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CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

Restless Gods?

Sunday, June 3, 11 am

Rev. Dr Steven Epperson

Defying the expectations of the social sciences, religion has not vanished under a wave of secularity. Were the predictions completely wrong, or did "religion" change into something else? How do we explain the enduring power of religious need and imagination? Join us as we explore.

Fathers and Daughters, Fathers and Sons

Sunday, June 10, 11 am

Worship Services Committee
and Jeanie Corsi

"Any man can be a father but it takes a special person to be called Dad." Come and explore with us reflections on fatherhood. We will look at what is behind the man who becomes a father. Jeanie will play music from composers who share this special relationship.

Annual Youth Service

Sunday, June 17, 11 am

UCV Youth with Caroline
Farley and Steven Epperson

Join us for this highlight event. UCV youth will be sharing ideas, activities and passions they have been exploring throughout the year.

A feature of this service will be the celebration of our "bridging" youth; those entering our Youth Program and those moving into young adulthood

Social Action/ Ritual Depth

Sunday, June 24, 11 am

Rev. Dr Steven Epperson

The minister is taking a sabbatical in 2007-08. The outcome?—real and mutual growth for both congregation and professional ministry. The sabbatical will focus on growing our effectiveness in social activism and deepening our ritual life. Rev. Epperson will share his plans and thoughts, and welcome your ideas.

A Letter from Harold

A few words must suffice to let you know that after 30 years of playing music at worship services, I am no longer able to continue. However, it would take a book to pay tribute to the many members who have enriched my life not only in recent months, but through all my years of service here, and I have learned a lot about music from people who are not musicians! It is gratifying to know that Elliott Dainow continues to make an invaluable contribution to the musical and cultural life of our beloved church.

—Harold Douglas Brown



From the Minister's Workshop

Markets and Ministry

I want to draw our attention to something quite extraordinary that has taken place at UCV: a small group of dedicated members and friends of this congregation have given us, yet again, another example of lay leadership and the strength of shared ministry at UCV. I am referring to the organic produce market set up after worship services on the last Sunday of April in the UCV courtyard.

You may recall that in April, 2006, we held a worship service dedicated to the issue of global warming and of our individual and communal responsibility to take concrete measures to reduce green house gas emissions. In preparing for the service, I had asked a member of this congregation, who works for Environment Canada, what we could do as a first, real step to contribute positively to the global warming crisis; and without missing a beat, she told me: "purchase locally grown/raised organic food." In response to that answer, I called on the congregation in that April service to start an organic food market and/or co-op. The UCV Environment Committee took up the challenge.

In the weeks following that worship service, the Committee met to figure out how we could go forward to make this a reality. The work seemed

daunting and a bit discouraging. Summer came; we scattered out on vacations; I became focused on the task of starting up a new church year, etc. I thought perhaps this was a no-go. And not wanting to be a pest, I went my way, and didn't press the issue. In the back of my mind I felt guilty about this, and thought for months: "oh well, nice idea; looks like this just isn't the time or place..." Unbeknownst to me, the Environment Committee didn't let the idea and work die.

Exactly one year to the day I issued the market/co-op idea, there it was: tables full of organic produce, our own food market in the UCV courtyard! *I was delighted and humbled and grateful.* I am looking forward to buying produce here on Sundays; looking forward to meeting with you in worship in the Sanctuary, and "worship" at the market: in putting into concrete practice our principle of "respecting the interdependent web of all existence."

