



A RCMP officer informs people of their rights at the Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle border, August 7, 2017

No *One* is Illegal?

Rev. Steven Epperson

December 16, 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 seats in the rear of the church are **reserved**: (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. The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

UCV CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE FORUM: Work on the business plan phase (leading to a go/no-go decision in June) is now underway. Several work groups have started. Attend for a briefing and question and answer hour (we want to keep you in the loop!) – Michael Clague / Gordon Gram (co-chairs)

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

SERMON DISCUSSION: 12:15 – 12:45 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

GREEN FUND HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET: Please join us after the service – and before and after tonight's Candlelight Service – for unique, individually crafted gifts. Support our local artisans. Support our Green fund. See you there!

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. A UCV tradition: worship, the spoken word, seasonal carols and music, featuring the Chalice Choir, honouring the festivals of December and the beginning of a new year. All are invited! Light dessert potluck after the service in Hewett Hall. Please bring a dish & stick around!

CURRENT ART EXHIBITION: M. Carscience: *The Light of All Things*. A collection of abstract light paintings. The images are made with a technique the artist calls "experimental optics," curious experiments with digital photography and disassembled camera lens parts, which transform the light of our illuminated environment into tableaus that challenge perceptions and invite the imagination to explore new realms.

Families with Children, Welcome!

Our Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, coordinates a team of staff and volunteer teachers to provide programming for children (up to age 12) and youth (secondary school age). We build community, explore traditions and spiritual practices, ask big questions, and nurture individual power to bring love and justice forward. Visit our website for more information www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca There are many volunteer opportunities within the program and it is a great way to be involved, deepen spirituality, and build connections.

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.

Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our building. If you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

Children and Youth on Sundays

Everyone begins the morning together in the sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes of worship through the *Story for All Ages*. The First Sunday of each month everyone remains in the Sanctuary for worship together (nursery care is available during all-ages services), 2nd to 5th Sundays children (up to 12) and youth (13-19) continue their Explorations across the courtyard in Hewett Centre.

Responsible adults must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15 pm, Youth Group runs until 12:30 pm, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the hall for coffee hour. You may join your child in Explorations, but we encourage giving them their own time whenever possible.

Colour Buttons Identify Teachers and Advisers

Orange: Toddler Watch--attending to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program.

Green: Children's Program Leaders and Assistants

Yellow: Youth Advisers

Children and babies are always welcome in our worship services. To parents and responsible adults, we offer some tips to help you and your children be at ease:

- Mother Nature put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in our church.
- Sit towards the front where your child can see what is going on; backs of heads are boring! Help your child by being a role model.
- Gently and quietly explain what is going on, how people are listening or participating.
- Answer your child's questions with a quiet whisper—they often whisper back.
- Encourage your child to work with their Buddy Bag to help them concentrate on worship.
- If your child needs to leave the service, please feel free to come back. We believe children belong in sacred spaces.
- The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for your use.

Celebration of Worship: December 16, 2018

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| Prelude | <i>Music by Handel*</i> | E. Dainow, piano |
| Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours | | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Kindling the Chalice Flame | | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Opening Hymn | <i>#1051: We Are...</i> | |
| Story for All Ages | | Told by Rev. Steven Epperson |
| | <i>Let's sing the children out...</i> | |
| Announcements | | Marg Fletcher |
| Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns | | Marg Fletcher |
| Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i> | <i>This Land is Your Land – Too!</i> | Trad. / new words: E. Dainow With Brian Gick & E. Dainow |
| Meditation, Spoken then Silent | | |
| Musical Response | <i>Immigrant Son</i> | Estanislau Gubiotti With Brian Gick & E. Dainow |
| No One is Illegal? | | |
| Rev. Steven Epperson | | |
| Closing Hymn | <i>#155: Circle Round for Freedom (x2)</i> | |
| Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame | | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Valediction | <i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. (x2)</i> | |

* Handel left his homeland of Germany to settle in England. – Elliott

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

UCV SEASONAL EVENTS AND SERVICES: There's quite a lot to see and do at UCV this December! The Candlelight Service is this evening at 7:30 pm; there are 11 am services on the 23rd, 24th, and 30th, as well as a Christmas Day potluck and carol sing at 1 pm. Please refer to the listings posted in the office or in Hewett Hall for more details.

