest, please email: quest@unitarianscalgary.org.

The Quest Deadline is the 15th of every Monday except for July.

#### **ENEWS**

The ENEWS is normally published via email once a week on Wednesday. Material for the ENEWS must be submitted by Tuesday midnight. If you would like to the receive the ENEWS, please email <a href="mailto:enews@unitarianscalgary.org">enews@unitarianscalgary.org</a>

#### **Booking Rooms**

As our facility gets busier it is important that if rooms are needed they are booked in advance. Space can be reserved either by filling out the online booking form found here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ybq27pq6">http://tinyurl.com/ybq27pq6</a>, by contacting the Administrator at 403-276-2436 or <a href="ffice@unitarianscalgary.org">ffice@unitarianscalgary.org</a>

### Lay Chaplains: Mary-Anna Louise Kovar and Beverly Webber

Our Lay Chaplains are trained to perform rites of passage, such as weddings, funerals/memorial services, child dedications, etc. They are available to provide such services for a fee to the wider community. (Services for Calgary Unitarians members are provided by the minister.) Our lay chaplains can be contacted by calling 403-276-2436 or via email: <a href="mailto:laychaplains@unitarianscalgary.org">laychaplains@unitarianscalgary.org</a>.

### The Caring Team

The Caring Team provides support to the members, friends, and families of the congregation. If life has you stressed because of illness, hospitalization, moving, we can help. If you have something to be celebrated, such as a graduation, marriage or new child, we are there with you. We are all part of the Caring Team! Need support, have a concern, or want to be of service? Contact <a href="mailto:caring@unitarianscalgary.org">caring@unitarianscalgary.org</a>