



# The Westwoodian

Connecting you to Westwood Unitarian Congregation

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## Summer Serendipity\* Sunday Services

*The summer services are informal explorations providing lots of opportunity for discussion and to get to know each other better. Services start at 10:30 a.m. and last about one hour. Visitors are welcome. Our childrens' program and childcare are on vacation for the summer months, but will resume September 13 along with the regular Sunday services.*

*\*(serendipity: good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries)*

### July 5 – What Do You Think the Earth Will Look Like in 10, 20 and 30 Years?

*Jim Lavers*

Come and join Jim Lavers for information and discussion about Jim's 50 year interest in the nature of ecological change. A major focus will be the book, *Gaia: an Atlas of Planet Management* (edited by Dr Norman Myers). This book was recommended to the Ontario Government in the 80's for high school geography but was lobbied off the curriculum by industry. Jim extends a special invitation to teens.

### July 12 – Spiritual Garden Tour

Take the time to enjoy garden spaces created by Westwoodians. We will start at Westwood with a tour of the gardens there. Then, after organizing carpooling, will be off to visit three other gardens. Refreshments will be served at the last garden.

### July 19 – Breath + Stretch + Mindfulness = Transcendence

*Connie Kitz*

Learn to be. Present. Aware. Come share an experience of yoga to enhance your spiritual journey. Wear comfortable footwear and stretchy clothing. Yoga will be done in a chair as well as standing.

### July 26 – One Unitarian's Experience with the Oil Sands

*Pam Brierley*

Earlier this year Pam Brierley had the opportunity to travel to Fort McMurray on a professional development program with her company. Pam shares her experience and photos from touring the mining facilities, talking to various stakeholders in industry, environment and social issues and the perspectives she gained from these multiple viewpoints.

### August 2 – Past Life Regression Hypnotherapy Group Session

*Marina Menze*

Marina Menze, a certified Hypnotherapist, invites you through hypnosis, as a state of focused concentration, to access past life memories. This session is based on the works of Brian Weiss; *Many Lives, Many Masters* and *Through Time into Healing*. Please feel free to bring an open mind, questions, blankets and pillows to enhance your experience. Open to all those over 18.

## August 9 – Summer Sing-Along

*Sheila Killoran*

Sheila Killoran will lead a sing-along of UU hymns and songs. Please come and listen or join in singing, as you desire. Request an old favourite or try something new from the hymn books. Feel free to bring musical instruments to jam along.

## August 16 – Unitarians Visit Spain: A Month of Exploring and Meeting Spaniards

*Lorian Kennedy*

This will be an informal show with photos and dialogue of Lorian and Leigh's trip to Spain and the English language school Pueblo Ingles in fall 2008.

## August 23 – Meditation: Spacing Out or Just Sitting?

*Trudy Greinauer*

What is mindfulness meditation? Is it the '10 minute mind spa' Oprah recommends for stress reduction, or is it contemplative navel-gazing? What's the point of sitting on funny shaped cushions for extended periods of time? Trudy Grienauer will talk about her experience with Buddhist meditation, and how it may bring more awareness into our daily lives. We will share short periods of chair-sitting and indoor-walking meditation during the service.

## August 30 – Cradle Catholics to Unequivocal Unitarians

*Colette Orioux & Kevin Fitzgerald*

Come join us as we explore our tangled transition from Catholicism to Unitarianism. Our story contains elements of conviction, questioning, guilt, exploration, discord, fundamentalism, new age spirituality, more exploration and homecoming. How has Catholicism shaped us? What Catholic traditions remain in our lives? Are they important to us? Why? How do we view Catholicism now? Many Unitarians have stories of serious seeking and religious transition. We invite you to hear our story and share your own.

## September 6 – Open House

*Rev. Anne Barker & Dennis Foth*

The Who, What, Where, When and Why of Westwood. A hopefully entertaining, likely informative, and definitely informal session designed to get us in the mood for a great year at Westwood.



## Summer Stories

Each September Westwood has an Ingathering service to welcome everyone back after the summer. By Westwood tradition, people bring water to this service that has been collected from various summertime destinations for a water communion (the water is not consumed). People also bring objects from their summer adventures to put on the altar. Please consider bringing something to

share with the community at the Ingathering. If you don't have an object, stories are always welcome, because, as Tom King wrote: "The truth about stories is that that's all we are."



