



# The Westwoodian

Connecting you to Westwood Unitarian Congregation April 2010

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## Sunday Services

Services start at 10:30 a.m. and last about one hour. Visitors are welcome. All are encouraged to stay for refreshments and conversation afterwards.

**April 4: Resurrection—Unitarian Style**  
Is Easter lost, in our liberal pluralistic congregation? Or does the resurrection message still have something to offer our diversity? Come share in this reflective service, as we explore the idea of *Resurrection – Unitarian Style*.

Speaker: Rev. Anne Barker  
Service Leader: Havelock Thompson  
Musician: Gail Olmstead

**April 11: Practicing the Absence of God**  
Come bathe in the metaphysical emptiness of the void. Is it possible to have a transcendent experience of the absence of god? Whether theist/deist/pantheist/atheist/agnostic/none of the above/all of the above, soaking in our place in a morally neutral universe indifferent to human welfare can be a powerful spiritual experience to help one along their free and responsible search for truth and meaning

Speaker: Daniel Mallet  
Musicians: Toot Ensemble & Cherilyn Michaels

*\*\*Today is our Stewardship Celebration Lunch\*\**

**April 18: Principles Under Pressure: Battlestar Galactica vs. the Seven Principles**  
The re-imagined Battlestar Galactica television series follows the survivors of a nuclear holocaust on their search for earth. Would you have to modify your principles knowing only 40,000 humans were left in the entire universe? Would you go against your princi-

ples to ensure the survival of the human race? Join Dean and Christine as they take you through this difficult thought experiment.

Speaker: **Captain Dean ‘Helo’ Chan**  
Service leader: Captain Christine ‘Starbuck’ Lesiak  
Musician: **Major Steven ‘Apollo’ Bell**

*\*\*There will be a ‘New to UU’ lunch & gathering with Sara McEwen, Rev. Anne and more ... following the service\*\**



**April 25: Earth Based Ethics**  
Following on the heels of Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) – we consider what an Earth Based Ethic might mean for our lives and for our planet.

Speaker: Rev. Anne Barker  
Service leader: Bruce McWhirter  
Musicians: Harmonia

Coming next month:

May 9: Mother Spirit: Strength & Sacrifice

**This Mother’s Day Sunday, we reflect on the idea of ‘mother spirit’** – and whether this could be accessible to every person, regardless of gender, mother or not.

Speaker: Rev. Anne Barker  
Service Leader: Dennis Foth  
Musician: Karen Mills

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## Barker Bits

### Turning Around: *Dead End or U- turn?*

Sometimes, things just **don't work out the way** you had planned. You have an idea, or make a **commitment ... you do** the work in the way that **seems fitting ... and then** something unexpected happens. In moments like these – and we all have them – you need to figure out how to go forward in the most appropriate way possible. Rather than get stuck in the surprise, the confusion, or the disappointment, you need a way to keep moving.

**Westwood's Mission and Vision** process had one of these moments recently – at the Congregational Meeting February 28<sup>th</sup>. The unexpected, after two full sets of congregational consultation, was learning that the Vision statement was still not ready. Members voted to say that the proposed statement, while not disagreeable, was simply not

*visionary* enough. This could have shut down the process, or sent the Mission, Vision and Goals document back to the drawing board. Instead, you figured out how to make it work in an interim sense – moving the Vision Statement into the Mission Statement, going forward with a **Mission and Goals ... trusting that** the Vision will emerge.

My personal turn around moment came in early March. While I planned to serve on the Canadian Unitarian Council Board of Trustees for 3 years – possibly 6 years – I found myself resigning during the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The unexpected, after 10 months of participation, was realizing that I could not continue. I want you to know that I am an avid supporter of the Canadian Unitarian Council – Board and Staff – and my fondest wish is that they are successful in all of their endeavours. And, I found myself at a directional impasse – I thought we should follow a par-

ticular governance path, a path that diverged from the balance of the Board. I found myself stuck in frustration and disappointment, feeling like I was at a dead end.

