



(1955 – 2017)

***The Legacy of ‘Spiritual Bad-Ass’,
Richard Wagamese***

Rev. Helen McFadyen
January 13, 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

UCV WOMEN'S GATHERING TONIGHT! Even if you haven't registered yet, just come along! Doors open at 5 pm. Potluck coordinated by Margo. 6:30 pm: discussion in Fireside Room about women's groups for those who wish to join one and those who have some experience; 7 pm: circle dance coordinated by Mairy Beam. Drop-in rooms: make a collage; choose a rune; bring "mathoms" (stuff you don't need) to swap. Leftovers donated to refugee committee.

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 is being prepared by the Environment Committee. Join us after service in the Hewett Hall!

FORUM: 12:30 in the Fireside Room: *Meet the Social Justice Committee*. Please come to hear about the current projects of the Social Justice Committee, including the Reconciliation Network, Coldest Night of the Year Walk, and clothing collection for the Gathering Place.

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 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: January 13, 2019

Land Acknowledgement

Prelude *We n' de ya ho ("Cherokee Morning Song")* Walela

Opening Words From Richard Wagamese

Greeting Our Neighbours

Kindling the Chalice Flame Words of Richard Wagamese

Opening Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life*

Story for all Ages *Nanabush Gets Power from the Skunk* (An Ojibwe "Nish" tale)

Children's Recessional Song *As You Go** Kathleen Tracy

Welcome and Announcements Ursula Litzcke

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Ursula Litzcke

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *We Give Thanks* W. L. Perkins
E. Dainow, voice & piano

Meditation *Words of Richard Wagemese*
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child Trad., arr. P. F. Blevins
E. Dainow, voice & piano
Silence

Reflective Hymn #8 *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit* **Please remain seated**

Reading Words of Richard Wagamese

Homily
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Closing Hymn #163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Sending Forth

Valediction

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

* Music to *As You Go*, by Kathleen Tracy

As You Go

Kathleen Tracy

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We hold you in our love_ as you go, as you go_ May your

6 A D

heart be at peace_ as you go_ To nur - ture the spark_ of your

12 G D A D

pre - cious life_ We hold you in our love_ as you go_

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

GLAD FOR TREES: This month's Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance will celebrate (early) the Jewish day Tu B'shevat. RSVP appreciated but not required circledanceucv@gmail.com. Thursday, January 17, 11 am – 1 pm.

UCV MEMBERS FORUM: January 20. *Design Process Information Session – the Role of the Architect*. The purpose of the session is to discuss with UCV members the role of the architect with respect to the mandate of the project – generating sustainable revenue for the future and building affordable rental housing: consultation, design, city approvals, building permits etc. Erika Gerson (architect and B&G member), Gordon Gram and Michael Clague (UCV members) convening.

GSA POTLUCK: UCV's new **Genders & Sexualities Alliance** is hosting a potluck dinner on Saturday, January 26, 5:30 – 7 pm prior to the annual *Out in Harmony* choir concert. Interested in this or other GSA, Pride, Welcoming Congregation events? Send a note to gsaucv@gmail.com – one of our group will respond.

BRING A FRIEND AND BUMBLE BERRY SUNDAY: January 27. Bring a friend to experience all that UCV offers, they may discover they were closet Unitarians all along. After the service, enjoy Bumbleberry Sundaes courtesy of the New U Committee. Every berry lovingly handpicked last summer.

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORE COMPUTER TRAINING COMING: We hope to offer another series of workshops for those who want to be able to advertise UCV events for their committee. Topics may include: posting events to the website; using social media to magnify your posts and poster/brochure design. You'll want to have a project/event in mind to benefit and bring your own device (laptop, smart phone or tablet) or arrange to borrow the laptop or tablet from UCV. Fill out a survey linked here if you'd like to attend training:

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/web-team/>

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 curriculum 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.

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS: The talented and skilled Collene is planning on retiring as the UCV Bookkeeper. Her last official day is Jan 31., and she has graciously offered to help out if and when needed. We wish her well on her new adventures. So...UCV is currently in the process of recruiting a new bookkeeper. If you know of a suitable candidate, please forward the following links to apply https://www.indeedjobs.com/vancouver-unitarians/hl/en_CA?cpref=JXWAtnzf3XWjLOi4YeVNLnsfzg9-fxtS35ds9p-ad2A

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.

HELP NEW PEOPLE GET CONNECTED: Are you a friendly person who knows enough about UCV to help someone newer than you get connected? Contact Mary Bennett at ucvconnect@gmail.com if you can help. More info here: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/connector/>. We are especially looking for additional people who will respond to the (many) people who express interest in our social responsibility initiatives (social justice, environment, refugees, etc.) You don't need to know about everything. (Who does?) You'll just help them find their way through our complex congregation.

E-NEWSLETTERS: As well as the monthly e-news sent out near the beginning of each month, we do occasional messages with a focus. You can sign up for any and all e-newsletters here: vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter

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, Hitschmanova. 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. \$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.

Next Sunday Service: January 20, 2019

Sanctuary and the Vision of Religion

Rev. Steven Epperson

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Joan Balmer, Pat Johnson

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LUNCH

Environment Committee

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Sheila Lindfield, George Atherton

SOUND

Galen Elfert

GREETERS

Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson, Denise Nereida, John Boyle

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Nancy Strider, Eleanore Dunn

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira, Igor Santizo



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

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Kiersten Moore
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
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