



## Sunday Worship Services, August 2010 Unitarian Church of Vancouver All services begin at 11 am

**August 1, 2010**

***Choosing the path of compassion***

**Lesley Fox, local animal activist**

From bird-killer to bunny hugger, local animal activist Lesley Fox shares how changing her perception of animals, changed her entire lifestyle. She reflects on the many different qualities that animals possess and what each of us can learn from them.

*Music with Leah Hokinson*

**Forum:** Keep an open heart and let the animals guide you to the solutions of your modern day problems. Using animal cards, each participant will have an opportunity to explore what animals have to teach.

**August 8, 2010**

***The Idea of Justice***

**Geoff Gomery, UCV member**

Justice is both a worthy goal and a powerful political rallying cry, but cynics argue that it lacks substance because we cannot agree on what it means. The charge is an important one if we are to suppose ourselves, in the words of our hymn, *a justice seeking people*. What should be our response?

*Music with Patrick Dubois*

**August 15, 2010**

***Blessings of the Dawn: Experiencing Traditional Jewish Liturgy for When We Wake Up***

**Rabbi David Mivasair**

Rabbi David Mivasair leads Vancouver's Ahavat Olam Synagogue, a progressive, activist congregation. He is a 1991 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and a personal ordainee of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. He is also the vice-chair of the InterSpiritual Centre Society which is creating a shared sacred space here in Vancouver, and considers himself a good friend of UCV. David came to Vancouver fifteen years ago from Pennsylvania and has lived for some years in Israel as well as in Japan.

*Ingathering Singing at 10:45 with Joyce Poley and Patrick Dubois*

**August 22, 2010**

***Is criticism of Israel anti-semitic?***

**Don Grayston**

Recently there have been statements in the media to the effect that criticism of the policies of the government of Israel is "the new anti-semitism." Is this the case? Or is it possible to criticize Israeli government policies (as one would criticize the policies of any other nation, our own included) and not be guilty of anti-semitism?

Don Grayston is a Vancouver native and an Anglican priest. He retired in 2004 from fifteen years of teaching Religious Studies at SFU. He is currently chair of the planning team of Building Bridges, a public education

program which showcases the work of those who are trying to bridge the Israeli-Palestinian divide. He is also co-director of the Pacific Jubilee Program in Spiritual Direction, in which a number of members of UCV have taken part.

*Music with Leah Hokinson*

**August 29, 2010**

***A Church in the Forest: Transcendentalism B.C. Style***

**Debra Thorne (Ministerial Candidate)**

The Transcendentalist movement pushed into the Unitarian establishment in the middle of the 19th. century, charging that direct experience of the holy wasn't to be found in a building, but by getting out into nature. Here we are in one of the most beautiful environments in the world, and how many of us find that being in nature is a deeply sacred experience? Why come into a building at all, especially on a beautiful summer day!

*Music with Leah Hokinson*