But there are many ways to participate, many ways to be heard. Sometimes, we can accept that we have a different view and then carry on with the majority decision, working together for the ongoing best interests of the organization. Weighing my options – trying to figure out how to go forward most productively – it became clear that I would better serve some other way. I have not lost my desire to serve our national movement. I simply believe I will be more useful and effective in service delivery rather than as a national Trustee. My seeming dead end became a **u-turn ...** opting for a different path within the Canadian Unitarian landscape.

In peace and love,  
*Reverend Anne*



# Sounding Board

## Stewardship

Elaine Roberts, Deidra Helmig and Terry Anderson have joined Kevin Fitzgerald and Gordon Grant on the 2010 Stewardship Team. Thanks to them all for their enthusiastic efforts in this important activity in the life of our congregation.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is May 30. So soon! Gasp! Committee reports are due April 15. Please send them directly to Suzanne Grant in the church office.

We are anticipating a gourmet lunch for the AGM. Mark it in your calendars.

## Nominations

One of the important activities at the AGM is the election of trustees and the members of the Financial Review Committee and the Endowment Fund Committee. As reported previously we do not have a chair for the Nominations Committee this year so the Board is taking on the nominations task. For those committees that do not require election of mem-

bers at the AGM the Board will also be working with them to help ensure that they can function in the year ahead.

Please give thought to your willingness to contribute to Westwood though service on the Board and the committees that are so critical to **Westwood's success.**

Think also of nominating others who you think can fill various roles. Questions? Nominations? Call a Board member.

For the Board there are two trustee vacancies and the position of Vice-President. Mitch has indicated that he is willing to stand for a second year as President (thanks Mitch). However, it would be great if Westwood could **have a President "in-training" so finding a candidate (or two or three) for the Vice-President's position for this year is particularly important.** Trustees Terry, Kevin and Linda have indicated their willingness to serve another year, Gordon is agreeable to staying on as Treasurer and Dennis as Secretary. We think this is a good team and we look forward to having others join it.

## Current Year's Budget

Revenue is coming in a little better than projected and expenses are running a little less than expected. While still too early to make a firm projection about year-end, **it's looking like the deficit budget we approved at the last AGM might not be a deficit, or at least not as large as budgeted.**

## Mission and Vision

We are a congregation working to develop our vision. A new mission statement was approved at the Congregational Meeting on February 28 and the Long Range Planning Team will take on the task of working with the congregation on a vision statement as well as long range plan proposals.

## Board Meetings

Normally held the first Wednesday of each month the meetings are open to members and friends who might wish to attend. No one has taken up this wonderful opportunity this year but you are indeed welcome!

Reminder: Board Meetings are Open

If you would like a decision or discussion at a Westwood Board meeting, please submit your items by the last Wednesday of the month to Dennis Foth so you will be added to our agenda. Our meetings are almost always the first Wednesday of the month.

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, [April 7 at 7:00pm.](#)

## Annual Reports

Annual reports are due by April 15 in order to allow time for assembly and distribution prior to the Annual General Meeting on Sunday May 30. Please email your report to the church administrator: [info@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:info@westwoodunitarian.ca)

## Worship Committee Rewards

Have you ever wondered what being on the Worship Committee at Westwood would be like?

One of the rewards of being on the Worship Committee is attending a service where you played a large part in bringing all the pieces together. I had just such an experience with Wendy Edey's service in January. Following a suggestion from Elaine Roberts, I contacted Wendy. We discussed dates and settled on Jan 17. Next to find a service leader. With an outside speaker it is important to have an experienced service leader. They will be guiding the speaker through the planning as well as the service. I asked several and Kevin Fitzgerald was available and willing. As music scheduler I was working on finding musicians for the winter. Toot ensemble enjoys playing at Westwood, but with their busy members it is sometimes challenging to find a date. January 17 worked for them. With Toot Ensemble the music scheduler also needs to find a pianist to play the hymns and other bits. Marj Foth offered. She enjoys working with Toot Ensemble and with the service leader in choosing hymns. And Toot Ensemble likes to choose music based on the topic of the speaker. So you can see there can be a lot of interaction among the different participants of the service.