*The contingent from Westwood at the CUC conference in Thunder Bay, May 2009. We are all carrying the "Listening Sticks" we were given during the service. L-R: Rev. Anne Barker, Linda Jennings, Elaine Roberts, Lorian Kennedy, Lindsay McWhirter, Bruce McWhirter*

## Barker Bits



### Hearing the Call ...

This is a column full of joy and gratitude. When you phoned last month, from the Annual Meeting, and extended a unanimous Call ... if you could have seen my face you would have

known that my heart was bursting with delight! I thought the telephone reception was breaking up ... then realized that you were cheering into the phone. What a joyous noise indeed!

We have shared a full 'church year' at Westwood, getting to know one another and better understanding our shared ministry. I am as delighted to accept your Call now, knowing you more deeply, as I was to come here last summer, knowing you primarily by reputation. The charming Westwood spirit, the honesty and care with which you approach new situations, and the wisdom of shared experience all live up to the stories. I am grateful to be part of this rich community, and promise to honour your confidence with integrity, devotion, and love.

In this spirit, let me use the balance of this column to 'set the record straight' regarding my contract negotiation. Many of you know, and some have expressed concern, that there was confusion regarding the terms of my settlement. There was a disparity between my understanding of what Westwood was offering and what the Board understands that the Congregation had agreed to. This is not the normal stuff my column would be made of – especially since I am extremely proud of the work we all did to reach our final outcome – but I am still getting emails and phone calls, and so it is time to commit something to print.

For the record: I was hired to serve Westwood on a .6 contract (60% time). I came in knowing that the next big issue – after 'find a minister' – would be 'the building' (where do we put the people?) You had already talked about moving, and chose to find a minister first. Now that I am here, called and settled, it's time to look at our space concerns. My expectation is that we will grow together – both in the sense

of *coming to love one another*, and in the sense of *becoming larger because we are working well together and healthy systems attract people*. My understanding was that over time, as the appropriate resources become available, and when we agree it is a healthy decision, that my compensated hours will increase until my position becomes full time.

During contract negotiations, the Board of Trustees did not feel confident that the Congregation had made a clear commitment to service beyond the current .6 rate of employment, and that including a statement 'toward full time' might cause considerable debate – debate that I did not find desirable to be attached to the "decision to Call". After much thoughtful discussion, which included great courage and integrity all around the table, *we agreed* to leave the statement out of the contract.

To be perfectly honest – it is my desire to serve as a full time minister. I have committed my professional life and my resources to this career; I was not looking for a permanent part-time position. At the same time, I have seen the pain and heartache that occurs when a congregation commits to more than it is ready for, when it then needs to 'grow the congregation to afford the minister ... or the building ... or the program.' I am not interested in that kind of pressure or desperation, preferring to share a more organic journey where we assess our needs, our desires, and our situation in an on-going, healthy, realistic fashion.

I believe that Westwood is worth taking a chance on. I am prepared to work at .6 – happily – for now. I agreed to be a CUC Board Member for the next 3 years knowing that, at this point in our shared ministry, I have the extra time. Next year is a year of discernment, as we develop a new 5-year-plan. We can explore all of our options, together.

My commitment to Westwood is to share, with you, the ministry of this congregation – knowing that the authority and the history is yours, believing that the present is ours, and trusting that the future is open. May it be so.

In Love,  
Rev. Anne

## Upcoming Events

### Social Justice Meeting

The next Social Justice meeting will be on **Wednesday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:15 pm. Please talk to a member of the social justice committee for details. Anyone interested in social justice is welcome.

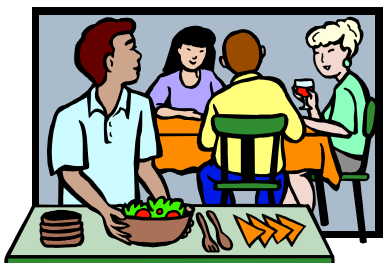
They're coming ...

Get ready ...

## Second Sunday Potlucks!

Starting September 13 2009

--Ingathering Sunday--



We will have a  
**Potluck Lunch**  
following the service  
the Second Sunday of every month

No meeting ... No agenda ... just

😊 **lunch together** 😊

Bring lots!  
It's sure to be delicious!

