



***Celebrating UN Human Rights Day:
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities II***

Rev. Steven Epperson

– December 10, 2017 –



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, in celebration.



*The prelude helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*

Warm Welcome!

Please visit our Visitors' Table in the Sanctuary foyer and get a nametag. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies, we look forward to welcoming you in person. We provide multiage programming and special workshops for children ages 2-12 with community building, questioning, wondering, and exploring as our goals. Babies and young toddlers are also provided for within our classes, the same as they are integrated into family life at home. Children and babies are always welcome to remain with you through the service if you and they prefer. Buddy Bags with a small stuffie, colouring pages, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with an upset child, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved***:
(when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and
right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers.

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our goal is to build intentionally inclusive community across ages and explore big questions through story, art, and play. Sunday morning classes are presented free of charge as part of the mission of this congregation. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

- **After the story, children of all ages may proceed to the lower level of Hewett Centre** to the Channing room (south side downstairs) for our multi-age program, Spirit Play, led by our Religious Exploration staff teacher and trained volunteers. We welcome our very youngest to join us in this safe and exploratory space.
- **Children registered for the Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation Reflection Guide for upper elementary** (ages 8-11/grade 4-6) meet in the Parker room (central room) downstairs until 12:15.
- **Coming of Age** is a mentor based program for youth ages 12-14 exploring their own beliefs about life, the universe, and everything. Registered participants meet in the Hirschmanova room downstairs until 12:15 pm.

Please see Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Education if you have any questions or concerns.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their parents/guardians through the service if they prefer. **Please meet your child downstairs after the service: children under age 9 will remain in class until met by a responsible family member. Older children may join their family upstairs for social hour.**

YOUTH GROUP: UCV currently does not have an active community of high-school-aged youth. We do have trained and experienced youth advisors as well as a cohort of young people entering high school in the next year or two. If you are interested in Religious Exploration for this age group, please email Youth Coordinator Olivia Hall at oliviahmargaret@gmail.com or Director of Religious Education Kiersten Moore at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca.

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Any inquiries can be sent to victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST: Prior to the service today, there will be a breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room for anyone who has attended “New to UCV Workshop”. Various committee chairs will provide information on the many activities within UCV. For those ready to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature. For additional information, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserive.com or contact the church office at 604-261-7204.

TODAY’S FORUM: *Our Whole Lives* (OWL Sexual Education) for ages 9-10, Informational Forum, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Kiersten Moore DRE, Jon Breisnes, and Leonie Armstrong will explain the goals, content, and structure of our upcoming offering of *Our Whole Lives* for ages 9-10 (grades 4 and 5). Everyone is welcome, and please spread the word to any families you know with children around this age.

LUNCH TODAY: Deliciously prepared and served by the Refugee Committee. Proceeds from today's lunch help us to bring in refugee families to Canada and assist refugee families who are already here.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

FLOWERS

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

SOUND

LUNCH

GREETERS

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Ann Foster

Lorraine Calame

Kaelyn Elfert, Lindsay Udem

Galen Elfert

Refugee Committee

Margo Elfert, Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson

Philomene Jahnke, Naomi Taylor



Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

Celebration of Worship: December 10, 2017

Prelude	<i>Ave Maria</i> <i>Romance</i> <i>About Strange Lands and People</i> <i>Curious Story</i>	Anton Bruckner* R. Schumann* R. Schumann R. Schumann E. Dainow, piano
Invocation	<i>May Your Life Be as a Song</i>	J. Scott and Y. Zaritsky With the Chalice Choir
Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #389		<i>We Would Be One</i>
Story for all Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
Announcements		Emilie Adin
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Emilie Adin
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Light One Candle</i>	Peter Yarrow** E. Dainow, piano and vocals
Meditation, Spoken and then Silent		
Musical Response	<i>May There Be Peace on Earth</i>	Sy and Jill Miller, Arr. C. Courtney With the Chalice Choir

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Closing Hymn #289	<i>Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give</i>
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame	Rev. Steven Epperson

* *Both these men unfortunately suffered nervous breakdowns at various times in their lives, and Schumann attempted to take his own life. Elliott*

** *Chanukkah begins this Wednesday and this has become my favourite song of that festival. Elliott*

UCV This Week: Do you want to receive the weekly service information and announcements by email? Just send your request to ucvevents@gmail.com or sign up at the welcome table in the foyer any Sunday.