It was with great satisfaction that I experienced this warm and inspiring service.

*Charleen Miles*



I have served on the worship committee at Westwood for a total of four years. I was **fairly new to Westwood when I was asked to join the committee and hadn't had** much involvement with volunteering at Westwood, other than being greeter. One of the best things about being on the worship committee for me as a Westwood newbie was the opportunity to get to know people. Since Westwood has a strong dependence on lay leadership for each Sunday service, it meant calling up people I **didn't yet know to see if they were available to be service leader or a speaker. Not** only did I get to put names to faces (and faces to names) but I discovered a little bit about each person I spoke with. Maybe one person was really keen to be a service **leader but we just couldn't find a date that worked for her...that told me was a** busy, active person! Maybe someone else got in touch because he had a great idea for a service and he would do anything to fit it into the Westwood schedule. That told me he was passionate! Or maybe I asked someone if she would like to be a **service leader, and first she says no, she's much too shy, but later asks me if perhaps** there could be a spot for her to be service leader. That tells me that although public **speaking isn't something that she loves, she now finds Westwood to be a comfortable** place to accept that challenge.

It was a gift that greatly attributed to Westwood becoming MY community.

*Deidra Helmig*



## Musician Appreciation Luncheon

Service musicians & choir members are warmly invited to share a meal of delicious Indian food. This event helps to build community among our service **musicians who often don't cross paths because they perform at separate services.** On behalf of the **congregation Worship Committee conveys Westwood's** gratitude to our wonderful musicians whose talents & creativity we enjoy throughout the year.

Location: Westwood

Date: Sunday, April 25, 2010

Time: Noon

## Worship Workshop

What Westwood worship experience was memorable for you this year? What do you wish was different in Westwood services? How do you like Winter Solstice at City Hall? Your chance to discuss these & other questions are coming up at the annual Worship Workshop. Watch for the date to be announced soon. Also feel free to contact us anytime at [worship@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:worship@westwoodunitarian.ca) with your *compliments and suggestions*.

## Summer Solstice

Do you love Summer Solstice? Would you like to take part in creating the celebration this year? Please let Karla Braun know if you are interested, or speak to any member of the Worship Committee.

Email [worship@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:worship@westwoodunitarian.ca)



## Worship Sneak Preview

Will you be in town during the May Long Weekend? We have a special treat for you!

Dr Evangeline Rand (psychologist, distinguished scholar, lecturer, author, traveler & "dreamer") will be speaking. Some of her interests are Sophia's Wisdom Traditional Teachings, mythology and discipleship of Mary Magdalene and dreams. She will talk to us about the emerging and feminine form of holy wisdom. Gordon Ritchie will be providing music.

*If you are ill , at home or in hospital  
Please let the minister know  
And we will check in with you on a regular basis.  
If you are experiencing symptoms  
Of flu-like illness  
~ Please ~  
Take the time to recover at home  
Before returning to the church building.  
We never want to exclude anyone –  
We simply want to do our best to care for everyone.  
Thank you for your help,  
Reverend Anne*

## Update on the Municipal Development Plan

On February 22, the Greater Edmonton Alliance (GEA) was for the third time able to organize the attendance of some 500 citizens at City Hall as City Council considered Second Reading of the revised Municipal Development Plan (MDP). We again had Westwoodians in attendance. By the end of the evening the MDP received unanimous support from City Council.

The local food issue and the possibility of saving prime urban agricultural land is just one element in the MDP, but it was only through the efforts of GEA that this has been included in the present document. City Council and City Planning had no concern or any idea earlier of including these issues in the MDP.

This new plan makes provision that all Area Structure Plans in the Northeast, Southeast and Southwest Urban Growth Areas shall only be approved following Council acceptance of, and adherence to, the Growth Coordination Strategy, the Infrastructure Plan and the City Wide Food and Agriculture Strategy.

Now that the MDP has passed Second Reading, it requires approval from the Capital Region Board, where it must conform with the Capital Regional Plan, which in turn must be approved by the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs. After that it comes back to City Council in June for Third Reading and hopefully final approval.