## Second Sunday Potlucks!

*Save this date!*

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

### Installation of the Rev. Anne Barker as Westwood's Minister

Be sure to set aside this date so that you and your family can take part in this official (but certainly not stuffy) ceremony and party.

An installation service tangibly and symbolically recognizes the covenant between a "called" or ongoing minister and the congregation. We have already voted to call the Rev. Anne Barker to be our minister and she has accepted. On October 24<sup>th</sup> we will take the next step and celebrate this major landmark in our congregational history. This is a big deal – so we are going to have a big celebration (not at Westwood because of space constraints) with lots of guests and visitors! It will be a family friendly event with involvement of all ages, and food too of course (catered so you won't have to do the preparation or the cleanup).

Look for more information in the Fall. If you would like to volunteer to help with planning please contact Lorian or Deidra.

### Winter Solstice ... *Already?*

*It's never too early to plan a great event!*

The Worship Committee is seeking  
3 or 4 Committed Creators  
to serve on the  
Winter Solstice Planning Team

This small group will be  
essential to the creation of our  
Winter Solstice Celebration  
at

Edmonton's City Hall  
On the evening of December 21 2009

If you are interested, please speak  
with any member of the Worship Committee,  
with Lorian Kennedy, or with Anne Barker.

## Western Regional Fall Gathering

October 2 - 4<sup>th</sup>, in Regina this year

If you have never been to a Western Regional Fall Gathering, this is a great year to start. The theme is "Unitarianism: An Evolution of Faith". The gathering features a great opportunity to connect with other UUs from across four provinces, as well as music, worship, celebration, and learning. An exceptional children's Program will be offered at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters!

### OWL Facilitator Training Workshop

"Our Whole Lives" (OWL) is a positive, comprehensive, life span sexuality education program based on the values of self-worth, sexual health, respect, responsibility, compassion, right relations, justice and inclusivity.

The CUC and First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg are sponsoring Adult OWL Leadership Training this fall from **November 13 – 15 in Winnipeg** (deadline for registration is October 28). The CUC will have a registration form and more details on the website soon.

Participants who have completed the training will be eligible to facilitate OWL at the two youth levels (Grades 7-9 and Grades 10-12), can register with the UUA as a fully trained OWL facilitator, and may access the OWL List Serve for access to related news, support and resources. Watch for more information.

*OWL is featured in the July 1/09 issue of O, The Oprah Magazine. See the article online at: [www.oprah.com/article/omagazine/200907-omag-adult-sex-education](http://www.oprah.com/article/omagazine/200907-omag-adult-sex-education)*

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In dwelling, live close to the ground.  
In thinking, keep to the simple.  
In conflict, be fair and generous.  
In governing, don't try to control.  
In work, do what you enjoy.  
In family life, be completely present.

~ Tao Te Ching

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## Green Corner



### *Let Our Elders Show Us The Way Forward*

By Cassie Aziz-Few  
Brought to you by the Social Justice Committee  
(Dr. David Suzuki quoted with permission where indicated.)

I was fortunate this week to have the opportunity to hear Dr. David Suzuki speak at "The Greying Nation", a large conference taking place in Edmonton. He shared his concerns about the environment and his vision for a sustainable future within a generation. He said "I believe seniors have a huge role to play in this." The "This" of which he speaks will entail a complete rethink of our current worldview in which prosperity and progress equates to continued economic growth towards a system where our wellbeing consists of living sustainably within the resources of our finite world and learning to value our families and other relationships over our "stuff."

Our elders know all about this, and we need to listen to them. They remember the War, and the Great Depression; they got used to scarcity and re-used everything! Our First Nations people have lived sustainably within the Earth's resources for millennia. They have the knowledge we need to learn so badly. Dr. Suzuki says "All over the world elders are a living record of what the world was like." Their memories hold the key to how we return to a state of harmony with the Earth. They remember a world before supermarkets and long-distance food, before plastic-wrapped everything, before "programmed obsolescence", and when a car-ride was a luxury (let alone a plane-ride!) and there were no throw-away garbage bags!

