

UCV EVENTS



Vancouver
Unitarians

meeting on unceded,
traditional Musqueam land

July 2018



Forum: Kids Takeover UCV - Brainstorming for an Arts Festival

Worship Services

July 1

The Spirit Flag

Keith Wilkinson

Most of us are comfortable thinking about our physical bodies, the ones made so substantially out of electron clouds, protons, space, and perhaps dark energy. We're often less comfortable thinking about our mysterious minds – what they are, where they're located, and the self which may be part of the mind.

Perhaps most mysterious of all is something we call spirit. Lying in hospital recently, recovering from open heart surgery, I started thinking about these things, and about the spiritual impulse that brings many people to the Unitarian Universalist movement. As I lay there, the idea of a Spirit Flag kept rising in my mind. This is an account of my Spirit Flag.

And a brief comment about Canada Day.

July 8

First and Seventh: A Non-neurotypical Experience of Interdependence and Its Call to Love and Justice

Léonie Armstrong

I always knew I was a Unitarian, but I didn't know I had ADHD for 29 years of my life. When I was diagnosed, suddenly a lifetime of nameless frustrations made sense. Not only wasn't I somehow broken, but I was in no way alone in my experiences. With this new understanding of why my square peg could never be jammed into the round hole it was given, and the memory of a lifetime of isolation, the 2017 CUC vision of a world in which our interdependence calls us to love and justice speaks to me profoundly. Let me tell you why.

July 15

Re-Connecting to Life

Louise Mangan, BA, MDIV

Our world is on the edge. The situation is urgent, and suddenly we have startling opportunities. Our responses as global citizens can regenerate a civilization with more joy, abundance, and life-affirming relationships than most people and other creatures experience now. Collaborative grassroots energies are "connecting to life" together for a fair and equitable future. This is rooted in shared awareness of the interdependence of all life, a universal ethic of dignity and respect, and the priority of love and care for the ecosystems of earth, including humans.

Louise is a current Board Member of the MultiFaith Action Society (MAS), the oldest interfaith organization in Canada. For over 40 years MAS has fostered public and comprehensive spiritual awareness of the capacity of world religions to help nurture global peace and harmony.

July 22

Home

Lauren Stokes

Home is where the heart is, and there is no place like home. So what happens when one's place of refuge is no longer safe?

Lauren will explore how changing expectations, technology, good intentions, and competing priorities can have devastating results for homeowners and tenants. She will weave together stories working with condominium owners, with tenants in the non-profit sector, and the tragedy of Grenfell Towers.

Lauren worked for 10 years as a technologist and project manager in a

Every Sunday

9:15 am Chi Gong

10:00 am Meditation

10:55 am Musical Prelude

11:00 am Worship Service

Children's programs (all ages) begin after Sanctuary story time.

Coffee and conversation in Hewett Centre before and after the service.

building science engineering firm, working with condominium owners to diagnose and plan repairs to their buildings, and to prepare financial plans for renewing aging buildings. She currently works in social housing for the YWCA as a building asset manager, looking after the homes of women and children.

July 29

Whatta Man, Whatta Man, Whatta Man, What a Mighty Good Man

Chris Wulff

In the wake and ripples of #metoo and #timesup, and the rising tide of men's rights activists and incels, what does it mean to *Reimagine Masculinity*, as a recent conference in Victoria encouraged? What does it mean now to be a boy or a man, and how can we heal the wounds that lead too many men to harm others, and themselves? What does Unitarian Universalism offer to the dialogue on a re-imagined masculinity?

UCV Events

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(15th for special events)

Calendar of Upcoming Events July 2018

SUMMER SCHEDULE

ON SUNDAYS

9:15 – 9:45 am	Chi Gong, Family Room
10:00 – 10:45 am	Meditation, Family Room
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Worship Services, Sanctuary
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation, Hall

ON WEDNESDAYS

10:00 – 11:30 am	Seven UU Principles, Fireside. <i>At capacity.</i>
6:30 – 7:15 pm	Meditation, Family Room
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Study Group, Family Room

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Tue. 3	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Earth Spirit Circle, Hitschmanova
Tue. 3	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Circle Dance – Learning the Basics, Main Hall
Thu. 19	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	GLAD July 2018 – World Circle Dance Day, Lindsey-Priestley
Th. 19	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Contemplative Collage, Lindsey-Priestley
Sun. 22	12:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Covenant Group – 4th Sunday, Family Room
Sun. 22	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Forum, Fireside
Tues. 31	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lammas (August Harvest) Ritual, Hitschmanova

* These events are at capacity and not accepting additional members at this time.



SUMMER FORUM

12:30 – 1:30
Fireside Room

All welcome!

Bring along your lunch or beverage.
Additional details at:

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/forums>

July 22

Testaments from Kiev: A Family in the Shadow of the Iron Curtain

**Leo Burstyn, and Wilf Hurd
Co-Authors**

Leo and Wilf will talk about how and why this book has been written. Major points will be personal experience of Chernobyl nuclear disaster and life in the Soviet Union.

Q&A session will follow.

Sunday Children's Program

We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our Summer program is small and laid back, focused on games, gardening, and art led by volunteer guides and parents. Activities are open to both members and visitors.

After the story children ages 3-12 may join our Religious Exploration Guides in Hewett Centre for garden activities, games, and art. Parents of toddlers please check in at the Playroom with the Guides before the service.

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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.

HARRY AND UU Summer Theatre Camp

Calling all young wizards, witches, and magical beasts...

For more information contact: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/harry-and-uu-summer-theatre-camp/>

Our web site has the most up-to-date and accurate event listings with additional details. <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/eventlist/>