



UCV EVENTS DECEMBER 2017

Sunday Morning Services

December 3
The Invention of Air
Rev. Steven Epperson
and UCV members



We celebrate the beginning of the Advent season with a trip to the past and a rendezvous with the 18th Century Unitarian minister and scientist, Joseph Priestley, a radical in religion, science

and politics.

His scientific experiments, inspired by progressive religious beliefs, led to breathtaking, path-breaking discoveries. These discoveries reinforced his optimistic hope that great good arises when science, reason and religion provoke and converse with each other.

This is a worship service for all ages.

December 10
Celebrating the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Rev. Steven Epperson
On this UN Human Rights Sunday, we explore the astonishing achievement of the United Nations in identifying and asserting the rights of persons with disabilities. Canadians played a crucial role in the creation of this UN Convention.



December 3 7:30 pm—Tickets \$20 .from choir members or at the door.

December 17
An Intergenerational Winter Solstice

UCV children and adults

Robin and Owl argue over which is better: day or night? But what if we only have one or the other? Anyone can show up and don a mask or costume to join those with rehearsed parts. We explore the need for balance within our own life, within nature and within society. Come celebrate the darkest part of the year and the return of light to come.

December 24
The Day Before Christmas

Rev. Steven Epperson

That's right! Christmas Eve day falls on a Sunday this year and we're *not* taking a "Bah humbug!" attitude. Join us for stories and carols.

This is a worship service for all ages.

December 31
Fire Communion

Evening Services

December 17 7:30 pm
Candlelight Service
Rev. Steven Epperson
and UCV members

A favorite tradition: worship, the spoken word, seasonal carols and music, featuring the Chalice Choir, honouring the festivals of December and the beginning of the new year.

All are invited. Please stick around for finger food potluck.

December 24 7 pm
Christmas Eve Celebration
Rev. Steven Epperson
and Elliot Dainow

On this evening, we gather with candles, carols and story to commemorate our fellowship and the gifts of the season. Bring your family and friends. All are invited to this service for all ages.

Holiday Artisan Market/Craft Fair
Dec. 17, 10 am – 2 pm and 6:30 – 9pm

Come find quality hand-made gifts and help support our Green Fund. Artisans are mostly from our own congregation.

Visit us before and after the morning and evening services. Look for artisans selling cards, pottery, jewellery, knitted sweaters and scarves, photos, honey, baked goods, candles, kids' books, and some surprises.



Ten percent of proceeds go to the Environment Committee Green Fund that supports greening the church and other worthy environmental projects.



Social Dinner Events

Messy ChUrch Coffee-House

Fri. Dec. 8 6 – 9 pm

Dinner cooking at 5 pm

Jane Slemon is back with us to host our fall semi-annual coffeehouse. Brush off your musical talent, put on your poetry-jam hat and come take your place in the spotlight. All ages and aptitudes are welcomed to the stage. We've had two-year-olds through octogenarians alike perform at this much anticipated and beloved event.

Chili dinner theme – bring a side dish, bread, drinks or dessert to share. Eat, sing, and be merry! Suggested donation to cover costs \$5 adult/\$3 child. No one turned away. RSVP or questions: Kiersten Moore

dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

Hanukkah Party

Sat. Dec. 9 5 pm Hall



3 – 5 pm Decorate the hall, make latkes. No experience necessary.

5 – 7 pm Hanukkah rituals (singing, lighting the menorah and blessing, dreidls) and explanations of Hanukkah traditions and potluck dinner. Please come at 5 pm if possible, so we can start the program promptly.

7 pm on Rummy, dreidl games, circle dancing. RSVP with what you'll bring ucvhygge@gmail.com

Christmas Day

Sing-along and Potluck

Mon. Dec. 25 1 pm – 3 pm

Hewett Centre

Come to our annual informal Christmas Day potluck. Bring your family and friends and a dish to share. There will be carol singing with Patrick Dubois playing piano. Gavin Grandish 604-873-0770.

Regular Events

Bridge Group

Dec. 5 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9:30 pm

Fireside

Friendly bridge. All levels welcome but you should know basics of play. Donna Brown quinnbrown44@gmail.com

Seven UU Principles

Every Wed. 10 – 11:30 am

Fireside

Registration required. George Atherton notrehta@gmail.com

New Group Forming in 2018

There's a call for a second weekly daytime group at UCV.