Remember...the decisions we make around the food we eat, our transport, our energy use and the social action we demonstrate will make a difference. Dr. Suzuki says "We are using up (the resources that are) the rightful legacy of our children and grandchildren." Why not visit his website [www.davidsuzuki.org](http://www.davidsuzuki.org)?

### AGM Highlights

Westwood's Annual General Meeting was held June 7, 2009.

Unquestionably, the biggest meeting highlight was unanimous congregational support to call the Reverend Anne Barker as Westwood's settled minister.

Other meeting highlights included:

- Approval of a deficit budget of \$11 603 for the 2009/10 fiscal year
- Approval of endowment fund grants to support costumes for earth-based services such as solstice (\$200) and Camp fYrefly (\$400)
- Naming Colette Orioux as Westwood's Lay Chaplain upon completion of her training program
- Approval of the motion from the Social Justice Committee to learn more about the Greater Edmonton Alliance in the coming year to determine if Westwood will become a member.

- Election of Board of Trustees for 2009/10

**President:** Pam Brierley (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
**Vice-Pres.:** Mitch Waldon (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
**Treasurer:** Gordon Thomas (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
**Secretary:** Dennis Foth (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
**Trustee:** Terry Anderson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
**Trustee:** Kevin Fitzgerald (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
**Trustee:** Virginia Gillese (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
**Trustee:** Linda Jennings (1<sup>st</sup> term)

- Election of Endowment Fund Trustees

Linda Axley  
Margaret Harris  
Bruce McWhirter

- Election of Financial Review Committee

Alfred Falk  
Jen Pollock  
Sheila Killoran

### Proud Unitarians @ Pride

This year's Pride Parade was a tremendous success.

It was a hot, sunny day and about 80 Unitarians and friends turned out to carry the Pride Rainbow banner section we borrowed. That's the biggest turn-out, by far, for UU at Edmonton's Pride parade. Thanks to everyone for the outburst of support!

There had been some concern that we wouldn't have enough people to carry the 125 foot banner. As the parade started up and the banner unfurled to the many Unitarians and friends, there was a bit of wondering if there would be enough banner for all the people!

The assorted church groups usually get to walk closer to the end of the parade, but this year the Unitarian contingent was #7 in the lineup (there were 55 entries in total) so that put us much closer to the front.

Speaking of the front, thanks to Lance and Paul for carrying the Unitarians for Social Justice banner, and to Dylan and Katie for taking the lead with the Pride Rainbow banner.

The crowds along Jasper Avenue were very supportive and enthusiastic, making for a wonderfully positive atmosphere. Event organizers estimated the attendance at 10,000 people - double the previous year.

We even had time to take a few photos in front of City Hall.

Thanks to everyone who staffed the info booth at Churchill Square. Special thanks: Lori Crozier for doing the display; Carl Ulrich for setting it up, Docia Lysne for taking care of the display during the parade, and Jerick Holberton for getting it all back to Westwood.

Special thanks again to Kath Oltsher for her photography.

For Westwood's Pride service on Sunday - "Queer Ideas" by Rev. Anne Barker - the big banner was draped from the wide open front doors, through the front hall, and then around most of the sanctuary. Thanks to Jerick and James for their handiwork decorating the sanctuary - it looked spectacular.

**Thanks to:**

Carl Ulrich  
Lori Crozier  
Jerick Holberton  
Kath Oltsher  
Dave Shook  
Susan Ruttan  
Deidra Helmig  
Linnie Chamberlin  
David Deephouse  
Edda Loomes  
Lance Beswick  
Docia Lysne  
Brenda @ UCE  
Anne Barker  
Brian Kiely  
Kathy Lightfoot  
Sylvia Krogh  
Melissa Henderson  
Gordon Ritchie  
Kevin Fitzgerald  
Alex O.  
Jen Pollock  
Janice Williamson  
Rob Wiznura  
Lorian Kennedy  
Chris Michel & the Pride Rainbow Project team  
Sandy Cooper at the Unitarian Church of  
Calgary  
and to Everyone who showed their support.  
My apologies and double thanks for anyone I  
might have missed.

Dawn N.

If you interested in supporting Westwood's  
Welcoming Congregation committee, please  
be in contact with Carl Ulrich, Janice  
Williamson or Lori Crozier.



