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Services for June

Services Begin at 10:30 a.m.

June 1, 2008

“Blessing the Pets”

Rev. Brian J. Kiely

As part of our annual tradition, we welcome our animal friends to this service (suitably leashed, caged or...ah. aquariumed.) It is a service for the entire family in the fullest sense of the word.

June 8, 2008

Rev. Brian J. Kiely, Michelle Van Der Molen
“Thanks for All the Work”

The church would not exist without its people, and it would not function without its people doing wonderful volunteer work. Following the service there will be an appreciation tea.

June 15, 2008

Rev. Brian J. Kiely, Michelle Van Der Molen
“Flower Communion”

Each year we close the formal church year with this service of sharing. Please bring a flower to place in the ‘offering baskets’. During the service we will each have a chance to take away a flower someone else has brought just for us.

June 22, 2008

“Church Picnic”

Rain or shine we will have our church picnic. If it's nice we will go to the park across 119th Street. If it isn't we'll picnic indoors. Please bring food for yourselves or to share, some lawn chairs and whatever park games or toys you would enjoy. When the time seems right (probably around 11 a.m.) we will also have a short service before lunch.

Ministerial Musings

I happened to be working in my office on a Tuesday afternoon. Several people were in the Social Hall pricing items for the Garage Sale. Bryce Missall was quietly restocking the candles and tidying the stage of our Sanctuary. Russ Smith was restocking pamphlets and tending to the bulletin boards. And in the Sanctuary, Bonnie Kyle was down on hands and knees working on a large white tarp with blue masking tape.

After a couple of hours, Bonnie popped her head in to my office with a beaming look and asked, “Would you like to walk the Labyrinth?” Many of you will know that our mystical Bonnie has taken training and now gives Labyrinth workshops. It has long been a dream of hers that our church would one day house one, and while she hopes we decide to put a permanent version in place when we complete our Social Hall, well I guess she got tired of waiting. She is giving it to the church, “as long as I can use it for workshops now and then!”

On June 15th, the Sunday of our Flower Communion, we will dedicate the portable Labyrinth at our final full service of the year.

Our Vision

The Unitarian
Church of

Edmonton— a liberal
religious, multi-
generational

congregation. We
celebrate a rich
mosaic of free-
thinking, spiritually-
questing individuals
joined in common
support and action.

We welcome
diversity, pursue the
common good, and
work for justice. We
believe in the
compassion of the
individual heart, the
warmth of community,
and the search for
meaning in our lives.



Following the service any who wish to do so can take a meditative journey. It may seem odd that something so ordinary as a plastic tarp with blue masking tape can be an instrument for mysticism, but it is. I guess mysticism need not be as complex as we sometimes fear. The process is very simple. You think up a question of meaning for you and then just follow the path into the center and then out again. It need not take more than a few minutes.

I make no promises about how it might work for you, but I have now walked a dozen labyrinths or more. Some have been in gorgeous natural setting, some haven't. Some have been temporary and some permanent. It doesn't matter. I usually get some kind of an answer welling up. At times it has been profound. At other times it has been quite straightforward. This was one of the latter. Last month I wrote about being kind of beat at this time of year. Demands of fatherhood, being a good husband, being a good minister, saving the world and all that left me asking a question about meaning in my life. As I walked Bonnie's path I noticed that in a couple of places the freshly laid tape wasn't quite flat. So I started walking on the lines...lending my weight to the problem so to speak. And then I realized that maybe sometimes my purpose is just to put one foot in front of the other and do simple, useful things. And that felt good to realize.

Who knows what answer you might get.

So thanks, Bonnie for this simply complex addition to our spiritual life. And thanks to the garage sale pricers and Bryce the candle man and Russ the pamphleteer. Each of these gifts make this church a richer place to be. Partly I am appreciating the tasks getting done, but mostly I am honouring the folks who keep this community in their hearts and who do what they do out of love.

Ministerial Musings Part Deux

On June 8th we will recognize the contributions of our many volunteers, but in this column I want to acknowledge the unique contributions of one person in particular. For the last several years, the church has raised several thousand extra dollars per year through our Monster Garage Sale.

