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FEBRUARY 2016

Worship Services

February 7

Honour before Glory: Canada's Black Battalion

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

In honour of Black History Month, join in the telling of the story of the #2 Construction Battalion – the only regiment of Afro-Canadian soldiers in World War I – and of their chaplain: the Reverend William Andrew White II of Nova Scotia – the only black chaplain in the entire British Army and its first black officer.

It's a tale of considerable discrimination, fortitude, heartbreak, courage, and achievement.

February 14

For the Sake of Love: Unitarians and the Saga of Inter-faith Marriage

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

It's the season of Valentine's Day – time ripe for telling a little known story. Not so long ago, it was a near taboo for clergy to officiate at marriages of couples from different religious backgrounds. Unitarians broke this taboo. It's another example of the vanguard role we've played in dismantling irrational and hurtful dogma and practice – and this one, because we stand on the side of love.

February 21

You Too Can Minister to Anyone, Anywhere

Visiting Minister

In our increasingly digital existence, we live in a world where listening can often seem to be in short supply. Our friends and loved ones can be distracted, and we can be distracted from truly listening to them.

But listening is a powerful gift, one that is mutually beneficial, and acknowledges our humanity. Let's reflect together on how we live out our UU values day to day, strengthening their impact as we make use of our ability to minister to anyone, anywhere.

February 28

It's Elementary My Dear Watson: the Tensions between Amateur and Professional Knowledge

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

It's a common story in detective fiction: a so-called "amateur". Think Sherlock, Miss Marple, Father Brown, etc., solves a crime uncracked by the "professionals".

Something like this happens all the time in real life, doesn't it? The insights, wisdom and folk knowledge of people are dismissed by a power elite.

Unitarians "heed the guidance of reason and the results of science"; a fact that can sometimes that can put us at odds with the professionals. Here's a service that takes us on a walk on the wild side of the theory and practice of knowledge.

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of diverse beliefs and shared values. In fellowship with one another, we seek spiritual growth, social justice, and environmental sustainability through worship, ethical action, education, and artistic expression. We welcome all who would join this compassionate and visionary community.

Sunday Mornings

Schedule

10:00 am Meditation

10:45 am Musical prelude

11:00 am Worship service

Coffee & conversation in Hewett Centre before & after.

12:00 pm Lunch served

12:30 pm Forum in Fireside room

1:00 pm Library closes

Child Care

Children's programs begin after story time in the Sanctuary.

ART AT UCV

Feb. 1 – 28

Karen Brumelle

Gratitude, Paintings and Collages
of the Natural World
Fireside Room

Opening Reception: Feb. 5, 7 pm

Silent Auction benefit
for UCV Refugee Committee



This House of Music: "Capping it Off" in style

FEBRUARY 6 7:30 PM

An eclectic evening of music to support the fundraising campaign to replace our roofs.

Performers include:

Brian Tate – Richard Tyce – Paul Nash – Stephen Aberle – erRatica – Elektra Women's Choir – Elliot Dainow – The Armstrong Trio – Russell Nip – Chalice Choir under the direction of Donna Brown.

Advance tickets: \$20 online at <http://tinyurl.com/ucvtix>
or Sundays in the Hall. \$25 at the door. Reception to follow.

Forums

Sundays 12:30 – 1:30 pm Fireside Room

All welcome! Please feel free to bring in your lunch or beverage.



Elders, Kids, Environment: What Moves Us?

February 7

Diana Ellis, Chair,
Suzuki Elder Council



Around the world, the number of elders/seniors involved in environmental action – particularly climate change – is increasing.

In BC, the Suzuki Elders, believing that ‘*It is not just about what we do, it is about how we do it,*’ use an elder perspective in their work with, and on behalf of, the younger generations. Diana will describe what the Suzuki Elders have learned about working with youth on environmental issues and will share information about similar elder groups worldwide.

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No Forum Planned

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Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP): Is it in the Public Interest?

Harjap Grewal, Regional Organizer,
Council of Canadians

On October 5, 2015, Canada, the United States and ten other countries – together representing more than 40 per cent of the global economy announced the conclusion of negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership “free trade” agreement.

Now the ratification process unfolds and our federal government wants feedback from Canadians. Is this a good deal for Canada?

And why does it include a discredited investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) provision that allows corporations to sue governments for lost future profits?

