



Seasonal Pageant: *Hearts Full of Love*

by Norman Allen, performed by UCV Children & Youth

December 23, 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 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

UCV CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE FORUM: Work on the business plan phase (leading to a go/no-go decision in June) is now underway. Several work groups have started. Attend for a briefing and question and answer hour (we want to keep you in the loop!) – Michael Clague / Gordon Gram (co-chairs)

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

SERMON DISCUSSION: 12:15 – 12:45 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

CURRENT ART EXHIBITION: M. Carscience: *The Light of All Things*. A collection of abstract light paintings. The images are made with a technique the artist calls “experimental optics,” curious experiments with digital photography and disassembled camera lens parts, which transform the light of our illuminated environment into tableaux that challenge perceptions and invite the imagination to explore new realms.



Families with Children, Welcome!

This Sunday, the children are presenting our annual Christmas Pageant and are a part of today's service. There are two opportunities for all children in the audience to join us onstage as animals and then as angels. You will be welcomed up during the performance to be animals in the stable (and make animal noises) or to be part of our Host of Angels—please join us on stage, or make sound from the audience!

Our Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, coordinates a team of staff and volunteer teachers to provide programming for children (up to age 12) and youth (secondary school age). We build community, explore traditions and spiritual practices, ask big questions, and nurture individual power to bring love and justice forward. Visit our website for more information www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca There are many volunteer opportunities within the program and it is a great way to be involved, deepen spirituality, and build connections.

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.

Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our building. If you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

Responsible adults must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15 pm, Youth Group runs until 12:30 pm, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the hall for coffee hour. You may join your child in Explorations, but we encourage giving them their own time whenever possible.

Colour Buttons Identify Teachers and Advisers

Orange: Toddler Watch--attending to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program.

Green: Children's Program Leaders and Assistants

Yellow: Youth Advisers

Children and babies are always welcome in our worship services. To parents and responsible adults, we offer some tips to help you and your children be at ease:

- Mother Nature put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in our church.
- Sit towards the front where your child can see what is going on; backs of heads are boring! Help your child by being a role model.
- Gently and quietly explain what is going on, how people are listening or participating.
- Answer your child's questions with a quiet whisper—they often whisper back.
- Encourage your child to work with their Buddy Bag to help them concentrate on worship.
- If your child needs to leave the service, please feel free to come back. We believe children belong in sacred spaces.
- The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for your use.

Celebration of Worship: December 23, 2018

Prelude	<i>Carols by Alfred Burt</i>	E. Dainow, piano
Invocation	<i>Let Christmas Come</i>	By R.V. Williams, words by J.H. Morgan With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn	<i>#253: O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	
Announcements		Léonie Armstrong
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Léonie Armstrong
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Bring a Torch</i>	Trad. / arr. Mark Hayes Lyndon Ladeur & E. Dainow
Meditation, Spoken then Silent		
Musical Response	<i>Some Children See Him</i>	Alfred Burt E. Dainow, piano

Hearts Full of Love: A Nativity Story

Written by Norman Allen, playwright and UU Minister

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Cast listed in order of appearance:

- **Narrator 1:** Kiersten Moore
- **Narrator 2:** Dylan Hahn
- **Villager One/Joseph:** Liam Bomford-Moore
- **Villager Two/Mary:** Noella Prescod
- **Donkey:** Benny Malcolm
- **Cow:** Leo Malcolm
- **Duck:** Cohen Prescod
- **Horse:** Rose Chernoff
- **Innkeeper:** Esmé Demers
- **Shepard One:** Juliet Imayoshi
- **Shepard Two:** Violet Chernoff
- **Shepard Three:** Elena Bomford-Moore
- **Animals and Host of Angels:** All willing children and youth led by Hawk Demers and Brendan Bomford-Moore

Hymns within the pageant:

- #246: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
- #237: *The First Noel*
- #231: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Closing Hymn **##245: *Joy the World***

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. (x2)

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION: Monday, December 24 at 7pm. 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!

CHRISTMAS POT LUCK AND CAROL SING: With Gavin Grandish and Patrick Dubois. We'll gather in the Hewett Hall at 1 pm for a bite to eat and some holiday fun. Bring a dish and your carol singing voices. Join with UCV members and friends—Christmas cheer for all ages!

UCV WOMEN'S GATHERING: Details on the annual women's gathering can be found here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/annual-womens-gathering/>. Please phone Jeannie at 604-224-1040 if you plan to attend. Afternoon workshops are now full. Register online at: <https://unitarian-women-2019.eventbrite.ca>

INTERACTIVE THEATRE: Practicing Interactive Theatre for Living We meet monthly to practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Anyone welcome! Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared for fun and insight. Next practice: Sat. Jan.12, 9:30am - 12:30pm Hirschmanova. RSVP to host, Rev. Meg Roberts to confirm practice, 778- 870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCV OFFICE CLOSURE: Please note that the UCV office will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 24 at 2:30 until Wednesday, January 2. In case of emergency, please contact Aurora at 604-354-1643, or by email at ca@vancouverunitarians.ca for more general/casual inquiries.

LOST AND FOUND: Please note that the office lost and found closet will be cleared out once we re-open in January, and any unclaimed items will be donated. If you suspect we may have something of yours, or want to take a look at what is available (perhaps you will recognize something and can help us get it to its rightful owner), please do so before January 2!