This whole experience over the last 22 months has been a very unusual and successful example of citizens from a number of organizations, coming together on a common cause and getting results.

At Westwood, as a small group with limited resources of time and money, it would not be possible to achieve these results on our own. By joining with others on a common cause that we support, the possibilities are so much greater. These are some of the benefits of Westwood being involved with the Greater Edmonton Alliance.

Submitted by the Social Justice Committee

## Social Justice and the Greater Edmonton Alliance

At Westwood's Annual Meeting the Social Justice committee will be bringing a recommendation to the congregation that we join the Greater Edmonton Alliance. It will be your decision. We want the decision to be an informed one so after each Sunday morning service during April and May, members of the committee will make themselves available to answer questions and give information. Check the newsletters since September also. There has been an article about GEA in each of them.

Social Justice Committee -  
Edda Loomes, Heather Macdonald, Carl Ulrich, Bill Woolverton, Elaine Roberts, Joyce Spicer, Cassie Aziz-Few, Kevin Fitzgerald, Christine Watts, Lindsay McWhirter, Oscar Zawalsky

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### Westwood's Social Justice Committee

The next Social Justice meeting is at Edda's home at 7:15pm on April 1st, 2010.

Anyone interested in social justice issues is welcome.

For information and address, email [sjc@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:sjc@westwoodunitarian.ca)



## Stewardship Celebration Lunch

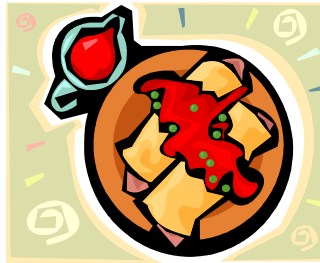
Join the Stewardship Team as well as your fellow Westwood members and friends in a meal to **celebrate our successes with this year's stewardship campaign!**

Our resident chefs, Miguel, Manfred and Dean will once again prepare an outstanding meal for all of us!

**The meal will replace April's Second Sunday potluck; it will be after the service on April 11.**

I am looking for 4 people set up before the meal and up to 6 people to help get things cleaned up afterwards. To speed up the amount of time it will take to clean up, it would be much appreciated if you could bring your own plates and cutlery. This way we have too many dishes to wash afterwards. Of course, there will be plates available for anyone who needs them! Thanks!

Contact Deidra Helmig if you can help out.



## Westwood UU Guys Group

Sunday, April 11

This month's topic is **CreAtivity**. Please bring any form of what your muse has wrought, after all you have a captive audience. This group meets at Westwood, 7-9 pm the first Sunday of every month (except when long weekends postpone the meetings by 1 week (which happens this month!)). Join with us and share good conversation. Newcomers are always welcome, as are snacks and readings.

## Short Statements from the Long Range Planning Team

**Springtime greetings! This is the first of occasional columns from Westwood's new Long Range Planning team (LRP).** The team consists of Susan Anderson, David Deephouse, Virginia Gillese, Josephine Junas-Grant, Fons Schellekens, and Bonnie Stonehouse. Dennis Foth is our liaison to the Board of Trustees, and Rev. Anne Barker and President Mitch Waldon may occasionally join meetings *ex officio*.

At our first meeting on February 8, Dennis, Anne, and Mitch discussed the terms of reference with us. We volunteered to serve two-year terms, and the goal is to have overlapping membership. We are to use our wisdom, judgment, vision, common sense, and experience to develop a five-year plan that will help Westwood fulfill its mission **and reach its goals. This plan will incorporate suggestions from Westwood's members and be presented to the board and the congregation for approval.** The plan will include implications for personnel, budgeting, policies, and facilities. We will then update the five-year plan on an annual basis and review the mission and goals on a biennial basis. **You can read the complete Terms of Reference from the Westwood's Organizational Guide on the website.**

We then discussed how we would organize ourselves and how we would want our meetings to run. Like many Westwood groups, we decided to include opening and closing words, a chalice lighting, and a check-in. We pledged **to help each other avoid burnout and agreed that we won't have a five year plan by this year's annual general meeting.**

Our second meeting was March 1, the day after the congregation meeting approved the new Statement of Mission, Principles, and Goals. We discussed these and determined that we need greater narrative and logical coherence among these components. We also realized that our task resembled working with the interdependent web, in that everything seems connected to everything else. We acknowledged that we may need to develop plans for different scenarios based on our progress. Each of us volunteered to write about at least one of the goals before the next meeting, share our ideas in advance, and then discuss them.