Next Sunday Service: December 17, 2017

An Intergenerational Winter Solstice

UCV Children & Adults

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

GREETERS NEEDED: The Greeter Coordinators are putting out a call for additional assistance for the evening services on December 17th and especially on the 24th. We need people to hand out the Orders of Service, and on the 24th, candles. Greeters will also be helping with the offertory. The seasonal services attract many visitors, as well as members of the congregation and families. If you are able to help with any of these duties, please email djaynereida@hotmail.com, or call 604-731-7630. Let us know which evening you are available.

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING: Join us in making wreaths and swags to decorate the sanctuary for the festive season. Saturday December 16, 2017, 9:00 -11:00 am, Lindsey-Priestley Room, Hewett Centre. Bring garden gloves and clippers, if you have them. Greenery and decorations provided but feel free to contribute your own. Coffee/tea/snacks provided. Further information contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com.

DECEMBER 17 FORUM: *Get The (Video) Picture? Participant Crowd Sourcing.* The world of video and television is rapidly changing. With new technology, capabilities, programming, pricing and feature packages it is a complex scene to navigate. In this vein, what questions or problems do you have to raise with the crowd? What knowledge, tips and selections would you like to share? Let's put our heads together. The ideas and resources will be summarized and emailed to participants.

GREEN FUND HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET/CRAFT FAIR Dec. 17, 10 am – 2pm and 6:30 – 9 pm. Unique, individually crafted gifts. Support our local artisans. Support our Green Fund. Join us!

EARTH SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE DANCE: Stay after church on Dec. 17 and enjoy a Winter Solstice ritual and circle dance. On the sanctuary stage 12:30 – 1:30 pm. maryinvancouver@gmail.com All are welcome. Dances are explained each time. There are no wrong steps, only variations.

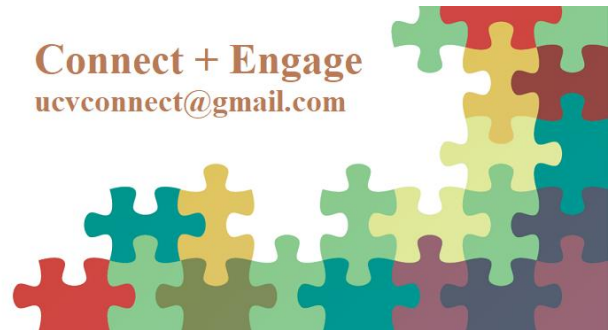
GLAD GATHERING FOR LABYRINTH ART & DANCE: Thursday, Dec. 21, 11 am – 1 pm. Celebrate the solstice on the solstice with a small group of friendly folk. Contact maryinvancouver@gmail.com

DECEMBER 24 FORUM: Christmas Eve Fireside Chat with Christmas Cheer and cookies. Drop in after church. Have a jolly holly time with UCV friends. Bring a poem or reading to share with others. Special guest is Alina Smolyansky. Alina is an egg tempera artist, icon painter and educator, based in Vancouver, BC. Some of her lovely art work decks the walls of the Fireside Room. Alina will tell us about her creations and creative process. *Randall MacKinnon*

ATTENTION PARENTS AND ALL ADULTS: Rev. Steven Epperson and DRE Kiersten Moore co-coordinated our first “Being Unitarian Through the Week” session on December 3. Thanks to those who attended this very successful first Sunday Adult RE gathering. For all who’d like to join with us next time: *mark your calendars!* Our second gathering will take place January 7, 2018, 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Lindsey-Priestley room.

