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MARCH 2016

Worship Services

March 06

When It's Dangerous to be a Unitarian

**Rev. Dr. Phillip Hewett
Partner Church Service**

Would you and I hold fast to being Unitarian in face of persecution, imprisonment or even death? Throughout our history there have been times and places where people have been forced to make that decision, right down to the past few months.

It's a sobering subject for consideration, and we can be helped by our partners in this.

*Ingathering Singing 10:45 – 11am.
Everyone welcome!*

March 13

Inter-religious Dialogue: What's There to Talk About?

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

Is it worth the effort to truly engage in dialogue with people of other faith traditions? What is dialogue anyway?

Why is it that in some places real conversations are taking place, while in others it just isn't happening? Do we engage, or go our own way?

*Music by Michael Dunn's group:
"Brighter Lights, Thicker Glasses".*

March 20

The Tyranny of Choice

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

We tend to think the more choice we have, the better; it's essential to self-determination and the exercise of freedom and autonomy.

But when do too many options become excessive, stressful and oppressive? There may well be something healthy about saying enough, no and living with constraints.

The Chalice Choir sings.

March 27

Reviving the Dead: The Return of Rev. Theodore Parker

**Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson
and UCV members**

This Easter, we'll meet the Rev. Theodore Parker, radical theologian and the most influential Unitarian minister who ever lived.

Now mostly forgotten, he changed our religious tradition and inspired Abraham Lincoln and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in the making of two of their most famous statements on democracy and justice.

A readers' theatre experience? A pageant? Join us.

Sacred Harp Singers join us.

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.



Next 'New U' Session

Saturday, April 16

9:00 am – 2:15 pm

Fireside Room

If you are interested in becoming a member or even just curious about Unitarianism in general, then this is the meeting for you! A light breakfast and lunch will also be served.

Dianne Crosbie

dcrosbie@uniserve.com

BEYOND THE SURFACE

Women's Art Exhibition
UCV - March 1 to April 3

Exhibition Opening: Sat., March 5
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Opening ceremonies in the Sanctuary
at 1:00 pm followed by a reception
in the Fireside Room

Circle dance (by donation)
from 3:30 until 5:00 pm

Everyone welcome!



MARKING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - MARCH 8, 2016

Forums

Sundays 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room
All welcome! Bring along your lunch or beverage.



March 6

Tar Sands Pipelines / LNG Update

Sven Biggs

Sven Biggs is a Campaign Organizer with ForestEthics Advocacy, and has worked in the environmental movement for over a decade. For the last five years his focus has been stopping tar sands pipelines.

In light of recent major changes resulting from the recent federal election – the Paris Climate Agreement and the Alberta Climate Leadership Plan – Sven will share his perspectives on tar sands pipelines and liquified gas projects in BC.

Sponsored by the Environment Committee.

March 13

UCV's Financial Sustainability

Board of Trustees

To find out where we are, what we've tried, and what's next, please join us for an informed conversation with the UCV Board of Directors on the future of our Church.

March 20

Re-Imagine the Georgia Viaduct

Joseph Roberts

Joseph Roberts is an activist, founder of Common Ground Magazine and Walk for Peace.

Imagine the Georgia Viaduct as our *Truth and Reconciliation Bridge* to honour First Nations and celebrate our unity.

The Georgia Viaduct is an already paid for city asset that we can re-purpose for recreational, cultural and ceremonial use. Like the world class High Line Aerial Park in New York City, it will be a stunning walk way up to the new Art Gallery, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, CBC, GM Place, and BC Place with a subway station only a block away! A bridge to reconcile our colonial past and lead us to a culturally rich future.

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

March 27

No forum planned

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
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Library Committee

Meets 1st Mondays 2 pm Fireside
David Buchanan

davidbuchanan@gmail.com

Refugee Committee

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

inari47@gmail.com

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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Worship Services Committee

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Leadership Mentoring Workshop

Connect & Engage Committee

Sat. March 12 10 am – 1 pm

Fireside

Are you a “newish” member (joined within the past five years) who finds yourself moving into a leadership role at UCV? If so, you might find it helpful to be matched up with a long-time member/leader who can show you the

ropes. We match up a newish member with an experienced leader in advance (contact me before February 29 if interested). The pairs attend the initial workshop and then meet one-on-one for three one-hour meetings (with specific topics) and then a final wrap up when the next program begins.

There will likely be three new pairs and one or two pairs from the previous program. Contact Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com if you'd like to participate as mentor or mentee.

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

Special Events

**Reclaiming Hope...
from a culture of fear**



March 22 7:30 pm Hewett Centre
Join us for an evening of theatre – without a play. We will engage to identify and transform the fears that hold us back from building healthy communities and caring for the environment.

Let's dialogue about how policies linked to unbridled economic growth affect our values and fears around creating change and the connections to xenophobia and Islamophobia.