UCV Covenant Groups

Groups of 5 – 10 people meet to explore questions of a spiritual, soulful and ethical nature in an atmosphere of respect, confidentiality and non-judgment. Three different groups meet from 1 – 2:30 pm at UCV on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, Jan – Jun 2016. There is room for newcomers. Contacts: Nan Gregory nangregory@shaw.ca, Keith Wilkinson kwilk1@telus.net or George Atherton notrehta@gmail.com

New Covenant Group to Explore Thoughts And Feelings related to climate change (Co-Sponsored by Beacon Climate Change Task Force and UCV Covenant Groups.) Group meets on first Wednesday of the month (Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6 and May 4), from 6:30 – 8 pm at Waves coffee shop on Columbia (715 Columbia) in New Westminster, two blocks from New West Skytrain Station. Feb is last time to join. Group is closed from March on. Contact teresa.a.morton@gmail.com or 778-855-1704.

Canadian Unitarian Council Annual Conference

May 20–23 UBC, Vancouver

Billeting, a way of building community. Please consider offering a bed to one or two visitors attending the national CUC conference at UBC, May 20-23. If you are interested, contact Connie Wigmore (cwigmor1@shaw.ca, 604-879-6243)

Women’s Association Green Tea. Urgently needed volunteers to help with the ‘Green Tea’ Sunday May 22nd following the meeting of the Canadian Unitarians Women’s Association at the CUC convention at UBC. Please contact Jenny Podlecki jpodlecki@shaw.ca or phone 604 737-7794

UCV Committees

OPEN TO ALL

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/committees-groups/>

Arts Committee

Meets 3rd Sundays 10:30 am,
Lindsey-Priestley.

Contact Caede Pungente or Chris Pearce
pungente_1@hotmail.com
ppearce@shaw.ca

Environment Committee

Meets 2nd Sundays 12:30 pm
Lindsey-Priestley
Mary Lage 604-435-9265

mlage@shaw.ca

Library Committee

Meets 1st Mondays 2 pm Fireside
David Buchanan

davidfbuchanan@gmail.com

Refugee Committee

Meets 4th Sunday 12:30 pm Biddle
Virginia Crabill 604-731-1730

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Julia Myers - at Thrift Sale Table Sundays

Social Justice Committee

2nd Sunday 9:30 am Biddle
Jenny Podlecki 604-737-7794

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Pagan Committee

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SUNDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

Committees, groups and individuals volunteer to prepare and serve lunch!

Please join us for a delicious meal in Hewett Hall following Sunday service.

To host a fundraising lunch or to help out please contact Ben Hechter.

ben_hechter@yahoo.com

NEW for 2016

Hygge Dinner

Sat. Feb. 20 7 pm

Hall



Patti Turner will cook dinner, Mary will be sous chef—and you just come and enjoy “hygge” - Danish word that translates to “cosy”. \$25 donation per person. Any profits donated

to UCV Labyrinth Fund. Maximum 10 people. Must register. Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com

Also see: *Potluck Circle dinner option.*

Bridge Group

Feb. 2 (1st Tue.) 7 – 9:30 pm

Fireside

Friendly bridge for UCV members. All levels welcome, but you should know the basics of play. Contact Donna Brown.

quinnbrown44@gmail.com

Active Hope Book Study Group

Wed. Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 24 and

Mar. 9 7 – 9 pm

Fireside

Discussion of *Active Hope - How To Face the Mess We're in Without Going Crazy* by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone. Prerequisite: read the chapters in advance. Registration required: 604-261-7204 tara@vancouverunitarians.ca. Sponsors: Environment and Social Justice Committees. Contact: Lynn Armstrong, lynnbea@gmail.com 778-835-2546.

Art, Labyrinth & Circle Dance

Mary Bennett and Darlene Rainbow

Feb. 19 (3rd Fri.) 2 – 4 pm

Hewett Hall

Join us for a meditative and creative Friday afternoon experience. By donation to UCV Labyrinth Fund.

Coming March 5, 2016

**Beyond
the Surface**

Women's Art Show

Regular Events

Meditation

Sundays 10 – 10:45 am

A brief meditation guidance followed by silent exploration.

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Meditation, followed by discussion of a Buddhist text. Victoria Oginski victoriaoginski@gmail.com

Third Sunday Book Group

Feb. 21 12:30 – 1:30pm

Lindsey-Priestley

This month: February 21: *American Exodus: Climate Change and the Coming Flight for Survival* by Giles Slade ... presented by Rob Dainow and Giles Slade

Group Contact Judy Villett

jvillett@hotmail.com

Sacred Circle Dance

Dances are taught and reviewed each time. No partner or experience needed.

Feb. 2 (1st Tue.) 7 – 9 pm, Hall

Welcome Brigid (and Candlemas and Groundhog Day) with dances shared by Darlene, Mary, Denise and Karen.

Feb. 8 (2nd Mon.) 7 – 9 pm Hall

Mihaela Yeung will facilitate.

