



All My Relations

Aline LaFlamme

April 22, 2018

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 congregation. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

The Presence of Children is a Gift to the Church. Welcome!

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies please fill out a Children's Program visitor card at the Welcome Table so Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Exploration, can be in touch with you about our children, youth, and family programs.

Most Sundays, everyone begins the morning together in the Sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes. We provide multi-age programming and special workshops for children ages 2-12 from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm. Community building, exploring traditions and values, questioning, and wondering are our goals. Babies and young toddlers may join us or stay with you in the Sanctuary.

Buddy Bags with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

<p>The seats in the rear of the church are <i>reserved</i>: (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.</p>
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The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

After the Story we sing our children off to their Explorations in Hewett Centre:

- **Art Show project Today! All visitors and children ages 2-12 meet downstairs in the Channing Room** (south end) until 12:15. We are painting with acrylic on canvas today—paint shirts are provided. Children's completed art will be displayed in the Sanctuary in May and June. Those who finished their painting last week will be out in the garden tilling and planting if the weather permits. As long as it isn't too soggy we will be outside in the garden beds today at the north end near the parking lot. Please bring your coat when you leave the sanctuary.

- **Coming of Age** meets in Hirschmanova until 12:15. This is a year-long mentorship and spirituality exploration program for children ages 11-14 and is restricted to registered participants.
- **Children and babies** are always welcome to remain with their family or responsible adult throughout the service if they prefer. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for family use. **Nursing parents are welcome** in any part of our buildings, if you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.
- **After the Service** children age 9 and older will be released to join their family in the main Hall when their class is over. **Children age 8 and younger** must be met at their classroom door and signed out by a responsible adult.

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MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am in the Family Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

NEW SERMON DISCUSSIONS: Inviting newcomers and regulars to share your thoughts, feelings and questions about today's service. Grab a coffee or lunch and join us for an informal discussion at 12:15 – 1 pm in the Priestley room. *Sheila* (R), Connect & Engage Committee. For more information, visit: <http://tiny.cc/ucvdsd>

ART EXHIBITION: *Elemental Journeys*, Joanne Brown, printmaker, will show her Four Elements series. Jackie Conradi-Robertson's acrylic paintings are inspired by nature scenes either here at home or in her travels. Mary Bennett's mixed-media pieces explore materiality through colour, texture, and layers.

PLEDGES ARE FLOWING IN!: During April, we all take a moment to decide how much we can contribute financially to the church for the next fiscal year and we write this amount on a Pledge Card so that our Board can develop a budget for the coming year. By April 16th, we had received pledges from 90 individuals for a total of \$147,782 toward this year's goal of \$336,000. **If you haven't pledged yet, please drop by the Canvass Information table today in Hewett Hall with any questions you may have.** In gratitude, your 2018 Canvass Team.

FORUM: *Space for Feminism: Tales of Resistance and Persistence from Vancouver Women's Library.* The Vancouver Women's Library is a 100% volunteer-powered free lending library and community resource network and space. With a view to increasing intercultural and intergenerational respect, dialogue, and friendship, the membership at this little library has grown to over 500 in just one year. Having just passed their first anniversary in their physical location at 1255 Kingsway, volunteers of VWL will speak on the highs and lows of organizing in a space that is specified for women and girls, by women and girls. They will also discuss some of their goals and dreams for the future of the Women's library with a view to hearing input from the audience for what they would like to see as well. Sponsor: Arts and Culture team

Celebration of Worship: April 22, 2018

Prelude	Daughters of the Drum*
Opening Words	Tamiko Suzuki
Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours	Tamiko Suzuki
Kindling the Chalice Flame	
Opening Hymn #1052	<i>The Oneness of Everything</i>
Story for All Ages	Wangari's Trees of Peace by Jeanette Winter**
<i>"Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love Surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go..."</i>	
Welcome and Announcements	Julia Myers
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns	Julia Myers
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	Daughters of the Drum
Receiving the Offering	Tara Bonham
Introduction to Meditation	Tara Bonham
Musical Response	Daughters of the Drum
All My Relations Aline LaFlamme	
Closing Hymn #163	<i>For the Earth Forever Turning</i>
Closing Words	Tara Bonham
Extinguishing the Chalice Flame	Tara Bonham
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. (x2)</i>

** Daughters of the Drum, founded by Aline LaFlamme, is a Vancouver-based collective of primarily Aboriginal women who drum, sing, and perform with the intention of celebrating and preserving Aboriginal culture.*

*** Wangari Maathai started the Green Belt Movement in Kenya in 1977 on World Environment Day by planting 9 seedlings in her back yard. She saw many poor rural women struggling with growing deforestation, lack of firewood, poor soil and lack of clean drinking water. She enlisted local women to help plant indigenous trees and by 2004, 30 million trees had been planted, 80 thousand people's income had increased and the movement had spread to 30 African countries. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.*

In her acceptance speech she said: "We are called to assist the Earth to heal her wounds and in the process heal our own—indeed, to embrace the whole creation in all its diversity, beauty and wonder"

Next Sunday Service: April 29, 2018

Adventures in Housing: A Personal Perspective

Rev. Steven Epperson

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHALICE CHOIR SPRING CABARET: Fascinating Rhythms! Join the Chalice Choir for a light-hearted evening of folk and pop music, with special guests, ErRatica. No host bar & light snacks. Childcare provided. Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 pm, Hewett Centre. Tickets on sale today in Hewett Centre - \$20 (low income – pay what you can).

