



**MAY
2016**

UCV EVENTS



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Worship Services

May 1

Rescue and Flight

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

This service will celebrate the daring work of Unitarians just prior to and through the Second World War who worked to save persecuted political and cultural activists and Jewish individuals and families.

Speaking of their determination, in February 1939, the Unitarian Martha Sharp wrote "We realized we were living at the front lines against Nazism. We had never felt such an urge to act before it was too late – to serve these brave people, to help them save their world and our own."

The Chalice Choir sings.

May 8

Mothers Day/Flower Communion

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

The Flower Communion is a central rite for Unitarians around the world. At UCV, it coincides nicely with Mothers' Day, celebrating how our individual contributions to mentoring/parenting/mothering enable our children and young people to grow up and flourish as adults.

Please bring a flower so that we can create a congregational bouquet.

Peter Zaenker, guitar & voice

May 15

Back When Birds Could Speak

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

According to some people, once upon a time birds could speak. And what they – the birds – talked about may have a lot to say about us.

This is World Migratory Bird Weekend, and today is the Christian Feast of Pentecost; can all this be connected?

May 22

Bolder Ways of Being: Canadian Unitarian Council Worship

Chan Centre UBC

Worship begins at 10:30 am; prelude at 10:15 am. Please arrive early.

Join with Unitarians from across Canada assembled to celebrate bolder ways of being who we are and aspire to become.

This service is a joint production of our four Lower Mainland Unitarian congregations, choirs and ministers. Please come and bring your family and friends! It will be an unforgettable worship experience.

No worship service at 49th and Oak.

May 29

A Tale From the Crypt: Inviting the Image to Speak

Louise Bunn

What happens when a nice Canadian Unitarian girl encounters a being from a very different time and place?

In the depths of the cold crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, a voice from a thousand years ago can be heard and a deeper appreciation of symbol, meaning, and consciousness can be unearthed.

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 and 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 this Month

Sanctuary/Fireside

The Children of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, in collaboration with the UCV Arts Committee present

Faces of Nature

This exhibit, rendered as masks in mixed media using plaster, acrylic, and found objects is a free exploration of how Nature might appear, or how Nature might feel, as seen through the eyes and art of children.

Forums

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



May 1

A Last Stand for Lelu

Farhan Umedaly and Tamiko Suzuki

We will be screening the documentary film *A Last Stand For Lelu*. A great injustice is being done on Lelu Island near Prince Rupert, B.C., the sacred and traditional territory of the Lax Kw'alaams people for over 10,000 years. The provincial government is trying to green light the construction of a massive LNG terminal on the island without consent.

The Lax Kw'alaams are the keepers of Lelu Island and Flora Bank, a massive sand bar that is part of the Skeena River estuary and known by biologists as one of the most important salmon habitats in Canada. The project would devastate the Skeena River and the countless communities that depend on salmon.

This terminal is the end of the LNG pipeline that will bring the fracked gas from Northeastern B.C.

Farhan Umedaly, one of the film makers, and Tamiko Suzuki, UCV member and mother of co-filmmaker, Tamo Campos, will be speaking.

Sponsor: Environment Committee

May 8, 15 and 22

NO FORUM

Annual Tea and Meeting

Canadian UU Women's Assn.

Place: Mary Murrin 3 Gage Towers UBC

Sun. 1:30pm-4:00 pm

All are invited. Audrey Siegl of the Musqueam Nation is speaking on *Carrying on the Work of my Ancestors: How to be Good Stewards of the Land*.

Suggested donation \$10.

Register with cuuwa.cuc@gmail.com

May 29

Done Deal? Canada's Military Role in the Middle East

Derrick O' Keefe

O'Keefe is a social activist and a writer. Among his books is *Woman Among Warlords*, co-authored with Afghanistan's Malalai Joya. Derrick is also editor and co-founder of Ricochet, the popular online news commentary.