Circle Dance Contact:

Denise Nereida, ditzah@telus.net

Seven UU Principles*

Wednesdays 10 – 11:30 am Fireside

Here we can learn from each other how Unitarian principles can help us in everyday life.—George Atherton

notrehta@gmail.com

*registration required

Interactive Theatre

Rev. Meg Roberts and

The Theatre for Living Practice Group

Sat. Feb. 13 10 am – 1 pm

Hitschmanova

We practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Wear comfortable clothes. RSVP, please.

778-870-9015. mroberts@uuma.org.

Unitarian Pagan Group

1st & 3rd Wed. 7 – 9 pm Fireside

We affirm “earth-centred spiritual traditions” as one of our six sources.

Corina Bye, deltadoula@gmail.com

Jung and Film

Last Wednesday Feb. 24 6:30 — 9 pm

Hitschmanova

Watch a film together and then discuss. Soup is provided. Suggested donation \$10.

Film: **What Dreams May Come**

Karen Bartlett karen.bartlett@ubc.ca

**Messy ChUrch
MAKE Dinner UU Style!**

Fri. Feb. 12 6 – 9 pm

Messy ChUrch + MAKE Dinner
2nd Friday, Hewett Hall
UU Style! Low-tech activities. Very Participatory! Food! All welcome!

This Month: Low-tech Carnival Fun and "Street" food.

Suggested \$5 donation. Morgan Reid. morgan@vancouverunitarians.ca

February Circle Dinner

Sat. Feb. 20 6 pm

This is a potluck event hosted in members' homes, generally with 6 – 8 people attending. Get to know people more intimately and share food and conversation. Contact Theresa Marion, 604-687-4864 or tm Marion3@yahoo.com.

Writing Our Way

Sat. Feb. 20 1 – 4 pm Hitschmanova

Come and write in a small, supportive group and talk about writing. Lois Peterson loispeterson@hotmail.com

Hatha and Yin Classes

Every Monday

7 – 8:30 pm Fireside

Includes: brief opening meditation, basic Pranayama (breathing practice), both Yang and Yin postures and Savasana.

Philippa Syme appili@shaw.ca

604-222-1533. \$70 for 7 classes /\$15 drop-in. No one turned away due to lack of funds.

Last Friday Café

Fri. Feb. 27 5 – 7 pm

5 – 7 pm. Fast Food for Thought

LinkedIn And left to our own devices

7 – 9 pm T.G.I.Friday - Puns, Fun and Games etc. Activities by request - contact

RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca.- 604-263-IDEA Check February 14th and 21st Order of Service for specific details. Randall MacKinnon: 604-263-4332

CALENDAR

Weekly

SUNDAYS

10:00 – 10:45 am	Meditation, Meditation Room
10:45 – 11:00 am	Musical prelude, Sanctuary
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Worship Services, Sanctuary
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation, Hewett Centre
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Forum, Fireside

MONDAYS

7 – 8:30 pm ARE: Hatha Yoga, Fireside

WEDNESDAYS

10 – 11:30 am Seven UU Principles, Fireside
6:30 – 8:30 pm ARE: Meditation Class, Meditation Room

February

Tues. 2	7 – 9 pm. ARE: Sacred Circle Dance, Hall
Tues. 2	7 – 9:30 pm. Bridge Club, Fireside
Tues. 2	7 – 9:30 pm. Truth, Healing & Reconciliation, Hitschmanova
Wed. 3	7 – 9 pm. ARE: Pagan Group, Fireside
Sat. 6	7:30 pm. This House of Music, Concert, Sanctuary
Mon. 8	7 – 9 pm. ARE: Sacred Circle Dancing, Fireside
Wed. 10	7:30 – 9:30 pm. ARE: Active Hope Study Group, Fireside
Fri. 12	6 – 9 pm. Messy ChUrch + MAKE Dinner, Hall
Sat. 13	10 – 1 pm. ARE: Interactive Theatre, Hall
Thur. 18	5:30 – 6:30 pm. Eat, Meet, Write, Fireside
Fri. 19	2 – 4 pm. ARE: Art, Labyrinth and Circle Dance, Hall
Sat. 20	1 – 4 pm. ARE: Writing Our Way, Hitschmanova
Sat. 20	7 pm. Connect & Engage Hygge Dinner, Hall
Sun. 21	12:30 – 2 pm. UCV Book Club, Lindsey/Priestley
Mon. 22	7 – 8:30 pm. ARE: Hatha/Yin Yoga, Fireside
Wed. 24	7 – 9 pm. ARE: Pagan Group, Fireside
Wed. 24	7:30 – 9:30 pm. ARE: Active Hope Study Group, Fireside
Wed. 24	6:30 – 9pm. Jung and Film, Hitschmanova
Fri. 26	5 – 9 pm. Last Friday Café, Fireside
Mon. 29	7 – 8:30 pm. ARE: Hatha/Yin Yoga, Fireside

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Sunday Office Reception 10 am-1pm

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