

UCV EVENTS



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Unitarians
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traditional Musqueam land

JANUARY 2018



Annual Women's Gathering—January 6th

Worship Services

January 7

The Future: Pessimistic or Optimistic?

Rev. Steven Epperson

Recently, I was asked this question: “Are you pessimistic or optimistic about the future?” To be sure, there are reasons enough to be less than cheerful about what is to be. And yet, and yet...

I want to share a real story about a shepherd in northern England that gives me hope.

This is a First Sunday of the month, so it's an all ages, whole congregation worship service. Prepare to meet some sheep!

January 14

Is Nature Thriving?

Rev. Steven Epperson

It may come as quite a surprise, but there's a growing dissident view coming from some ecologists that nature is not about to give up. While some news is *really* bad, nature may be thriving in spite of, and in many instances because of, human engagement with the world.

The Chalice Choir sings

January 21

An Experience in Shared Ministry

Phil Campbell

As UUs we are keenly aware of the *Interdependent Web of Existence*. The concept is enshrined in our core seven principles. When it comes to ministry, interdependence means that we all share

the ministry of the church and minister to each other.

I recently was on the receiving end of this collective ministry when I was critically ill and hospitalised for an extended period of time. In this service I will share my experience with you along with some thoughts about shared ministry.

January 28

Do Trees have Rights?

Rev. Steven Epperson

Unitarians promise to “affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” Some recent, and truly remarkable, court cases and legislation are making this affirmation even more meaningful.

In view of our principles and the sources of our living tradition, and in honour of Tu B'Shevat – the festival of trees and the environment – exploring the legal standing of trees, rivers and the land seems particularly relevant today. (BTW it's bring a friend Sunday.)

The Chalice Choir sings

Sun. Jan. 28 12 – 12:15 pm

Annual Apple Wassail in the Garden

Join the children in the garden (north west) immediately following the service for hot apple cider, singing, and calling the apple trees to awaken as spring approaches!



Religious Education

Sun. Jan. 14 11:15 am – 12:30 pm
Spirit Play and Coming of Age gatherings reconvene.

Opening Session of OWL

Our Whole Lives starts for ages 9 - 10.

Sat. Jan. 13 1 - 3:30 pm

Our Whole Lives (OWL)

Parent and Child Orientation

Sexuality Education for ages 9 – 10
This is required for participation.

Every Sunday

10:00 am Meditation
10:45 am Musical Prelude
11:00 am Worship Service
Coffee and conversation in Hewett Centre before and after.
12:00 pm Lunch by donation
12:30 pm Forum in Fireside room

Sunday Communal Lunches

Follow Sunday service on most Sundays. \$7 or pay what you can.
Sun Jan 07 Refugee Sub Cttee
Sun Jan 14 Refugee Committee
Sun Jan 21 Love Soup
Sun Jan 28 Bumbleberry Sundae from New U committee serves sundaes on Bring a Friend Sunday (no lunch)
Lunch Coordinator: Ben Hechter
ben_hechter@yahoo.com

Members Group Art Show

January 1 – 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>

January 7

From Haiku to Senryū, from Zen to Politic

Jan Walls

Jan Walls will give an overview of how the verse form called “haiku” has evolved from a 17-syllable “one breath” expression of Zen Buddhist values to include expressions of wit and humour (synryū) and to haiku-like comments on social, economic and political issues.

Jan Walls has a Ph.D. in Chinese and Japanese Languages and Literatures. He is Professor Emeritus at SFU where he was Founding Director of the David Lam Centre for International Communication and of the Asia-Canada Program.

Sponsor: Social Justice Committee

January 14

Renewable Energy in BC, 2018 A Review and Update

Laura Jones, Executive Director,
BC Sustainable Energy Association
and Betsy Agar

Both Betsy and Laura are renewable energy professionals. Betsy is an expert in energy efficient buildings. If you have some specific questions relating to hydrocarbon consumption in urban buildings, she's the one you should ask!

Sponsor: Environment Committee

January 21 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Sanctuary

Potential Redevelopment

Come for a full discussion regarding where we are at with research for potential redevelopment of the UCV property. We encourage everyone to attend, as this meeting will be the information you will need in order to make future (big!) decisions.

January 28

Touching What Can't Be Said

Mary Bennett and Keith Wilkinson

Mary and Keith's recent project is an art and poetry publication inspired by the 32 geometric signs found in ice-age caves in Europe. Both found the research evocative and enjoyed responding creatively to it. They look forward to sharing their enthusiasm with you.

Sponsor: Arts & Culture Forum Group

CompuTutor

Sun. Jan. 7 12 – 2 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Bring your curiosity, questions and computer/social media challenges. We will respond to raised issues. Particular focus this month: email choices and introduction. Resources: Paul Prescod, Kaelyn Elfert, and friends. Questions beforehand:

RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca

Second Sunday Book Group

Jan. 14 12:30 – 2 pm

Biddle

Mohsin Hamid's novel *Exit West* tells the stories of a young man and woman from an unnamed war-torn Muslim country. One wants to leave and the other to stay. Hamid's writing is concise, rich in detail and metaphor and offers both utopian and dystopian perspectives on the migrations of our times. Gail Lyons 604-266-7438.

Religious Education

Sun. Jan. 7 9:30 – 10:30 am

Lindsey-Priestley (Adults)
Downstairs (Kids)

Religious Education for All Ages

Adults meet to discuss “Being Unitarian Through the Week.”

Children of all ages meet downstairs for a new year celebration + time capsule.



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

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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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UCV Events

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Submission deadline:

18th of previous month

Get Involved – Volunteer Opportunities

Several Sunday-morning teams are looking for additional members. Each volunteer makes a once-a-month commitment to work alongside experienced members.

