



The Westwoodian

Connecting you to Westwood Unitarian Congregation

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Sunday Services

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

December 7 – Blue Christmas

Despite seasonal messages of Love, Joy and Peace, Christmas is difficult for many. Join us for this gentle service that acknowledges our losses and remembers our tender loves.

Speaker: Anne Barker
Musician: Harmonia

December 14 – Westwood Kids Winter Service

Please join us for our annual child led Winter Service! We can guarantee laughter, story and song in this service with a twist! Come and find out more about this popular offering.

Service Leaders: Westwood kids and possibly youth too!

December 21 – Winter Solstice Service

2:00 pm @ City Hall

Winter solstice is the point in the year that marks the shortest day and the turning point when the days start to get longer again. Westwood hosts an annual pagan winter solstice service to honour this important event. Winter darkness and cold can make us feel isolated and we need to renew our connections with each other and the earth, to receive the gifts of the darkness and to "Share the Light". We will call the directions, hear stories about the solstice, sing, chant, turn darkness into light, fear into hope, sadness into joy and renew the cycle of life. Gordon Ritchie will play his Celtic harp and the Westwood choir *Harmonia* will also sing. Refreshments will follow. The offering will be given to I-Human and to Operation Friendship.

Everyone is welcome.

This year we are hosting a single service in a larger venue instead of three separate evening services at Westwood.

December 21 – Pancake Breakfast

On the Sunday before Christmas, join other Westwoodians downstairs for a pancake breakfast. There will be no prelude, hymns, candles, etc... but there will be pancakes! Also syrup, fruit, juice and coffee. Join us if you can for a simple gathering of conversation and community.

December 28 – Winter Serendipity

This service will borrow a tradition that is reported as a favourite in other small UU congregations. It is a potluck approach to worship, where each person who attends brings a favourite poem, reading, song, music, etc. to be shared. The service will develop from the offerings that are presented and we shall shape a meaningful service to welcome in the New Year. Think about what the "New Year" and "Winter Serendipity" mean to you and how best to share that.

Service Leaders: Linnie Chamberlin and Melissa Henderson

Presenters: All in attendance!

Barker Bits



Always the Same ... Ever Changing ...

As winter approaches, we prepare for the things we know are certain and anticipate the mysteries yet to be revealed. Out come the mitts, the toques, the shovels and the winter tires. Endless possibilities hover – the gifts, the celebrations, the weather and the people. How will this holiday season manifest itself? Will things be different, with the new fiscal and political climates? Who will show up? What will happen?

Following months of preparation, Westwood's Winter Solstice Celebration is just weeks away. After carefully planning and designing – working to include all ages, diverse desires, location opportunities and challenges – “Sharing the Light” is coming together beautifully. We know that one service cannot meet every need. We hope to offer a public celebration that is inclusive without being generic, respectful of tradition yet creative and new. It is a brave task, shifting from ‘home’ to public space, adapting to daylight hours, anticipating what is certain and what is unknown. We trust that you will help us, hold us in your hearts and plans, as we offer up this year's Light. The honour of crafting a gift for the congregation and for the community is very great ... but it is not without concerns. Who will show up? What will happen?

At the time of writing this column, our location is suddenly up in the air. All the best made plans of mice and Unitarians could not anticipate gale force winds smashing the windows of City Hall, threatening our carefully made worship plans. The posters wait to be printed. The planners hold their breath while exploring other options. Who will show up? What will happen?

We cannot control the way things go – as we are often reminded at this time of year. Weather and people and life are unpredictable. So ... if we have to adapt – adapt we will! We are resilient and resourceful. May this always be a place where the answers ring out ... We will show up! We will make it happen!

In anticipation and love,
Anne Barker



Open House
Sunday December 28
12-5pm

You Are Invited To Our
'Come & Go'
Open House

Anne, Lori & Casey
(...just around the corner from
Westwood...)