I want to express my sincere and deep thanks to the UCV Environment Committee; thanks especially to Phillippa Syme and the leadership she has shown in keeping this idea going and making it real. Thanks to Lily Ha, Dave Steele, Denise Swanson, Grant Watson, Dianne Crosbie, Mary Lage, Rayana Garen, Margot Elfert, Andrea

Matthews, Karl Perrin, David Marmorek, and to others whose names I haven't mentioned (sorry!) Shared ministry lives, thank goodness, in many ways at UCV. It gives me hope!
Rev Dr. Steven Epperson

Youth Concert: Singing the Journey

June 9, 7:30–9:30
Music Committee
and Youth Group

Unitarian Church of Vancouver
Our youth have been working on their musical numbers and nursing their parts: classical music, theater, original songs, (not-too-loud) rock and roll, show tunes, laptop on-the-spot originals—expect it all. Many are working collaboratively, risking a new effort. Be in the audience. Enjoy all that they have to offer. Support the raising of funds for the hymn book supplement, *The Singing Journey*. We'll buy our first 25 copies so the choir can showcase what new gems can be found in it.

Tickets (adults \$10, youth sliding scale \$5–10, children to 9 yrs. free)

—Jane Slemon, 604-873-2208,
UCV Music Committee
and Youth Group

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Electronic and Group Communication: UCV Policies & Procedures?

First, I apologise to those of you I SPAMmed the week before the Rex Weyler Greenpeace Earth Day event in April. I admit, I was not authorised by any committee or staff person to do so, and I took selected e-mail addresses from a UCV SPAM I'd received from International Women's Day, as well as e-mail addresses of people from the Board and other committees I thought might be important to contact. Mea Culpa—I won't do it again. A little piece of Individual Conscience leaked out due to concern over UCV members' and Mr. Weyler's safety. He and several others commended me for alerting them, but others were not so pleased.

It does point out, however, that we don't seem to have many "Policies and Procedures" for a lot of our electronic communications, e-mail listservs/Yahoo groups, and even *Bulletin* submissions, and when Louise Bunn referred me to the UCV Chat Group, I responded "WHAT Chat Group?" because I didn't know we had one, and the entry point has been removed from the general website.

I'm on the Archives Committee, New Membership, Centenary/ Anniversary, Social Justice Committees, all three sub-sections of the Communications/Website Committee, etc. because I have some expertise and "show up" regularly, and have even been helping Gerry Hayle with the *Bulletin* layout for a month or so, but both the communications "system" and committee structures of UCV still rather mystify me. Put that together with a bent toward consensus (rather than Robert's Rules of Order) management, and I'm not sure if I'm the only Loose Cannon, or if there are several hundred of us rolling around in meetings as well as cyberspace.

Not too sure what to say about this, except maybe each committee could take a look at our latest Terms of Reference, committee structure and who/ how we approve actions, sponsorships and personal and subcommittee delegation or rotation of leadership and (UCV) authority as well as facilitating general overall electronic communications "system" and etiquette. Are we sure we're getting in touch with the right people, setting up workable agendas, filing decent (approved) minutes ASAP and not yelling "fire" in a crowded Sanctuary, eh? I'm very grateful to Lesley Kemp, Steven, Ruth, Bridget, Rex, Karl Perrin and the Social Justice Committee for keeping the Earth Day event peaceful, energetic, inspiring and informative, and all the Compassionate Communications work from Raj Gill over the past few years that kept many of us from getting stuck in "Enemy Images" in spite of some testy meeting time, locked horns, confusing declarations, ruffled egos and minor electronic "flame wars."

How 'bout them Canucks, eh? Am I changing the subject? We could talk about all this at the next Website Committee meeting, but when is that going to be? To be continued...

—Wyndy Knox Carr

SJC Representative to the Sabbatical Committee

Program Coordinating Council

Plans are under way for the semiannual meeting of chairs of all church committees. As for this past February, meetings are being held on two days, allowing a choice of days and times for people. Spontaneous selections in February happily fell equally between the two dates. It was apparent that to have all committees come on the same date would require much too long and complicated a meeting.

Mark Wednesday, June 6th, 7 to 9:30 pm, and Saturday, June 9th, 9:30 to 11 am on your calendar now. It is imperative that we receive responses from all committee chairs or their representatives as to which date they can attend.

