



Dance in Colour by Derek Lamarque (last month's artist) used with permission

Dancing the Living Tradition

Mairy Beam and Mary Bennett

– August 20, 2017 –



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



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 helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*



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.

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 & strollers.
The UCV campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our goal is to find the Fun with Meaning! 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. Everyone attends the start of service together for the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

After the story, children ages 5-12 meet the Religious Education Guides at the back of the Sanctuary for the day's activities.

Childcare is available for children up to age five between 10:45 am and 12:30 pm in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre, opposite the library. **Children and babies are always welcome to remain** with their adult family members through the service if they prefer.

Please meet your child downstairs or in the garden after the service: children under age 9 will remain with the Guides until met by a responsible family member.

YOUTH GROUP: Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) does not meet during the summer. Our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They meet weekly to explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations, and joys of navigating life—through games and small group activities. Also: youth sleepovers, Regional Conferences, and the UU-United Nations Office Spring Seminar (April, 2018). Contact Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) or Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca).

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. In consideration of others, please try to come on time. Any inquiries can be sent to victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

AUGUST ART EXHIBIT: *Call of the Drums* photographic art exhibit by Gail Stephan, running August 1 to September 1 in the Sanctuary. Meet the artist! On August 27, Gail herself will be hosting in the Hewett Center from 10 to 11am, and from 12 to 1 pm. Follow Gail on Instagram at @gks1950 or visit her Facebook page (Gail Stephan).

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Overdose Prevention Society (OPS) is the organization to receive funds from OOF from the beginning of June until the end of September. OPS was founded in September 2016 by three women who were concerned about how little was being done about the growing fentanyl crisis in Vancouver. In potential violation of the law, they set up a drug injection site in an alley in Vancouver's downtown Eastside to combat the many overdose deaths and have saved hundreds of lives. Their peer-based services are beneficial to the health authority, to the community, and to the participants themselves and ensure access to health & welfare services to excluded, vulnerable & marginalized people.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Liz Monrad, Eric Chen

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan

SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS

Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz

SOUND

Kaelyn Elfert

GREETERS

Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Nancy Strider, George Atherton

Next Sunday Service: August 27, 2017, 11 am

So, What Is Spirit Play?

Joy Silver

Celebration of Worship
August 20, 2017
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Prelude: Circle Dancing - Please join the dance!

Eric Wyness, Pianist
Nicola Hamilton, Soloist
with Circle Dancers

Introit #188

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

**Opening Words & Kindling the
Chalice Flame**

Way Kent

Greeting Our Neighbours

Opening Hymn #311

Let It Be a Dance

Story for all Ages

Elephants Cannot Dance by Mo Willems

Children's Recessional

*Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love
surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go*

Welcome and Announcements

Huguette Hayden

**Reading from the Book of
Celebrations and Concerns**

Huguette Hayden

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

Huguette Hayden

Song #1051

We Are

Meditation – Reading

Way Kent – words by T.S. Eliot

Silence, Song and Dance

#352 *Find a Stillness*

Reflection

Community
Mairy Beam*

Song #1064

Blue Boat Home

Reflection

Wholeness

Mary Bennett**

Closing Song #346 and Dance (“Unitarian Shuffle”)

Come Sing a Song With Me

Please join us in the outside aisles to dance together. All are welcome to join in. There are no wrong steps, only variations!

Closing Words

Way Kent – words by William W. Purkey

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.

We hold hands as we sing.

* Mairy Beam first discovered circle dancing in Toronto and was glad to find there was an active community here at UCV when she moved here recently.

** Mary Bennett found circle dancing at an annual Women’s Spirituality Celebration weekend event at Vancouver School of Theology and with others helped get regular dance circles going here at UCV.

Thank you to all the circle dancers who joined in, including: Mairy Beam, Mary Bennett, Jennifer Getsinger, Leslie Kemp, Jane Kinegal, Frances Schofield.

“Dance is the only art of which we ourselves are the stuff of which it is made.” - Ted Shawn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV’S NEW COMING OF AGE PROGRAM! WE will be running a Coming of Age mentorship program for children and youth ages 12-14 where our kids can learn, reflect, and grow. Do you have a child in this age range who wants to spend next year playing games, getting to know their peers, and deepening their understanding of their spirituality? If so, please email Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) and Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca).

