



## *Intergenerational Solidarity and Us*

Rev. Steven Epperson

March 25, 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.



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

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## ***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 <b><i>reserved</i></b>: (when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and right side for persons in wheelchairs &amp; 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:*

- **Garden Day Today! All visitors and children ages 3-12 meet downstairs in the Channing Room** (south end) until 12:15. We are prepping our garden for spring planting—as long as the weather isn't too soggy we will be outside in the garden beds today at the north end near the parking lot. Please bring your coat when you leave the sanctuary.

- **Coming of Age** meets in Hirschmanova until 12:15. 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 families 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](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com)

**BOOK BASH:** UCV is holding its semi-annual Book Bash today from 9 am to 1 pm. A large selection of (good condition) second-hand books, including titles on gardening, psychology, religion, history, children's books, mysteries, Canadian and world fiction, and much more. Books are priced to sell with the majority being \$1 - \$3.

**LUNCH TODAY:** Lunch today organized by the Social Justice Committee. Eat lunch & support social justice causes at the same time!

**FORUM:** 12:30 pm in Fireside. The artists showing their work at UCV until April 30 all have backgrounds with children's art development. Mary, Jackie and Joanne will share some of what they know and encourage you to engage with children through art –and make art yourself as well.

**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 – 1 pm in the Priestley room. *Sheila* (R), Connect & Engage Committee.

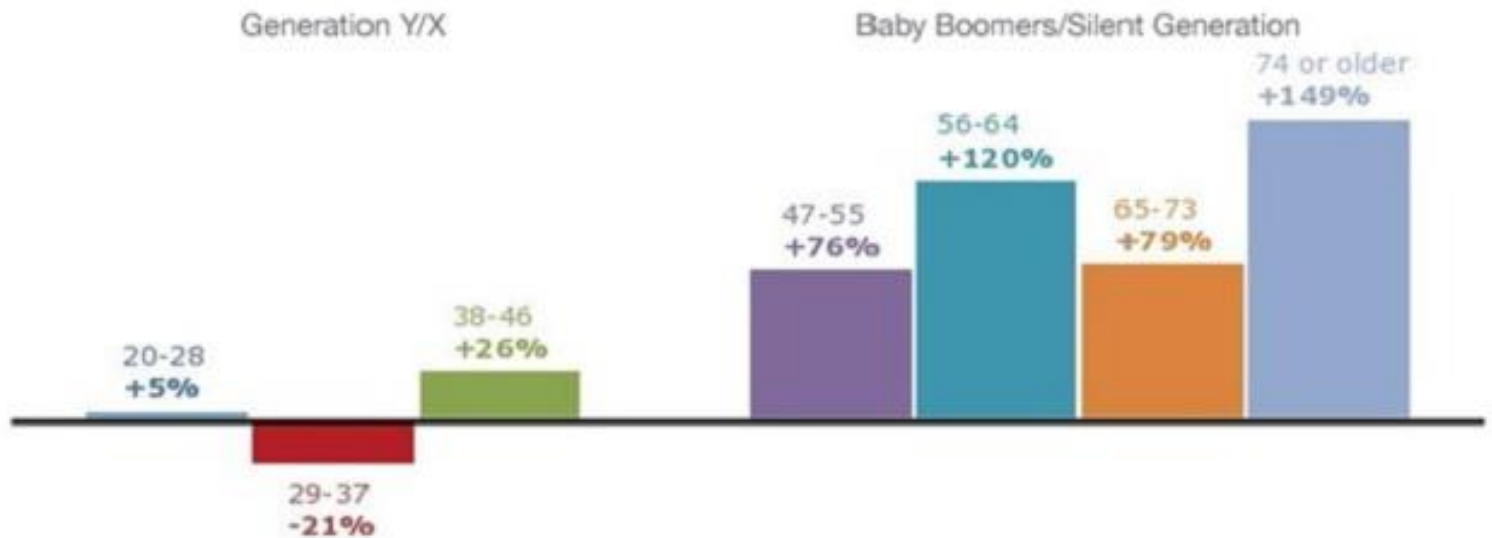
**ART EXHIBITION:** *Elemental Journeys*, Joanne Brown, printmaker, will show her Four Elements series. Jackie Conradi-Robertson's acrylic paintings are inspired by nature scenes either here at home or in her travels. Mary Bennett's mixed-media pieces explore materiality through colour, texture, and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