Please call the office for the address



Past Events

Western Regional Fall Gathering

This year's WRFG was well attended by Westwoodians, 8 adults and 6 youth! This year's theme was Ever Moving: Convergence, Divergence and Transition and this was well-reflected in each of the weekend's events. We all arrived Friday evening at the Unitarian Church of Calgary to check-in and attend the opening Ingathering service whose theme was "convergence". This was followed by a social event to get to know our fellow Unitarians from across Western Region.

Saturday morning's Ingathering was led by our own Anne Barker and the theme was "divergence". Anne used the participation of her fellow Westwoodians, Christine, Bruce, Marc, Pam and Owen to read from the anthology "Good Poems" tied together with the round "Where do we come from" that presented the multiple and sometimes divergent perspectives that make up our Unitarian congregations.

The rest of the day was spent attending the workshops that covered a variety of themes ranging from "Are you my spiritual type?" which used a Meyer's-Brigg's style personal inventory to determine spiritual yearnings and how those can come into conflict with others yearnings in church life, to "Going 4-ward" which was a discussion panel with some CUC board members about the short-term planning initiatives to "Go On! Go Deep! Go Out! and Go Big!"

The evening was a supper, talent show (who knew Christine was as fond of jewelry as she demonstrated in her cat burglar rendition of "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend") and youth led late-night service that used pickles as a metaphor for our fears.

Sunday was the service with the Calgary congregation co-led by all the Western Region Congregation ministers who were able to attend. After the service, everyone packed up and headed back home to their own congregations with new friends and new ideas.

The concurrent YouthCon was attended by 6 Westwood youth (that's half our group!) and over 20 youth from around the region. It was a powerful experience for everyone, especially the first time attendees who were blown away by the discovery of a connection to the larger Unitarian youth movement.

All in all, a memorable experience was had by all, which was evidenced by the long goodbyes and lingering after-service coffee session. Youth or adult, denominational events like the regional fall gatherings or the Annual Conference are a tremendous way to feel connected to the larger Unitarian Universalist faith in Canada.

Pam Brierley

The Light is Reborn

In the greatest darkness, the light is reborn.
Out of winter's cold, the light is reborn.
From our deepest fears, the light is reborn.
When all seems lost, the light is reborn.
When the earth lies waste, the light is reborn.
When the river is frozen, the light is reborn.
When the ground is hard, the light is reborn.
When hope is hard to find, the light is reborn.

Shadows are fleeing,
Light is returning,
Warmth will come again,
Green will come again,
Plants will grow again,
Animals will be seen once more
Life will continue. The light is reborn.

--adapted from the Pagan Family by Ceiziwr Serith

Winter Solstice Update

Hot News Flash! City Hall engineers have OK'd the use of their City Room (the big main area) so our Winter Solstice Service will be held there after all. We will need lots of volunteers to set up and take down chairs, put up our tree, serve refreshments and greet people. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary – and now you can invite all your friends – we will have lots of space.

UUGuys

Sunday, December 7, 7 - 9 pm at the church

UUGuys, Westwood's men's group, will meet Sunday, December 7, from 7-9 in the church. Following our check-in, we will discuss the topic for the month: "How I came to be at Westwood." Newcomers are always welcome.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Wednesday, December 3, 7:30 pm
at the Winspear Centre**

Lois Hole loved to read out the Nine Lessons every year, for this event. Under the direction of Robert de Frece, you will hear the Faculty of Education Handbell Ringers and the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus in a program of sacred and secular music, for the season.

Since it began in 1912, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has been a hallmark event in Edmonton. Marnie Giesbrecht-Segger and Joachim Segger will play the Davis organ.

After expenses, the monies received will be given to the U of A Food Bank, as part of the U of A Chaplains Association support of that much used campus community service. Tickets are only \$10 (plus service charges).

CD Release from Chorealisis

**December 7, 11:30 am
Unitarian Church of Edmonton (UCE)**

Chorealis, the Choir from UCE, is excited to celebrate the release of our CD called "**My Song**" on Sunday, December 7th. This recording consists of choral pieces composed by our own Gordon Ritchie, many of which Harmonia has also sung. You are all invited to join us for a soup luncheon after our service which ends at 11:30 followed by a mini concert of selections on the CD. And of course, you can purchase CD's for \$20 – a great Christmas gift! That same day is also the concluding day of our silent auction, so we welcome all Westwood members and friends to join us.