The GS is the product of the mind, enthusiasm and just plain dogged hard work of one person, Evelyn Porter. Without her vision and drive, it never would have begun, and without her leadership it would not have succeeded and continued.

Let's face it, Evelyn knows how to do this and has found ways to graciously accept volunteer help when it's offered, and ways to beg, cajole and manufacture volunteer service when it has not been so easily offered. Each year she has put together a terrific team who had fun doing the collecting, sorting, selling and cleaning up. Evelyn has known how to make it fun, how to appreciate the help she gets and how to take the pressure of responsibility off the other volunteers.

And then she has managed to encourage, remind and inspire the rest of us to finally get around to cleaning out our excess items, all for the greater good of the church.

Evelyn has announced that she has done her last event. And while she has graciously offered to coach and support her successor, it is time we granted her a rest. We will start earnestly looking for a successor (I dare not say 'replacement', for she has been irreplaceable) come the Fall. But if you enjoy garage sales, well think about becoming a leader or possibly part of a team of leaders for next year's event.

Meanwhile, take the time to thank Evelyn if you see her. She has given us a delightful contribution of time and service that will be long remembered.

*See you in church
Brian*



Message from the Prez

Can you believe it is already June? It seems like it was just yesterday that we came back from summer break. I guess time does fly when you are having fun! It has been a really good year, and is also going to be a well deserved summer break!

I know there are a lot of people who “look after things” behind the scenes so that church happens and there are people who are out in front visibly making things happen. To all of you a heartfelt Thank

You for all the work you do. It is noticed and appreciated.

Now that the kitchen plan has passed congregational approval, we are getting moving on the “making it happen” portion of the job. We have a planning meeting coming up very soon and we will be figuring out our next steps and getting the ball rolling, maybe when you come back in the fall you might see some walls in place!

****insert commercial here****

We will be needing to do some work on the new kitchen with our own labour, so if you have any skills that might be of use or are willing to sweep up or provide snacks/lunches then either give me a call or email me at president@uce.ca and I'll get you on the list.

end commercial*

On another note, you may have noticed the mess of the brick wall around front of the church building or heard about what happened. The short story is the police were chasing a stolen car that lost control, and the driver decided to remove the bricks from Design 21's front entrance. The insurance company has been called and a contractor will be out to fix everything up over the next month or so.

Well that's all from me.

*See you around
Mike Keast*

In Addition. . .

As many of you are aware, our niece Kailie in Thunder Bay has a very serious form of cancer. She is slowly improving, but she will require many months of chemotherapy and surgeries in Toronto. A benefit is being held in her honour in Thunder Bay on May 31st to raise funds for her medical expenses. We are holding a raffle for all of our Edmonton friends in order to make a (hopefully substantial) contribution. Here's the deal: We are selling “chances” (because we don't have actual tickets!) for \$5 each or five for \$20, and on May 31st we will make a drawing. One lucky winner will be the recipient of \$100 in gift cards from your choice of the following:

Cara Foods (Swiss Chalet/Kelsey's/
Harvey's/Montana's/Second Cup)
The Keg
East Side Mario's
Red Lobster/Olive Garden

Safeway
Sobeys
Superstore
M&M Meats

In order to enter, please contact Mike or Christina Keast at 471-0872 or at mckeast@shaw.ca and give us your name and how many chances you would like to purchase. (Or you can track us down at church!) We would prefer to have payment received by the May 31st deadline, but we can make extensions in some cases if necessary. All proceeds from this raffle will be forwarded to Kailie Kernaghan-Keast in trust. Thanks for your participation, and good luck!

Mike and Christina Keast

Greening UCE: What's the next Step?

Information Meeting

June 8, 2008

12:00 noon

At our May 4th Annual General Meeting members in attendance unanimously voted to start the Green Sanctuary Accreditation process. So, what does that mean? What's the next step?

A Green Sanctuary congregation lives out its commitment to the Earth by creating opportunities and programs for members to live out their commitment to a sustainable life style. The Green Sanctuary program goals guide a congregation to this end by,

- building awareness of societal environmental issues,
- generating commitment for personal lifestyle changes,
- motivating UUs to community action,
- building connections between spiritual practice and environmental consciousness and
- building awareness of and rectify environmental injustices.

June 8th will be an information meeting to introduce you to this program and start us on the road to making UCE a Green Sanctuary!

