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The Thread You Follow

Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief

February 18, 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 11:15-12:15. 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:

Spirit Play meets downstairs in the Channing Room (south end) until 12:15. **All visitors and children ages 0-12** are welcome to join this multi-age program centered around community, ritual, and story. Explorations are centered around the Seven Principles and Sources of Unitarian Universalism. Each Sunday starts with a story and moves into art, building, action, and garden activities.

Our Whole Lives sexuality education for ages 9 & 10 meets today downstairs in the Parker Room (downstairs-center) until 12:30pm. These workshops meet twice a month and are restricted to registered participants.

Coming of Age meets in Hitschmanova until 12:30. This is a year-long mentorship and spirituality exploration program for children ages 11-14 and is restricted to registered participants.

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 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.

YOUTH GROUP: UCV currently does not have an active community of high-school-aged youth. We do have trained and experienced youth advisors as well as a cohort of young people entering high school in the next year or two. If you are interested in Religious Exploration for this age group, please email Youth Coordinator Olivia Hall at oliviahmargaret@gmail.com or Director of Religious Education Kiersten Moore at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca.

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.

LUNCH TODAY: *Love Soup!*

NEW SERMON DISCUSSIONS: Inviting newcomers and regulars to share your thoughts, feelings and questions about today's service. Grab a coffee or lunch and join us for an informal discussion at 12:15 – 1pm in the Priestley room. Moderated by a host from Connect & Engage. Look forward to seeing you there! *Sheila* (R), Connect & Engage Committee.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30 pm. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

UCV MEMBERS ART SHOW: January 3rd to February 28th. Mixed media. Please leave your comments in the book provided. Thanks!

Celebration of Worship: February 18, 2018

Prelude	<i>More tunes from Mary Grigolia</i>	E. Dainow, piano
Invocation	<i>Where Do We Come from?</i>	By B. Tate With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words		Tara Bonham
Welcome & Greeting our Neighbours		Tara Bonham
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Tara Bonham
Opening Hymn #121		<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>
Story for All Ages		told by Rev. Marcus Hartlief
	<i>“Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the spirit of love Surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go...”</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Mairy Beam
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Mairy Beam
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Becoming</i>	Mary Grigolia Performed by E. Dainow
Receiving the Offering		Tara Bonham
Introduction to Meditation - Spoken, then Silent		Emily Hartlief
Musical Response	<i>May I Be Still</i>	By B. Tate With the Chalice Choir
Sermon		The Thread You Follow Revs. Marcus and Emily Hartlief
Closing Hymn #128		<i>For All That is Our Life</i>

Closing Words

Marcus Hartlief

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Marcus Hartlief

Valediction

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

Next Sunday Service: February 25, 2018

Religion: What is it Good For...?

Rev. Steven Epperson

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

HYGGE DINNERS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: Hygge dinners are small (usually 8-10) potluck dinners that are hosted in members' homes usually, but not necessarily, on the 3rd Saturday at 6 pm. There are 3 upcoming dinners. Two on March 17, and the third is for East Van Unitarians. If you live in East Van and want to join the email group to learn about this and other gatherings, send a note to ucvconnect@gmail.com.

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: Saturday, February 24 at 6 pm. Location: East is East Restaurant 3035 West Broadway, Vancouver (near Blenheim). www.eastiseast.ca RSVP: Dianne Crosbie dcrosbie@uniserve.com

CONSCIOUS BREATHING WORKSHOP: February 27, 7 pm, Lindsey-Priestley. Learn Conscious Breathing Techniques to Enhance Your Health and Manage Stress. Conscious Breathing techniques can increase your physical strength, emotional stability and mental agility. Manage stress, anxiety and fears with simple methods to feel more alive and energized. Call Henry 604 442 6947 for more info.

THE UCV BOOK CLUB will meet on March 11th at 12:30 pm in Biddle to discuss *Never Let Me Go*, by Kazuo Ishiguro which is a novel that subtly reimagines our world and time in a haunting story of friendship and love. Everyone is welcome.

