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Adventures in Housing

Rev. Steven Epperson
April 29, 2018

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

The Presence of Children is a Gift to the Church. Welcome!

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies please fill out a Children's Program visitor card at the Welcome Table so Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Exploration, can be in touch with you about our children, youth, and family programs.

Most Sundays, everyone begins the morning together in the Sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes. We provide multi-age programming and special workshops for children ages 2-12 from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm. Community building, exploring traditions and values, questioning, and wondering are our goals. Babies and young toddlers may join us or stay with you in the Sanctuary.

Buddy Bags with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

<p>The seats in the rear of the church are <i>reserved</i>: (when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers.</p>
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The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

After the Story we sing our children off to their Explorations in Hewett Centre:

- **Everybody's Birthday Celebration!** All visitors and children ages 2-12 meet in Hewett Hall to decorate cakes. Today we are preparing a birthday party for Everyone. We have 14 cakes to decorate, tables to set, soup and salad to serve, and decorations to be made. Please join us in the Hall directly after the service for lunch and celebration—everyone gets to sit at table with those who share the same birthday month.
- **Coming of Age** will also be decorating cakes and preparing to serve lunch!

- **Children and babies** are always welcome to remain with their family or responsible adult throughout the service if they prefer. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for family use. **Nursing parents are welcome** in any part of our buildings, if you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

After the Service find your child in the Hall and be prepared to admire their decorating prowess.

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After the Service children age 9 and older will be released to join their family in the main hall when their class is over. **Children age 8 and younger** must be met at their classroom door and signed out by a responsible adult.

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am in the Family Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

ART EXHIBITION: *Elemental Journeys*, Joanne Brown, printmaker, will show her Four Elements series. Jackie Conradi-Robertson's acrylic paintings are inspired by nature scenes either here at home or in her travels. Mary Bennett's mixed-media pieces explore materiality through colour, texture, and layers.

WRAPPING UP THE APRIL PLEDGE DRIVE: Please drop by the Canvass Information table in Hewett Hall today if you have any questions at all about the Pledge Drive. Each April, we ask church members and friends to sign a Pledge Card with the predicted amount of next year's financial contribution. In mid-May, we contact the un-pledged with a friendly reminder. Please, please save us a phone call by submitting your Pledge today! In gratitude, your 2018 Canvass Team.

FORUM: 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](#)

IT'S EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY TODAY! The children of UCV invite you to a birthday party—yours! The children are delighted to invite you for cake, salad, and soup at lunch in Hewett Hall. You will sit with others who were born in the same month as you. It's lighthearted and friendly and delicious. Cost? Enjoy and donate what fits for you. Proceeds will go toward improving multi-age learning spaces and presentation of the Children's Library.

UCV EVENTS IS READY! Pick up May publication today.

Next Sunday Service: May 6, 2018

The Work We Do

Rev. Steven Epperson & UCV Members

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

CIRCLE DANCING IN APRIL - BELTLANE/MAY DAY: We'll celebrate on Sunday April 29th with Maypole dancing in the courtyard after the service. Also Tuesday, May 1, 6 – 7 pm Louise Bunn and Mary Bennett will facilitate a May Day ritual and Maypole dance. Contact earthspiritucv@gmail.com This is the first regular 1st Tuesday Earth Spirit gathering – a revitalization of what was our Pagan Committee.

UNITARIAN SERVICE ON BURNABY MOUNTAIN: There will be a Unitarian service on Tuesday, May 1, at 1 pm at the Watch House on Burnaby Mountain led by Metro Vancouver Unitarian ministers, Steven Epperson, Debra Thorne, Samaya Oakley and Meg Roberts.

Lunch is offered at noon at the kitchen tent at the end of Burnaby 200 Soccer Field (8305 Forest Grove Drive). If you want more information contact, Debra Thorne: debra.thorne@shaw.ca.

The simplest and best way for people to get there is by Bus 136. Both the eastbound 136 and the westbound 136 stop very near the playground on Forest Grove Drive, i.e. 8305 Forest Grove Dr. The best route is Millennium Line to Production Way/SFU Station, then Bus 136 to 8305 Forest Grove Drive. Signup sheet to arrange carpooling will be at the Greeter table.

PHILOSOPHERS' CAFE: Thursday May 3 at 10:30 am, Fireside Room. Social media: when can it have antisocial effects? *Co-sponsored by SFU and UCV.* Moderator [Randall MacKinnon](#).