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DEANNA SILVER: 2 – 4 pm, September 3, Fireside Room. Deanna Silver was born in Nova Scotia and was renowned for her Silver Spoon Restaurant in Halifax. She lived here in recent years, practicing dental hygiene (again) and enjoying retirement, making many new friends. The last few years she lived in Montreal, near family. Deanna died in July. There will be memorials “from coast to coast” to honour her. This will be ours. Please bring some finger food for our indoor “picnic”.

UCV BOARD DEVELOPMENT: If any member in good standing is interested in being on the UCV Board, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the Nominating Committee at diane@rubyslippers.ca.

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies. It's a joyful, loving service to the greater community and a path to personal spiritual growth. For more details about the job's requirements and its blessings, contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca, 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, katherinekrobak@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: We're gearing up for fall back-to-church and it would be a benefit to have a few more folk on the communications team to help committees and groups design brochures, update the website, write news posts and make posters for the bulletin boards. Meetings (usually only two a year) are optional. More details here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/communications-team/> maryinvancouver@gmail.com

RENT OUR SPACE! Are you part of a group who needs to rent space for meetings, concerts, celebrations? Please consider--and pass along--information about our church space. While some times of the year get busy, there's lots of space available over the summer. You can find the rates and spaces available here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/ucv/about-us/facility-rental/> Contact Marcus at info@vancouverunitarians.ca or call 604-261-7204 extension 0.

EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS: We are planning family-friendly earth-centred celebrations on the Sunday afternoon nearest the equinoxes, solstices and cross-quarter days. It will be: 2 – 3 pm ritual with song and dance; 3 – 4 pm nature-based activity; 4 – 5 pm potluck finger food. Come for just the ritual or stay for all three hours. The first one will be Sunday, September 17 to celebrate the autumn equinox. Mary Bennett maryinvancouver@gmail.com

ANNUAL VANCOUVER ISLAND UNITARIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held at Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo BC on the weekend of September 15 to 17, 2017. The cost for the weekend is \$265. The workshop is *Write Your Life* with Lois Peterson and Maggie de Vries. Registration form with more information is at <http://tinyurl.com/2017NWR>. For further information contact Theresa at tmarion3@yahoo.com or [604-687-4864](tel:604-687-4864).

SHARE YOUR STORY – A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 28, 2017, 1 – 6 pm in the Hewett Centre. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. Is there something you would like to share in your congregation's Sunday service but have never written a sermon before? Or perhaps you have experience and want to develop your skills and comfort? Or even don't know what you would speak about but want to learn the process? Meg will show you a process to support your creative expression so you can touch the head and heart of your listeners. She will also share various service resources.

To help integrate your learning, a **follow-up 1 ½-hour group coaching session** is included on either Tues. Nov. 28, 7 – 8:30 pm OR Sat. Nov. 25, 10:30 am – 12 noon. This will encourage you to work on your sermon, offer support for any roadblocks you hit, and provide feedback to polish your creation.

To register, contact UCV Workshop Committee chair, Way Kent: 110395@telus.net. Earlybird registration deadline and cost: September 30 (\$35) Final registration deadline and cost: October 22 (\$50)

More events are listed on the back page!



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.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: PLUS John Voth's artworks, "*Exposed: The Inner Beauty of Wood*". Saturday, August 26, 6 pm at Enigma Restaurant (4397 West 10 Avenue). RSVP to Dianne Crosbie, dcrosbie@uniserve.com



Sacred Circle Dance



1st Tuesday and 2nd Monday 7pm
Dance+Labyrinth+Art 3rd Th 11am
Contact: circledanceucv@gmail.com

Artwork by Rev. Margaret Keip created in celebration of the life of dancer and photographer Edna Bullock. She and Ric Masten, composer of "Let It Be a Dance" were both members of the UU Church of the Monterey Peninsula

Saturday, September 23, 2017 (from 5:30 pm)

JOIN THE FUN
at the 4th annual



- tasty food
- congenial company
- excellent entertainment

\$12 tickets (or by donation) on sale after service Sept. 10 & 17 in Hewett Hall (only 100 available)

*** Bring a salad or entré (appetizers & dessert provided)**
 Childcare available (please indicate if needed when you purchase tickets)