**SOS – SAVE OUR SALMON:** Open net fish farms do serious harm to our wild salmon. Fish farming is banned in Alaska and Washington State. BC needs to ban fish farms as well. Visit our table in Hewett Hall to write your MLA to NOT renew the 22 open net fish farm leases that come due this June. Information, templates, and all supplies provided.

# Celebration of Worship: March 25, 2018

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Music by Spencer Schoening</i>	Spencer Schoening – Piano Jasper Walley – Bass Guitar Ridley Bishop – Alto Saxophone Mike Allen – Bass Clarinet
<b>Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Opening Hymn #6</b>		<i>Just As Long As I Have Breath</i>
<b>Story for All Ages</b>		Read by Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rob Taylor
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns</b>		Rob Taylor
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Music by Spencer Schoening</i>	Spencer Schoening & Crew
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Music by Spencer Schoening</i>	Spencer Schoening & Crew
<b>Homily</b>		<b>Intergenerational Solidarity and Us</b> Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Closing Hymn #1051</b>		<i>We Are...</i>
<b>Closing Words</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again. Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i>	

## Change in average household net worth by age group, 1983 - 2010



**Next Sunday Service: April 1, 2018**

***Easter Pageant: A Tale of Wheat***

Rev. Steven Epperson & UCV Children & Members

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### UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

**METRO VANCOUVER UNITARIAN GATHERING:** 9 am to 9 pm at UCV. Doors at 8:30 am. Our 4 local congregations are strengthening inter-generational solidarity, networking on social action and singing with Unitarian singer/songwriter, Tony Turner. See website for full details. Registration is completely online this year at: <http://cuc.ca/metro-vancouver-unitarian-gathering>. Volunteers are needed for greeting, serving meals and cleaning up. Please phone Jeannie Corsi on [604-224-1040](tel:604-224-1040) if you are able to help in any way. For questions, contact Leslie Kemp on [604-818-5869](tel:604-818-5869).

**WESTSIDE UNITARIAN GATHERING:** Tuesday, March 27, 2:30 pm. RSVP Melody [melkmason@gmail.com](mailto:melkmason@gmail.com) Facilitator: Ursula Litzcke. This is a monthly gathering open to all who live on westside or downtown Vancouver.

**MOVABLE FEAST:** Saturday, March 31. The March Movable feast will be at Heirloom Vegetarian Restaurant, 1509 West 12<sup>th</sup> at Granville, [heirloomrestaurant.ca](http://heirloomrestaurant.ca). We meet at 6:00 pm. Wheelchair accessible at separate entrance. RSVP To Dianne Crosbie, [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)

**PASSOVER SEDER/DINNER:** UCV family Passover Seder—Friday, Apr. 6, 5:30 pm, Hewett Centre. Potluck supper and celebration of the story of Passover. \$5 donation. Register by April 2<sup>nd</sup> at <https://unitarian-passover-seder.eventbrite.ca>.

**THE UCV 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY BOOK CLUB** will meet April 8th, 12:30 pm in Biddle to discuss Thomas King's *The Back of the Turtle*, an environmental fable for our time, set largely on the west coast of Vancouver Island, told with King's characteristic humour.

