

UCV EVENTS



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Unitarians
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APRIL 2018



Come dance the Maypole April 29th

Worship Services

April 1

Easter Pageant: a Tale of Wheat

Rev. Steven Epperson
and UCV members

We celebrate Easter with an all-congregation worship service in story, music and pageantry. Join us as we present the unlikely and stirring story of the discovery of a distinctive Canadian strain of wheat: its birth, eclipse and return.

Chalice Choir singing.

April 8

Nurturing Compassion Together

Rev. Steven Epperson

Our pledge drive kick-off lifts up the vision of our congregation and the deeper meaning and purpose which our community and religion bring into our lives.

With the Chalice Choir and guest musician Tony Turner, former federal scientist and composer of folk hit "Harperman."

April 15

An Invitation to Love and Justice

Rev. Steven Epperson

After having seen ways in which religion can run off the rails (March 18), you are

invited to explore how it could be a force for love and justice in the world.

An Invitation to Love and Justice is the theme of this year's Annual Meeting and Conference of the Canadian Unitarian Council taking place in Hamilton, Ontario May 18-20.

April 22

All My Relations

Aline LaFlamme

The Environment Committee is honoured to present Aline LaFlamme as guest speaker for the Earth Day service. Aline will share the Aboriginal world view with a focus on how all things in Creation are viewed and how that impacts our sense of ourselves in relation to all life forms. This results in a *Bill of Responsibilities* rather than a *Bill of Rights*.

April 29

Adventures in Housing: A Personal Perspective

Rev. Steven Epperson

For sixteen years now, I have seen and experienced the strange, difficult, and confounding landscape of housing in Vancouver (and across urban Canada). I have some stories to tell! No doubt, many of us have.

New to UCV Workshop

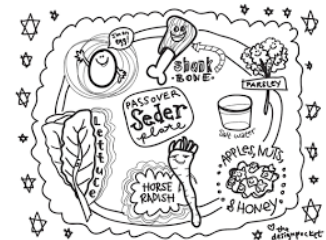
Sat. Apr 14 9:15 am – 2:30 pm
Coffee and Muffins 9 am
Fireside Room

Everything you wanted to know about Unitarianism and UCV.

- Explore what Unitarians believe (affirm and promote)

- Find out about all that happens around here
 - Explore our fascinating history, including Unitarian martyrs
 - Learn about your own religious and spiritual journey
 - Learn how to find your way in our community
- RSVP Dianne Crosbie
dcrosbie@uniserve.com

Family Passover Seder / Dinner



Fri. Apr. 6, 5:30 – 7:30 pm Hall

Potluck supper and celebration of the story of Passover. Register by April 2 at <https://unitarian-passover-seder.eventbrite.ca>. Let us know what food you're bringing <https://mealtrain.com/4dvd86>. Good food, singing, and celebration of freedom for the oppressed are part of this traditional Jewish feast with surprises for the children. Come join us for a fun and inspirational evening!

For further information contact Sheila sresels@gmail.com.

\$5 suggested donation (at the door).



Chalice Choir Cabaret

Saturday April 28 7:30 pm

doors open at 7:00

No host bar, light snacks

Tickets: \$20



FORUMS

12:30 – 1:30 pm
 Fireside Room
 (unless noted)
 All welcome!

Bring along your lunch or beverage.
 Additional details at:
<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/forums>

April 1

Films on Wild Salmon and Fish Farms

Rob Dainow

Wild salmon have been the life blood of coastal culture for millennia. Will they die? A show and tell about the state of wild salmon and fish farms in BC. Short video clips followed by conversation.

Sponsor: Environment Team

April 8

TBA—Sponsor: Social Justice Team

April 15

Potential Campus Redevelopment

Important Information Session
 Sanctuary

The Redevelopment Planning Committee will present their research to date and a recommendation to proceed to a Phase 2 building plan. Much information will be available before an Extraordinary General Meeting vote in June.