E-mails have already gone out to all committees to be followed up by phone calls from our Cluster Representatives. The Celebration Cluster is represented by Bennett Mitten, e-mail orlandofrizado@shaw.ca; Education by Susie McCormick, e-mail suse@adk.commerce.ubc.ca and Social Justice by Deborah Graham, e-mail dgraham@shaw.ca. There are 4 Clusters without Representatives so phone calls to their committees will be divided among the PCC executive.

To provide our Board of Trustees with much needed help, another four Representatives are greatly needed. If you are invited give serious consideration to joining our happy crew.

—Chair, Dorothy Goresky, 604-261-7022
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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Steven Puts Us in Good Hands

In the April *Bulletin*, Rev. Steven Epperson outlined his plans for Sabbatical leave during the 2007/08 church year. He said to us: "I believe the months that I am on sabbatical will turn out to be exciting, meaningful, and full of growth for UCV because UCV members will be ministering, leading, and serving in my absence"

Now is the time and opportunity for UCV members and friends to step forward and provide that leadership. The Worship Services Committee is looking for speakers for services as we plan for Steven's absence. Please consider if you would like to meet this challenge and opportunity for growth by contributing your unique insights at a Worship Service.

You can also contribute by suggesting the names of others (within or outside the church) whom you think would be appropriate speakers at our services.

We welcome any and all suggestions. Please forward your ideas to: Nancy Woodham (nwoodhamca@yahoo.ca) or Don Eadie (deadie@kelsan.com).

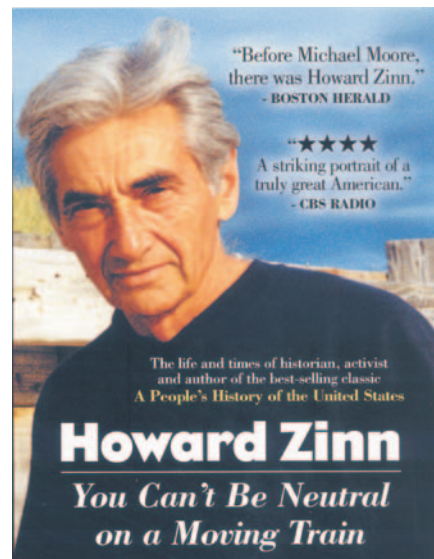
You Can't Be Neutral On A Moving Train

About Boston University and Civil Rights
(People's History of the United States)
Fireside Room, Friday, June 8, at 7 pm



"War is the great crime of our age," Professor Howard Zinn says in the Social Justice Committee June documentary film selection, *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train*, as well as many other directly honest observations on Civil Rights, non-violence/aggression and the movements towards "achieving justice" in the twentieth century and before, particularly in North America.

Free Admission (popcorn available by donation)
Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of the UCV



Youth Art Show

in the Sanctuary
May 27 -July 4

—Chris Pearce,
Caede Pungente,
Co-Chairs Arts Committee

A UU minister sees a child out in front of a house in the neighborhood she drives through on her way to church, with a sign "Adorable kittens -- FREE." The next day, the minister notices the child out in front of a neighborhood church with a sign saying: "Adorable Methodist Kittens -- FREE." A couple of days later, the kid is posted in front of the synagogue with a sign: "Adorable Jewish Kittens -- Free." So the Minister isn't surprised when, the next Sunday the child is in front of the church she serves with a sign promising "Adorable Unitarian Universalist kittens." "Now really," she tells the child, "they are adorable kittens, but I have a problem with your advertising. I've seen your kittens change their religion every day for a week. Why do you think I'll believe that these are UU kittens now, all of a sudden?" "Well," said the child, "Now they have their eyes open."