Westwood News

Church Directory

Westwood Directory has been circulated to members and friends. If you did not receive your directory, check with Susan info@westwoodunitarian.ca or phone 780 434-5819.

If you would like to be added or want to update your contact details, fill out an orange request located on the visitor information table.

Audio Recordings of Westwood's Services Available On-Line

If you can't make it to a Sunday service, you still can hear a recording of it. Audio recordings of the music, readings, stories, and sermons from Westwood services are now available on the website. We hope to make weekly additions to the collection.

Welcome

- A special welcome to Dean and Deidra's new baby, Iris, who was adopted and brought home from an orphanage in China.



- Gord and Suzanne welcome a new daughter, Teryn Grace Lorraine, into their family. She made her way into the world October 25 weighing 8 lb 6 oz. After a cesarean birth with Cayden, we are very thankful for the support that allowed an unhurried natural childbirth this time.

Sunday Morning Announcements

As you've probably noticed we (the worship committee) have been playing around with announcements a bit. I think that we've been successful so far...service times have been shorter (closer to one hour in length). And have you seen the number of announcements that actually make it into the order of service? Sometimes there are three pages worth!! Thanks to everyone who has been making the extra effort to get your announcements into the order of service!

Now we need your feedback to determine what Westwood's Sunday morning announcement policy will be. Did you like the way we did things in October...having announcements that didn't make it into the order of service given to the service leader to read out during the service? Or did you prefer the way we did things in November, just having a spot on the bulletin board at the back of the church for announcements?

In December we will stick with the bulletin board format while we compile your feedback to make a decision for January. Please send give your opinions to any member of the worship committee (Deidra Helmig, Linnie Chamberlin, Melissa Henderson or Charleen Miles) or email them to worship@westwoodunitarian.ca.

Thanks so much!!

Westwood's A/V Equipment Policy

Westwood has a computer projector to use for our worship services and assorted programs. The details of the policy for use of this equipment are still being worked out by the Worship committee and the Board. In the meantime, if you would like to use the projector for a Sunday service or other Westwood meeting or function, please contact worship@westwoodunitarian.ca to make arrangements. Thank you!

Spinning the Web Dinners

The fall Spinning the Web dinners attracted 31 Westwoodians. Marj Foth was willing to help us form the groups; there were 4 groups. Our topic was "Getting to Know One Another – What is Your Passion". We want to especially thank the hosts: Marj and Dennis Foth, Phyllis and Grant Harlton, and Edda Loomes.

Look for another Spinning the Web dinner after the New Year. It will focus on locally grown foods.

Board News

Splinters from the Board

Board reconsiders Solstice fundraising proposal

At our November meeting the Board of Trustees voted to rescind our October decision on how to handle the collection from the Winter Solstice service, which this year is planned for City Hall.

Following feedback from several members of the congregation, we voted to return to the tradition of donating the complete collection to the selected charity or charities.

The solstice committee, in recognition of the financial challenges we face this year, asked the Board to consider a motion that would have allowed the congregation to retain some of the donations to cover some or all of the costs of holding the event. After the decision, the Board heard from several members who were uncomfortable with this decision and felt that it flew in the face of Westwood's culture of generosity. We also learned that costs would be more than adequately handled within the \$1600 budget for the Solstice celebration.

We felt it was important to listen to the members who felt strongly enough to approach us on the issue. We know this topic can be discussed further and we will be happy to do so. The Board would like to thank those members who approached us with their concerns.

Anne Barker's coming ordination

Anne recently returned from a visit and guest service at the Saskatoon Unitarian congregation. The congregation there has kindly offered to host her ordination service next April 18th, a Saturday. Westwoodians are cordially invited to attend and we thought we could consider renting a bus to travel en masse to join our Saskatoon friends for the event. Watch for more exciting news on the event.