**MYSTERY PALS:** April 8 – May 6. Sign-up by April 1st to be a Pal to someone older or younger than yourself. Knowing each other helps create a safe and connected community. This is a chance to bridge generation gaps between those who might not meet on a regular Sunday. More information and sign up forms are on the bulletin boards and welcome table or email Kiersten at [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) or visit the UCV website: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/mystery-pals/>

**NEW TO UCV WORKSHOP:** Everything you wanted to know about Unitarianism and UCV but were afraid to ask. Join us for this one-day workshop, **Saturday, April 14, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm, Fireside Room.** Coffee and muffins, 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or church office, babysitting requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or the church office at 604-261-7204.

**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](mailto:naomitaylor7@gmail.com) or Katherine Roback: [katherinekroback@gmail.com](mailto:katherinekroback@gmail.com)

**SACRED CIRCLE DANCING IN APRIL:** We will have two visiting teachers, Barbara Herring from Ontario (April 9<sup>th</sup>) and Rosie Turnbull from Findhorn, Scotland (April 19<sup>th</sup>). Circle dance and ritual for Beltane/May Day Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>, followed by an afternoon and evening for experienced circle dancers. Contact [circledanceucv@gmail.com](mailto:circledanceucv@gmail.com) to sign up for email reminders.

**HYGGE (POTLUCK) DINNERS** are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Jeannie Corsi and Caede Pungente will host in April. We are looking for hosts for May and beyond. Guests bring all the food. [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com).

**WORLD LABYRINTH DAY AT UCV:** We will celebrate this on Sunday, May 6 with a labyrinth workshop and walk. Reply to [unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com](mailto:unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com) with any questions, suggestions or offers regarding our “living labyrinth”.

## **UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE** is looking for someone to sign out books in the library on the second Sunday of the month. This is a wonderful way to meet people and learn more about the library collection. Contact David at [davidfbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:davidfbuchanan@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:sresels@gmail.com) for further information.

**CASUAL CARETAKER OPPORTUNITY:** UCV is in need of a casual Caretaker to help maintain our beautiful campus and to assist the many individuals and community groups who make use of our rental spaces. Previous caretaking or custodial experience is an asset but not necessarily required. Must be available to work evenings and weekends. This is an ideal opportunity for students or for those looking for a source of supplemental income. Hours vary with rental space usage. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Marcus at [marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca).

**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](mailto:kidstakeoverucv@gmail.com). See article on web for more information. Supported by Arts Committee.

**SMARTPHONE NEEDED:** Our church Administration and Children's Program would like to be able to accept onsite electronic donations for events and services with a WiFi-enabled smartphone. Please contact the office if you have a potential donation. Thank you!

**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](mailto: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 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION:** There is an opportunity through the Vancouver Foundation to receive funding for projects that: 1) connect and engage neighbours, 2) help share skills and knowledge, 3) increase the sense of belonging and 4) respect and celebrate diversity. The deadline is April 9th. I (Randall MacKinnon) intend to submit an application and, if successful, help deliver it (no salary). I am looking for a co-proposer to help finalize and submit an application. Speak with me in the Hewett Hall after March 25 service (that will be me with the garish red hat). Alternatively, you can email [randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:randallmackinnon@yahoo.ca) or call me at 604-263-4332.

## **OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FARMERS ON 57<sup>TH</sup> GROW YOUR OWN FOOD COURSE:** Starts Thursday March 29th. Costs \$300 and comes with a 4' X 6' instructional plot, all the tools and supplies you'll need and 12 instructional sessions every 2nd Thursday, 6:30-8pm. Urban farmers Karen & Jess guide you through every step of the season from soil prep, seed starting to crop maintenance and harvesting. Eat what you grow! Find more details at [www.farmerson57th.ca](http://www.farmerson57th.ca).

## **THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:**

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

**FLOWERS**

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

**SOUND**

**LUNCH**

**GREETERS**

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

**CARETAKER(S)**

Catherine Hembling, Theresa Marion

Carolyn Innes

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

Rob Greig

Social Justice Committee

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

Dianne Crosbie, George Atherton

Paul Nash, Edgar Silveira

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



## **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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