*Westwood has been a Welcoming  
Congregation since 2006.*



*photo courtesy of Lorian Kennedy*



*photo courtesy of Lorian Kennedy*



*photo courtesy of Paula Kirman*

## Board News

### Trustee Tidbits

Your Board of Trustees met on June 8, 2009.

An emergency contact number will be made available for building users. Mitch Waldon volunteered to be the Emergency Contact until we have Building & Grounds Committee. We thanked Mitch profusely!!

The rear stairs railing was broken for a short time. If you ever see something broken, please put a sign on it and notify Suzanne, our Church Administrator, or Mitch Waldon, Emergency Contact.

Andrea Boyd will be rehearsing her Fringe Play at Westwood in late July and early August. Good luck Andrea and company!

The Called Reverend Anne Barker and President Pam Brierley signed Anne's new contract. Anne enjoyed the phone call from the AGM with the applause filtered thru the cell phone. Anne was voted to the CUC board. Congratulations again and again, Anne! We also have to complete a Ministerial Fellowship Committee document for the Unitarian Universalist Association.

We will obtain 6 more lightweight tables for meals, meetings, etc.

David Deephouse reported that committees have not spent as much as budgeted. A surplus is now expected, perhaps even \$15,000. We expressed appreciation for the committees' fiscal prudence and hope that committees are also fulfilling their potential.

We expressed concern about how committees, including the board, can communicate better with each other and make joint decisions. We have grown so much that we may need to move beyond one person agreeing with another at coffee as an official decision. This is especially important for decisions involving building use or spending money. In these cases, the administrator must be informed to prevent double-booking of the building and to

ensure that any expense is charged to one or more committees.

We approved revisions to Board Policy #9, now called Financial Policies and Procedures. We will need to inform people who spend money on Westwood's behalf about the revisions.

We discussed the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM). Overall, we liked it and looked forward to approving the final draft in the summer.

The board will work with COSM to create a safe and healthy process for reconciliation among people involved in the conflict that arose in the process of organizing Winter Solstice 2007.

Mitch Waldon will take a lead role in Long-Range Planning because he is passionate and experienced with it. There will be a good mix of members on the committee. Our goals are having Terms of Reference by the July meeting and forming a Committee by September.

Lorian Kennedy and Deidra Helmig are willing to coordinate the ceremony to install our new Minister. Thank you Lorian and Deidra! The planned date is the October 24-25 weekend. We discussed the scale, scope, and budget for this, including having visitors come from far away. Anne would be happy with a small cosy or elaborate event. We want to make the community proud of WW and Anne and raise our visibility in Edmonton. We agreed to provide the installation committee with \$3000-\$5000 from the Future Minister Fund to plan an event that would be appropriate for the occasion and would reflect well on Westwood.

We were saddened to learn that Dawn N. will be stepping back from her volunteer duties, specifically the web site. As many of you know, Dawn has done so many great things for this congregation. The board will look for people to handle her volunteer tasks. Thanks again, Dawn, for all you've done for Westwood.

## Treasurer's Notes



### Budget Passes; Treasurer Replaced

As I write in mid-June, we are finishing up our church year of regular Sunday services and regular meetings for many committees. Programs and work tasks are being completed, and the bills will soon be paid. If you have not submitted expenses for reimbursement, please do so ASAP so that we can have all expenses recorded for our church year, which ends on June 30.

At our Annual General Meeting, we approved a budget for the church year that runs from July 1 to June 30, 2009. This budget consists of \$103,287 in Revenue and \$114,890 in Expenses, yielding a Net Deficit of \$11,603. The AGM participants approved this deficit in order to preserve the upward momentum in membership, staff, and programs in the context of the last few years of budget surpluses and optimism about our future. Overall, we have a budget in place that will support our efforts to build a more thriving, inclusive, and diverse religious community.

We also elected a new Treasurer, Gordon Thomas, to replace me after four years of service. I was moved to tears by your applause at the meeting. Certainly the biggest highlight of being treasurer was developing stronger friendships with many of you as we worked on monetary and other issues affecting Westwood.

