

UCV EVENTS



Vancouver
Unitarians
寻道会

meeting on unceded,
traditional Musqueam land

FEBRUARY 2018



*We go
together like
a flame and
a chalice.*

*Will you
join*



*the committee
of my heart?*

Everyday I thank
(please check one)

- God
- The Universe
- The Unnamed
- The Spirit
- Earth Mother
- All of the Above
- None of the Above

FOR YOU

From UUA Worship Web

Worship Services

February 4

Spring Awakening

**A whole congregation worship service
Rev. Steven Epperson**

The seasons continue cycling through the year. We stand at the mid-point between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox.

Many cultures celebrate this occasion by saying farewell to winter and welcoming spring. We'll be doing it too, drawing on Jewish, pagan and Japanese sources.

Expect stories about trees, fish and incantations driving out demons and welcoming in happiness.

Chalice Choir singing

February 11

Presence to Change

Rev. Frances Deverell

We have learned the value of being present, in the moment, to ourselves, to the earth, and to the people around us. But as human beings, we have also survived and thrived based on living through habits, developing routines, and not having to think about what we already know. How do we teach ourselves to be

centered and present in a world filled with unpredictability and swirling with change?

February 18

The Thread You Follow

Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief

As we navigate the complexities of our lives, what guides our steps? What holds us steady? What changes our course? Join us as we reflect on meaning and mysteries on life's journey.

This is a pulpit exchange event. North Shore Unitarian ministers Revs. Emily and Marcus Hartlief preach at UCV, while Rev. Epperson travels to meet with North Shore Unitarians. A grand, centuries-long Unitarian tradition.
Chalice Choir Singing

February 25

Religion: What Is It Good For...?

Rev. Steven Epperson

...Absolutely something! Hint: it's probably not dogma and theology; and if not, then what? Why do we do religion? Why does it endure in spite of everything even among people like Unitarians?

Save the Dates

Fri. Apr. 6 5:30 – 7:30 pm

**Passover Seder / Dinner
Hall**

Contact Sheila sresels@gmail.com to RSVP or volunteer.

Sat. Apr. 7 9 am – 9 pm

**Metro Vancouver
Regional Gathering**

A highlight of the day will be a workshop with Canadian singer-songwriter Tony Turner on *Singing for Change*.

Every Sunday

10:00 am Meditation
10:55 am Musical Prelude
11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee and conversation in Hewett Centre before and after.
12:00 pm Lunch
12:30 pm Forum in Fireside room
1:00 pm Library closes
Children's programs for all ages begin after story time in the sanctuary

Sunday Communal Lunches

After service. \$7 or pay what you can.
Feb 4 Environment Committee
Feb 11 Refugee Committee
Feb 18 Love Soup
Feb 25 Partner Church Committee
Lunch Coordinator: Ben Hechter
ben_hechter@yahoo.com

Wild Salmon Educational and Fundraising Evening

Fri. Feb 16 7 – 9:30 pm. Sanctuary. Doors open at 6:30 pm.
Show support and solidarity for First Nations in their efforts to remove ocean salmon farms from the waters of their unceded territories.

Special Guests: Dr. David Suzuki, Chief Willie Moon (Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw), Chief Ernest Alfred ('Namgis), Julia McIntyre-Smith (Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw), Cecilia Point (Musqueam).

This will be a powerful, highly educational evening.

Entry by donation (suggested \$20). Silent auction and First Nations art sale in Hewett Hall. *Sponsor: Environment Committee.*

Contact Tamiko Suzuki: tamiko.l.suzuki@gmail.com

Members Group Art Show
Continues to February 28, 2018



FORUMS

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

Bring along your lunch or beverage.

Additional details at:

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/forums>

February 4

TBA

To Be Announced.

Requests and suggestions, contact

RandallMackinnon@yahoo.ca.

February 11

Canada's National Housing Strategy:

Will It Solve the Housing Crisis?

Housing Advocates

The federal Liberal government describes its National Housing Strategy as a 10-year, \$40-billion plan that “will strengthen the middle class, fuel our economy, and give more Canadians across the country a place to call home.” However, critics point to growing homelessness and increasing unaffordability and charge that the plan is seriously deficient.

Sponsor: Social Justice Committee

February 18

Board Talk

Board of Trustees

Topic: TBA

February 25

Take Me With You

Cassy Welburn

Cassy Welburn is presenting her story, *Take Me With You*, (launched in Calgary's Inner City Stories series). It is a tribute to her late brother, who died on the streets. It explores the life of a homeless person and his sister in story vignettes and song. Proceeds from the sale of the chapbook will be donated to Lookout Housing Society of Vancouver.