In the future, we will be consulting with you both formally and informally. Meanwhile, we will be working on your behalf to develop more detailed plans to help Westwood fulfill its mission and reach its goals.

David Deephouse, for the LRP team.

## PATHWAYS TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

Orientation to Westwood

Sunday April 18, 2010

Noon – 3 p.m.

(following the worship service)

CONVERSATIONS & consideration of your spiritual journey;  
OVERVIEW of UU principles & Westwood core programs;  
Social Action ~ Children & Youth Religious Education  
REWARDS & responsibilities of friendship & membership.

A light LUNCH is provided. Child care provided.  
For more information, contact Sara McEwan:

[pathways@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:pathways@westwoodunitarian.ca)

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.



### Wanted:

Awesome, caring person to provide weekly  
childcare

in the Westwood Nursery.

\$30/week

For more info, please contact  
[kids@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:kids@westwoodunitarian.ca)



\*\*\* Please note new location! \*\*\*

*Whether you are new to Westwood  
Or you have been here forever...*

Welcome Circles are an opportunity  
To better know one another,  
And better know yourself.

### ***“Welcome Circles”***

*A drop-in gathering  
With tea and snacks ...  
... Downstairs at Westwood  
All are Welcome*

7 to 9pm  
Wednesday April 28  
Topic: *Nurturing Community*

*Downstairs at Westwood*

### We are on Twitter!

Twitter is a real-time information and social media network on the web. Westwood has joined the growing number of tweeting UU congregations. Follow us on [twitter.com/westwooduu](http://twitter.com/westwooduu). For all things UU, search for #uu on Twitter.

### Westwood's Website

[www.westwoodunitarian.ca](http://www.westwoodunitarian.ca)  
Surf by and see what is going on at Westwood. Remember we now have a calendar to keep track of upcoming events, and updates are posted once a week.

If your group or committee has content to share on the website, please send it to [web@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:web@westwoodunitarian.ca).

More photos of Westwood and seasonal or sermon-related pictures are very welcome too. In particular, we are looking for photos of Anne's installation and winter solstice!

Thanks!

## Lay Chaplaincy Committee Invites New Members and Lay Chaplain Candidates

Are you curious about Lay Chaplaincy? Whether you've considered the possibility of becoming a lay chaplain, or you're interested in joining a small, pleasant Westwood committee, please feel free to get in touch with me, Susan Anderson, [lccommittee@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:lccommittee@westwoodunitarian.ca) or you may leave a message for the committee by calling Westwood at 780-434-5819.

## Our “Fibber McGee” Closets

Have you ever heard of Fibber McGee’s closet\*? Well Westwood has our own Fibber McGee closets in some of our storage areas. Things keep accumulating; stuff gets stuck in there because no one knows where it goes or thinks perhaps it may be useful some day. Or it may be too big a job at the time to sort it out. And who is supposed to decide on it anyway? Many areas of the church have already been extensively renovated and decorated – and that work has made a huge improvement. But it is a continuing challenge to keep things functional and easy to use. The unattractive and frustrating clutter keeps coming back.

A small team headed by Christine Watts (our energetic Building and Grounds chair), Rev. Anne Barker and Lorian Kennedy have had a look at our office and the basement storage areas (in consultation with Suzanne) to see what is serving our needs and to try to maximize our use of the space. Some **things aren’t earning their keep in our limited space and we have thought of** several ways to reorganize more efficiently. But first we need to dispose of some items and move some furniture. We want to make sure that things that are not needed go to a good home where possible (perhaps to your home). In the process we have also made a list of things that need to be fixed so that we have safe, attractive, functional spaces.