PASSOVER SEDER/DINNER: Save the Date! Friday, April 6, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Contact: Sheila sresels@telus.net

DESIGNING AND LEADING RITES OF PASSAGE: Basic Training, April 27 – 29. CUC is offering at UCV a basic training weekend for new Lay chaplains and anyone interested: <http://cuc.ca/event/designing-leading-rites-passage-basic-training-lay-chaplains-3> for more information, please contact Naomi Taylor: naomitaylor7@gmail.com or Katherine Roback: katherinekroback@gmail.com>

EAST VAN, WEST SIDE, AND NEW WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS are now active. If you live in or near one of these areas send a message to ucvconnect@gmail.com to be added to the email group to learn about Unitarian neighbourhood events. Next West Side gathering: Tues. Feb. 27, 2:30 – 5 pm. We will reflect upon and respond to: “What Has Led You to This Journey Amongst Unitarians? Who or what inspired and influenced you and, ultimately, brought you here? How can you live your life with more intention? What motivates you? What stops you?” Location: Home of Melody Mason. Please RSVP to melkmason@gmail.com and get address. Moderator: Sheila Resels sresels@gmail.com

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK BASH DONATIONS: The Library Committee encourages everyone to donate gently used books for the upcoming Book Bash on March 25. Please drop them off in the library on Sundays before/after the service.

SMARTPHONE NEEDED: Do you have a smartphone you have recently replaced and don't know what to do with? iPhone 6 or newer sitting around waiting to be recycled? Our church Administration and Children's Program would like to be able to accept onsite electronic donations for events and services. The easiest way to do this is with an iPhone or Android phone connected to WiFi. The only requirements are a working screen, camera, and operating system still supported by updates. Please contact the office if you have a potential donation, please do not drop any electronic off without speaking to one of us. Thank you!

FACEBOOK HELP NEEDED: Could you post just TWO messages per week on our page about the upcoming worship services? One would be a few days in advance and the other would be after the sermon is uploaded on our website. Contact Mary @ sharingucv@gmail.com. If you are on Facebook, we your communications team, would very much appreciate your checking out our page regularly and clicking like, comment and share.

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.

LABYRINTH: There are crocuses in the labyrinth and a new labyrinth volunteer, Vera Wojna. We've done a lot of gardening to remove leaves and generally spruce up for spring. (Thanks, Vera!) We are thinking of a labyrinth event on Sunday, May 6, on Jane's Walk Day and the day after Worldwide Labyrinth Day. Want to join our labyrinth team?
unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com More info here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/labyrinths/>

VOLUNTEER: Are you ready to get involved with the community? There are several volunteer opportunities ranging from one hour per month to ongoing planning committee work. Sign up here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/community/volunteer/> or contact ucvconnect@gmail.com

THE 4TH SUNDAY COVENANT GROUP has openings for any interested UCV members or adherents. We will meet next Feb. 25, 12:45, and it will be an open meeting with the topic “*What is Listening?*” Interested? Please contact Nonie Lyon (nonielyon@shaw.ca) More specifics about our groups it was in 2017: tiny.cc/2017ucv4th. Note: There are several small group ministries within the UCV community. (ref: vancouverunitarians.ca/ then search: covenant groups) They provide a small group environment, with spiritual intent.

JEWISH HOLIDAYS (JH) COMMITTEE: If you enjoy participating in celebrations that combine great food, stimulating conversation amongst Unitarians, their friends & family members, join our (JH) team. We’re currently working on a Passover Seder/Dinner (Fri, Apr. 6, 5:30 pm, Hewett Center, Main Hall). There will be a lively review of the ancient Exodus Story of Passover which strives for freedom against oppression and celebrates liberty for all. We are looking people to help out in the marketing, children, food, music, set-up & set-down teams. Please contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com for more information.

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.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Eric Chen

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, Laura Gerken, David Buchanan

SOUND

Kaelyn Elfert

LUNCH

Love Soup!

GREETERS

Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Paul Wright, Karen Brumelle

CARETAKER(S)

Ahmed Walwail



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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