



Pte. Joseph Alexander Parris (centre) and unidentified No. 2 Construction Battalion comrades.

Honour before Glory: Canada's Black Battalion

Rev. Steven Epperson

- February 7, 2016 - 11:00 am -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

February 7, 2016

At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, in celebration.



The prelude beginning at 10:45 am helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship. Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.



Prelude

Spirituals arr. H. T. Burleigh
E. Dainow, piano

Motherless Child arr. P.F. Blevins / E. Dainow
E. Dainow, voice & piano

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #118

This Little Light of Mine

Story for All Ages

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let's sing the children out: "Go now..."

Welcome and Announcements

Cindy Cashin

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Cindy Cashin

Offering

We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.

On That Sabbath Morn
composed by Nathaniel Dett*
E. Dainow, piano

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

'Raindrop' Prelude ** F. Chopin
E. Dainow, piano

Sermon

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Closing Words

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Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*

* Nathaniel Dett was born in Ontario in 1882 and had a successful career as a composer etc, mostly in the States.

**This piece is in recognition of the fundraiser last night to raise money for our sanctuary roof repair: It is not too late to contribute!



February 14, 2016, 11 am

***For the Sake of Love:
Unitarians and the Saga of Inter-faith Marriage
Rev. Steven Epperson***

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved:***
(when facing the front) *left side for parents with babies or small children in childcare, and right side for persons in wheelchairs*

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Childcare is available free for the younger ones (aged three and under) in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre. Children aged 4 through 12, enjoy our core program.

ART AT UCV: Feb. 1 – 28, Karen Brumelle, *Gratitude, Paintings and Collages of the Natural World*. Opening Reception on Feb. 5, 7 pm. Silent auction benefit for UCV Refugee Ctte.

UCV LIBRARY BOOKS RELATED TO THE SERMON: A few related books are *Go Do Some Great Things: The Black Pioneers of British Columbia*, by Crawford Kilian, 1978; *Race Matters*, by Cornell West, 1993; and *Black Berry, Sweet Juice: On Being Black and White in Canada*, by Lawrence Hill, 2001.

FORUM: *Elders, Kids, Environment: What Moves Us?* With Diana Ellis, Chair, Suzuki Elder Council. Around the world, the number of elders/ seniors involved in environmental action – particularly climate change – is increasing. In BC, the Suzuki Elders, believing that ‘It is not just about what we do, it is about how we do it,’ use an elder perspective in their work with, and on behalf of, the younger generations. Diana will describe what the Suzuki Elders have learned about working with youth on environmental issues and will share information about similar elder groups worldwide.

FEBRUARY'S LOVE SOUP IS TODAY! Please come and enjoy our delicious hot soup, fresh salad, fun cookies and tasty Terra Bread in our very friendly and happy dining room in Hewett Centre. Your support and help in any size is greatly appreciated!—*Amy Megumi Anderson, nosredna6@shaw.ca*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE CANVASS TORCH IS BEING PASSED:** Please welcome **Liz Monrad** as UCV's new Chair of the Canvass Committee! Pledging provides 70% of our revenues, so we are all immensely grateful to Liz for stepping up to the pledging plate. But she needs lots of help! Liz is learning about the Canvass from past chairs and helpers, and needs your support in whatever way you can help out-- small, medium or large contributions are all happily accepted! Please sign up today and contact Liz at lizmonrad@shaw.ca.*

A LIST OF CHAIRPERSONS FOR UCV Committees, Groups and Functions is now online. You can link to it from the People...Groups...Committees page on UCV Notes.

THE UCV BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS

that if you want to have an item on the agenda for the monthly board meetings, which occur the third Tuesday of every month, that you please submit it to the Board President in writing no later than one week prior to the board meeting. All forms available online <http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/category/board-of-trustees>.

With many thanks.

BOARD APPROVAL FOR EVENTS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES: Approval from the Board of Trustees is required **before** any UCV event, ARE program, or political activity sponsored or co-sponsored by UCV takes place. See the latest Board of Trustees post on UCV Notes.

<http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/category/board-of-trustees/>

FEBRUARY CIRCLE DINNER: Saturday, February 20, 6 pm. This is a potluck event hosted in members' homes, generally 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 if you would like to sign up.

BILLETING, A WAY OF BUILDING COMMUNITY: Please consider offering a bed to one or two visitors attending the national CUC conference at UBC, May 20-23. If you are interested, contact Connie Wigmore (cwigmore1@shaw.ca, 604-879-6243)

GET STRETCHY, STRONG AND RELAXED AT YIN / YANG YOGA:

Monday eves, 7—8 pm; Jan 18—Feb 29, 2016

Cost: \$70 for 7 classes /\$15 drop-in /or a donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Classes: Yoga principle/practice for all level/ages/body types include: Meditation, Pranayama, physical postures, Savasana. Teacher: Philippa Syme, certified in Hatha, Yin, Chair, Restorative Yoga. 604-222-1533, appili@shaw.ca

THE THIRD SUNDAY BOOK GROUP meets Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 pm in the Lindsey-Priestley Room, Hewett Centre to discuss the book *American Exodus: Climate Change and the Coming Flight for Survival*. What will happen when the United States cannot provide food or fresh water for the overheated, overcrowded cities where 80 percent of US residents currently live? Will waves of environmental refugees travel north into Canada as southern conditions worsen? This compelling cautionary work about how we may yet survive the coming century of climatic change is by award winning author and UCV member Giles Slade, who will join us to discuss his work. Everyone welcome.