Former students and colleagues tell of history Prof. Zinn's influence, ideas and actions from Spellman College, Boston University and during the Anti-Vietnam War protests. The movie, interspersed with photo stills, video clips and interviews with this historian of dissent, reviews the often obscured stories of the disenfranchised and the propaganda used to silence them. Prof. Zinn declared that "Democracy is not passive" through more than the past half-century of teaching, writing and lecturing, which inspired thousands to "use your knowledge" and resist the "omission or de-emphasis" of "the people's history." More details at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howard_Zinn

Unicamp: Your Unitarian Universalist Camp and Conference Centre

A great place to create a summer of memories for you and your children. Spaces are still available in our children's camps and in most of our other programs. Please pick up a copy of our green 2007 brochure for more details, visit www.unicampofontario.ca or contact or call 519-822-6353 to obtain a copy.

—Wanda Gordon
Administrative Manager

Westwood Unitarian Congregation, Edmonton 25th Anniversary

In 1982, Westwood Unitarian Congregation held its first service.

The festivities to kick off the 25th Anniversary Celebrations include a Wine & Cheese evening at Westwood on Saturday, June 9. Reverend Meg Roberts from the Unitarian Church of Calgary will speak at a special anniversary service on Sunday, June 10.

Our website <http://www.westwoodunitarian.ca/25.htm> will have updates. If you have any photos, memorabilia, recordings, or stories about Westwood's 25 years so far, the Anniversary Committee would love to hear from you! Please email: dhelmig@telusplanet.net.

Thank you!

—Communications Committee,
Westwood Unitarian Congregation

DAYTIMERS

Annual Picnic, Strawberry Tea Ends Season

Please note: no gender, race, religious or age discrimination is practised at Daytimers' meetings. Subjects explored are as varied as the interests of our participants, regular or occasional as they might be. Spirituality and passion have been components in many of our sessions, from poetry and art, through music and the history of people in this country. A note of apology for the missing schedule for Daytimers' programs in the May *Bulletin*:

May 2: Shirley Church on Emily Carr and Eunice Fleming's passion for stories and travel;

May 17: Carrie Grundy's book report on *The Arrow of Apollo* and David Donaldson's passion for the recorder;

May 31: Wanda Justice's attempt to describe W.A.C. Bennett and Joyce Griffiths' passion for knitting (bring your own needles).

The month of June will provide two final opportunities for this season to meet and enjoy the company of our fellows. You are welcome to join us in the Fireside Room, Hewett Centre on the first Thursday designated, and on the last, in the parking lot for a ride, or at the picnic destination for our annual picnic and strawberry tea. Bring your lunch; Daytimers will provide the coffee, tea, etc.

For the final two meetings of this season we look forward to the following:

Thursday, June 7, 11 AM: Rita Johnson, Belinda Stronach and Martha Hall Fine: *A Very Sad Trilogy*, as described by John Church.

At 1 PM: Music in the afternoon with, by or for Harold Douglas Brown.

Thursday, June 21st, 11 AM-2 PM: Annual picnic and strawberry tea in the garden of Pat and Bill McEwan. Check with Daytimers for details of transport and supplies.

—Wanda Justice, 604-327-1851
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BOOK CLUB

Elegance and Humour

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Sunday, 3rd June, at 1 pm, in the form of a potluck lunch at Roberta and Chad Kirby's in Richmond. New members are very welcome: if you would like to attend, please ring Roberta and Chad beforehand for directions: 604-271-1270.

The book we'll discuss that day is *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is an easy read, written with elegance and humour. McCall Smith is already known to us as the author of the No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, set in Botswana and featuring the canny Precious Ramotswe. Now we are introduced to another and equally canny heroine, the charming and erudite Isabel Dalhousie of Edinburgh. She is a philosopher, the editor of *The Review of Applied Ethics*, and an occasional sleuth. As the story unfolds, we are privileged to look into the excellent mind of a thinking, caring woman.