Looking for new Board members

David Deephouse, our long-standing Treasurer is going off the Board this year. He has volunteered to sit on the Nomination Committee and help find a replacement. Our Past President Dean Chan is also involved and they're being joined by Dennis Foth. Together they are out looking for new Board members, so they are who you need to talk to if you would like to serve.

Looking at our children's and religious education programs

We also had a long chat with Kath Oltsher and Kathy Lightfoot about coordinating our children and youth programs. Kath and Kathy are working together on the programs and will be helping us look at moving toward a more coordinated lifespan learning approach for the congregation.

Other projects

We are still working on a number of projects, including a church key policy and re-keying our locks, and a nearly complete box to fit over our mail slot and capture our mail before it hits the floor.

A Final Reminder

If you would like a decision or discussion at a Westwood Board meeting, please allow two weeks notice so you will be added to our agenda. Our meetings are almost always the second Monday of the month. Our next Board meeting is **Monday December 8 at 7pm**.

Treasurer's Notes



On Treasuring and Being Trusted

This month, I depart from my more common descriptions of Westwood's financial activities to discuss the nature of being a treasurer and trustee of Westwood. I do so first to convey the more metaphysical aspects of being Treasurer. My second reason is that my term as Westwood's treasurer concludes in June, and I hope that you consider becoming our next treasurer. I will describe budgeting as planning, accounting as story telling, trusteeship as reliance, and treasuring as valuing.

A budget is a plan. We all budget our time, allocating a certain amount of time to a certain activity. Some do this unconsciously -- others methodically. An automobile assembly line has a very detailed time budget to ensure a car appears at the end of the line every few minutes. A financial budget is merely a plan for using money, just like you may have for yourself or your family. Westwood's budget is a financial plan for our extended family, our community of interests. It lists the things we want to do and how much money we want to spend on them. And Westwood has a plan for developing its budget. It currently involves asking all the committees what they would like to do and how much they want to spend to do these things. The treasurer compiles this information and works with the administrator on office expenses and the board of trustees on long-term expenses. The budget develops over five months through the work of many - it's not the treasurer slaving away alone for a week before the Annual General Meeting. Yet the new treasurer may come up with ideas to improve our financial planning.

An account provides an explanation of what we have and what we do for others. A financial account is a story about valued activities that includes numbers. We tell our financial story to two key groups, members and the government. Members want to know how their donations are being spent. We use a Statement of Revenue and Expenses to do so which reflects the actual spending that was planned in the budget. The detailed statement looks much like

the budget but with actual dollars. We also want to know what we have so we can see if we can afford building improvements, search for minister (done - Hooray!!), etc. A balance sheet is used to see what we have and what we owe. Throughout my time as treasurer I strove to make the stories told in the financial statements easier to read and more transparent. You can help make these stories about what we have and what we do richer and more vibrant.

We have to tell our story to the government to maintain our status as a charitable organization. Being a charitable organization enables us to give money to the church and get 50% of it back as tax credits (assuming total donations to all charities above \$200 in 2008). The government wants to be assured that we act as a charity and fulfill our stated purposes, rather than use tax exempt status corruptly. Fortunately, the government has rules for telling the story, and I have improved on these rules by developing a manual for filling out the government's Charity Information Return.

A trustee is one whom we depend on. We rely on our trustees to do their best, even when they are brand new at their first board meeting in July. Yet we recognize trustees' inexperience. When I first joined the board of trustees, I had only been a member for 2 years, and I didn't know much about how boards of trustees work nor what the job of the treasurer entailed. I never had any actual accounting or bookkeeping experience except for household budgeting and applying for car and home loans. I had looked over Westwood's financial statements and budget that were circulated for Annual General Meetings, as many of you have. Technically, I happened to know that Assets less Liabilities equals Net Worth, but that's just jargon for what we have less what we owe. And I did know how to use the Excel spreadsheet program, so over the last three years I created some useful templates for future treasurers to use and adapt. Every incoming trustee learns about being a Westwood trustee by experience. Westwood trusts its trustees to learn in the position, and we would put the same trust in you.