Is the new government continuing with Harper's foreign policy? Is Canada's military role in the Middle East expanding? Come join the discussion on whether Canada should or shouldn't be increasing its actions in the Middle East, including arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Sponsor: Social Justice Committee

CUSJ – Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice

Dinner Gathering Sat. May 21 6 pm

Mahoney's Restaurant/Pub, UBC

Movie Night Haida Gwaii: On the Edge of the World

7:30 pm. at The Nest (New Student Union Building) Room 2314

AGM and Discussion

Mon. May 23 8:30am – 12:15 pm

Mary Murrin 3 in Gage Towers

8:30 am – Registration, Coffee, Meet and Greet

9:00 am – Chapter Conversations

Discussing chapter guidelines in relation to Congregational Social Responsibility committees and also the relationship between CUSJ and the CUC and with Congregations which have charitable status.

10:00 am – AGM

11:00 am – Keynote Speaker: Guy Dauncey: Thinking Boldly About the Future: Another World is Possible

12:15 pm – Lunch Mahony's Pub

More details and registration (required) at cusj.org

UCV Committees

OPEN TO ALL

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

Arts Committee

Meets 3rd Sundays 10:30 am.

Lindsey-Priestley.

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Environment Committee

Meets 2nd Sundays 12:30 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

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Library Committee

Meets 1st Mondays 2 pm Fireside

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Refugee Committee

Meets 4th Sunday 12:30 pm Biddle

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Julia Myers - at Thrift Sale Table Sundays

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2nd Sunday 9:30 am Biddle

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SUNDAY COMMUNAL LUNCHES

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 or Special Events

Bridge Group

May 3 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9:30 pm
Fireside

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

quinnbrown44@gmail.com

UCV Book Bash

Sun. May 29 9 am – 1 pm.

We have a great selection of books to suit every reader. Calling for volunteers to help on Friday May 27 and Sat 28 from 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday 1 – 4 pm. Any help greatly appreciated.

Volunteers have the chance to buy books ahead of the sale and a lunch is served on Saturday.

Lindsay [604-806-0221](tel:604-806-0221) or

David [604-319-5199](tel:604-319-5199).

**50th Anniversary Celebration
for the Fry Creek Wilderness
Camp!**

Sun. July 31 at Fry Creek

Bring the kids and the grandkids too!

[https://](https://kootenaywildernesscamping.org/)

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**Chalice Choir Spring
Cabaret**

Dreaming of Summer!

Join the Chalice Choir for a light-hearted evening of folk and pop music, with special guests, *ErRatica*.

No host bar and light snacks. Childcare provided.

Saturday May 14 7:30 pm
Hewett Centre.

Tickets are limited, so get yours early! \$20 (low income – pay what you can), available from any choir member.

Regular Events

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. George Atherton

notrehta@gmail.com

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. Contact Victoria Oginski

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Unitarian Pagan Group

May 4 (1st Wed.) 7 – 9 pm
Fireside

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

Corina Bye, deltadoula@gmail.com

Karen Bartlett karen.bartlett@ubc.ca

Sacred Circle Dance

May 3 (1st Tues.), 7 – 9 pm, Hall
Grassroots group will facilitate.

May 9 (2nd Mon.), 7 – 9 pm Hall
Led by Corinne Chepil, facilitator.

No partner or experience is needed – dances are always taught and reviewed.

Denise Nereida, ditzah@telus.net

**Messy Church
Make Dinner**

Fri. May 13 (2nd Fri.), 6 – 9 pm
Hewett Hall

Messy Church Very Participatory! Food!
+ MAKE Low-tech activities. All
Dinner welcome! Suggested
donation: \$5. Morgan Reid

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Third Sunday Book Group

May 15 12:30 – 1:30pm
Lindsey-Priestley

This month: *The Reason You Walk* by Wab Kinew will be facilitated by Rob Dainow. jvillett@hotmail.com

Potluck Circle Dinner

May 14 (usually 3rd Sat.) 6 pm
Hosted in members' homes with 6 – 8 people attending. Share food and conversation. Theresa Marion, 604-687-4864 or tm Marion3@yahoo.com.