RSVP rsvp@theatreforliving.com

Sponsored by UCV Social Justice Committee, Critical Muslim Voices and Independent Jewish Voices.

Active Hope Book Study Group

Wed. 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. Contact: Lynn Armstrong, lynnbea@gmail.com 778-835-2546.

Art, Labyrinth & Circle Dance

Mary Bennett and Darlene Rainbow

Mar. 19 (3rd Fri.) 2 – 4 pm

Hewett Hall

Join us for a meditative and creative Friday afternoon experience. Celebrate the Spring Equinox with us. By donation to UCV Labyrinth Fund.

Bridge Group

Mar. 1 (1st Tues.) 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

Fundraiser Lunch March 27

This is for a well for our penal friends' school near Kabul Afghanistan. We have raised nearly \$800 of the \$1800 cost.

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

Mar. 20 12:30 – 1:30pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Book: *My Invented Country* by Isabel Allende. This is a very lively and personal memoir of Isabel Allende's life in her homeland and in exile after the assassination of her uncle, Salvador Allende, on September 11, 1973. The book “speaks compellingly to immigrants and to all of us who try to retain a coherent inner life in a world full of contradictions.” (Jacket quote.)

Contact Judy Villett,

jvillett@hotmail.com

Sacred Circle Dance

Mar. 1 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9 pm, Hall

Dances of Universal Peace led by Jutta Kanuka.

Mar. 14 (2nd Mon.) 7 – 9 pm Hall

Led by Corinne Chepil, Facilitator
No partner or experience needed. Dances are taught and reviewed each time.

Contact: Denise Nereida, ditzah@telus.net

Seven UU Principles

Wednesdays 10 – 11:30 am, Fireside

Registration required. We learn from each other about how Unitarian principles help us in everyday life. Contact George

Atherton notrehta@gmail.com

Interactive Theatre

Rev. Meg Roberts and

The Theatre for Living Practice Group

Mar. 12 (2nd Sat.) 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

Mar. 2 (1st 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

Mar 30 (Last Wed.) 6:30 — 9 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Film: Inception

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

Karen Bartlett karen.bartlett@ubc.ca

Messy ChUrch

MAKE Dinner UU Style!

Fri. Mar. 11 6 – 9 pm

2nd Friday, Hewett Hall
UU Style! Low-tech activities. Very Participatory! Food!



All welcome!

Suggested \$5 donation. Morgan Reid.

morgan@vancouverunitarians.ca

Potluck Circle Dinner

Sat. Mar. 19 6 pm

These dinners are hosted in members' homes, with 6 – 8 people attending. Get to know people more intimately and share food and conversation. Contact Theresa Marion, 604-687-4864 or tmarion3@yahoo.com.

Writing Our Way

Sat. Mar. 21 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 Caf 

Fri. Mar. 25 Fireside Room

5 – 7 pm. Fast Food for Thought.

Bring your ideas, recent readings and curiosity. Pick up some munchies from across the street if you wish.

7 – 9 pm Roundtable Discussion

What's News – Catch of the Month.

RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca.

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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

March

Tues. 1	7 – 9 pm ARE: Sacred Circle Dance, Hall
Tues. 1	7 – 9:30 pm Bridge Club, Fireside
Wed. 2	7 – 9 pm ARE: Pagan Group, Fireside
Wed. 9	7:30 – 9:30 pm ARE: Active Hope Study Group, Fireside
Fri. 11	6 – 9 pm Messy ChUrch + MAKE Dinner, Hall
Sat. 12	10 – 1 pm ARE: Interactive Theatre, Hall
Sat. 12	10 am – 1 pm Connect & Engage Mentorship Workshop
Mon. 14	7 – 9 pm ARE: Sacred Circle Dancing, Fireside
Thu. 17	5:30 – 6:30 pm Eat, Meet, Write, Fireside
Fri. 18	2 – 4 pm ARE: Art, Labyrinth and Circle Dance, Hall
Sat. 19	1 – 4 pm ARE: Writing Our Way, Hitschmanova
Sun. 20	12:30 – 2 pm UCV Book Club, Lindsey/Priestley
Mon. 21	7 – 8:30 pm ARE: Hatha/Yin Yoga, Fireside
Tues. 22	7:30 pm Reclaiming Hope, Hall
Wed. 23	7:30 – 9:30 pm ARE: Active Hope Study Group, Fireside
Fri. 25	5 – 9 pm Last Friday Café, Fireside
Mon. 28	7 – 8:30 pm ARE: Hatha/Yin Yoga, Fireside
Wed. 30	6:30 – 9 pm Jung and Film, Hitschmanova

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

OFFICE MON – THU 9:30 AM – 2 PM

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Sunday Office Reception 10 am – 1pm

Virginia Crabill, John Omielan,
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*If you can volunteer one Sunday a month,
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Canadian Unitarian Council Annual Conference

May 20 – 23 UBC, Vancouver

cuc.ca/conference

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