Greeters – In sanctuary foyer, contact Denise djaynereida@hotmail.com

Coffee service – Either make coffee before service or serve afterwards.

Drop by kitchen before or after service and just offer to pitch in.

Great families and kids in sanctuary foyer – contact Kiersten

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Social Dinner Events

3rd Annual Women's Gathering

Sat. Jan. 6 – various times

* **Drumming with Aline LaFlamme**
1 – 4 pm Sanctuary

We will share the smudging ceremony and teachings. We will do some drumming and singing together and learn at least one song. Please bring drums and rattles. Suggested donation \$25.

* **Divining the Future**

4:15 – 5 pm Meditation Room

Jodie Miller will give a short workshop on tarot cards. After 5: Drop-in Divination—just come in and pick a card.

Potluck Feast

5 – 7 pm Hall

Aline and drummers will lead a blessing at start of our meal.

Sacred Circle Dance

7 – 9 pm Hall

A variety of dance facilitators. We form a circle for some greeting dances. People then stay or go to other activities.

Collage Party

5 – 9 pm Lindsey-Priestley

Drop-in and make a collage/vision board for what you hope for in the new year.

Mathom Mashup

Biddle ongoing from 1 pm

A re-gifting bonanza. Leftovers donated to Refugee Committee.

* Starred workshops require pre-registration as space is limited.

Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com

Messy Church + Make Dinner

Jan. 12 (2nd Fri.) 6 – 9 pm

Hewett Hall

Winter Soup + Comfort Foods

Bring a favourite board game or card game to share. Suggested donations to cover costs: \$5 adult/\$3 child. No one turned away. RSVP or questions:

Kiersten Moore

dre@vancouverunitarians.ca**Movable Feast**

Jan. 27 (Last Sat.) 6 pm

Come and sample Malaysian cuisine at Banana Leaf, 3005 West Broadway (at Carnarvon). Arrive at 6 pm.

<https://www.bananaleaf-vancouver.com>

Wheelchair accessible. RSVP is essential.

Dianne Crosbie dcrosbie@uniserve.com

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

Jan. 2 (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. Jan. 4 10:30 am – 12 pm

Fireside Room

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

Sacred Circle Dance

Hewett Hall

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

Jan. 2 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9 pm

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

Jan. 8 (2nd Mon.) 7 – 9 pm

White Night

Dancers are asked to wear white clothing to reflect the growing light of the season and for a peaceful dancing start to our new year. Corinne Chepil facilitates.

G.L.A.D. Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance**Dance Your New Beginnings**

Mary Bennett, Mairy Beam and Darlene Rainbow

Jan. 18 (3rd Thu.) 11 am – 1 pm

Lindsey-Priestley

Using the labyrinth as metaphor, we'll mark the beginning of the new year and our intentions for the coming journey through the year.

mairyelesbea@gmail.com

Small Groups

Principles and Sources Covenant Group

Thu. Jan. 18 (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

NEW! Westside Covenant Group

Wed. Jan. 17 7 – 8:30 pm

Kitsilano Residence

The first session will meet at the home of Eva Allan. Future sessions may be at other residents' homes. Discussion will include agreeing on a monthly date that works for all. eallan@telus.net

NEW! Neighbourhood Groups

Would you like to connect with other Unitarians in your neighbourhood? The Connect & Engage team are supporting people who'd like to occasionally connect by setting up email groups and encouraging gatherings. Groups are forming on Westside, East Van, New West and Delta-Richmond. Westside group will meet 2:30–5pm on the 4th Tuesday. ucvconnect@gmail.com

Small Groups at Capacity

Some groups, once formed, reach capacity and do not accept new members. The following groups are not accepting new members at this time.

Compassion Circle

A monthly circle following an online curriculum related to nonviolent communication.

Daytime UU Principles and Sources Covenant Group

A weekly group that has been at capacity for some time. We expect to form a second group in the spring.

4th Sunday Covenant Group

Sun. Jan. 28 1 – 2:30 pm

George Atherton notretha@gmail.com

There may be a new Sunday afternoon covenant group start up in the near future.

If you wish to be notified when new groups start, please email the Connect & Engage team ucvconnect@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY

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| 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

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| 10:00 – 11:30 am | * Seven UU Principles, Fireside. <i>At capacity.</i> |
| 6:30 – 8:30 pm | Meditation Class, Meditation Room |

EVENTS THIS MONTH

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| Tue. 2 | 7:00 – 9:30 pm | Bridge Group - First Tuesday, Fireside Room |
| Tue. 2 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Sacred Circle Dance - 1st Tuesday, Main Hall |
| Wed. 3 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Coming off Benzodiazepines Support Group, Hirschmanova |
| Thu. 4 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | SFU Philosophers' Café, Fireside Room |
| Sat. 6 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm | *Women's Drumming Workshop with Aline LaFlamme, Sanctuary |
| Sat. 6 | 4:15 – 5:00 pm | *Divining the Future with Tarot, Meditation Room |
| Sat. 6 | 5:00 – 9:00 pm | Annual Women's Gathering, Main Hall |
| Sun. 7 | 9:30 – 10:30 am | Being Unitarian Through the Week, Lindsey-Priestley |
| Mon. 8 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Sacred Circle Dance - White Night, Main Hall |
| Thu. 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Principles and Sources Covenant Group - 2nd Thursday Evening, Fireside Room |
| Thu. 11 | 7:15 – 9:15 pm | Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| Fri. 12 | 6:00 – 8:30 pm | Messy Church + Make Dinner, Main Hall |
| Sun. 14 | 12:30 – 2:00 pm | