

UCV EVENTS



OCTOBER
2017



Worship Services

October 1

The Protestant Reformation and the Beginnings of Unitarianism

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation – events that fundamentally changed the face of European culture, politics and religion. We'll highlight major themes, identify the rise and nature of new religions, and describe how what became Unitarianism arose during the fateful decades in the 16th century.

October 8

Thanksgiving in a Bent World

Rev. Phillip Hewett

The phrase *bent world* comes from a movingly beautiful sonnet by Gerard Manley Hopkins, which yet expresses his grounds for thanksgiving. In today's even more bent and battered world, what do we in our turn find to be thankful for? *The Chalice Choir sings.*



October 15

On Gratitude and the Power of Life

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

Continuing in the spirit of our Thanksgiving season, in word, music and art, we'll share thoughts and feelings about the things we are grateful for and the power of life we enjoy.

We welcome all ages to this worship service.

October 22

UN Sunday and Gibbard Award

Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

Join us for a celebration of *UN Sunday* and the opportunity to meet and hear from this year's UN Gibbard Award winner. "The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all"?

We still affirm this principle and extend our support for the vision and effective work of the UN.

The Chalice Choir sings.

October 29

Encountering our Ancestors XIII

**Rev. Steven Epperson
and guests from the past**

It's the season of Samhain/Halloween/Day of the Dead. For the thirteenth time, we summon eminent ancestors from our Unitarian Universalist history to experience their stories. Join us to welcome these visitors from the past: an occasion to reckon our good fortune as heirs of an amazing religious tradition.

See previous Ancestors services at: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/topic/ancestors/>

Visual Art Show Oct. 3 – Nov. 30



Fireside Room
***From Dust
To Art***

**Alina Smolyansky
and her students
egg tempera**

Sanctuary
Digital Art
Gregory Grant

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.

Every Sunday

10:00 am Meditation
11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee and conversation in Hewett Centre before and after.
12:00 pm Lunch by donation
12:30 pm Forum in Fireside room
1:00 pm Library closes
Child Care available
Children's programs begin after story time in the Sanctuary.

Share Your Story: A Sermon-Writing Workshop

**Sat. Oct. 28 1 – 6 pm
Rev. Meg Roberts**

Register and details:
worship@vancouverunitarians.ca



After Service—Forums, etc.

Forums: Sundays 12:30 – 1:30 pm Fireside Room (unless noted)

All welcome! Bring along your lunch or beverage.

October 1

Indigenous Legal Challenges

Hear from frontline Indigenous Nation members and NGOs who are involved in legal challenges to Kinder Morgan, being heard in Vancouver October 2nd. Learn more about how you can support RAVEN and Sierra Club BC's *Pull Together* campaign which is fundraising for the court cases. Short video and talk followed by a Q&A.

Sponsor: Environment Team

October 8

Heartfelt Thanks and Gratitude

Circle Dancing in the Fireside Room presented by Mary Bennett and friends. Songs and dances will encourage us to express our thanksgiving.

October 15

Constitution and Bylaws of UCV

We function as a community by choice, and by legal structure. The Province of British Columbia has required all societies to update their Bylaws in order to maintain their society status. We will be voting on our new Bylaws at the Annual General Meeting on November 12. The members of the task force on Bylaw revision will present the background, the new wording, and answer any questions.

Sponsor: Board of Trustees

October 22 12:45 pm

Missing

Hear about the upcoming world premiere production of *Missing* from Dr. Charles Barber, Conductor and Artistic Director of City Opera Vancouver, along with a member of the cast. *Missing* tells a story everybody knows, about a woman no one remembers. Set in Vancouver and along the *Highway of Tears*, this music drama is being created to give voice to the story of Canada's missing

and murdered aboriginal women and girls, and to show that each and every one of these missing people is honored.

For further information visit: <http://cityoperavancouver.com/missing>

Sponsor: Social Justice Committee

October 29

Exploring Soulful Sundowns and Participatory Worship

Leonie Armstrong

Worship works best when it engages us, calls us into the moment, and connects us to something bigger than just ourselves. This can be the Mystery, our human community, the rhythms of the wider natural world we inhabit, the creative spark in art or music, or any of the infinite strands of the interconnected web of existence that resonates with us.

As Unitarians, we recognize that worship need not follow only one shape or structure, especially in our personal practices. But how do we translate this diversity into our communal worship? Come explore the possibilities of participatory worship as we talk about *Soulful Sundown* services and creative ways to seek together joyfully in worship.

