

UCV EVENTS

Vancouver
Unitarians
meeting on
unceded, traditional
Musqueam land

December 2018



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Worship Services

December 2

Hope

**Rev. Steven Epperson
and all-congregation worship service**

On this First Advent Sunday join us as we begin our journey into the holiday season.

Hope – a fitting theme as winter approaches and the dark rises. A good time to be and worship together.

December 9

**Seventy Years of the Universal
Declaration of Human Rights
We Have Only Just Begun**

Stephen von Sychowski

Seventy years ago the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations, with Canada voting in support. But to what extent have we realized the Declaration's just and lofty principles, and how can we work towards a Canada, and a world, in which human rights are granted fully and robustly for all?

Stephen von Sychowski is the President of the Vancouver & District Labour Council.

December 16

No One is Illegal?

Rev. Steven Epperson

What did Egyptian border guards say to Mary, Joseph and their infant son when they fled a murderous tyrant and sought refuge in the land of Egypt?

In an age when millions are on the road and high seas in search for a better world, how do we respond?

Sunday Communal Lunches

Dec. 16 Amy's Love Soup Crew

December 16

Candlelight Service 7:30 pm

**Rev. Steven Epperson
and UCV members**

A UCV 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.

Light dessert potluck after the service in Hewett Hall. Please bring a dish and stick around.

December 23

**Hearts Full of Love: A Nativity Story
UCV Children and Youth**

This playful and interactive Christmas pageant tells the Nativity story in a way that plays on our Unitarian Universalist principles. From the mystery and wonder of a super nova to the magical feeling of joy inspired by a heart full of love.

Our play this year is by Norman Allen, playwright and UU Minister.

December 24

Christmas Eve Celebration 7pm

Rev. Steven Epperson

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.

December 30

Fire Communion

Leonie Armstrong

Messy Church Potluck

December 1, 5pm-8pm

Bring a dish or dessert to share and be ready to make crafty gifts and ornaments for the holiday season.

All ages. Donations cover material costs and childcare staff.

Every Sunday

9:15 am Chi Gong
10:00 am Meditation
10:55 am Musical Prelude
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Sermon Discussion

Newcomers are welcome.

Children's programs (all ages) begin after Sanctuary story time.

Coffee and conversation in Hewett Hall before and after services.



FORUMS

12:30 – 1:30 Fireside Room

All Welcome! Bring your lunch.

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/forums>

December 2

**Environment Team with Eoin Finn
BC Government LNG Expansion**

Recently the BC Government announced a \$40B LNG expansion on BC's North Coast, with other LNG projects in process. What are the potential impacts of fracking, pipelines and large LNG tankers? What does this mean for our coastal environment? And for meeting BC's Climate Action Plan?

Presentation followed by Q&A.

December 9

Social Justice Committee

December 10 is International Human Rights Day. It is the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by world leaders at the United Nations.

We will write letters for priority cases that need global attention. Writing materials and background information will be supplied. Please bring a laptop or tablet if you prefer.

Calendar of Upcoming Events December 2018

ON SUNDAYS

- 9:15 – 9:45 am Chi Gong, Meditation Room
 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
 12:15 – 1:00 Sermon Discussion, at designated table in Hall.
Regulars and newcomers all welcome.

ON WEDNESDAYS

- 6:30 – 7:15 pm Meditation, Meditation Room
 7:30 – 8:30 pm Study Group, Meditation Room
 10:00 – 11:30 am Seven UU Principles, Fireside. *At capacity*

EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Sat. 1 5:00 – 8:00 pm Messy Church Potluck Dinner – Gift Making, Main Hall
 Sun. 2 12:00 – 2:00 pm Computer Tutorial – Drop In and Get Your Teckie Problems Solved, Lindsey Room
 Sun. 2 7:30 – 9:30 pm Chalice Choir Advent Concert: Dark Night, Luminous Night, Sanctuary
 Mon. 3 6:30 – 10:00 pm Annual Multi-Men's-Group Potluck, Hewett Centre
 Tue. 4 6:00 – 7:00 pm Earth Spirit Circle Monthly Gathering, Hitschmanova
 Tue. 4 7:00 – 9:30 pm Bridge Group, Fireside Room
 Sat. 15 9:00 – 11:00 am December Wreath Making, Lindsey-Priestley
 Sun. 16 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Green Fund Holiday Artisan Market / Craft Fair, Hewett Centre
 Sun. 16 12:30 – 1:45 pm Environment Team Meeting, Biddle
 Sun. 16 6:30 – 9:00 pm Green Fund Holiday Artisan Market / Craft Fair, Hewett Centre
 Sun. 16 7:30 – 9:00 pm Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
 Thu. 20 11:00 am – 1:00 pm GLAD Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance, Lindsey-Priestley
 Mon. 24 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

OFF SITE

- Thu. 6 6:30 – 9:00 pm Fundraiser Dinner for Syrian Family, Tapestry
 Mon. 10 6:00 – 8:30 pm GSA / Welcoming Congregation Potluck and Social, East Van Private Residence
 Tue. 18 2:30 – 5:00 pm Westside Unitarians – One Year Anniversary and Holiday Social, Kitsilano Private Home
 Sat. 22 6:00 – 8:00 pm Hygge Dinner, Private Home, Westside Vancouver

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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.

The Annual Women's Gathering

Sunday January 13

RSVP to maryinvancouver@gmail.com.
 Volunteers are needed for the various events.

Open to all UCV women. Feel free to bring a friend or two. It's a great way to meet new friends.

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Submission deadline:
 20th of previous month
 18th for special events



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