Karen Stevenson

Thanks for the Memories!

As my time as Trustee and Vice-President of the Board comes to an end, I want to send out a short note of thanks to the Board and members of UCE for making the past three years such a great and enriching time for me. The commitment and dedication of the members of this congregation to this church is amazing! Originally, the principles of Unitarian Universalism drew me to UCE— the members who live them in their daily lives are the reason I stay. Typically, for me and for most members of UCE, I will be working on other activities in the church, most notably getting the Green Sanctuary process started. . If you are new to UCE or if you would like to get more involved there are many wonderful opportunities to connect, use your talents and enrich your life here!

Karen Stevenson

Endowment Corner--Alma Webster

Last year, the UCE Endowment Fund received a donation which U*U supporter/friend Alma Webster had provided in her will. Having not known Alma, I asked around the church and was told that Hilda Campbell was a close friend. I was delighted that Hilda sent me this description of Alma's life and accomplishments.

Like most of her contemporaries, Alma grew up in an atmosphere of rather rigid frontier evangelism in Elbow, Saskatchewan. Her father came west from Ontario as a schoolteacher who was also sufficiently interested in farming to take up a homestead there.

The Websters had a family of six: three sons and three daughters, all of whom were provided with post secondary education and a profession. Alma attended the University of Saskatchewan and became a high school teacher of Physics and Mathematics.

Later Alma attended the University of Toronto for graduate studies in Library Science, earning a Master's degree. She worked in a public library to begin with but eventually came to Edmonton to take up a post as teacher/librarian at Victoria Composite High School.

It was Alma who advanced the creation and promotion of school libraries in Alberta and she held the position of Supervisor of Libraries with the Edmonton Public School board for many years. That was only one of her many legacies in this city.

Although Alma rejected the institutional conformity of her fundamentalist prairie background, she had grown up with a profound social conscience and believed devoutly in the traditions of freedom and individual rights. She chose to support a church and UCE became the church she chose to support, although she never actually became a member.

Her happiest involvement with UCE was the "church family" to which she was designated at the time they were formed and she remained close to everyone in that group until Alzheimer's sadly robbed her of her brilliant mind.

Alma grew up as a sickly child who suffered constantly with colds and ear infections which eventually led to serious hearing loss. She became a very effective hearing-aid user but meetings and large gatherings were a sad trial to her. Despite UCE's installation of a listening device for the hearing-impaired, it was never quite compatible with Alma's powerful hearing-aids. Eventually she stopped attending Sunday services because she missed most of what was being said.

Her financial support never faltered and she continued to attend social functions like the Seniors luncheons. Of course she remained loyal and dedicated to her church family, particularly Florence and Stan Campbell, Jim and Ellin Logan and Bryan and Marjorie Staples.

Alma was a strong supporter of all the arts: theatre, opera, symphony and ballet in Edmonton. She travelled the world and belonged to many organizations, locally, nationally and internationally, holding office in most of them and acting in leadership roles. She was a co-founder of the Edmonton Hard of Hearing Association and a charter member of its national counterpart in Ottawa.

She won many awards in her lifetime and was a highly respected pillar of our community.

Thank you, Hilda, for this account of a life well-lived. It is inspiring to learn how Alma embraced education, career, culture, church connections, and social action while living with a significant disability.

For such a woman of convictions to plan ahead is not surprising. She was not a member, but supported UCE financially during her life, and we are honoured that she provided for a donation to the church in her will.

For more information about planned giving or the Endowment Fund, contact Paul Burnell at 919-9147 or pburnell@shaw.ca

Ruth Merriott

Mediterranean Barbecue June 14



Last year's Texas "Come all ye" BBQ was a smashing success. This year, Brian, Michelle, Kathy and the Fine Dining Team thought a variation was in order. We decided to try some of the many delights of the Mediterranean. On the menu so far are Moroccan Chicken Kebabs, Greek Pork Tenderloin Souvlakis, Spanish Merguez Sausage, Greek Roast Potatoes, Spanish Rice, Tabbouleh, Hummus, Greek Salads, Italian Antipasto and other delights. Everyone is welcome, but we do need you to register so we buy the right amount of food. Contact the office at 454-8073 or chadmin@uce.ca or sign up in the foyer. The cost is \$15 per person and children under 12 free. Saturday, June 14 at 6 p.m. B.Y.O.B. (The chefs like a nice Spanish Rioja!)