Sponsor: Board of Trustees

April 22

Space for Feminism:

Tales of Resistance and Persistence from Vancouver Women's Library
 The Vancouver Women's Library is a 100% volunteer-powered free lending library and community resource network and space. With a view to increasing intercultural and inter-generational respect, dialogue, and friendship, the membership at this little library has grown to over 500 in just one year. Having just passed their first anniversary in their physical location at [1255 Kingsway](http://1255Kingsway), volunteers of VWL will speak on the highs and lows of organizing in a space that is specified for women and girls, by

women and girls. They will also discuss some of their goals and dreams for the future of the Women's Library with a view to hearing input from the audience for what they would like to see as well.
Sponsor: Arts and Culture Team

April 29

Mostly Listening

George Atherton

More a shared practice than anything else, a principles group is a small group where everyone has a voice and is heard. It's mostly listening. (See tiny.cc/onlistening for an interesting piece on listening.) It's where group members can learn from one another the many ways Unitarian principles come up in life, as it happens from day to day.

Sponsor: Connect and Engage Team

More Sunday Programs

Chi Gong

Every Sun. 9:15 – 9:45 am

Family Room

Meditation

Every Sun. 10 – 10:45 am

Family Room

Victoria victoriaoginski@gmail.com

CompuTutor

Sun. April 8 12 – 2 pm

Lindsey

Bring your curiosity, questions and computer/social media challenges.
RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

Unitarian Family Camp

June 8 – 10, 2018

Registration Deadline: April 30

Set in the natural splendor of Port Moody's Belcarra Regional Park, the camp offers swimming, boating, hiking, climbing, children and youth programs, a choral workshop for youth/adults, campfires and other fun communal events. Heated cabins with electricity. Meals provided.

Adults: \$161; Children/Youth: \$149.

<http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/camp/>

Sing for Joy!

Sat. June 9

Music Workshop with Patti Powell
 \$67 includes lunch and opportunity to swim or kayak after workshop!

Book Group

April 8 (2nd Sunday) 12:30 – 2 pm
 Biddle

We will discuss *The Back of the Turtle* by Thomas King, a timely and thought-provoking novel about a suicidal scientist confronting an environmental disaster.

Barb Taylor jandbtaylor@shaw.ca

Beltane/ May Day Earth Spirit Ritual and Circle Dance

Sun. April 29 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Sanctuary Stage

We will celebrate the first of May (a little early) with May pole dancing in the courtyard. All welcome. Mary and Mairy earthspiritucv@gmail.com

Religious Exploration

First Sunday/First Hour

Sun. April 1 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Lindsey-Priestley

Preparation and rehearsal for Easter pageant Kiersten Moore

dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

April 29 12 - 1:30 pm

Everybody's Birthday Lunch!

Join a table of others born the same month. Lunch and cake will be served
 Donations support children's religious education programs

Sunday Communal Lunches

Apr 1 UCV Caretakers

Apr 8 Refugee Committee

Apr 15 Amy's Love Soup Crew

Apr 22 **This date available** – contact

Ben ben_hechter@yahoo.com

Apr 29 Everybody's Birthday

Art Show:

Elemental Journeys

March 1 – April 30

Mary Bennett, Joanne Brown and Jackie Conradi-Robertson.

UCV Events

Editors: Mary Bennett, Margo Elfert.

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Submission deadline: 18th of previous month

(15th for special events)



Social Dinner Events

Messy Church + Make Dinner Spring Fresh Garden Theme

April 13 (2nd Fri.) 6 – 9 pm

Hewett Hall

Relax together, play, talk, create, cook, and eat. One of our children's program leaders joins us to engage and supervise so children and adults alike have downtime to play, converse, and connect.

All ages, all faiths, all genders, all family configurations and sizes welcome. Bring a side or dessert to share.

Suggested donations to cover costs: \$5 adult/\$3 child. No one turned away. RSVP or questions: Kiersten Moore dre@vancouverunitarians.ca.

Hygge (Potluck) Dinners

"Hygge" is a Danish word meaning "cosy". Guests bring all the food.