Tammy Retzer tamiheld@gmail.com or Jeannie Corsi 604-224-1040

Meditation

Every Sun. 10 – 10:45 am

Every Wed. 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Meditation Room

Victoria victoriaoginski@gmail.com

Principles and Sources

Covenant Group

Thu. Dec. 14 (2nd Thu.) 7 – 8:30 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

This group is a good place to learn about the principles and sources and how you personally relate to them. Drew Lemen 604-441-4619 lemen.drew@gmail.com

Theatre for Living Practice

Sat. Dec. 16 10 am – 1 pm

Hitschmanova

Interactive workshop to practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Wear comfortable clothes. RSVP required Meg Roberts 778- 870-9015 mroberts@uuma.org.

Religious Education

Bringing Unitarian

Faith Formation Home

Sun. Dec. 3 (1st Sunday) 9:30 am

Rev. Steven Epperson and

DRE Kiersten Moore

Lindsey-Priestley Room

A new series on first Sundays. We will discuss how building our faith and practice is something that happens all through the week, and that the best, most effective site for this to happen is in our own home. We will share ideas, discuss challenges and best practices.

Sacred Circle Dance

Hewett Hall

No partner or experience is needed. Dances are always taught and reviewed.

Dec. 5 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9 pm

Dec. 12 (2nd Mon.) 7 – 9 pm

With Corinne Chepil.

Regular evening circles coordinated by Leslie Kemp lkemp@telus.net.

G.L.A.D. Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance

Dec. 21 (3rd Thu.) 11 am – 1 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Winter Solstice Circle

Dance and Ritual

Sun. Dec. 17 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Sanctuary Stage

Daytime circles, contact Mary Bennett at circledanceucv@gmail.com.

SFU Philosophers' Café

Thu. Dec. 7 10:30 am – 12 pm

Fireside Room

Consider the Russian proverb, "Trust, but verify". In international relations, when should a nation trust another and how can it verify this needed evidence? Are there nations who may be more inclined to doubt each other? Can they overcome history? Does verifying through intense negotiation loosen or strengthen relationships?

Moderator: Randall MacKinnon

Co-sponsors SFU and UCV

Wreath-making

Sat. Dec. 16 9 – 11 am

Lindsey-Priestley



Join us in making wreaths and swags to decorate the sanctuary for the festive season. Bring garden gloves and clippers if you have them. Greenery and decorations provided but feel free to contribute your own. Coffee, tea and snacks provided. Dianne Crosbie dcrosbie@uniserve.com.



FORUMS

12:30 – 1:30 pm
Fireside Room
(unless noted)

All welcome!

Bring along your lunch or beverage.
Additional details and future dates at
<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/forums>

December 3

Certified Zero Waste

Zero Waste Canada

Representatives from Zero Waste Canada will talk about their programs including the *Zero Waste Certification Program*. Might we at UCV consider being “on the road” to Zero Waste? Come and find out what's involved. We may start a UCV Zero Waste team reporting to the Environment Committee. Sign up after the forum.

Paolo Muir has a Masters in Environmental Protection and Management. He provides information to organizations about the Zero Waste Certification Program offered by Zero Waste Canada.

Connie Reichelsdorfer is Executive Director of Zero Waste Canada. Currently supporting program development, fundraising and establishing the first chapter of Zero Waste Canada in Vancouver, BC.

Jamie Kominski is Director of Zero Waste Canada and their lead policy advisor. He is working with Metro Vancouver on their Disposal Ban effectiveness working group.

Sponsor: Environment Committee

CompuTutor

Sun. Dec 3 12 – 2 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Bring your curiosity, questions and computer/social media challenges. We will attempt to respond to raised issues.

Particular focus this month: inputting and tapping into the church website.

Resources: Paul Prescod. and friends
Questions beforehand:

RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

December 10

Introduction to Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education program

All are invited to a presentation and Q & A about the OWL program. Our Director of Religious Education, Kiersten Moore, and the certified trainers will be present. Parents of kids age 9 – 11 are especially invited, whether regular members or not. Program is open to all.

Grandparents, educators, and counsellors may also be interested learning more. Bring your lunch. Childcare and pizza will be available for kids.

OWL is a positive, comprehensive, and age-appropriate educational program that promotes sexual health.
<http://www.uua.org/re/owl>

December 17

Get The (Video) Picture? Participant Crowd Sourcing

The world of video and television is rapidly changing. With new technology, capabilities, programming, pricing and feature packages it is a complex scene to navigate. In this vein, what questions or problems do you have to raise with the crowd? What knowledge, tips and selections would you like to share?

Let's put our heads together. The ideas and resources will be summarized and emailed to participants.

December 24

Christmas Eve Fireside Chat with Christmas Cheer

Have a jolly holly time with UCV friends. Bring a poem or reading to share with others.