**COME TO
AN AFRICAN SAFARI
Saturday, June 14
7:30 PM at Unitarian Church,
10804 – 119 street, Edmonton**

View photos of Dorothy & Bernie Keeler, Sylvia Krogh & Alan Boyle's 2007 trip to Kenya & Tanzania.

Free but donation to African orphanages accepted. Please sign up if you wish to attend Rev. Brian Kiely's barbeque (\$15) at 6 pm. It is not necessary to sign up to view the photos.



In My Mother's Garden

Friday, June 13th, 2 pm - 9 pm.

Photographic Exhibition and Sale by Emerging Artist, Jaime Lauren Kyle. "In My Mother's Garden," consists of images taken over the spring/summer of 2007. Using close-up filters on a digital SLR camera, Jaime hones her creativity and photographic practice to capture one of the last seasons of her mother's garden.

Gay Pride Parade

Mark your calendar and help our participation in this important event for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and queer community. UCE is a Welcoming Congregation which means we have made a commitment to support them. This is one visible way we can do it. Saturday, June 14th 2-3 pm Gather south of Jasper Ave. on 108 St. between 1 and 2 pm. The parade leaves there at 2 and marches down Jasper Avenue to Churchill Square where there will be entertainment, booths, speakers, etc. Join Rev Brian Kiely the UCE banner and Westwood's banner in the parade. It is lots of fun!

22nd Women's Gathering—July 4-5-6

Hey UCE women let's go—wanna car pool to Lumsden SK? Contact Ruth Patrick (436-0138) or email mruth.patrick@shaw.ca for information.

Sharing Our Abundance

Unitarians have been very generous with their donations in the church offertory plate. For specifics, please look at the list and amounts on the Board bulletin board in the church.

If you have a charity that you would like to be a recipient for next year, please notify Sylvia Krogh at 454 - 6216.

From the UCE Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice committee is very concerned about Omar Khadr, the Canadian child soldier who is being held in the US prison of Guantanamo in Cuba. If you didn't attend the presentation by Omar's lawyer at UCE, please see Brian Kiely's excellent write-up in the May newsletter. Further information is available on the social justice bulletin board outside the church classrooms. Please take the opportunity to peruse the articles. There are sample letters there that can be taken and sent in to Prime Minister Stephen Harper about this injustice.

The Social Justice Committee has a bookcase of social justice oriented books in the library that can be taken out. Please sign them out in the red binder provided. As well, there are magazines for people to bring and take. If you have any books or magazines that you would like to add for others to read, borrow or take, please add them to the bookcase.

Thanks from the Social Justice Committee.

Message in a Bottle by David Suzuki

The water that comes out of most city taps in Canada is pretty clean. Yet many people prefer to spend money on bottled water, believing that it is somehow safer. Now we're learning that the stuff in plastic water bottles may be more harmful than anything in our tap water. Bisphenol A is just one chemical that's been in the news - and in many plastic bottles - recently. This compound mimics estrogens (human female hormones) and has been linked to breast and ovarian cancers and childhood developmental problems. It is found in clear, hard polycarbonate plastic commonly used in household and commercial water coolers and some reusable bottles, and it's just one potentially harmful substance associated with plastic containers.

The presence of chemicals isn't the only reason we should try to wean ourselves from the bottle, though. For one thing, bottled water is expensive, costing more than a comparable amount of gasoline. Unlike most nations on Earth, Canada has vast quantities of fresh water. Have we so polluted our water that we feel compelled to pay a lot for it? And from beginning to end (and for plastics, that end is a long time away), plastic bottles contribute to environmental problems. To start, the manufacturing process is a factor in global warming and depletion of energy resources. It takes close to 17 million barrels of oil to produce the 30 billion water bottles that U.S. citizens go through every year. Or, as the National Geographic website illustrates it: 'Imagine a water bottle filled a quarter of the way up with oil. That's about how much oil was needed to produce the bottle.' It also takes more water to produce a bottle than the bottle itself will hold. Canadians consume more than two billion litres of bottled water a year, and globally, we consume about 190 billion litres a year. Unfortunately, most of those bottles - more than 85 per cent, in fact - get tossed into the trash rather than the

recycling bin.