UCV WOMEN'S GATHERING: Details on the annual women's gathering can be found here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/annual-womens-gathering/>. Please phone Jeannie at 604-224-1040 if you plan to attend. Afternoon workshops are now full. Register online at: <https://unitarian-women-2019.eventbrite.ca>

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER AT UCV: This is likely the biggest month of the year for visitors and guests. Please, let's all welcome others. Remember, it works better to say: "Hi, I'm (so and so). I don't think we've met yet." Rather than: "Are you new here?" There are tales of people responding with: "I've been here for 20 years!" – From the Connect & Engage team

- **PHOTOS NEEDED** of the many December events we host. Do you have photos from past years of pageant, wreaths, craft fair, choir concert, etc.? And if not - would you be willing to snap a few on your phone for use on our Instagram, website and Facebook?
- **GREETERS NEEDED** for the Christmas Eve Celebration on December 24th. We hand out the Order of Service and take up the collection. This is a very special occasion, and our contribution is an important one. If you can help, please contact Denise at ditzah@telus.net, or Margo at margoe@telus.net. Thank you!

UCV MEMBERS ART SHOW: From January 3 to February 28, 2019, the Arts Committee will be organizing an exhibition of artwork by UCV members. Interested members are asked to please bring 2-3 pieces to UCV to the attention of Chris Pearce or Caede Pungente. The art can be stored safely in our storage cupboard. Please bring the art with labels, including the medium and titles (please put prices on separate piece of paper!). We would like to have the art pieces before the end of December.

UCV REDEVELOPMENT BUSINESS PLAN: Join the planning! This work will contribute to the decision by members next June as to whether or not to proceed with redevelopment. An informational note is available at the office about how the various redevelopment focus groups work and who has joined already. Contact Gordon Gram (gordongram@me.com) and/or Michael Clague (mclague@telus.net) for more information.

INSTAGRAM: Yes, we are now on instagram as @vancouverunitarian! Please follow and tell your friends. We'll be using hashtags like #uuyouth #uuf flamingchalice #uusingingthelivingtradition #uualgbtq. You'll find lots of other interesting posts from those searches too. Are you an instagrammer? Please send Mary a note as we're building a team. sharingucv@gmail.com

SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS: Could you spare some change? Could you treat me to a cup of coffee? Funds raised will be used to purchase warm socks for the DTES homeless. Donations will be collected in Hewett Hall by the coffee table. Used socks, for all seasons and ages, are welcome all year round. – Lily Ha

E-NEWSLETTERS: As well as the monthly e-news sent out near the beginning of each month, we do occasional messages with a focus. On Monday, November 26, we'll be sending out our first Music & Arts e-newsletter. You can sign up for any and all e-newsletters here: vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter

ARTS COMMITTEE – COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE NEEDED: The Arts Committee needs someone with computer skills to post information about our artists and visual arts events on the website (training available) so it can be included in e-newsletters. Contact Mary Bennett sharingucv@gmail.com if you can help. Social media experience a bonus! Youth welcome!

UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow (rdainow@shaw.ca)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact ucvconnect@gmail.com
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson (vdavidsonsc@gmail.com)

Is your neighbourhood not listed? Would you like to meet Unitarians who live near you? Contact Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com for help at connecting with your neighbours.

DROP-IN PING-PONG is being planned as a weekday morning activity at UCV for a group forming now. Registration is required. Please email George Atherton – notrehta@gmail.com – to find out more.

PAGANISM 101 is full and well underway. BUT the monthly Earth Spirit circle is open to all - on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 6 – 7 pm, Hirschmanova. Want more information? earthspiritucv@gmail.com

2019 MULTIFAITH CALENDARS are now on sale! Pick up one of these beautiful calendars at the book stall in Hewett Hall and mark a couple gifts off your list at the same time. \$15 each or 2 for \$25. All proceeds go to **benefit UCV's children's programs** and the Multifaith Action Society.

UCV CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

A new way to reach out in time of need: If you or others in the congregation are in need of support in times of transition, loss, illness, moving, etc., please contact: careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca. Sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson

Do you receive our e-newsletters? If not, please go to vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter to view recent newsletters (and sign up to receive in your inbox.)

OUTSIDE EVENTS

UU WOMEN'S RETREAT: Save the Date! February 8 to 10, 2019 (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch) at the Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo. Special rate of \$215.00 includes 6 delicious meals, private rooms, and a main room for activities. Expect connection with other women, several discussion circles to choose from and time for yourself. There is a 6 km walking trail and a Chartres-sized labyrinth. Expect spiritual renewal at this special place and time. NOTE: There are 4 accessible rooms available.



Vietnamese refugees circa 1979

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Karen Hertz, Kathy Sayers, Tatiana Burstyn

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

SOUND

Kaelyn Elfert

GREETERS

Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida, John Boyle

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Wendy Bryan, George Atherton

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira, Ben Yeung

TONIGHT! Candlelight Service at 7:30pm

Next Sunday Service:

Sunday, December 23: Hearts Full of Love: A Nativity Story
By Normal Allan, performed by UCV Children & Youth



We actively welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities!

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.

MINISTER AND STAFF

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