



A Beautiful World of Broken Hearts

Rev. Ron Phares

February 10, 2019



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!

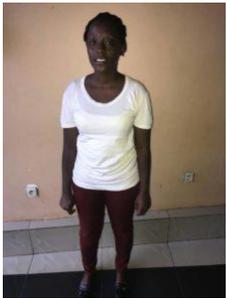
Please visit our Visitors' Table in the Sanctuary foyer and get a nametag. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our congregation. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

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

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!



LUNCH to support Burundian refugees in Rwanda: In 2015, the Burundi Unitarian Church in Kigali was attacked and half of the church membership fled and are now refugees, mostly in East Africa. Our Partner Church Committee has been supporting a number of students by raising money at our previous two Partner Church services and lunches to provide food for refugees living in Rwanda. At the left is Ratifa, one of the students we are supporting. She fled alone, spent some time in the Mahama refugee Camp, and is now in a boarding school doing hotel management. During the 3 months holiday per year, she gets food support from us. Help us continue to support Ratifa and others.

THE 2ND SUNDAY BOOK CLUB meets TODAY in Biddle from 12:30 – 2 pm to discuss *Fishing With John*, a love story about the unlikely convergence of two people from different worlds who were able to make a rich and tender life together, and not only endure each other's company in alarmingly close quarters but to revel in it. All are welcome.

FORUM: 12:30pm in Fireside. *Is There a Danger to Democracy in Canada?* Much has been written about the erosion of norms and the gradual undermining of democratic institutions in the USA and other Western countries. So is there a danger of the same underlying factors eroding democracy in Canada? Canadians are now indicating a sense of declining economic well-being together with less trust in the legitimacy of "the system". Melody Mason, Social Justice Committee and BCCLA board member, will explore these concerns and other dangers to democracy in our country followed by a brainstorming session on what can be done to protect our democracy.

UCV GROUP ART SHOW: January 3rd to February 28th – mixed media artworks provided by UCV members and congregants!

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 at 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.

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

ENVIRONMENTALISM MEETS ACTION SPORTS: With breathtaking cinematography, **THE RADICALS** is a documentary film by Beyond Boarding that follows four snowboarders and surfers driven to become environment stewards through their connections with the land in which they play. These athletes introduce us to some of the world's most dedicated activists and wilderness initiatives that can actually change the world. **THE RADICALS** inspires us to shift our perspective and rise above the challenges of modern society. Friday February 15, 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Admission by donation with all proceeds to be split between 3 of the Indigenous groups featured in the film; the Klabona Keepers, the Musgamagw Dzawada'enux, and the Xwisten. Sponsored and hosted by the Environment Team.

WANT TO ENRICH AND EMPOWER THE LIVES OF WOMEN? Thirteen women formed a discussion group at the [4th Annual Women's Gathering](#) and decided to form not just one, but two new women's groups which will meet monthly. One group will meet on the third Monday of the month, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Fireside room (first meeting will be Monday, Feb. 18th); and the other group will meet on the first Friday of the month from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fireside room (first meeting is on Friday, March 1st). Registration is required. Contact Sheila at sresels@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

UCV WORDPRESS WEBSITE TRAINING: Learn how to post news and events to the UCV website so your committee can get the word out. A series for beginners is scheduled for Saturdays 1 – 4 pm; Feb. 23, March 16 and June 1. Register with Aurora 604-261-7204 or ca@vancouverunitarians.ca

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, Feb 23, 2019, 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 or the church office 604 261-7204.

NEXT GSA GATHERING: Monday, February 25, 6:30 pm for a potluck social and some planning. Please pick up the new Genders & Sexualities Alliance brochure in the brochure holders in the foyer of the sanctuary. RSVP as space is limited to gsaucv@gmail.com

NEW 2019 GROUP – THE POT LUCK BOOK AND LUNCH CLUB: So, you like books. So do we! We all share a book or two we're reading that we think others would enjoy hearing about. Pick your favourites and join us. We sometimes read passages out loud too. The discussion is followed by a potluck lunch. We meet in the Fireside room, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, on the last Thursday of the month. Contact Nan Gregory at nangregory@shaw.ca for further info. Sometimes a few of us stay to practice circle dancing. You're welcome to join us!