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP: 10 am, Saturday, May 5. The session will cover general emergency preparedness including workplace and personal and family. The goal is to provide information to ensure you and your family are prepared. It also covers what is required to develop your personal and family emergency plan, and how to conduct a Hazard hunt and what to do when an earthquake strikes. Sessions usually last 1.5 hours (1 hour for the session and 30 mins Q&A session). Open to all interested congregants. Please visit www.vancouver.ca/nepp for more information. Sponsored by the Building & Grounds Committee

CELEBRATE WORLD LABYRINTH DAY AT UCV on Sunday, May 6 with a labyrinth walk and introduction to our two labyrinths starting at 3 pm. This will be advertised as part of Jane's Walk Vancouver. Reply to unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com with any questions, suggestions or offers regarding our Garden Path Labyrinth. See photos and news at vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinths

COMPUTUTOR Sun. May 6, 12 – 2 pm Lindsey Bring your curiosity, questions and computer/social media challenges. Resources: Paul Prescod and Galen Elfert. For more information, contact RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEETING: May 13, 9:45-10:45 am. RSVP sharinguvcv@gmail.com

If you'd like to join, send a note to Mary. June UCV Events will be Mary's last one as co-editor after three and a half years. We are preparing a budget. If you have suggestions for us, please send asap. From Communications Co-chairs, Paul Prescod and Mary Bennett

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY AT UCV: Painting the Labyrinth with Pat. Join Pat MacBain and set up your easel or sketchbook to paint the labyrinth. Bring your own materials or use tempera paint, pastels and paper available.) Today is Opus' yearly Outdoor Painting Challenge.

2—3 pm: Tea Party on the labyrinth. Enjoy a cup of our home-grown mint tea. Sandy Riecken will serve.

3—4 pm: Jane's Labyrinth Walk. Meet Vera Wojna in the courtyard where she'll give an introduction to labyrinths in general and ours in particular. Participants will be invited walk both labyrinths. This is advertised as part of the annual Jane's Walks in honour of Jane Jacobs.

Info: unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com web: vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinths

ART FOR REFUGEES in the Fireside Room. Silent Auction with all funds going to the Unitarian Refugee Committee. Art by Karen Brumelle. OPENING MAY 4, 7 – 9 pm, music by the Lawless Firm. Silent Auction ending May 27 at noon.

HYGGE POTLUCK DINNERS are usually on the 3rd Saturday. Merva Cottle will host on Saturday, May 20 – 3951 West 20th Avenue. RSVP by phone 604-224-8767. Volunteer to host a dinner in June, contact ucvhygge@gmail.com.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE is looking for someone to sign out books in the library the second Sunday of the month. A good position for someone who likes people and books! Contact David - 604-319-5199.

SANCTUARY HANGING: The hanging presently on display in the Sanctuary was created by Donna Hamilton as a commission for the UUA General Assembly Planning Committee in 1995. It was hung at the plenary sessions of the GA meetings for the next several years. It then hung permanently at the headquarters of the UUA, at 25 Beacon Street in Boston, until the UUA recently moved their headquarters to another space. It was then returned to the artist, and was brought to UCV temporarily for the Metro Vancouver All-Congregations gathering on April 7.

THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE is looking for 1 - 2 people to join our committee. Help us create a positive, healthy work environment for our UCV staff. Contact Sheila Resels, chair of HR, at sresels@gmail.com for further information.

KIDS TAKEOVER UCV: Inspired by the recent Kids Takeover UBC, we are beginning to plan for a Kids Takeover day (or week? Or month?) at UCV. Share your ideas on the RE bulletin board or send to kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com. See article on web for more information. Supported by Arts Committee.

THE CONNECT & ENGAGE COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to facilitate informal conversation amongst newcomers (& regulars). The topic is the Sunday sermon. Our weekly *Sermon Discussions* are from 12:15 to approximately 1 pm. This only requires that you sign up for *one session per year*. If you'd like to join the team, contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: The Outreach Opportunities Fund will be collecting for the Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS), from February to May. CLAS provides legal assistance in BC to people with problems in the areas of workers' rights, income security, housing, mental health and human rights.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: Send an email to ucvconnect@gmail.com to be added to your neighbourhood email group. More at: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/neighbourhood-groups/>

COVENANT GROUPS: Two groups (2nd Thursday and 4th Sunday) are accepting new members. Contact ucvconnect@gmail.com to be put in touch (or check event listings on web.)

LOVE SOUP!: Thank you very much for yet another successful Love Soup! on April 15. Your donations will help to fund UCV's many important programs. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated!

OUTSIDE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CREATIVE ARTS ELIOT CAMP 2018 for UUs and their Friends and Families. *Creative Arts Eliot* takes place in Seabeck, WA, August 11-15, 2018, and offers UUs and friends a multi-generational camp experience with workshops in Photography, Poetry, Painting, Songwriting and more. Campers choose one or two workshops to focus on and spend the rest of their time enjoying the waterfront, campfires, singing, UU community, games, evening programs and entertainment, including an Extravaganza on the last day to showcase everyone's creativity. For more info, contact Eliotregistrar@gmail.com or visit our website at www.eliotinstitute.org.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

David Buchanan, Leslie Hill

SOUND

Hans Elfert

GREETERS

Margo Elfert, Pat Johnson, Denise Nereida, Paul Prescod

Jane Sutherland, Dianne Crosbie

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Edgar Silveira

CARETAKER(S)

The red pulpit hanging in the Sanctuary is a gift from our partner church in Brasso, Romania

Information on the wall hanging by Donna Hamilton is provided above, under 'UCV Community Announcements'.





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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