UCV COVENANT GROUPS are reforming for 2016. Each group of 7—10 people explore questions that are spiritual, soulful or ethical nature, in an atmosphere of respect, confidentiality, and non-judgment. Three different groups will meet from 1—2:30 pm at UCV on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. There will be room for newcomers in each of the groups, especially those on the 4th Sundays. To join or for info, please contact Nan Gregory nangregory@shaw.ca or Keith Wilkinson kwilk1@telus.net

DINNER WITH FRIENDS: Feb. 20 You have options! To host or join a potluck Circle Dinner contact Theresa Marion, 604-687-4864 or tmarion3@yahoo.com.

To join Patti and Mary for Hygge (look it up) dinner, register with

maryinvancouver@gmail.com \$25 - net proceeds to UCV Labyrinth fund.

For details on social dinners, go here: <http://ucvnotes.vancouverunitarians.ca/category/dinners/>

All welcome.

UPCOMING MOVEABLE FEAST, FEBRUARY 27TH tba by Caede, details provided next week. RSVP's are a must - otherwise you may find yourself dining alone or worse, turned away.

FEB 14 FORUM: *Singing Our Hearts - Love Songs and Other Songs We Love*. Special Visitor and UCV Snowbird Member - Karaoke Queen Marlene Travis from California.

RandallMackinnon@yahoo.ca for questions and requests.

FEB 28 FORUM: *The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)* is the topic of our Feb 28th Forum with Harjap Grewal, Regional Organizer for Council of Canadians, who will speak about the TPP and whether it serves the public interest. 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

NEEDED: Volunteers to help with the fun *Green Tea Sunday*, May 22, following the meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Women's Association at the CUC convention at UBC. Please contact Jenny Podlecki, jpodlecki@shaw.ca or phone 604-737-7794

WOMEN'S ART SHOW—BEYOND THE SURFACE—MARCH, 2016: Women artists are invited to submit by January 31 for this group show. Guidelines and application form on Arts Committee Bulletin board, on web at <http://tinyurl.com/ucvart> or from Laura at laurabowie@hotmail.com

From Rev. Steven Epperson: *An Appeal On Affordable Housing—this is time sensitive !*
This week, *please* write an email or letter to Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

- Congratulate him on election and appointment to the Cabinet. Thank him for his public service.
- Urge him to support Vancouver City efforts to secure \$500 million over five years to build affordable housing on \$250 million worth of city-owned property being offered by the City—that could mean the construction of 3500+ units.
- Encourage government to make affordable housing a priority in the upcoming federal budget and social infrastructure program.
- Ask if there is anything you can do to help achieve this.
- When you sign your message, note your title/affiliation, eg. “member of the UCV Choir,” “Chair of the Refugee Committee,” “member of your PTA,” etc.
- Jean-Yves.Duclos@parl.gc.ca; Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Thank you,
Rev. Steven Epperson

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

JSA SNIDER FOUNDATION EMPOWERMENT SERIES—DON'T AGONIZE, DOWNSIZE:
Transitioning to a new chapter in life can be very overwhelming for many seniors and their families. The longer a person lives in their home, the more belongings can accumulate. With a little planning and preparation, downsizing can be a liberating and rewarding experience. Join us to learn stress free strategies for saving money and letting go of unwanted stuff. Workshop by Ranka Burzan, professional organizer and author. Light refreshments provided. Free parking. 11 am, March 3, Unitarian Church of Vancouver. Contact Rita Proff, 604-732-1555, office@jsalliance.org

A Warm Welcome!

Please visit our Visitors' Table and get a nametag in the Sanctuary foyer. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies, we look forward to welcoming you in person. Free childcare is available for children 3 and under, and children 4 and over are invited to join in this week's program activities. Children are also welcome to stay for the church service if they prefer. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with a crying baby, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

SUPPORT TEAM TODAY

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS	Catherine Stewart, Susan Krug, Adele Cleverdon
FLOWERS	Chris Pearce
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon
LUNCH	Love Soup
ORDER OF SERVICE	Tara MacNiven
SOUND	Rob Taylor
GREETERS	Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Diana Lambrou
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Alison Pearson, Audrey Cook

STAFF

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SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill Robert Schultz, Randall McKinnon
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Nan Gregory, Nicola Hamilton, Sherry King

The red pulpit hanging is a gift from our partner church in Brassó, Romania.

The Unitarian Church of Vancouver

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

The UCV campus is a Smoke-Free Environment