We move into our summer period of serendipity services, fewer meetings, holidays, and relaxation, etc.. Even though Westwood will be less active, Westwood still has bills to pay, so I thank everyone who signed up for Automatic Payments or provided post-dated cheques for July, August, and September. I wish everyone a joyful summer.

David Deephouse, Outgoing Treasurer

## Editor's Choice

The following passage is adapted from a sermon called "When I Was A Child" by Jeanne Nieuwejaar. For the full sermon, visit the UUA website: [www.uua.org/spirituallife/worshipweb/sermons/submissions/20137.shtml](http://www.uua.org/spirituallife/worshipweb/sermons/submissions/20137.shtml)

## Meadow Moments

The fields and forest were my playground as they have been for generations of children, and still are for a lucky few. I can remember moments of lying in a meadow, with grass and wild flowers tall above me, vast sky overhead, insects buzzing and brushing by me—moments of near dissolution into the earth, the sky, the grasses, of feeling that the boundary between me and the meadow was a permeable boundary, not clearly defined by the layer of skin on my body, but a gentle merging of me into it, it into me. I think it is appropriate to name such moments as mystical moments, interludes of feeling a transcendent sense of oneness with something larger than myself.

Did you have such moments as a child—in meadows, on riverbanks, or beaches or mountain tops? For me they were moments of total peace and contentment. They probably didn't come often or last long, but they were potent. Perhaps for you such moments didn't occur out of doors, but rather in the contentment and safety of a particular lap in a particular rocking chair with a particular song hummed around you, or before ranks of candles, or surrounded by incense, or music—organ, or choir, or orchestra.

Such childhood experiences have been researched and documented by Edward Robinson in his work *The Original Vision*. In interviews with adult after adult, Robinson heard women and men recalling religious, spiritual experiences from their early years, experiences which were accompanied by a profound sense of certainty, of connection, of hope and meaning, although articulation of just what that meaning was often seemed elusive. Until I read Robinson's book my memories of those "meadow moments" from my childhood had slipped from my consciousness, but hearing the stories of others brought them back to me with certainty and vividness.

Listen to this poem from Shel Silverstein:

*Once I spoke the language of the flowers,  
Once I understood each word the caterpillar said,  
Once I smiled in secret at the gossip of the starlings,  
And shared a conversation with the housefly in my bed.  
Once I heard and answered all the questions of the crickets,  
And joined the crying of each falling, dying flake of snow,  
Once I spoke the language of the flowers...  
How did it go? How did it go?*

I believe that there is a time when we know with childhood's certainty, we know—and then we forget.

## 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: 440-6898.

## 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.

## 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.) A calendar of bookings is posted outside the office door.

## 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!

## 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.

## Westwood's Website

[www.westwoodunitarian.ca](http://www.westwoodunitarian.ca)

Surf by and see what's on Westwood's website. Information and updates continue to be added to the website. Make sure to check out Westwood's new organizational guide on-line under "Westwood documents". Here you can find everything from our statement of purpose to how to make coffee on Sunday morning.

We also have a small archive of sermons given at Westwood. If you have given a presentation and are willing to share it on our website, we'd love to hear from you! Thanks.

## 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).

## 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 [westwooduunewsletter@yahoo.ca](mailto:westwooduunewsletter@yahoo.ca).

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We welcome any feedback or suggestions to make the newsletter the best it can be. If you have an idea for a feature you would like to see in the newsletter, please let us know.

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**Administrator**..... Suzanne Grant  
Office hours..... No regular hours for July & Aug,  
but messages will be checked.

**Minister**..... Rev. Anne Barker  
Rev. Anne Barker is on leave from July 1 – Aug 25, 2009.  
In the event of pastoral emergency, please contact Office  
Administrator, Suzanne Grant, or President, Pam Brierley.

### Board of Trustees 2009-2010

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Vice-President..... Mitch Waldon  
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### Unitarian Chaplain at U of A.....

Rev. Audrey Brooks

## Mark Your Calendar

### July 13

Board meeting, 7:00 pm

### August 5

Social Justice Meeting, 7:15

### August 10

Board meeting, 7:00 pm

### August 15

Deadline for September newsletter

### September 13

Ingathering Service  
Pot luck lunch

### October 2-4

CUC Western Regional Fall Gathering

### October 24-25

Installation weekend for Rev. Anne Barker

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