The images, flavour and complexity of contemporary Edinburgh form the background to our story, which begins with Isabel attending a symphony concert. As the concert ends she is startled to see a man plummeting past her from the upper balcony. Inevitably she wonders: did he fall or was he pushed? Despite good advice from Grace, her sensible housekeeper, from Jamie, her bassoon-playing friend, and from Cat, her romantically-involved niece, all of whom try to persuade Isabel that the mystery is not her concern, she feels morally obliged to resolve it. And she does so, with charm and gentle humour. Her "interior monologues - meditations on a variety of moral questions - are bemused, intelligent and entertaining."

McCall Smith, who was until recently Professor of Medical Ethics at Edinburgh University, has imbued his story with "an air of gentle refinement, intelligence and insight."

—Rob Dainow

LIBRARY

Book Bash!

Thanks to all those who contributed materials to the Mother's Day Book Bash. Elliot Dainow and Kathryn Roback were responsible for bringing in a dozen cartons of books given to us by **Harold Douglas Brown**. Thanks to the library volunteers who helped sort and sell for the benefit of the library.

New books received are:

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak.

Marley & Me by John Grogan.

How Doctors Think by Jerome Groopman, M.D.

Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon by Daniel C. Dennett.

The Happiest Man in the World, an account of the Life of Poppa Neutrino, by Alec Wilkinson.

A Difficult Day by Eugenie Fernandes, a children's classic.

At the Literature Stall you can buy printed copies of the current Sunday's sermons *before* the service, especially if you are hard of hearing. Price is one dollar.

—Nancy Lagey, 604-669-4455,
 Chair, Library Committee.



**Second Sundays
 (Early-Bird)
 Poets' Corner**

All are welcome (poets, readers, listeners, "work-shoppers") at 10 am in Budny Room, Hewett Hall, Unitarian Centre, Oak & 49th, on June 10th.

If there is enough interest, these events can continue over the summer. Franci Louann is your facilitator and she can be "replaced". 604-731-0228
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REFUGEE COMMITTEE**Wente Earns Her Own Way**

Thank you for having lunch with us May 13th, and thanks so much for all your support buying our raffle tickets for Pat Meyer's quilt. We "went to press" too soon to announce the lucky winner!

Our lunch in June is on Father's Day, June 17th. Please join us! Also, our meetings are always the 4th Sunday of the month. This month it is June 24th, at 12:30, in the Board Room. Bring your lunch, coffee, friends!

Our young friend from Eritrea, Wente, who is now 18, is trying to support herself and her studies, as well as to pay back the \$400 remaining on her travel loan. Wente is about to start her Grade 8 and hopes to receive her GED. She is looking for work in the evenings and weekends, doing such chores as housecleaning, yardwork, and babysitting. Her phone number is 778-899-2284.

Please continue emailing your MPs to request that they support Bill C-280 on the Refugee Appeal division. This concerns the lack of refugees' ability to appeal negative decisions. We have already lost too many good people due to this inability to appeal.

Closely related to this issue is the news that thousands of refugee claims are bogged down because of the Harper government's failure to fill vacancies on the Immigration and Refugee Board. More than a third of the positions on the Board are vacant as the government prepares to change the appointment process, giving the Immigration Minister a greater voice in choosing adjudicators.

One of the problems is that as soon as the Ministers becomes even a little familiar with immigration and refugee issues, they are shuffled off and yet another new one is appointed. When Harper took power a year ago, there were only 5 vacancies on the IRB. By last July, that had grown to 18. Now, 43 of 119 board positions are vacant, and 17 positions have been eliminated. Over the same time period, the average time it takes to process a refugee claim increased to 12.3 months. A backlog of nearly 4,000 refugee claims has developed over the last year.

If you wish to assist the Refugee Committee financially, you can donate by writing your name, address, and "For Sheilah Thompson Refugee Fund" on the envelope containing your gift. Cheques payable to "Unitarian Church of Vancouver" should have the memo "For Sheilah Thompson Refugee Fund". For more information on the Refugee Committee, contact Co-Chairs Fiona Graham, 604-886-4810, or Virginia Crabill, 604-731-1730.