Theatre for Living Practice

Interactive Workshop

Rev. Meg Roberts

May 14 (2nd Sat.) 10 am – 1 pm
Hitschmanova

We practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Wear comfortable clothes. RSVP please to Meg Roberts, 778-870-9015 or at mroberts@uuma.org.

Writing Our Way

May 14 (usually 3rd Sat.) 1 – 4 pm
Hitschmanova

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

Art, Labyrinth & Circle Dance

Mary Bennett and Darlene Rainbow
May 19 (3rd Thurs.) 11 am – 1 pm
Hewett Hall

Join us for a meditative and creative experience. We start with (easy) art such as drawing labyrinths. Then we walk one of the labyrinths followed by sacred circle dancing. RSVP appreciated unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com

Jung and Film

Cancelled till fall.

Last Friday Café

May 27, 5 – 9 pm
Fireside Room

5 – 7 pm:

Fast Food For Thought

Bring your ideas, iPhone and food if you wish.

7 – 9 pm :Idea Exchange

Get the Picture

In the ever-changing tech and regulatory video-TV-cable-computer world, how do we get what we want or might ultimately prefer? Randall MacKinnon 604-263-IDEA UnitarianCV@yahoo.ca

Moveable Feast

Sat. May 28 (Last Sat.) 6 pm
Taman Palestinian Restaurant,

2616 East Hastings
(just east of Nanaimo).

To confirm your attendance and learn about the menu, Michael Clague 604-880-9464 mclague@telus.net

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

May

Sun. 1	7 – 9:30 pm	Hootenanny for Homes, Sanctuary/Hall
Tues. 3	7 – 9 pm	ARE: Sacred Circle Dance, Hall
Tues. 3	7 – 9:30 pm	Bridge Group, Fireside
Wed. 4	7 – 9 pm	ARE: Pagan Group, Fireside
Mon. 9	7 – 9 pm	Sacred Circle Dancing, Hall
Wed. 11	7 – 9 pm	ARE: Coming Off Meds Support Group, Hitschmanova
Fri. 13	6 – 9 pm	Messy Church + Make Dinner, Hall
Sat. 14	10 – 1 pm	ARE: Interactive Theatre, Hitschmanova
Sat. 14	2 – 4 pm	ARE: Writing Our Way, Family Room
Sat. 14	7:30 pm	Chalice Choir — Spring Cabaret
Sun. 15	12:30 – 2 pm	UCV Book Club, Lnds/Prst
Thurs. 19	11 am – 1 pm	Art, Labyrinth and Circle Dance
Fri. 27	5 – 9 pm	Last Friday Focus, Fireside
Sun. 29	9 am – 1 pm	Book Bash, Alcove

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

OFFICE MON – THU 9:30 AM – 2 PM

Parish Minister

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

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VOLUNTEER ROLES

Sunday Office Reception 10 am – 1pm

Virginia Crabill, John Omielan,
Robert Schultz, Randall MacKinnon.

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2016 Pledge Canvass

Our kick-off Sunday on April 10 was a great success and set our feet firmly on the road to the top. Let's keep up the momentum and open more windows on our "advent" poster!

Please pop in to the Lindsay Priestley room in the Hewett centre to pledge after the service.

Let's reach our target by wrap-up Sunday May 1. Thank you for your support.

Liz Monrad Chair, Canvass Committee lizmonrad@shaw.ca

Hootenanny for Homes

Sun., May 1, 7 – 9:30 pm Sanctuary

Sing-a-long and raise your voices with Solidarity Notes Labour Choir and many of their musical friends.

MC: BC MLA Melanie Mark. Co-sponsored by the Social Justice Committee, this is a fundraiser for Raise the Rates, UCV's Refugee Committee and Solidarity Notes.

Tickets available from Solidarity Notes choir members or at the door: \$15 or pay what you can.

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