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER! We are pleased welcome Mr. Gordon Lowe to the UCV team as our new in-house bookkeeper! Gordon brings many years of church accounting experience to the role, and we are all excited to begin working alongside him. Starting this coming week, he will be at the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm, and on Fridays by appointment.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: The library group is looking for a volunteer to welcome and help people who come into the UCV library on the second Sunday of the month for a few months. No experience necessary. We are looking for enthusiasm!

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.

FEMINIST BOOK CLUB? CUUWA Canadian UU Women's Association is setting up a monthly cross-Canada book club focusing on contemporary books on feminism. It will likely meet on a Sunday at 3 pm Pacific/7 pm Atlantic using zoom technology: <https://cuuwa.org/>. Locally Mary Bennett is involved: maryinvancouver@gmail.com. Send any book recommendations to Mary. Mary's particularly interested in exploring the concepts of third wave feminism and intersectionality.

UCV REPORTERS NEEDED - REFUGEE COMMITTEE AND VISUAL ARTS: The communications committee is looking for "reporters" (one or two) to write up news, collect/take photos and post on the website updates for the Refugee Committee and the Visual Arts committee. This would involve talking with committee news, writing up an article, sending to the committee for any additions or corrections, asking for photos, taking some (with permission of course) or finding images online to illustrate the content. For the arts committee, the article could be in the style of a review and ideally interviewing and photographing that month's artist. (You do not need to attend meetings but of course you could.) Most if not all of this work could be done from home with a phone and computer. You would need to take the Feb. 23 workshop on how to post an article to the website. Apply to communications@vancouverunitarians.ca

RICK HANSEN ASSESSMENT: The Buildings and Grounds Committee has received an assessment, requested by Steven Epperson, from the Rick Hanson Foundation re UCV accessibility for the Hewett Centre and the Sanctuary. B&G is reviewing the report in terms of practicality, cost and the viewpoints of members with disabilities. Some \$s are available from the RHF. For information or a copy of the assessment contact Dianne Crosbie: dcrosbie@uniserve.com.

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.

OUR WHOLE LIVES FOR AGES 12-14 IS BACK! A sexuality education program for youth that models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. Move beyond the intellect to address the attitudes, values, and feelings that youth have about themselves and the world. This program is comprehensive and progressive. In an inclusive and developmentally appropriate manner, it addresses sensitive topics that are typically excluded from other curricula and classes offered. Contact Kiersten Moore (dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) or Olivia Hall (oliviahmargaret@gmail.com) for more information. Check <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/education/owl/> for updates.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: West Coast Environmental Law will be the recipient of OOF funding from 1 February to the end of May. Over the years, WCEL has worked with communities, NGOs, the private sector and all levels of government to develop legal solutions to protect the environment. In particular, it has supported First Nations in articulating, revitalizing and applying their laws to protect land, air and water. It has taken a leadership role in developing models for co-governance in BC and Canada and in establishing federal and provincial environmental laws that advance reconciliation. WCEL also offers free legal advice and support to groups and individuals who are trying to protect the environment.

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

FOR PETE'S SAKE! - A COMOX VALLEY TRIBUTE TO PETE SEEGER: Fri, March 1, 2019. Doors open 7:00 pm, Concert 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm. Location: Comox United Church, 250 Beach Drive, Comox. This joint fundraiser concert is sponsored by the Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship and Comox United Church with a portion of the net proceeds supporting Project Watershed's [Kus-kus-sum initiative](#) (estuary stewardship restoring the Field Sawmill site). You will be singing along to classic Seeger tunes while supporting a worthy cause. Performed by stellar Vancouver Island talent including Doug Cox, Helen Austin, Bruce & Judy Wing, Kim June Johnson, and Tony Turner. Tickets are \$25 and available online at <https://peteseegercomox.eventbrite.ca> and at the door with a "pay-what-you-can" option to ensure affordability for all.

Next Sunday Service: February 17, 2019

Sources of Religious Insight

Rev. Steven Epperson

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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GREETERS

Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson, Denise Nereida, Hank Einarson

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Paul Wright, Karen Brumelle

CARETAKER(S)

Paul Nash



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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