We are planning to have a work bee on May 1, 2010 from 1:00-3:30 PM but first we will need to remove some items. We already have someone interested in the wooden desk in the office and the old TV stand. We hope to find new homes for:

- the big old TV
- the wooden stand in the inner office that the candle tree sits on during the week
- the old fax machine
- the metal photocopier stand/cabinet
- windows that were on the old door in the basement and
- the lamp with white lampshade in the storage room.

There are also several small jobs which could be done during the work bee or at your own time (although a work bee is lots more fun). These include:

- assembling the new TV stand
- setting up our new TV
- moving some books and shelves
- installing some new shelving/wall units
- installing wall clips to hold our floor mops
- sorting through all our extension cords and checking them
- repairing the loose top of the altar and the cracked small lectern
- putting basement keys on paint sticks
- securing the cabinet in the washroom to the wall and
- **repainting the ceiling in the children’s rooms (where the wall used to be).**

This is just a start but enough to keep us busy for now. Please contact Christine Watts if you would like to volunteer or have any concerns: [buildingandgrounds@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:buildingandgrounds@westwoodunitarian.ca)

\* You can listen to what happens when Fibber McGee opens his closet door at <http://otr.net/?p=fibb> . The closet episode (the first of several) is Number 58 and the closet door opens around 3:50 minutes.

## Eliot Institute

Did you know that one of the very best things you can do for your family is take them to a Unitarian family camp? Especially your kids! Eliot Institute is a both a camp conference *and* a vacation. It is a one-of-a-kind intergenerational experience of stimulating speakers, discussions, music, activities and worship for the whole family. Eliot is a Welcoming Community for individuals, couples, and families of all configurations.

**This year's Eliot camp at Naramata BC runs from July 3 - 10, and features Barbara and Jaco ten Hove as the speakers. Their talk is titled GUUD NUUS: The Gospel of Our 21st Century Liberal Faith. They say: "Gospel means "good news" and Unitarian Universalism has lots of positive purpose and melodic meaning to go around. Our contemporary UU message is grounded in an inspirational heritage, infused with inclusive theology, dedicated to community-building, and animated by excellent music.**

Come explore how all this can deepen personal lives, strengthen relationships and **impact the world in powerful ways."**

For over 60 years, Eliot campers have laughed and sung and talked and splashed **and enjoyed nature's beauty together. And you're invited! Learn more at [www.eliotinstitute.org](http://www.eliotinstitute.org) and click on July at Naramata. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact [EliotRegistrar@gmail.com](mailto:EliotRegistrar@gmail.com).**



## Eighth Annual Child Haven Dinner and Silent Auction

Edmonton & area supporters of Child Haven are pleased to announce the Child Haven International Eighth Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 6 pm to 10 pm. We are looking forward to having it at a new venue, the Meridian Banquet Hall, 4820 – 76 Avenue, Edmonton .

Featuring an Indian Dinner and MC Brian Dunsmore of CKUA. Bonnie & Fred Cappuccino, Directors, will give a slide presentation on Child Haven Homes in India and Nepal . There will be a Silent Auction of artifacts from Nepal and India and donated items, as well as a sale table of artifacts. Tickets are \$30 per person; children under 10 years are \$10.

We have come to depend on the enthusiastic participation of Edmonton Unitarians and we appreciate it. Thank you for your support.

Tickets available from:  
Sylvia Krogh 780 454 6216  
Edwina Madill 780 462 2089  
Bonnie Kyle 780 453 1331  
Lillias Cowper 780 488 5608  
Cynthia Smith 780 434 1896

## The CUC has moved!

Please update your records to:  
Canadian Unitarian Council  
100 - 344 Dupont Street  
Toronto ON M5R 1V9

For directions to our new office visit our website at [www.cuc.ca](http://www.cuc.ca)

Our phone numbers remain the same:  
416-489-4121  
1-888-568-5723  
Email: [info@cuc.ca](mailto:info@cuc.ca)

## 24<sup>th</sup> Prairie Women's Gathering

St. Michael's Retreat, June 25 – 27, 2010

This year's theme: **"IT'S A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE" or "THE GIFT OF LIVING SIMPLY"**

Choosing to live life more simply is a voluntary act that is an expression of human freedom and self worth. Behind this choice is a desire to develop new meanings for the rest of our lives. It includes self-exploration: mindfulness about what is false and negative and addressing what security and success really mean to us. It means a process of becoming in relationships of mutuality through moderation, while practicing choices that motivate and support a simple life style.