Sat. April 21 (3rd Sat.) 6 pm

Jeannie Corsi and Caede Pungente

4311 West 14th Avenue

It is a fully accessible home. RSVP Jeannie 604-224-1040.

Volunteer to host ucvhygge@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Groups

To be added to your neighbourhood email group, contact ucvconnect@gmail.com

Gather, Connect, Inspire

Metro Vancouver Gathering

Sat. April 7 9 am – 9 pm

Our four local congregations are getting together at UCV to focus on strengthening inter-generational solidarity, networking for social action and singing with Unitarian singer/songwriter, Tony Turner.

Children's and Youth Programs Conference. Info: Leslie Kemp 604-818-5869 lkemp@telus.net

Compassionate

Communication Workshop

**Nancy Barker (UCV) and guest
M. Asad Asadullah (SFU)**

Sat. Apr. 21 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Fireside Room

Cost: Pay what you can, suggested \$25—\$50 per person.

Info: Nancy nb1988@telus.net

Regular Events

Meditation and Study Group

Every Wed. 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Family Room

6:30 – 7:15 Meditation

7:30 – 8:30 Study Group

Victoria victoriaoginski@gmail.com

Bridge Group

April 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

SFU Philosophers' Café

Thu. April 5 10:30 am – 12 pm

Fireside Room

How can community organizations protect and improve the environment? Philosophers' Café is a series of informal public discussions in libraries, cafés, community centres, and restaurants throughout Metro Vancouver. philosopherscafe.net. Free. Registration not required.

Moderator: Randall MacKinnon philosophers.cafe@ymail.com.
Co-sponsors SFU and UCV

Sacred Circle Dance

Hewett Hall unless noted

No partner or experience is needed. Dances are always taught and reviewed. circledanceucv@gmail.com.

April 3 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9 pm

If you would like to share a dance, contact Leslie lkemp@telus.net

Special Guest: Barbara Herring

April 9 2 – 4:30 and 5 – 7 pm

Sharing Across the Miles

Barbara Herring is considered one of the "grandmothers" of circle dance in Canada. We are fortunate that she has family in Vancouver and usually visits once a year.

Come to any or all of these sessions.
2 – 4:30 pm At Barbara's request, we're sharing some local favourites. She will "weave" the session with various dancers' offerings including some of her own. Contact circledanceucv@gmail.com if you'd like to share a dance or two.
5 – 7 pm Potluck dinner RSVP to Mary circledanceucv@gmail.com.

Regular 2nd Mon. Eve 7 – 9 pm

Barbara Herring will facilitate the evening session. Coordinated by Corinne.

Questions about evening circle dances, contact Leslie Kemp lkemp@telus.net

G.L.A.D. Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance

The Findhorn Connection

Mary Bennett and Mairy Beam

April 19 (3rd Thu.) 11 am – 1 pm

Rosie Turnbull from *Findhorn Spiritual Community* in Scotland will lead the dances. We'll start with half an hour of painting rocks for the labyrinth and end by placing the rocks on the labyrinth. Stay for a potluck lunch with Rosie and ask any questions you may have about the roots of sacred circle dancing. RSVP appreciated circledanceucv@gmail.com

Contemplative Collage

April 19 (3rd Thu.) 2 – 4 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Creative play and self-exploration using collage. Scissors, glue sticks, paper and images provided.

RSVP ucvcollage@gmail.com.

Special Event: Going Deeper with Sacred Circle Dance

April 29 2 – 9 pm

Hall

Experienced dancers, dance facilitators and those ready to give teaching a try. Come to any or all of these sessions!

2 – 3 pm Panel: How and why to facilitate sacred circle dance.

3 – 5 pm Practice facilitating a new dance. For some it will be their first dance to teach. Others will be taking on a new challenge.

5 – 6:30 pm Potluck Dinner.

6:30 – 9 pm Mairy Beam will weave an evening of more challenging dances.

Covenant Groups

The following are open to new members.