The pollution from plastics affects our air, land, and water. Many plastic bottles end up in landfills or get incinerated, and burning plastic releases toxic chemicals into the air. Plastic that stays on land or that is buried can take hundreds of years to break down, and even then, it doesn't completely biodegrade. One of the most disturbing things is what happens to plastic that ends up in the oceans - which is about 10 per cent of all plastic produced, according to Greenpeace.

If the environmental damage caused by plastic bottles or the existence of potentially toxic chemicals in the bottles isn't enough to make you avoid them, how about some reasons that hit closer to home? First there's the fact that many bottlers get their water from municipal supplies. Coca Cola filters and bottles water from municipal sources in Calgary and Brampton for its Dasani brand. Pepsi's Aquafina comes mostly from Vancouver and Mississauga. That's right: they're taking your tap water and selling it back to you at a markup that can be as high as 3,000 times the price you pay for it through your taxes.

There's also a danger that governments may use the growing reliance on bottled water as an excuse to avoid their responsibility to ensure we have access to safe drinking water. The federal government must address any existing concerns about drinking-water quality with enforceable standards designed to protect human health.

If you're worried about chlorine in your drinking water, put it in a pitcher and let it stand overnight to allow the chlorine to evaporate - or consider buying a carbon activated filter for your tap. To carry water with you, fill up your stainless steel or glass bottle from the tap, and enjoy. Water is a precious resource that belongs to all of us. Let's not take it for granted. And let's not put it in plastic.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org
from the UCE Social Justice Committee

Learning About TILMA

On April 1, 2007, the BC and Alberta governments' Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) came into effect. It is a far-reaching free-trade pact which was signed without public consultation or any debate in the legislature. The Council of Canadians is urging citizens to take a closer look at the agreement. Key areas of concern include:

TILMA takes away the power of the provincial and local governments to pass any measures (laws, regulations, programs, etc.) that restrict investment, trade or labour mobility. The agreement allows corporations and individuals to challenge any provincial or municipal government measure they feel "restricts or impairs" their investment (i.e. their profits).

TILMA will result in the radical deregulation of the BC and Alberta economies. All government measures will be open to challenge: even measures designed to protect the environment and public health are vulnerable to attack from corporate lawsuits with compensation penalties as high as \$5 million. The complaints are judged by an unelected and unaccountable panel of trade lawyers, behind closed doors. The public does not have any input into the panel.

To learn more about TILMA visit:
<http://www.canadians.org/DI/issues/TILMA/index.html>

UCE Social Justice Committee

Please Note: The deadline for the Summer Newsletter is June 13, 2008—a week earlier than usual!

Linda

Help Needed

iHuman Youth Society is seeing 20 to 30 youth per day at the studio plus the many more they are helping with our outreach work. iHuman is working on exciting new projects including one which specifically targets young mothers and mothers to be and another which will try to create a more effective treatment and rehabilitation model for youth associated with gangs. To fund this, iHuman Youth Society has been allocated a casino on July 29 and 30. It is in need of volunteers to assist. If you are able to help, please phone Lorris Williams at 964 - 9646


Mystery Buddies Find Out Celebration



Kidstuff

Michelle Van Der Molen, DRE

Our Children's Church is finished for this year (as of May 25th). However, there will be a series of services that include all ages in June...see the summaries at the front of the newsletter. Of special interest is the "Volunteer Appreciation" Sunday on June 8th...all volunteers (in and out of R.E.) are invited to attend and to take part in the Strawberry Tea afterwards. Children and Youth are invited to serve the Strawberry Tea after the service (from 11:30 to 12:30) to those who have so ably given time and talents to the church in a volunteer capacity. Please come and take part in all of the services, especially the Strawberry Tea!!



WE Need You! Plans are being made for the 2008/09 Children's Church season. Volunteers will be needed to teach classes (Chalice Children, ages 4-7; Pathfinders, ages 8-11; Time to Talk with Youth, ages 11-18), to help in the Chalice Children classroom, to provide snacks each Sunday, and to be part of the RE committee (meeting once a month). Sign up sheets will be available in the foyer in June; you may also contact Michelle at 454-5816 if you know where you want to be!