It is in this context the Wonderful Unitarian Women of Edmonton invite their Wonderful Unitarian Sisters and Friends, to engage and encourage our journeys toward simplicity by attending the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Women's Gathering at St. Michaels from June 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> in Lumsden, SK.

Workshop and participation choices center around building an environment to encourage reflection.

Watch for further information in future newsletters. Meanwhile start making your plans to join us. Any questions or inquiries should be directed to the Registrar:

M. Ruth Patrick, U.C.E., Telephone: 780-436-3108, Email: [mruth.patrick@shaw.ca](mailto:mruth.patrick@shaw.ca)

University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Chester Ronning Centre, and the U of A Interfaith Chaplaincy Association

### Present the Winter 2010 Philosopher's Café Series

"Thinking Our Way In a Time of Crisis" at Steeps, 11116- 82nd Avenue, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Topics are:

Sat. Apr. 10- How should we Rethink the Purpose of A Liberal Arts Education?

Sat. Apr. 24- Is it Possible to Find a Comfortable Place For Death in Our Approach to Life?

[www.augustana.ualberta.ca/ronning](http://www.augustana.ualberta.ca/ronning)

## UNICAMP

The Top 10 Reasons to Send Your Kid to Unicamp

Has your child experienced the joys of Unicamp? If not, consider sending him or her **this summer. You'll be helping** create wonderful memories that will last a lifetime!

Need convincing? Here are 10 great reasons to send your kids to Unicamp.

1. The most amazing staff
2. The freedom to play
3. Great Unicamp traditions
4. The opportunity to make new friends
5. A UU values-based program
6. They may be inspired to be a camp leader someday
7. Great themes this summer
8. Give your child the gift of independence
9. Tell others about Unicamp and earn a discount
10. Give yourself a break!

For more information visit our website - [unicampofontario.ca](http://unicampofontario.ca)

To register - [admin@unicampofontario.ca](mailto:admin@unicampofontario.ca) or 519-822-6353.



### WWho Are UU?

What is your name? Laura Manuel

How old do you feel? On a good day, 25. On a day when the previous night has been less than stellar due to our **young daughters... 40.**

What is your favourite month? **September. It's the perpetual student in me. September always feels like the beginning of something new and exciting.** I also love the fall colours, warm days and cool nights. Manfred and I were married in September.

How long does it take you to get to Westwood on a Sunday morning? About 15-20 minutes, depending on traffic. We live the Highlands so it is a bit of a drive to the south side.

What is your favourite meal? **Such a difficult question! We're foodies who experiment a lot, so we rarely eat the same meal twice.** Therefore, I think my favourite meal would be some sort of tapas-style meal with lots of different **and new flavours. Generally, tapas means we'll be eating with our fingers and that means fewer dishes! And tapas** makes the best food for sharing, and for leftovers.

If you could wake up anywhere you wanted tomorrow, where would it be? On some beach on the west coast of Canada. As a child, I spent most of my holidays on Salt Spring Island with my grandparents. And now, as my sister lives in Nanaimo, we visit often but not nearly enough. The west coast holds a sense of both nostalgia and inspiration for me.

Tell us about your family. **There's my wonderful husband, Manfred, of nearly nine years. Then there is our four year old daughter, Claire.** And our most recent addition is little Anna – born at home in November 2009.

In what ways do you participate at Westwood? Recently, my involvement has been a little limited with pregnancy **and now a newborn. But I do currently enjoy the ad hoc Westwood Mom's group. And I did the design for the Winter Solstice posters for the last two years.** I have also been involved in Chalice Circles, and performed the duties of coffee host and greeter.

Tell us one thing about you that you are particularly proud of. My new-found gardening ability. This is only the **second year that I've attempted to grow vegetables, but I'm already thrilled to find my seeds have surfaced into seedlings. I'm still learning, but I'm looking forward to spring and taking on our backyard.**

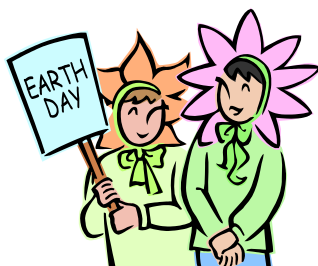
What is one thing you are looking forward to? The day when I have two children who sleep through the night.

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### Edmonton Earth Day

Edmonton Earth Day will be held on April 18th in and around Blatchford Hangar in Fort Edmonton Park .

For more information email [edmontonearthday@shaw.ca](mailto:edmontonearthday@shaw.ca)



### I Am Of The Earth

by Anna Lee Walters

I am of the earth  
She is my mother  
She bore me with pride  
She reared me with love  
She cradled me each evening  
She pushed the wind to make it sing  
She built me a house of harmonious colors  
She fed me the fruits of her fields  
She rewarded me with memories of her smiles  
She punished me with the passing of time  
And at last when I long to leave  
She will embrace me for eternity.



## Come sing with us!

**Westwood's choir, Harmonia, invites you to join** in the fun and fellowship of making beautiful music together. No experience is necessary, in music or in singing (if you have experience, we'd love to have you too). We sing at the Sunday service about once a month and rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. Contact Rebecca Patterson for more info: [choir@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:choir@westwoodunitarian.ca)

## Want to spread the word about an event, fundraiser, activity, etc.?

If you have an announcement to share, whenever possible, please send it into the office to be included in the print version. The deadline is Friday at 9 a.m. Please send via e-mail to [info@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:info@westwoodunitarian.ca) or call the office. Our time together on Sundays is short and precious. Thank you for helping keep the timelines for Sunday services on track!

## Newsletter Policies

Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

*The Westwoodian* is published monthly, with the exception of the July and August issues which are combined. The deadline for contributions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Members and friends are invited to submit articles of interest to the congregation. Contributions can be e-mailed to [newsletter@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:newsletter@westwoodunitarian.ca).

Help Westwood save money and trees by receiving your copy of *The Westwoodian* electronically. If you would like to join (or remove yourself from) our mailing list, please e-mail us.

## Do you have musical talents?

Would you care to share your talent with the congregation? Whatever instrument you play, there is a place for you in the musical life of **Westwood's Sunday Services**. We could all make beautiful music together. Contact [musicschedule@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:musicschedule@westwoodunitarian.ca) for more info or to volunteer.

## Westwood's Yahoo Discussion Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestwoodUnitarian>

An open discussion and announcement list for members and friends of Westwood Unitarian Congregation.

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## Need to book a room at Westwood?

Phone the office and talk with Suzanne (our administrator). Or send your request, complete with date, time, and which room/space you wish, via email to [info@westwoodunitarian.ca](mailto:info@westwoodunitarian.ca). **(Remember, you haven't got it booked until you have confirmation from Suzanne.)** Thank you.

## Canadian Unitarian Council

The Canadian Unitarian Council connects, nurtures and empowers Canadian Unitarians and Universalists and their congregations, and fosters the growth and outreach of the Unitarian Universalist movement in Canada. **See what's happening** with the CUC at [www.cuc.ca](http://www.cuc.ca).



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- for any bookings at Westwood
- written Sunday announcements due Friday mornings at 9:00 am, send to info@westwoodunitarian.ca

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## Mark Your Calendar

April 1—Social Justice Meeting  
April 7—Westwood Board Meeting  
April 11—Stewardship Celebration Lunch  
April 11—Westwood UU Guys Group  
April 15—Annual Reports Due  
April 15—Newsletter Deadline  
April 17—Child Haven Fundraising Dinner  
April 18—**Newcomer's Orientation to Westwood**  
April 25—Musican Appreciation Luncheon  
April 28—Welcome Circle  
May 1—Work Bee  
May 21-24—CUC ACM & National Gathering  
May 30—Westwood Annual General Meeting