REVIEW REQUEST: Do you use Yelp or TripAdvisor? If so, you could help the church by reviewing UCV on these sites to let people know that we are a welcoming and friendly community. Currently we have a negative review from a person who disagrees with our religious beliefs. *Thanks, Paul Prescod*

CONNECT + ENGAGE: Contact Mary @ucvconnect@gmail.com if you are interested in joining a covenant group or neighbourhood group or otherwise would like to get more connected with other Unitarians...



BLANKET, COAT AND SOCK DRIVE: The Coming of Age youth are collecting gently used and laundered blankets and coats, and new socks, for all ages and genders of people in need. Donations can be dropped off at our collection bins in Hewett Hall on Sunday, Dec. 10th and Sunday, Dec. 17th, or on weekdays at the office during office hours. We will be distributing the items you donate on December 24th, along with packed lunches made by the Coming of Agers. Thank you!”

LOVE SOUP: Thank you very much for your continued support. Please note that we are in need of additional help for the December 17, January 21, and February 18 Love Soup lunches – please contact the office if you would like to participate!

3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities



take action disability-inclusion
women with disabilities understanding disability mobilize action
promote dignity plan events mainstream disability
organize forums ensure equality
develop social policies employment inclusive education
social integration advocate human rights
children with disabilities empowerment
accessible healthcare
data collection awareness-raising
end stigma and stereotyping



Be informed! Get involved!
www.un.org/disabilities
enable@un.org

UCV Upcoming Seasonal Events

949 W. 49th Avenue (Oak and 49th)



Dec. 16

9 am

Wreath Making

Join us in making wreaths and swags to decorate the sanctuary for the festive season. Bring garden gloves and clippers if you have them. Greenery and decorations provided but feel free to contribute your own. Coffee, tea and snacks provided. Contact Dianne Crosbie, dscrosbie@uniserve.com.

Dec. 17

11 am

Seasonal Pageant & Solstice Service

'The Owl and the Robin' by Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe

Robin and Owl argue over which is better: day or night? But what if we can only have one or the other? Anyone can show up and don a mask or costume to join those with rehearsed parts. We explore the need for balance within our own life, within nature and within society. Come celebrate the darkest part of the year and the return of light to come.

10 am to 2 pm; 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Craft Fair

Come find quality hand-made gifts and help support our Green Fund. Artisans are mostly from our own congregation! Look cards, pottery, jewellery, knitted sweaters and scarves, hand-painted silk scarves, photos, posters and art prints, honey, baked goods, candles, kids books, cottonwood bark carvings, and some surprises. MR. SHARP is back! Bring your knives, scissors, and wit for sharpening. 10% of proceeds go to the Environment Committee Green Fund.

7:30 pm

Candlelight Service

A UCV tradition: worship, the spoken word, seasonal carols and music, featuring the Chalice Choir, honouring the festivals of December and the beginning of a new year. All are invited. (Light dessert potluck after the service in the Hall. Please bring a dish & stick around.)

Dec. 24

11 am

A Unitarian Christmas Eve Sunday Service

That's right, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, and we're NOT taking a "bah humbug!" attitude. Join us for stories and carols. A worship service for all ages!

7 pm

Christmas Eve Celebration

On this evening, we gather with candles, carols and story to commemorate our fellowship and the gifts of the season. Bring your family and friends; all are invited to this service for all ages

Dec. 25

1 pm

Christmas Day Singalong & Potluck

Come to our annual informal Christmas Day potluck. Bring your family and friends and a dish to share. There will be carol singing with Patrick Dubois playing piano.

Dec. 31

11 am

Fire Communion



Our Vision

Because we envision a more compassionate world, we seek to deepen our spiritual and religious lives, grow and enrich our congregation, and advocate for love and justice.

Living Our Vision

As Unitarians, we are dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and reverence for nature and all life. We embody these values through worship, ethical action, artistic expression, and religious education for all ages that aim to connect hearts, heads, and hands. Our congregation welcomes all ages, orientations, abilities, and identities in our joyous search for meaning.

MINISTER AND STAFF

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Rev. Steven Epperson

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