Cassy is a Calgary storyteller and writer whose work has appeared in literary journals and on CBC radio. She was Storyteller on Tour for the 2013 TD Canadian Book Centre and

her book of storytelling through poetry, *Changelings*, is available from Frontenac House Press. Cassy is a member of the Unitarian Church of Calgary. Jane Slemon and Nan Gregory will provide music. Sponsor: Arts & Culture Group

More Sunday Programs

CompuTutor

Sun. Feb. 4 12 – 2 pm

Lindsey

Bring your curiosity, questions and computer/social media challenges. We will respond to raised issues. Particular focus this month: sourcing computer services. Resource people: Paul Prescod, Galen Elfert, and friends.

Questions beforehand:

RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

Divining the Future with Tarot

Louise Bunn

Sun. Feb. 4 2 – 4 pm

Meditation Room

As the Wheel of the Year turns there are special or auspicious days during which we can more easily touch the liminal. February 1 is a cross-quarter day – half-way between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox – and is known as Imbolc. It is sacred to (Saint) Brigid. Fire and purification are important parts of this festival as are watching for omens and divination. Tarot reading is one of many types of divination that can be done at this time of year.

Louise Bunn has a master's degree in Myth, Cosmology, and the Sacred from Canterbury Christ Church University and is a member and lay chaplain at the Unitarian Church.

Book Group

2nd Sunday – Biddle

Feb. 11 (2nd Sunday) 12:30 – 2 pm

We will discuss *Fall Down 7 Times Get Up* 8. Author Naoki Higashida is a phenomenally successful author. He is also profoundly autistic. His observations are moving and thought-provoking. Rob Dainow 604-523-0123.

Book Bash

Sunday March 25 9 am - 1 pm

Please bring donations to the library on Sundays following the service.

The Coldest Night of the Year Fundraising Walk

Sat. Feb. 24 afternoon

Grandview Calvary Baptist Church

Sign up to walk <https://cnoy.org/location/vancouvergrandview>. Leslie Kemp lkemp@telus.net or 604-738-1653) *Social Justice Committee*

Coffee at UCV

Make coffee before service or serve afterwards. Volunteers needed to sign up for once a month shift.

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Volunteer Groups

OPEN TO ALL

Communications Team

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Environment – 3rd Sun. 12:30 pm

Lindsey-Priestley Tamiko Suzuki

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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 Sun. 9:30 am

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18th of previous month



Social Dinner Events

Messy Church + Make Dinner

Feb. 9 (2nd Fri.) 6 – 9 pm
Hewett Hall

Relax together, play, talk, create, cook, and eat. February Fajitas! Bring a favorite filling, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. One of our children program leaders joins us to engage and supervise so children and adults alike have downtime to play, converse, and connect.

All ages, all faiths, all genders, all family configurations and sizes welcome.

Suggested donations to cover costs: \$5 adult/\$3 child. No one turned away. RSVP or questions: Kiersten Moore dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

Movable Feast

Feb. 24 (Last Sat.) 6 pm

Location: East is East Restaurant
3035 West Broadway (near Blenheim)
www.eastiseast.ca Wheelchair accessible.
RSVP essential. Dianne Crosbie
dcrosbie@uniserve.com

Hygge (Potluck) Dinners

Sat. Feb. 17 (3rd Sat.) 6 pm

Muriel Groves & Jack Cridland

“Hygge” is a Danish word meaning “cosy”. Guests bring all the food.
1915 West 43rd Ave. 604-263-7346
murielgroves@aol.com

RSVP ucvhygge@gmail.com

March 17 dinners are set for West Point Grey (Jeannie Corsi and Caede Pungente) and False Creek (Joan Dublanko).

New: Sermon Discussion

February Sundays 12 – 1 pm

Priestley – turn right as you enter Hall
A host from the Connect & Engage Team will facilitate introductions and a discussion on that day's sermon.

Small Groups at Capacity

Most groups are open to drop-ins while others, once formed, do not accept new members. On the calendar these groups are listed for the convenience of their members and marked with a *. If you are interested in a similar group contact ucvconnect@gmail.com. We'll put you on a list for when new groups are forming.

Regular Events

Meditation

Every Sun. 10 – 10:45 am

Meditation Room

Every Wed. 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Forty-five minute meditation and then discussion on the text *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying* by Sogyal Rinpoche. Everyone is welcome to come to either the meditation or book discussion or both. Victoria victoriaoginski@gmail.com

Bridge Group

Feb. 6 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9:30 pm

Fireside

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

SFU Philosophers' Café

Thu. Feb. 8 10:30 am – 12 pm

Fireside Room

What Are Some Universal Attributes of Being Human?

Philosophers' Café is a series of informal public discussions in libraries, cafés, community centres, and restaurants throughout Metro Vancouver. The cafés, which are open to everyone, have brought dialogue and discussion to thousands of people who are interested in exploring issues from the provocative and absurd to the sublime. Web: philosopherscafe.net
Free. Registration not required.