The nursery will be staffed until June 15th this year. Many thanks to our able staff of 2007/08 – Erin Vandermolten-Pater, Nathan Vandermolten-Pater, Graeme Battigelli, Hannah Jackson and Chandra Smith. If YOU are 11 or older, and have taken the Babysitting course and have an S.I.N., you are invited to apply to be part of our Nursery staff for 2008/09. Please pass on any concerns or comments you might have about the Nursery to Michelle (454-5816 , dre@uce.ca)

Time To Talk (T3) (during the church service) happens every second Sunday in the chaplain's office (end of first hallway) or in the Youth corner of the unfinished hall (check out the old couches!) for worship, discussion and learning. June 8th the Youth are invited to participate in the Volunteer Recognition service, and to help serve at the Strawberry Tea afterwards; June 22nd Youth are invited to participate in the annual Picnic service and potluck. Please call Pam at 217-1582 or Michelle at 477-7576 with any questions.

The Great Book Review has begun! We would like all books in the RE library to be reviewed and a special card filled out...we're going to catalogue books and look at building our library into something special! If you have some time, are interested in children's fiction, and would like to be part of this, please see Michelle!



It is time to look at what worked well this year and what needs changing in the RE program (Nursery through to Youth). Please feel free to contact Michelle at 454-5816 (or home – 477-7576) or Marilyn Gaa (Chair of RE committee–432-7660) if you have comments or questions. There will also be a "Religious Education Suggestion Box" on the credenza for the months of May and June – feel free to leave a note if you prefer!



Avgen Gift Card Fundraising

Thanks to all those who have participated in this ongoing fundraiser for U.C.E. You've seen the notice board and the order forms....some of you now have collections of gift cards and certificates to spend or pass on....but did you know... This is a YEAR-ROUND opportunity for U.C.E. – not just for the holidays. Even a small order every month can add up for money for the church. If you get into the habit of ordering for stores you are at regularly (like gas stations, or department stores, or grocery stores), we can see this grow! If you would like ideas for making this work for you, please talk to Barb Forbes or Michelle Van Der Molen (see us at a table in the foyer in February and March!) Also, keep turning in your order forms with your cheques to Barb or Michelle. Barbara Forbes (439-4553) continues to ably administer the program, with support from Marjay Russell.

Just a Reminder

If you have a fund-raising idea for the church, please make sure to run it past the Ways and Means Committee to make sure that it fits the schedule and that is appropriate and supported! Please contact Michelle Van Der Molen, Acting chairperson at 477-7576 or mavdmolen@shaw.ca with your ideas.

A Unitarian Odyssey to Mystic Turkey - April 19 – May 4, 2009

Join Unitarians on an exciting journey from Ankara to Istanbul. Turkey is a plethora of ancient cultures, fascinating landscapes and archaeological ruins that span 13 successive civilizations. Meditate among the 'fairy chimneys' in the lunar landscape of Cappadocia. Visit the pilgrimage site of Goddess worshippers at Catal Hohuk. Learn the meditative practices of the Whirling Dervishes. Visit the site of the 325 CE Council of Nicaea. Relax by the Aegean Sea at Kusadasi. Marvel at the calcium pools in Pamukkale. Experience the stillness of Ephesus at nightfall. Explore vibrant Istanbul. Rev. Wayne Walder, of Neighbourhood UU Congregation in Toronto, adds meditation and insight to enrich our experience. See www.nuuc.ca for more information and join us on this incredible journey.

Eliot Institute

It's a conference and a vacation in one! Come to the Okanagan wine country June 28-July 5 to rejuvenate body and spirit. Hosted at the Naramata Centre near Penticton, the camp will surround you with stimulating programs in the serenity of a beautiful location. Come discover Eliot for yourself! More info at www.eliotinstitute.org

Room Needed

Older gentleman is looking to rent a room week nights only (he commutes from out of town). He only needs a bedroom and easy access to the washroom. The gentleman is a smoker. He is willing to pay up to \$400 per month. Contact Leslie Donaghy 780-877-0101

Pfaff 1221/1222

Hi everyone. I'm looking for a new to me sewing machine. If anyone has a Pfaff 1221, 1222 or 1222e which they would like to sell, please contact me at the Church Office (454-8073) or email me at chadmin@uce.ca The Pfaff is my very favourite machine and I promise I would take good care of it!

*Linda Stolee
Church Administrator*

UCE Walking Friday Mornings

This group is open to everyone who likes to walk (and talk) and eat! Join us and bring your spouse and friends.

SCHEDULE - June 6- Aug 1 2008

(Entertainment Books are often useful for the Lunch component of these walks)

Leaders are assigned arbitrarily so exchanges are expected and possible.

1. We always meet at the church at 9:30 on Friday mornings and car pool from there to the walk of the day. (A loonie for in town and a twoonie for out of town to the driver is suggested.) If you prefer to meet us at the starting point of the walk please let the leader (or Dorothy or Helen or UCE office) know.
2. We try to maintain an email list to update you on changes. If you wish to be added to that list please contact Helen Ready or Dorothy Keeler. Many of us carry cellphones.
3. Sometimes we change our routes or leaders to accommodate the weather or other activities. Check the Order of Service each week. We will try to advise those on our email list in advance but sometimes you will not get that news until you arrive at the church at 9:30.
4. Many, but not all walks, finish with lunch at a restaurant before returning to the church.
5. Many of our walks are dog friendly. If you want more information please contact the leader for the day.
6. If you have a favourite trail please let us know so we can incorporate it into our schedule.
7. Call one of us if you need more information about a route or this program.
8. During the nicer weather we try to go further afield. These walks take more time and are underlined in the program.

Friday June 6 - Tour of the Legislature and Tea at 9:00 a.m. Please note that we will be leaving the church at 8:30 a.m.

leader - Elin Logan and Elaine Reynard

Friday June 13 - Devon Golf Course edge

leader - Helen Ready

Friday June 20 - Eilerslie Road south

leader - Dorothy Keeler

Friday June 27 - Capilano Park, across the bridge and back to Gold Bar Park

leader - Sheila Parr

Friday July 4 - Millet (an out of town trip so we'll need more time)

leader - Dorothy Keeler

Friday July 11 - Devonian Gardens (there is an entry fee and bring your lunch or buy it there)

leader - Audrey Brooks and Lise Cloutier

Friday July 18 - Riverside Golf Course edge

leader - Sara McEwan

Friday July 25 - Elk Island (bring a lunch and we'll picnic at Astotin Lake)

leader - Lise Cloutier

Friday Aug 1 - Muttart to Emily Murphy Park

leader - Marjay Russell

Dorothy Keeler (458 1250) and Helen Ready (454 8054)

UCE is a welcoming congregation, which means our community is open to all, without regard to sexual orientation, race, gender, age, ability, or income. It's nice to have you with us.

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Worship Committee: John Pater		477-7576

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

June 2008

1 "Blessing the
Pets" 11:30
Children's Choir;
noon, Property
mgmt, membership
mtng

8 "Thanks for
All the Work"
noon, Social
Justice
2:00 renter

15 "Flower
Communion"
5:00 renter

22 "Church
Picnic"

29

2 9:00 renter
7:00 renter

9 9:00 renter
7:00 renter

16 9:00 renter
6:00 Westwood
7:00 renter

23 9:00 renter

30 9:00 renter

3 9:30 renter
5:30 renter

10 9:30 renter
5:30 renter

17 9:30 renter
6:00 Westwood
5:30 renter

24
5:30 renter

4 11:30 renter
7:00 renter

11 11:30
renter

18 11:30
renter

25 11:30
renter

5 9:00 renter
7:30 Chorealais

12 9:00 renter
6:00 Chorealais
Year End Potluck

19

26

6 8:30 UCE
Walkers
7:00 renter

13 9:30 UCE
Walkers
2-9 "In My
Mother's Garden"
7:00 renter

20 9:30 UCE
Walkers
5:00 renters

27 9:30 UCE
Walkers
7:00 renter

7 All Day renter
7:00 renter

14 6:00 Med.
Bar-B-Que
7:30 Come to
an African Safari
7:00 renter

21 9-4 renter
7:00 renter

28
noon-midnight
renter
7:00 renter