We greatly appreciate all the ways members of this congregation have helped us!

—Virginia Crabill,
Refugee/Social Justice Liaison

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Have you read *Heat: How to Stop the Planet from Burning* by George Monbiot? After 19 years, Global Warming is suddenly hot. Yet where are the protests, the demonstrations?

The demo is in our hearts. To paraphrase Pogo: "We have seen the enemy and they is us!"

Monbiot tells us how to reduce greenhouse gases by 90% by 2030, just enough for civilization to squeak through to 2100. But will we implement his solutions in time? He writes, "We can contemplate a transformation of anyone's existence but our own... (We must abandon) the belief that someone else will do it for us... We are simply too comfortable and we have too much to lose (to motivate the change required)." Or as Oscar Wilde quipped, "I can resist anything except temptation."

Monbiot made a brave effort to research truly viable options: CO2 burial? Ground Source Heat Pump? Yes! Nuclear and hydrogen? Maybe. Flight? No—a bitter pill indeed. It took courage to finish writing this book with a baby on his lap. But that's what it's all about: courage and babies.

Do we have the courage to give up meat? flying? solo driving? Will we ever elect governments that care? Our children want to know. Their world is on loan to us. It's time for the "demo in our hearts" to go to the streets and the polls. (And let us gather courage in the quiet of our gardens. Let us grow our souls into bloom. As Gandhi said, "Renounce and enjoy".)

The Environment Committee will meet Sunday, June 10 at 12:30 in the Board Room. All welcome.

—Karl Perrin, 604-872-7326
Chair, Environment Committee

Two Things We Can Do

1. Tap Water: Tap water in Greater Vancouver is fine to drink. What a blessing! So don't buy water in plastic bottles. They're banned in some churches. Carry a refillable bottle or mug. Mugs are \$2 at Value Village.

By the way, **all** beverage containers are refundable. The exceptions are concentrates, milk, and milk substitutes. Pop bottles get recycled as fleece vests.

2. Idling cars: Idling cars more than 10 seconds pollutes the air, wastes fuel, and stinks. (Chilliwack has to breathe our smog.) It's against the law now yet we still see cars parked and idling. So what can we do? Try a pleasant reminder.

Modern engines don't benefit from idling, even on very cold days. Component wear caused by restarting the engine is estimated to add \$10 per year to the cost of driving, money that will likely be recovered several times over in fuel savings from reduced idling. Idling for more than three minutes will get you fined \$50-\$100. I turn off my car at long red lights. My car thinks it's a Prius.

—Dolores Bate and Karl Perrin, 604-872-7326

FOSTERING COMMUNITY**This Month's Tidbits**

Jennifer Getsinger, longtime UCV member, single parent, and until recently, Kits resident, decided to pull up stakes last fall and move to Renfrew Heights. She really loves her new house at 2875 E. 24th Ave. (V5R 1E5), just two blocks from Renfrew-Collingwood Community Centre with its swimming pool and library. She and her two teens also enjoy a huge deck, nice garden and great view. Jennifer, a geologist, regrets not making it to church more often, but reports she has been editing for the Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences as well as teaching at Cap College. **Wolf**, 17, and **Chilco**, 14, are continuing at Kits Secondary, an easy commute by skytrain and 99B bus. Wolf graduates this year and is headed for B.C.I.T. and mechanical engineering studies, while Chilco's favourite subject is drama.

Reed Harris has also been on the move. Following his marriage breakup, he left his East Van family home, buying a roomy condo in New West in January. However, he misses Vancouver and will probably be selling and moving to a smaller condo in Fairview. Difficult choices for him to make, and we wish him well. Reed is highly skilled with computers and has helped with UCV's electronic recycling program as well as joining the coffee crew.