Book Group

Oct. 8 (2nd Sun.) 12:30 – 2 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Swing Time by Zadie Smith, Smith's fifth novel, is about two girls with varying degrees of talent growing up on the wrong side of town. They face constraints and opportunities influencing their forming identities, along with changing versions of success and failure as they strive to move forward. Taiye Selasi in the Guardian says, "*Swing Time* has brilliant things to say about race, class, and gender, but its most poignant comment is perhaps...given who we are, who we are told that we are not, and who we imagine we might become, how do we find our way home?" Please join us. Everyone welcome. Presenter: Rhea Kikkert rheakikkert@shaw.ca

Volunteer Groups

OPEN TO ALL

Arts – 3rd Sun. 10:30 am

Lindsey-Priestley

Contact Douglas Ennenberg

douglassenenberg@gmail.com

Environment – 3rd Sun. 12:30 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Mary Lage: Administrative Chair

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Library – 1st Mon. 2 pm Fireside

David Buchanan

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Refugee – 4th Sun. 12:30 pm Biddle

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Julia Myers - at Thrift Sale Table Sundays

Social Justice – Oct. 15. 9:30 am

Lindsey-Priestley

(usually 2nd Sunday)

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Committee Involvement Fair

Sun. Oct. 1 12 – 12:30 pm

Hewett Hall

You're here! We like you! Get involved! UCV Committees will be set up in the-Hall to introduce themselves, answer questions, and recruit new members! Douglas Ennenberg, Co-chair, Program Coordinating Council

Climate Change Covenant Group

Co-sponsored with Beacon Unitarian

Wed. Oct. 4 6:30 – 8 pm

Waves Coffee, 715 Columbia,
New Westminster

Monthly group. Teresa Morton

teresa.a.morton@gmail.com



Social Dinner Events

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner**Mon. Oct. 9 4 – 6pm**

Come and enjoy being in the kitchen together. We'll play some music, eat some snacks and chop, simmer, mix and mingle together.

Dinner is at 6 pm. Bring a potluck dish to share. Some of our members have various food preferences and allergies. If you can put any dairy, meat, nut or gluten ingredients separate so those who wish them can add, it would be appreciated. We'll have a section of the table for vegan foods.

After dinner, perhaps we'll play some board games together. What do you suggest?

Messy ChUrch + Make Dinner**Oct. 13 (2nd Fri.) 6 – 9 pm**

Hewett Hall

Hallowe'en Rehearsal

Bring your used Hallowe'en costumes and decorations to trade with others.

We'll create a tickle trunk. Experiment with (relatively) healthy Hallowe'en treats, bob for apples, and draw faces on teeny, tiny pumpkins.

Come early to help make pumpkin soup!

All ages and family sizes welcome – both wisdom and fun span generations. Suggested donations to cover costs: \$5 adult/\$3 child. No one turned away. RSVP or questions: Kiersten Moore dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

Movable Feast**Oct. 28 (Last Sat.) 6 pm**

Back by popular demand, we will be meeting at the Grandview Szechuan Restaurant at 6:00 pm, Fraser Street and East 26th <https://grandviewchinese.ca> Wheel chair accessible. Dianne Crosbie dcrosbie@uniserve.com

Sunday Communal Lunches

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

To host a fundraising lunch or to help out please contact Ben Hechter ben_hechter@yahoo.com

Regular Events

Bridge Group**Oct. 3 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9:30 pm**

Fireside

Friendly bridge. All levels welcome but you should know basics of play. Donna Brown. quinnbrown44@gmail.com

Seven UU Principles**Every Wed. 10 – 11:30 am**

Fireside

Registration required. George Atherton notrehta@gmail.com

Meditation**Every Sun. 10 – 10:45 am**

Meditation Room

Every Wed. 6:30 – 8:30 pmVictoria victoriaoginski@gmail.com**Principles and Sources Covenant Group****Thu. Oct. 12 (2nd Thu.) 7 – 8:30 pm**

Lindsey-Priestley

What are the *Principles and Sources*? This group is a good place to learn them and explore for yourself how you personally relate to them. All welcome. The group will be limited to ten members. Drew Lemen lemen.drew@gmail.com 604-441-4619

Chalice Choir Rehearsals**Thu. 7:15 pm**

Sanctuary

Contact Donna Brown quinnbrown44@gmail.com

Theatre for Living Practice Interactive Workshop**Sat. Oct. 14 10 am – 1 pm**

Hitschmanova

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

Compassion Circle**Oct. 1 and 29 9:30 – 10:45 am**

Family Room, Admin Building

New group open to all knowledgeable about Non-Violent (Compassionate) Communication. Lynn 778-835-2546 lynnbea@gmail.com or Mairy mairyelesbea@gmail.com 604-916-6440

Sacred Circle Dance

Hewett Hall

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

Oct. 3 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9 pm

We will dance to the theme of **Gratitude**. We welcome all, including those new to circle dancing or experienced. If you would like to share a dance, contact Leslie lkemp@telus.net.

