



In 2013, 500 displaced children from Syria living in Lebanon — given disposable cameras and some training — captured their lives on film. Sara, 9, photographed children's feet, some of them clad in plastic slippers, others barefoot. She wanted to show people the harsh conditions they live in. (UNICEF/Zakira)

Refugee Children & Children of Refugees

UCV Refugee Committee
May 20, 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:

Into the Garden Today! All visitors and children ages 3-12 meet downstairs in the Channing Room (south end) until 12:15. We will begin with a story of salmon and their key role in our BC coast ecosystem. Children will have the option to write or draw letters to their MLA to stop the practice of open net fish farming of Atlantic salmon in our Ocean. We are also planting and nourishing our own garden on the slope near the parking lot.

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 families or responsible adults 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 (or in the garden) 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

FORUM: *How to Stop Kinder Morgan*. Bruce McIvor will talk about his recently published book: [First People's Law](#). Bruce will be reading from his newly released book, *First Peoples Law: Essays on Canadian Law and Decolonization*, and will be discussing Aboriginal rights and large-scale resource development. Dr. Bruce McIvor, lawyer and historian, is principal of First Peoples Law. Bruce represents First Nations across Canada and is recognized nationally and internationally as a leading practitioner of Aboriginal law in Canada. Bruce is a proud Métis from the Red River in Manitoba. He holds a law degree, a Ph.D. in Aboriginal and environmental history, and is a Fulbright Scholar. Books will be available for purchase by donation with proceeds going to charity. 12:30 pm in Fireside.

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. For more information, visit: <http://tiny.cc/ucvdsd>

2018 CHILDREN'S ART SHOW: *"We light this chalice, symbol of our faith... and ourselves."* By Children of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, ages 3-14. Every time we meet as Unitarians we light a chalice, symbol of our faith. Our faith in the inherent worth and dignity of each person and the interdependent web of life on Earth. Each painting presented here is a symbolic self-portrait of the artist. Children were invited to use the Chalice symbol as a basis for creating a work that represents their unique selves. Unitarians support each other along the individual search for truth and meaning, so naturally some children chose a different symbol to represent themselves. We are thrilled to see the diverse personalities of our children reflected in their artwork here. Enjoy!

LOVE SOUP! May's "LOVE SOUP" is TODAY! Apologies for the date mix-up last Sunday. We will be ready and waiting for you in the Hewett Centre. Please come and enjoy our delicious & nutritious lunch while visiting with your friends!

Celebration of Worship: May 20, 2018

Prelude	<i>Wayfaring Stranger</i> <i>Rivers of Babylon</i> <i>I Am A Stranger</i>	Trad., new words by Dan Keeton Brent Dowe & Trevor McNaughton Ken Medema Performed by JES Trio*
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Way Kent
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Way Kent
Opening Hymn #159		<i>This Is My Song</i>
Story for All Ages		Read by Julia Myers
	Let's sing the children out " <i>Go now...</i> "	
Welcome and Announcements		Ursula Litzcke
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Ursula Litzcke
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Cousins</i>	Ellen Van Der Hoeven
Meditation – Spoken, then Silent		Huguette Hayden
Musical Response	<i>If Nobody Sees</i>	Leslie Eliel
Homily	Rita's Story Abraham's Story Rohinga Children Children's own voices	Refugee Children's Voices Julia Myers Abraham Andemariam Julia Myers Huguette Hayden
Closing Hymn #292		<i>If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking</i>
Closing Words		Way Kent
Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Way Kent
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i> <i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i>	

* *JES Trio is Jane Slemon, Ellen van der Hoeven, and Susan Larkin. A tight braid of voices backed by a tapestry of instruments, the members of this musical friendship often can't help but get themselves mixed up with one another. JES Trio brings a diverse repertoire that includes celtic, folk roots, and original songs. Friendships are woven into this trio—Ellen and Susan met on a train, Susan and Jane have played for English Country Dances in Lark in the Evening, and Ellen and Jane have been drawn to the same celtic and folk circles—stories braiding over decades.*

Next Sunday Service: May 27, 2018

Findings: What Poetry Can Discover

Rev. Steven Epperson

UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

SILENT ART AUCTION IN FIRESIDE: Support the Refugee Committee and get a painting at an affordable price. Silent Auction in the Fireside Room until May 27 at noon. All money goes to the Refugee Committee.

NEXT MOVEABLE FEAST: On Saturday May 26th at 6:00 pm, the Moveable Feast will be trying out a new community Korean Restaurant. Mukja Korean Cuisine, 3211 West Broadway at Trutch www.mukjastreet.com/, Wheelchair accessible To reserve your place at our table, confirm at dcrosbie@uniserve.com



NEW TO UCV BREAKFAST: Prior to the service June 3, 2018 there will be a breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room for those who have attended the New to UCV Workshop. UCV Committee chairs will provide information on the activities at UCV. For those wanting to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature. For additional information, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserve.com or contact the church office at 604-261-7204.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE: You are invited to join members of the Vancouver Quaker and Unitarian communities in a Kairos Blanket Exercise (KBE) (<https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>) on Saturday, June 9th from 9:45 am to 1:15 pm. The event will be led by Melaney Gleeson-Lyall from Musqueam Nation, who will also connect this activity to local Indigenous history and her own story. It will be held in Hewett Hall and will be followed by a potluck lunch. All are welcome! We are asking for a suggested donation of \$10-20 to help cover costs for those who can afford this. Pre-registration is requested by June 4th at <https://june9quakerunitariankbe.eventbrite.ca>

The KBE is a teaching tool “developed in response to the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples—which recommended education on Canadian-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation... [and] covers over 500 years of history.” For further information, questions, or childcare support, contact: Leslie Kemp at lkemp@telus.net / 604-818-5869.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CO-EDITOR AND PROOFREADER FOR UCV EVENTS NEEDED: After three and a half years, Mary Bennett is stepping down as co-editor of UCV Events, and after many more years, Kathryn Aberle is “putting down her red pencil” as proofreader. Margo Elfert has been working on the Bulletin prior to UCV Events and will continue doing basically the front and back pages. We produce it using MS Publisher. The proofreader works from a pdf, and MS Publisher is not required. Please contact Margo if you’d like to know more about what’s entailed. ucvevents@gmail.com

NEW BENCHES FOR THE UCV CAMPUS: Dear UCV Members and Adherents: The Buildings and Grounds Committee has approved the design for new benches in the public areas of the campus, replacing the remaining aging structures.

A photo of the new bench is below. You can also see a prototype installed in the East Memorial Garden. The \$900 cost of this new bench is being paid for in part by a member (a larger, 3-person version will be more).



We similarly invite other members and adherents to contribute to the funding for these new benches, replacing the older ones around the campus. Individual donations or donations from groups and families are welcome. A commemorative plaque can be included if there is a wish to recognize a person or a UCV project. Arrangement for a charitable receipt can be made.

For more information please contact Michael Clague: mclague@telus.net. – Dianne Crosbie, Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee

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.

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 our website.)

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS: More at: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/neighbourhood-groups/> Contact ucvconnect@gmail.com to be added to your neighbourhood's email list.

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.

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.

FARMERS ON 57TH CSA HARVEST BOX PROGRAM: Eat fresh urban farm & organically grown veg for \$30/week, June-October. Flowers available too. More details at www.farmerson57th.ca.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Eric Chen, John Smith

LUNCH

Love Soup!

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

SOUND

Kaelyn Elfert

GREETERS

Jane Sutherland, Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Karen Brumelle, Paul Wright

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash, Eric Sun

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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