Finally, a treasury keeps things of value. As treasurer, you would learn what Westwood has valued in the past and have the opportunity to influence what we value in the future. Do you have ideas about what we should be treasuring? Do you think the board of trustees in the past sometimes had a peculiar view of what should be treasured? As Westwood's trustee, you would have a major opportunity to contribute to what Westwood values.

To conclude, the role of Westwood's treasurer involves planning, storytelling, learning, being relied upon, and expressing and communicating our values. Being treasurer is a challenging yet rewarding activity that supports our extended family, the Westwood community. If you would like to learn more about this important position, please discuss your interests with me or our president, Pam Brierley.

David Deephouse, Treasurer

Social Justice at Westwood

Amnesty International's Write for Rights Letter-Writing Campaign

December 7, 11:45 following the Sunday Service

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

December 10, 2008 is International Human Rights Day and also marks the 60th Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Westwood will hold its 4th annual writeathon event on December 7 joining thousands around the world in writing letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience identified by Amnesty International.

AI reports an improved outcome in 30% of the cases they support. Each year Westwood has surpassed its previous total of letters written – 2006 - 64, 2007- 83. **Can we reach 100 in 2008 ?** We can with your presence and your pen. Can't be there? Go to www.amnesty.ca/writeathon to participate online or for more information.



Green Corner

Food for Thought

Current western diets cause environmental impacts that are four times greater than the sustainable level, meaning we need to significantly reduce the ecological footprint of the food we eat. By eating a local, organic and predominantly plant food diet you can reduce the ecological footprint of the food you eat by as much as 90%.

"What can I do?"

One thing is eat less meat, eggs and dairy products. Meat, eggs and dairy products are the most environmentally damaging foods that most people consume.

"But I don't want to become a vegetarian!"

You don't have to, but here are some things you could do:

- eat smaller portions of meat and dairy and/or eat them less frequently
- try meat-free Mondays...or Tuesdays...or??
- experiment with vegetarian options and/or replace that burger with a veggie burger

A healthier option for both you and the planet is to buy from a local farmer who uses organic, free-range and grass-fed practices without hormones and antibiotics. Check Canada's Seafood Guide www.seachoice.org for a regularly updated list of healthy seafood choices.

"How will that make a difference?"

Producing animal protein requires 10 times as much energy and produces 10 times as many greenhouse gas emissions as plant protein. Compared with plant protein, red meat is responsible for 6 to 20 times the land use, 5 to 17 times the water pollution, and 5 to 25 times the water use. The average American diet produces 1.5 tons more carbon dioxide than a vegan diet. That's similar to the difference in annual emissions between driving a regular car and a hybrid. Changing your diet could make a bigger difference than changing your vehicle.

Source: David Suzuki's Green Guide by David Suzuki and David R. Boyd

Westwood's Social Justice Committee T-Shirts

Westwood's Social Justice Committee still has some long sleeved, union-made t-shirts for members and friends. Westwood's logo is on the front and the social justice quote "Act to prevent misery rather than avenge it" is on the back. They are a beautiful blue in sizes from small to X-large and only \$25 (cash or cheque made out to Lindsay McWhirter). Contact Lindsay lindsaymcw@shaw.ca.

Wool & Knitting Supplies

The wool and knitting supplies in the basket at the back of the church are for anyone who wishes to make items for a non-profit organization or charity. Please take only what you will use. Feel free to add to the supply as well.

Organizations that Westwood has worked with include:

- See Edda for the current project sending vests and hats to Peru
- Parkallen Knitters – have a sale in late November. All proceeds go to charities, as do leftover items.
- WINGS (second stage housing for abused women with children) - for women and children from babies to teens
- Strathcona Youth Co-op – for teens and young adults
- We also have donated men's items to the Bissell Centre.

If you have any questions contact Lindsay McWhirter at lindsaymcw@shaw.ca

Today we begin in earnest
the work of making sure
that the world we leave our children
is just a little bit better
than the one we inhabit today.