E-NEWSLETTERS: As well as the monthly e-news sent out near the beginning of each month, we do occasional messages with a focus. You can sign up for any and all e-newsletters here: vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter

UCV MEMBERS ART SHOW: From January 3 to February 28, 2019, the Arts Committee will be organizing an exhibition of artwork by UCV members. Interested members are asked to please bring 2-3 pieces to UCV to the attention of Chris Pearce or Caede Pungente. The art can be stored safely in our storage cupboard. Please bring the art with labels, including the medium and titles (please put prices on separate piece of paper!). We would like to have the art pieces before the end of December.

UCV REDEVELOPMENT BUSINESS PLAN: Join the planning! This work will contribute to the decision by members next June as to whether or not to proceed with redevelopment. An informational note is available at the office about how the various redevelopment focus groups work and who has joined already. Contact Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com) and/or Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net) for more information.

INSTAGRAM: Yes, we are now on instagram as @vancouverunitarian! Please follow and tell your friends. We'll be using hashtags like #uuyouth #uuf flamingchalice #uusingingthelivingtradition #uualgbtq. You'll find lots of other interesting posts from those searches too. Are you an instagrammer? Please send Mary a note as we're building a team. sharingucv@gmail.com

ARTS COMMITTEE – COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE NEEDED: The Arts Committee needs someone with computer skills to post information about our artists and visual arts events on the website (training available) so it can be included in e-newsletters. Contact Mary Bennett sharingucv@gmail.com if you can help. Social media experience a bonus! Youth welcome!

UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow (rdainow@shaw.ca)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact ucvconnect@gmail.com
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson (vdavidsonsc@gmail.com)

Is your neighbourhood not listed? Would you like to meet Unitarians who live near you? Contact Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com for help at connecting with your neighbours.

DROP-IN PING-PONG is being planned as a weekday morning activity at UCV for a group forming now. Registration is required. Please email George Atherton – notrehta@gmail.com – to find out more.

PAGANISM 101 is full and well underway. BUT the monthly Earth Spirit circle is open to all - on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 6 – 7 pm, Hirschmanova. Want more information? earthspiritucv@gmail.com

2019 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS are now on sale! Pick up one of these beautiful calendars at the book stall in Hewett Hall and mark a couple gifts off your list at the same time. \$15 each or 2 for \$25. All proceeds go to **benefit UCV's children's programs** and the Multifaith Action Society.

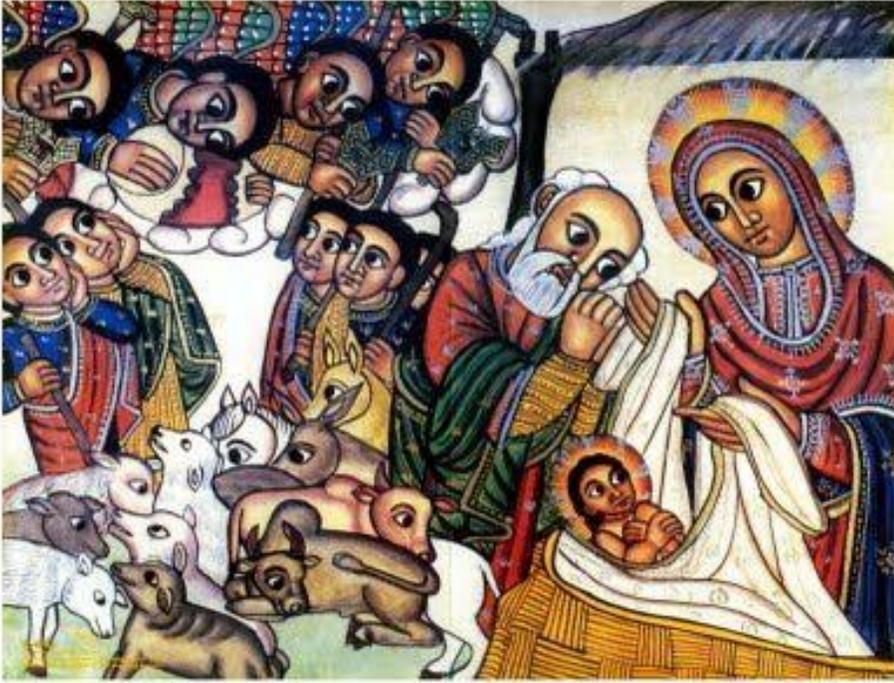
UCV CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

A new way to reach out in time of need: If you or others in the congregation are in need of support in times of transition, loss, illness, moving, etc., please contact: careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca. Sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson

Do you receive our e-newsletters? If not, please go to vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter to view recent newsletters (and sign up to receive in your inbox.)

OUTSIDE EVENTS

UU WOMEN'S RETREAT: Save the Date! February 8 to 10, 2019 (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch) at the Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo. Special rate of \$215.00 includes 6 delicious meals, private rooms, and a main room for activities. Expect connection with other women, several discussion circles to choose from and time for yourself. There is a 6 km walking trail and a Chartres-sized labyrinth. Expect spiritual renewal at this special place and time. NOTE: There are 4 accessible rooms available.



Ethiopian Coptic Christian Nativity and Flight into Egypt

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

FLOWERS

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

SOUND

GREETERS

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

CARETAKER(S)

Karen Hertz, Amy Megumi Anderson, Ingrid Luters

Carolyn Innes

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

Rob Greig

John Smith, Greg Grant, Denise Nereida

Dianne Crosbie, Huguette Sansonnet

Paul Nash, Edgar Silveira

Next Sunday Service:

Sunday, December 30

Fire Communion with Léonie Armstrong and Guests



We actively welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities!

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

PARISH MINISTER

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