DESIGNING AND LEADING RITES OF PASSAGE: Basic Training, April 27 – 29. CUC is offering at UCV a basic training weekend for new Lay Chaplains and anyone interested:

<http://cuc.ca/event/designing-leading-rites-passage-basic-training-lay-chaplains-3>

For more information, please contact Naomi Taylor: naomitaylor7@gmail.com

or Katherine Roback: katherinekrobback@gmail.com

IT'S EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 29! The children of UCV invite you to a birthday party—yours! The children are delighted to invite you for cake, salad, and soup at lunch in Hewett Hall, next Sunday, April 29th. You will sit with others who were born in the same month as you. It's lighthearted and friendly and delicious. Cost? Enjoy and donate what fits for you. Proceeds will go toward improving multi-age learning spaces and presentation of the Children's Library.

CELEBRATE WORLD LABYRINTH DAY AT UCV on Sunday, May 6 with a labyrinth walk and introduction to our two labyrinths starting at 3 pm. This will be advertised as part of Jane's Walk Vancouver. Reply to unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com with any questions, suggestions or offers regarding our "Garden Path Labyrinth". See photos and news at vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinths

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEETING: May 13, 9:45-10:45 am. RSVP sharinguvcv@gmail.com
If you'd like to join, send a note to Mary. June UCV Events will be Mary's last one as co-editor after three and a half years. We are preparing a budget. If you have suggestions for us, please send asap.
From Communications Co-chairs, Paul Prescod and Mary Bennett

CIRCLE DANCING IN APRIL - BELTLANE/MAY DAY: We'll celebrate on Sunday April 29th with Maypole dancing in the courtyard after the service. Can you help us set up? Contact circledanceucv@gmail.com More info: vancouverunitarians.ca/circle-dance

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ART FOR REFUGEES in the Fireside Room. Silent Auction with all funds going to the Unitarian Refugee Committee. Art by Karen Brumelle. OPENING MAY 4, 7 – 9 pm, music by the Lawless Firm. Silent Auction ending May 27 at noon.

HYGGE POTLUCK DINNERS are usually on the 3rd Saturday. We are looking for hosts for May and June. ucvhygge@gmail.com.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW WE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD: The Environment Committee (EC) sponsored an educational event in February for two First Nations (FN) groups to talk about the impact of open net fish farms. These farms are occupying traditional territories without FN permission and jeopardising traditional livelihoods because of farmed salmon spreading diseases and sea lice to wild salmon. The highly successful event – the FN groups raised \$8,500 – involved many EC volunteers. Since then, each Sunday EC has led a letter writing campaign asking the BC government not to renew fish farm licenses. To date, at least 71 letters have been written. Meanwhile, members of EC also participated in demonstrations against the KM pipeline: three members of our congregation have been arrested and one member has been the subject of a SLAAP suit filed by KM: as Unitarians, we are proud of these members' brave actions.

REV. PHILLIP HEWETT MEMORIAL: A video of the memorial service for Rev. Phillip Hewett plus a guest book to share memories is online. Go to vancouverunitarians.ca/minister-emeritus to find links. If you are in touch with Unitarians who were members during Phillip's ministry and have since moved or lost touch, please forward this to them.

SANCTUARY HANGING: The hanging presently on display in the Sanctuary was created by Donna Hamilton as a commission for the UUA General Assembly Planning Committee in 1995. It was hung at the plenary sessions of the GA meetings for the next several years. It then hung permanently at the headquarters of the UUA, at 25 Beacon Street in Boston, until the UUA recently moved their headquarters to another space. It was then returned to the artist, and was brought to UCV temporarily for the Metro Vancouver All-Congregations gathering on April 7.

THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE is looking for 1 - 2 people to join our committee. Help us create a positive, healthy work environment for our UCV staff. Contact Sheila Resels, chair of HR, at sresels@gmail.com for further information.

KIDS TAKEOVER UCV: Inspired by the recent Kids Takeover UBC, we are beginning to plan for a Kids Takeover day (or week? Or month?) at UCV. Share your ideas on the RE bulletin board or send to kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com. See article on web for more information. Supported by Arts Committee.

THE CONNECT & ENGAGE COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to facilitate informal conversation amongst newcomers (& regulars). The topic is the Sunday sermon. Our weekly *Sermon Discussions* are from 12:15 to approximately 1 pm. This only requires that you sign up for *one session per year*. If you'd like to join the team, contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for the Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS), from February to May. CLAS provides legal assistance in BC to people with problems in the areas of workers' rights, income security, housing, mental health and human rights.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: Send an email to ucvconnect@gmail.com to be added to your neighbourhood email group. More at: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/neighbourhood-groups/>

COVENANT GROUPS: Two groups (2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday) are accepting new members. Contact ucvconnect@gmail.com to be put in touch (or check event listings on web.)

OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP 2018 for UUs and their Friends and Family. "Creative Arts Eliot" takes place in Seabeck, WA August 11-15, 2018 and offers UUs and friends a multi-generational camp experience with workshops in Photography, Poetry, Painting, Songwriting and more. Campers choose one or two workshops to focus on and spend the rest of their time enjoying the waterfront, campfires, singing, UU community, games, evening programs and entertainment, including an Extravaganza on the last day to showcase everyone's creativity. For more info, contact Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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Huguette Sansonet, Karin Hall

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LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

SOUND

Rob Greig

GREETERS

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Eleanore Dunn, Dianne Crosbie

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira

The red pulpit hanging in the Sanctuary is a gift from our partner church in Brasso, Romania

Information on the wall hanging by Donna Hamilton is provided above, under 'UCV Community Announcements'.



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.

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