

THE UNITARIAN



March 2019

March Services

Theme for the Month is Journeys

March 3rd The Journey of Women Danielle Webber, Minister
March 8th is International Women's Day, today we will be looking at the hard journey that women have marched to get to where we are now. Let us gather and commemorate this special journey through history and into the future.

Community Lunch will follow this service: Please bring something to share, perhaps bring a friend, and join us for great food and conversation. All welcome!

March 10th Journeys of the Heart Rob Sebo & Guests
Longevity of relationship has now become rare. Although the times were different, long ago... Or perhaps...not so long ago. "Till death do you part" was a promise that was truly strived for. Let us hear a little about the celebrations and challenges of some of our "long haulers" in marriage. What did they do right when the journey went wrong?

March 17th A Journey with a Compass Danielle Webber, Minister
Unitarian Universalism has been described as a religion in which we walk with one another, on this journey, not a trip on which we are lead. How do we travel through this faith if we are not given a map, with an X to mark the spot where we are expected to end up?

March 24th Getting Lost on the Journey Danielle Webber, Minister
Sometimes we know exactly where we are meant to go, and sometimes the road seems to be uncertain. What happens when we get onto the path and suddenly we feel as though all of our tools and guides are no longer available to us, how do we find our way when everything seems lost.

March 31st Dukabour Journey Jan Dawson & JJ Verigan
Join us for a journey through the history and present days of the Doukhobors community. They came into being in the 18th century in opposition to the hierarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church. They saw no need for priests and had no Bible. They believed that every person contained the spark of God, so killing a human was equivalent to killing God. As pacifists, they refused to swear allegiance to the czar and were exiled, first internally and then to Canada, in 1899.



Minister's Musings

Journeying together is one of the main reasons we gather at Kelowna Unitarians. Finding a cohort to travel this road called life. There are so many different ways in which we can journey together, both within our faith community and outside of it. Kelowna Unitarians have Soul Matter groups, small discussion groups that meet monthly to discuss our monthly themes, to struggle with focused questions, and to discover new spiritual practices. We also have Philosopher's Circle, a gathering that happens every other Friday where participants are invited to bring a topic to discuss, wrestle with and learn from others. Sunday Services are also part of our common journey, as is coffee hour, General Meetings, and fundraising.

Our Soul Matters small group Packet describes that "Journey has its roots in the Old French *journée*, a day's length; a day's work, a day's travel. For instance, a day laborer was called a journeyman; we write our daily adventures in a journal. Looking at life as a journey, the idea of day becomes important. What part of my past do I carry forward into this day and what part do I leave behind? How do I set my compass for the travels of this day, moving into my own becoming?" In what way are you hoping to journey through your life? How are you hoping Kelowna Unitarians can support your journey. What tools, what resources, what connections do you need to make your journey more fulfilling? More faithful? More connected to your spirit?

There will be some journeys coming up in my future. From March 27th – 31st I will be in Boston at the Unitarian Universalist Associations Headquarters. And April 27th – May 4th I will be in Calgary with the UU Ministers of Canada at our annual conference. These are both part of my faithful journey, in attempts to get more connected to my own spirit. I hope you will have similar opportunities to connect, and journey more mindfully.

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Board Meeting Summary

Kim Dawson reported to the Board that feed-back from the KU Start-up weekend workshop was positive; Space can be expected to be set aside for time to work on completion of the week-end's work, expressly on flushing out of the goals defined on the week-end. The Committee on Shared Ministry is complete, with the following members: Margaret Craig, Sarah Kee, Louise McKenzie and Kathy Pearce-Tanner, who will meet on a regular basis. The Board meeting's discussion focused largely on possible dates for KU events usually held in the spring (the garage sale, the church evening auction event, the spring "closet clean-out" after church one Sunday) and other possible events, such as regular Friday evening sing-alongs and having evening services. These suggestions and some proposed dates will be passed on to the new KU Board. The meeting closed with Kim Dawson's thanks to board members for their participation over the past year.

2019 Annual General Meeting Summary

Sunday, February 17, 2019, 12:30 PM, following the service
The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Kelowna Unitarians was held following the Community Lunch. Quorum was achieved with 18 members + 9 proxies. Danielle opened the meeting with a reading about the KU mission and everyone read the Relationship Covenant together and commented about progress over the last year. Many reports were read into the minutes: the Minister's, President's and Treasurer's Reports and all other Committee Reports and the Financial Statements. Resolutions included the approval of the 2019 budget and the appointment of Auditor Keith Crawley. The officers and directors for the coming year are as follows: President: Sheldon Reddekopp; Vice President: Dwight Wendell; Treasurer: Wayne Broughton; Secretary: Linda Easton; and Member at Large Rob Sebo. The new Nominating Committee is comprised of Kim Dawson, Darcy Dann and Alissa Bennett. We all thank the outgoing President and Board and welcome the incoming President and Board!



Announcements

We still have a good selection of **french language school books** in the attic...they would be appreciated in **Burundi** but we have only \$10 towards the shipping costs. Is there any interest in sending them after a donation round or a fundraiser?? **At least \$200 would be needed for a boxful. Please let me know if there is interest in this small outreach.**

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Sunday Services as well as our Children's Religious Education Program are held at 10:30 AM

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