



The Work We Do

Rev. Steven Epperson & UCV Members
May 6, 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

We gather together on the 1st Sunday of each month for whole congregation worship. On these days both children and adults participate in explorations, programs, and small groups at 9:30 am and then attend worship together at 11:00.

Worshipping together is a learning experience for everyone. 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 remind them what we do in worship and explain what is going on.
- 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 you must leave the service with your child, 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.

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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.

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

FORUM: *What is an Environmental Impact Assessment Anyway?* You've likely heard about EIA in the review of the environmental risks of projects like the Kinder Morgan pipeline. But what is it supposed to do, how does it work, and how can you be involved in it? John Boyle has decades of EIA experience and will address these questions, and others you may have. – *Environment Team*

COMPUTUTOR: 12 – 2 pm, Lindsey Room. Bring your curiosity, questions and computer/social media challenges. Resources: Paul Prescod and Galen Efert. For more information, contact RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

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/ucvsvd>

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY was yesterday, but we're celebrating today! Come over to the "Garden Path" labyrinth and draw/paint, have a cup of mint tea and learn about the labyrinths at UCV. Sandy, Mary, Pat and Vera would love to have you drop by. From 3 – 4 pm a group from Jane's Walk Vancouver will visit for a more structured introduction and facilitated walk of the two labyrinths.

SOS – LAST DAY TODAY: Please visit our letter writing table in Hewett Hall today to write your MLA to **NOT renew** the 20+ open net fish farm leases that come due this June. Information, templates, and all supplies provided. Take a Letter Writing Guide or Followup Letter Guide and self-addressed envelopes if you prefer to write your letter from home.

LUNCH TODAY is being provided by the Environment Committee.

Celebration of Worship: May 6, 2018

Prelude	<i>Union Made</i> <i>Cape Cod Girls</i> <i>My Dad is a Carpenter</i>	Lyrics by Woody Guthrie Traditional Anon. With Tom Rawson*
Invocation	<i>Prayer to Friends</i>	C. McDade With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Steven Epperson
Opening Hymn #128		<i>For All That is Our Life</i>
Honouring our Lay Chaplain Nan Gregory		
Story for All Ages		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
	<i>“Go now...”</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Karen Bartlett
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Karen Bartlett
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>We Shall Not Be Moved</i>	Trad. (lyrics by textile workers) With Tom Rawson
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>This Old Hammer**</i>	Trad., arr. W. Ehret With the Chalice Choir

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Rev. Steven Epperson with Michael Bomford, Emilie Adin, & Michael O’Neil

Closing Hymn #109	<i>As We Come Marching, Marching</i>
Closing Words	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.*

Invocation *Lonesome Valley* Lyrics by Woody Guthrie
With Tom Rawson

* Tom has become a regular here with us, bringing his up-beat music and good heart. He is a folksinger, songwriter, storyteller, and Quaker peace activist from Orcas Island, Washington. When he grows up he wants to be Pete Seeger. His email is tomrawson@gmail.com. It's a pleasure to have him here once again. – Elliott

** The Old Hammer tells the story of John Henry, an African American folk hero, who won a race with a steam-powered hammer, only to die in victory with his hammer in his hand when his heart gave out. It was often sung as a "hammer" song or work song, to accompany physical labour and is sung today to honour working people. The last time the Chalice Choir sang this piece was in April, 2002, when the BC provincial government unilaterally stripped working conditions from the BCTF (teachers) contract. These provisions were finally restored by the Supreme Court of Canada in September, 2017.



Next Sunday Service: May 13, 2018

Mother's Day and Flower Communion

Rev. Steven Epperson

(Please remember to bring some flowers!)

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

CIRCLE DANCING: Monday, May 14, 7 – 9 pm. Evening circle dances are 7 – 9 pm on the 1st Tuesday and 2nd Monday. For more dates and times, just follow the links from vancouverunitarians.ca/circle-dance

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEETING: May 13, 9:45 – 10:45 am. RSVP sharingucv@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

HYGGE POTLUCK DINNERS are usually on the 3rd Saturday. Merva Cottle will host on Saturday, May 20 – 3951 West 20th Avenue. RSVP by phone 604-224-8767. Volunteer to host a dinner in June, contact ucvhygge@gmail.com.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.)

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: To include more people we're combining South Vancouver to include everyone south of 49! If you're over the bridge from South Vancouver, please join. We hope to host neighbourhood group gatherings either at UCV or on the Richmond side. More at:

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/neighbourhood-groups/>

OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP 2018 for UUs and their Friends and Families. *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.

FARMERS ON 57TH CSA HARVEST BOX PROGRAM: Eat fresh urban farm & organically grown veg for \$30/week, June-October. Flowers available too. More details at www.farmerson57th.ca.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

LUNCH

FLOWERS

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

SOUND

GREETERS

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

CARETAKER(S)

Eva Allen, Catherine Stewart

Environment Committee

Chris Pearce

Ejan Stanton, Lindsay Udem

Rob Taylor

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

Naomi Taylor, Wendy Bryan

Edgar Silveira, Igor Santizo

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.

MINISTER AND STAFF

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Rev. Steven Epperson

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