--Barack Obama

Campus Ministry News



By Rev. Audrey Brooks

In October, I joined Sylvia Krogh to host a group of German teachers in Edmonton to observe teaching practices. My house guest, Guenter Z., attended UCE twice, picked up, read and discussed brochures, and was so impressed he immediately Googled a UU church in Kassel, Germany where he will attend. Talk about UUs without borders, eh?

On October 17th The Interfaith Chaplains Association participated in Make Poverty History on the U of A campus. I brought the Unitarians for Social Justice banner which was displayed; and sang 3 anti-poverty songs with the Raging Grannies. Members from Westwood and UCE attended.

Also in October, at Beth Shalom synagogue, with Rabbi David Kunin as moderator, began a series of discussions based on Richard Dawkins, "The God Delusion," and Christopher Hitchens book on atheism. I am participating in the discussions, November 22, and December 20th at 6 p.m., and attending end of Sabbath services before and after the discussions. Rabbi Kunin is an eclectic, worldly, wise speaker with much knowledge and energy! Come, participate! This is a relevant topic, since the question of having the words "to the glory of God," removed from the invocation for U of A graduands has been put before the Board of Governors there, by the Athiests and Agnostics Club, who insist the words exclude their beliefs.

Interfaith book studies at our 169 HUB offices continue with the book of Ecclesiastes at Tuesday's Soup and Study at 12:30 and on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. with the New York bestseller "The Shack" which is an allegorical tale of dealing with anger at the behaviour of god. Both studies are lively, one Unitarian student is finding the Ecclesiastes studies interesting, since the author, one "Qohelith" seems to repeat that no matter what we

achieve in our personal or spiritual lives, it's all "vanity and chasing after the wind!"

On October 29th, The Interfaith Chaplains Association (UAICA) was invited to bring interfaith prayers to City Hall for their 30th anniversary. We all read prayers from our denomination, and attended a reception afterwards, where we had opportunities to talk about our faith.

On October 31, at noon, I represented UAICA at a pot luck reception sponsored by the Dean of Students. It was an opportunity to meet, once again, the staff who work in the Student's Union Building in social services and career planning for students on campus.

On Nov. 4th (US election night!), with the Chester Ronning Centre, UAICA sponsored a Faith and Politics lecture at the Kings' College, with Molly Worthen, History and Theology Ph.D candidate from Yale University as speaker. In her letter of thanks, she mentioned that the Christian Reformed chaplains had better be careful of the Unitarians, as we are very subtle and successful at influencing young minds. I hope she is right, and manages to find me a Michael Servetus bobble head to bug Rick van Manen with when he brings out his John Calvin model.

On Nov. 16th The Campus Ministry Team- of Gilbert, Suzette and Audrey (Ray being "under the weather") met to plan the events that promote UU's on Campus. Look for Suzette's postings on the UCE website for more.

If you are attending any post secondary school, or are at the U of A, or are a member of a youth group, and may be interested in films, powerful discussions, current movies with reprise, trips to galleries, and a general enthusiasm for being young and ready to take some risks, let us know! Last year we explored Vampire life, Zombies and scientific possibility, The Golden Compass, all with some very interesting points of view! Contact: Rev. Audrey Brooks, Campus Ministry, at audbrook@telusplanet.net. Office hours by appointment or to arrange for Pastoral Care visits.

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.

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 for more info or to volunteer.

Need to book a room at Westwood?

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

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 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

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.

Newsletter Policies

Deadline: 15th 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 15th of the month.

Members and friends are invited to submit articles of interest to the congregation. Contributions can be e-mailed to westwoodunewsletter@yahoo.ca.

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Mark Your Calendar

December 7

Write for Rights campaign, 11:45
UUGuys, 7:00 pm

December 8

Board meeting, 7:00

December 15

Deadline for January newsletter

December 21

Winter Solstice service, 2:00 pm

December 28

Open house at Anne, Lori, and Casey's



Happy Holidays