By the way, did you know that Reed is the son of **Claire Buckland**, a longtime UCV member and author. He frequently visits his mother at Little Mountain Home and reports that she's still alert at 93. Many years ago, Claire was Principal of York House School and in charge of morning prayers. Needing inspiration and new ideas, she happened to pass by the sign on the lawn of our former building on West 12th. This led to a meeting with young **Phillip Hewett** and subsequently, lifelong UCV membership.

Our condolences go out to **Helen Osoba** on the death of her father, **Stephen Mysak**, who had recently celebrated his 100th birthday, a special occasion mentioned in *Fostering Community* in March.

Also in March, we heard about **Bruce Krayenhoff**, who had recently married his Chinese sweetheart. In the meantime, Bruce, who is not one to take life easy, has been working toward the founding of a new B.C. political party! The Citizens' Assembly party will focus on direct democracy and proportional representation. His latest venture was prominently featured in the April 11 edition of "*24 Hours*". Good luck, Bruce!

Let's feature YOU and your latest venture prominently in "*Fostering Community*"! Perhaps a graduation, wedding, or new (grand)child? Let's hear about it!

—Ann Foster

A rabbi, a UU minister, and a Wiccan priestess decide to go on a fishing trip together. They go down to their local lake, rent a boat, and go out on to the lake for a day of fishing. As the afternoon approached, the trio became hungry - and realized that they had left their lunches on the shore of the lake. The minister got out of the boat, walked across the lake, got his lunch, walked back, and sat down ... beginning to eat his lunch.

"You should have gotten all of our lunches!", scolds the priestess. She then gets up, walks across the lake, picks up her lunch as well as the Rabbi's, walks back across the lake, and sits down ... handing the rabbi his afternoon meal. The rabbi at this point is almost out of his mind, his eyes wide with shock. Finally, he manages to sputter.. "Wha.. what... how did you...?"

The minister grins at the priestess, nudges her, and asks "Do you think we should tell him about the rocks?" The priestess looks at the minister, raises an eyebrow, and replies "... what rocks?"

WATERCOLOURS FROM AROUND THE WORLD by UCV member **Bill Nicholls (1921-2003)**

A MAJOR VANCOUVER UNITARIAN FUND-RAISER:
50% of all sales will go to UCV

When you think of your own travels, do you have a favourite country or part of Canada? You may be very touched by some of Bill Nicholls's fine watercolour paintings (or oils or acrylics), created over decades of travel.

In Europe, we have lots of pictures from **France** and **Italy** – and a few from Wales, Ireland, Holland and Crete. Bill's paintings from **Asia** and the **South Pacific** feature Australia, Japan, Bali, Thailand and Fiji. Other countries represented are Mexico, Hawaii, New Zealand and South Africa.

B.C. art includes Vancouver, the coast and the interior. The **Eastern Canada** collection honours visits to Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. In the **U.S.**, we have the Oregon Coast, Cape Cod, and lots of Californian scenes.

Prices range from \$80 to \$120 (unframed). There are also framed watercolours (more at Jeanie Corsi's home in Point Grey), and framed acrylics and oils. Remember, 50% goes to our dear congregation.

Viewing of most works is possible at my home in Kitsilano. Phone **604-731-0228** (cell 604-837-7613) for an appointment. Contact me at flouann@telus.net to have the catalogue emailed to you. At the time of our June Bulletin publication, the images should be available digitally, perhaps (already) on a website for this purpose. Thank you for passing this information on to friends, who may enjoy such a way of helping with our fund-raising.

—Franci Louann, Jeanie Corsi

LEGACY COMMITTEE



Planned Giving Advisory
In Memoriam:

You can ask friends and relatives to make gifts in memory of loved ones who have received their spiritual nurture from our Church, by asking them to give to the Endowment Fund of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver in lieu of flowers. A special Offertory Box is available at both exits of the sanctuary.