Thu. April 12 (2nd Thu.) 7 – 8:30 pm

Fireside

Drew Lemen 604-441-4619

lemen.drew@gmail.com

Sun. April 22 12:45 – 2:15 pm

Family Room

Nonie Lyon nonielyon@shaw.ca

Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY

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
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Sermon Discussion – Priestley
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Forum, Fireside

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

7:15 – 9:15 pm	Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sun. 1	9:30 – 10:30 am	Pageant preparation and rehearsal, Lindsey-Priestley
Mon. 2	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Library Committee, Fireside Room
Tue. 3	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Bridge Group, Fireside Room
Tue. 3	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dance 1st Tuesday, Main Hall
Wed. 4	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Coming off Benzodiazepines, Hitschmanova
Thu. 5	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	SFU Philosophers' Café, Fireside Room
Fri. 6	5:30 – 7:30 pm	Passover Seder / Dinner, Main Hall
Sat. 7	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Metro Vancouver Unitarian Gathering, Hewett Centre
Sun. 8	9:30 – 10:45 am	Social Justice Team Meeting, Biddle
Sun. 8	12:30 – 2:00 pm	Book Group, Biddle
Mon. 9	2:00 – 7:00 pm	Sharing Across the Miles (Circle Dance), Hall
Mon. 9	4:00 – 6:00 pm	UCV Web and Social Media Training, Lindsey-Priestley
Mon. 9	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dance, Main Hall
Thu. 12	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Principles and Sources Covenant Group - Evening, Fireside Room
Fri. 13	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Messy Church + Make Dinner, Main Hall
Sat. 14	9:15 am – 2:30 pm	New to UCV Workshop, Fireside Room
Sun. 15	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Environment Meeting, Biddle
Thu. 19	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	GLAD Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance, Lindsey-Priestley and Hall
Sat. 21	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Grounds Work Party, Main Hall
Sat. 21	9:30 am – 3:30 pm	Compassionate Communication Workshop, Fireside Room
Sun. 22	9:30 – 10:45 am	*Compassion Circle, Lindsey-Priestley <i>At capacity</i>
Sun. 22	9:45 – 10:45 am	Membership Committee Meeting, Biddle
Sun. 22	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Refugee Committee, Biddle
Sun. 22	12:45 – 2:15 pm	Covenant Group - 4th Sunday, Family Room
Fri. Apr. 27		Designing and Leading Rites of Passage:
Sat. 28	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Chalice Choir Cabaret, Hall (Movable Feast is going to the cabaret!)
Sun. 29	12:30 – 1:30 pm	May Day/ Beltane Celebration, Sanctuary Stage
Sun. 29	2:00 – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dance - Going Deeper - a workshop for facilitators, Fireside Room and Hall
Sun. 29		Basic Training for Lay Chaplains

OFF SITE

Wed. 11	2:30 – 4:00 pm	*Westside Covenant Group, Kitsilano Private Home
Sat. 21	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Hygge ("Cosy") Potluck Dinner, Westside Private Home
Tue. 24	2:30 – 5:00 pm	Westside Unitarians Neighbourhood Group, Kitsilano Private Home

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

CONTACTS

Office Hours: Mon – Thu 9:30 am – 2 pm

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Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

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<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/about-us/our-congregational-leaders/>

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Every Sunday

10:00 am Meditation
10:55 am Musical Prelude
11:00 am Worship Service
Children's programs (all ages) begin after Sanctuary story time.
12:00 pm Lunch
12:15 pm Sermon discussion in Priestley Room
12:30 pm Forum in Fireside Room
1:00 pm Library closing
Coffee and conversation in Hewett Centre before and after the service..



Canvass 2018 Nourishing Compassion Together

Please watch for your pledge packet!

We're sending out 329 pledge packets by email and 92 by traditional post. April is when we reflect on the meaning of our beloved community in our lives and decide how much we can contribute financially for the next church year. The number is written as a "pledge."

Completed pledge cards will be gratefully received at the canvass information table in Hewett Centre after worship services **April 8, 15, 22 & 29**. Questions: John Smith
604-732-0100.