2nd Monday – cancelled for holiday**G.L.A.D. Gathering for****Labyrinth, Art and Dance****Oct. 19 (3rd Thu.) 11 am – 1 pm**

Lindsey-Priestley

Getting ready for **All Souls' Night**, we'll dance a variety of dances about ancestors, graveyards and the "other side". The veil is getting thinner. circledanceucv@gmail.com.

SFU Philosophers' Café**Thu. Oct. 5 10:30 am**

Fireside Room, Hewett Hall

Moderator – Randall MacKinnon

philosophers.cafe@ymail.com

Co-sponsors SFU and UCV

Sun. Oct. 1**First Session of****Woven Together,****Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation**

For children grades 4-6 (ages 8-11). Contact Kiersten Moore, DRE for more information or to register: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

Multi-generational Events

Annual Ancestor Shrine**October 29 12 – 1 pm**

Each year at the end of October our children create an ancestor remembrance shrine. We learn of the observance of Samhain, All Souls' Day, and other traditions of honouring our ancestors, reflecting on the sources of our life, and honouring the memory of our loved ones.

All who wish to bring a photograph or memento for the altar are welcome to. There will be a basket inside the door of the meditation room before the service. Then visit following the service.

Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10:00 – 11:30 am Seven UU Principles, Fireside. Registration required.
 6:30 – 8:30 pm Meditation Class, Meditation Room

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sun. 1	9:30 am – 10:45 am	Compassion Circle, Family Room
Tue. 3	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Bridge Group - First Tuesday, Fireside Room
Tue. 3	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dance, Main Hall
Wed. 4	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Coming off Benzodiazepines Support Group, Hitschmanova
Thu. 5	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	SFU Philosophers' Café, Fireside Room
Sun. 8	12:30pm – 1:30 pm	Sacred Circle Dancing, Fireside Room
Sun. 8	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Book Group - Swing Time by Zadie Smith, Lindsey-Priestley
Mon. 9	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Thanksgiving Potluck, Main Hall
Mon. 9	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dancing, Alcove
Fri. 13	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Messy ChUrch + MAKE Dinner, Main Hall
Sun. 15	10:30 am – 11:00 am	Arts Committee Meeting, Lindsey-Priestley
Sun. 15	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Environment Meeting, Biddle
Tue. 17	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Board Meeting - Members Welcome, Biddle
Thu. 19	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	G.L.A.D. Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance, Lindsey-Priestley
Sat. 21	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Grounds Work Party, Main Hall
Sat. 21	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Theatre for Living Practice, Hitschmanova
Sun. 22	9:30 am – 10:45 am	Compassion Circle, Family Room
Sun. 22	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Refugee Support Committee, Biddle
Sun. 22	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Covenant Group - 4th Sunday - at capacity, Lindsey-Priestley
Sat. 28	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Share Your Story: A Sermon-Writing Workshop, Fireside Room
Sun. 29	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Ancestor Shrine, Meditation Room
Sun. 29	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Halloween Samhain Celebration, Sanctuary

OFF-SITE

Fri. 20 5:00 pm to Sun. 22 1:00 pm Salish Sea Bioregional Gathering: Interspiritual Contributions to Social And Ecological Sustainability, Epiphany Chapel, UBC

Sat. 28 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Movable Feast Grandview Szechuan Restaurant

Our web site has the most up-to-date and accurate listing of events with additional details.

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/eventlist/>

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SUNDAY VOLUNTEER ROLES

Office Reception 10 am – 1 pm

Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/community/volunteer/>

Fireside Yoga

Mondays Oct 2 to Nov 20 (not Oct. 9) 7 – 8:15 pm
Certified Hatha Yoga Teacher, Philippa Syme

A quiet practice of gentle stretching. Props provided. No experience required. Suggested rate \$70 or \$12 Drop-In.

No one turned away due to lack of funds.

Call or email appili@shaw.ca 604-836-9165.

UCV Events

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