—Rainer Borkenhagen, 604-221-6631,
Chair, Legacy Committee

CANVASS COMMITTEE

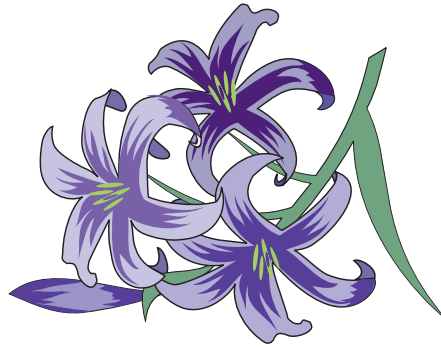
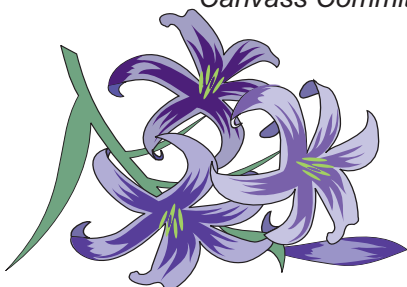
'Our Sailing Progress'

Our SHIP, our Spiritual Health Insurance Plan, is moving along with favourable winds. We set a goal of \$350,000 for this year's canvass, and as of May 4 we have received \$309,000 in pledges from approximately 84% of the UCV sailors. This represents an increase of 35% over last year's pledges so far. We are on our way to reaching our goal for this year.

For those remaining crew who have yet to sign up, please make your pledge as soon as possible. You can return the pledge form that you received in the mail, or obtain a pledge form at the UCV office after the Sunday service.

Let's keep the wind in our sails, dear UCV sailors!

—Anne Niklewicz,
Canvass Committee



Reading this poem, Connie Wigmore and I are reminded of our friend, Lillian Russell, who passed away at 92, in February 2006. I'm sure Lillian didn't read murder mysteries, but this poem suggests the twinkle in her eye. Lillian has recently been mentioned in *The Bulletin* for her UCV legacy of over \$28,000.

—Franci Louann

Sunday Ritual
By Ralph Dranow

Every Sunday she scuttles
Into the bookstore on bird legs,
Disappears into the tall stacks
To resurface about an hour later
Clutching three used mysteries,
Always three used mysteries.
I ring up her books
And count out her change
Trying to remember not to give her
A bag, bookmark or receipt
Because an irate flame
Flares in her eyes
If I forget.
If I don't slip up,
Her sharp features teeter
On the edge of a smile
And she thanks me
In a hushed voice
As if we're in church.
Then her wrinkled hands
Scoop up her books,
Cupping them like spring water.
She turns toward the door
and her weekly communion
With the unmasking of evil.

FIRST FRIDAY AT THE JAVANET

(FRANCI'S "SWAN SONG")
Friday, June 1

3436 W Broadway

(between Waterloo & Collingwood)

Our features will include **Bill McNamara, story-teller extraordinaire**, who gave me permission to make this up. He's a trucker, a biker and a big marshmallow! Bill is fresh from Café Montmartre on Main (near 28th), and his May 27 "one-man show" with friends. (He has a lot of well-deserved friends.) Go to www.myspace.com/billmcnamara for introductions! Do yourself a favour and catch this event.

Also on the menu is **Spillious (Trevor Spilchen)** teacher, father of three girls, a musician and a poet. "The dude abides" at the Cottage Bistro (Main & 29th) and can be found there hosting the *Spillious Speak and Sing Open Mic* the first and third Wednesdays of each month, running *The Fabulous 80's @ 8* show the 3rd Wednesday each month, and co-hosting *The Main Street Head to Head Slam* (same venue) the last Tuesday of each month.

Light suppers are available.
Suggested donation for the features is \$5.

With another facilitator, we may be able to continue these First Friday events.

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Naramata Car Pool?

We are two ladies of the North Shore Unitarian Church who have registered to attend Eliot at Naramata June 30-July 7. We both require rides, sharing gas and expenses.

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