Moderator: Randall MacKinnon
philosophers.cafe@ymail.com

Co-sponsors SFU and UCV

Chalice Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays 7:15 pm

Sanctuary

Donna Brown quinnbrown44@gmail.com

Contemplative Collage

Feb. 15 (3rd Thurs) 2 – 4 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

This is an opportunity for creative play and self-exploration using collage. We work quietly at our own pace.

Scissors, glue sticks, paper and images are available but bring your own if you wish. Any magazines you bring should be taken away or recycled (or have images and words clipped for others). Mary Bennett.
ucvconnect@gmail.com

Supported by UCV's Arts Committee.

Sacred Circle Dance

Hewett Hall

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

Imbolc / Brigid's Day

Sun. Feb. 4 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Sanctuary

The snowdrops are coming through. We'll honour the Goddess Brigid and welcome the early signs of spring through ritual and dance.

circledanceucv@gmail.com

Collaborative Evening

Feb. 6 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9 pm

If you would like to share a dance, contact Leslie lkemp@telus.net.

Feb. 12 (2nd Mon.) 7 – 9 pm

Love is in the Air

Participants are welcome to wear Valentine's Day colours (red, pink, purple, white). Corinne Chepil facilitates.

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

Mary Bennett, Mairy Beam and Darlene Rainbow

Feb. 15 (3rd Thu.) 11 am – 1 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

We'll paint heart rocks for placing on the labyrinth and dance some lovely dances.
mairyelesbea@gmail.com

Small Groups**Principles and Sources Covenant Group**

Thu. Feb. 8 (2nd Thu.) 7 – 8:30 pm

Fireside

What are the *Principles and Sources*? This is a good place to learn them and explore how you personally relate to them. Drew Lemen 604-441-4619
lemen.drew@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Groups

Would you like to connect with other Unitarians in your neighbourhood? Groups are forming in East Van, New West, South Vancouver and Delta-Richmond. **Westside group** meets monthly 2:30 – 5 pm on the 4th Tuesday.

To be added to your neighbourhood email group, contact:

ucvconnect@gmail.com

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
 12:00 – 1:00 pm Connect & Engage: Sermon Discussion—Priestley or Hall
 12:30 – 1:30 pm Forum, Fireside

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

- 7:15 – 9:15 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Thu. 1 10:30 am – 12:30 pm SFU Philosophers' Café, Fireside Room
 Sun. 4 9:30 – 10:30 am Family Faith Formation Discussion, Lindsey-Priestley
 Sun. 4 12:30 – 1:30 pm Imbolc/Brigid's Day Celebration, Sanctuary
 Sun. 4 2:00 – 4:00 pm Divining the Future with Tarot, Meditation Room
 Mon. 5 2:00 – 3:00 pm Library Committee, Fireside Room
 Tue. 6 7:00 – 9:30 pm Bridge Group – 1st Tuesday, Fireside Room
 Tue. 6 7:00 – 9:00 pm Sacred Circle Dance – 1st Tuesday, Main Hall
 Wed. 7 7:00 – 9:00 pm Coming off Benzodiazepines Support Group, Hirschmanova
 Thu. 8 7:00 – 8:30 pm Principles and Sources Covenant Group - 2nd Thursday Evening, Fireside Room
 Fri. 9 6:00 – 8:30 pm Messy Church + Make Dinner, Main Hall
 Sun. 11 12:30 – 2:00 pm Book Group - Second Sunday, Biddle
 Thu. 15 11:00 am – 1:00 pm GLAD Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance, Lindsey-Priestley
 Thu. 15 2:00 – 4:00 pm Contemplative Collage, Lindsey-Priestley
 Fri. 16 6:30 – 9:30 pm Wild Salmon Educational and Fundraising Evening, Sanctuary
 Sat. 17 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Grounds Work Party, Main Hall
 Sun. 18 12:30 – 1:30 pm Environment Meeting, Biddle
 Sun. 18 1:00 – 1:30 pm Arts Committee, Lindsey-Priestley
 Sun. 25 9:30 – 10:45 am *Compassion Circle, Family Room
 Sun. 25 12:30 – 1:30 pm Refugee Committee, Biddle

OFF SITE

- Wed. 21 7:00 – 8:30 pm *Westside Covenant Group, Kitsilano, Private Home
 Sat. 24 6:00 – 8:00 pm Movable Feast Restaurant Dinner, East is East Restaurant, 3035 West Broadway (near Blenheim) www.eastiseast.ca
 Tue. 27 2:30 – 5:00 pm Westside Unitarians Neighbourhood Group, Kitsilano, Private Home

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

* These events are at capacity and not accepting additional members at this time.

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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.