December 31

Happy New Year

Out With the Old - In With the Old Environmentally Correct Regifting and Repurposing

Got a possession that is intrinsically precious, but has lost its magic for you? Bring it along. “If you loved something, set it free.”

Bring something, and in the spirit of the season, give it and perhaps receive something in return. Any left-over gifts offered to the Refugee Committee.

Volunteer Groups

OPEN TO ALL

Arts – Douglas Ennenberg
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Environment – 3rd Sun. 12:30 pm
Lindsey-Priestley
Mary Lage: Administrative Chair
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Tamiko Suzuki: Information
tamiko.l.suzuki@gmail.com
Library – 1st Mon. 2 pm Fireside
David Buchanan
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Refugee – 4th Sun. 12:30 pm Biddle
Julia Myers – at Thrift Sale Table Sundays
Social Justice – 2nd Sunday
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Every Sunday

10:00 am Meditation
11:00 am Worship Service
*Coffee and conversation in Hewett
Centre before and after.*
12:30 pm Forum in Fireside room
1:00 pm Library closes

Sunday Communal Lunches

Please join us following Sunday service on most Sundays.
Dec 3 No sponsored lunch
Dec 10 Refugee Committee
Dec 17 Love Soup
Dec 24 and 31—No sponsored lunch
Note: Randall will arrange snacks by donation for forum participants on these dates.

Lunch Coordinator: Ben Hechter

ben_hechter@yahoo.com



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Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY

10:00 – 10:45 am	Meditation, Meditation Room
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Worship Services, Sanctuary
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation, Hall
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Forum, Fireside

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10:00 – 11:30 am	Seven UU Principles, Fireside. <i>Registration required.</i>
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Meditation Class, Meditation Room

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Fri. 1	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Memorial Service – Celebrating the Life of Virginia Crabill, Sanctuary
Sun. 3	9:30 – 10:30	Bringing Unitarian Faith Formation Home, Lindsey-Priestley
Sun. 3	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Computer Tutorial, Lindsey-Priestley
Sun. 3	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Forum – Zero Waste Canada, Fireside Room
Sun. 3	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Singing the Season - Chalice Choir Concert, Sanctuary
Mon. 4	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Library Committee Meeting, Fireside Room
Tue. 5	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Bridge Group – 1st Tuesday, Fireside Room
Tue. 5	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dance - 1st Tuesday, Main Hall
Wed. 6	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Coming off Benzodiazepines Support Group, Hitschmanova
Thu. 7	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	SFU Philosophers' Café, Fireside Room
Fri. 8	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Messy ChUrch + MAKE Dinner, Main Hall
Sat. 9	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Program Coordinating Council Meeting, Main Hall
Sat. 9	3:00 – 9:00 pm	Hanukkah Potluck Dinner and Party, Main Hall
Sat. 9	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Circle Dancing for Hanukkah, Main Hall
Sun. 10	12:30 – 2:00 pm	Book Group – Second Sunday, Lindsey-Priestley
Mon. 11	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dance -- 2nd Monday, Main Hall
Thu. 14	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Principles and Sources Covenant Group – 2nd Thursday Evening Fireside Room
Sat. 16	9:00 – 11:00 am	December Wreath Making, Lindsey-Priestley
Sat. 16	9:00 – 12:00 pm	Grounds Work Party, Main Hall
Sat. 16	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Theatre for Living Practice, Hitschmanova
Sun. 17	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Holiday Artisan Market/Craft Fair, Main Hall
	6:30 – 9:00 pm	
Sun. 17	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Environment Meeting, Biddle
Sun. 17	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Winter Solstice Celebration, Sanctuary
Sun. 17	1:00 – 1:30 pm	Arts Committee Meeting, Lindsey-Priestley
Sun. 17	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Candlelight Service, Sanctuary (reception follows in Hall)
Sun. 24	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
Mon. 25	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Christmas Sing-a-Long and Potluck
Sun. 31	10:30 – 12:30 pm	Bring art for Members Group Show

Our web site has the most up-to-date and accurate event listings with additional details. <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/eventlist/>

Member Group Art Show

January 3—31, 2018

Please bring art in during December, ready to hang. Provide your name, title of the art, medium and price. It will be stored safely. Chris Pearce and Caede Pungente, Arts Committee.

UCV Events

Mary Bennett, Margo Elfert.
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Layout: Ben Hechter

Proofreading:

Kathryn Aberle and Kathy Pierce

Submission deadline:

18th of previous month

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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.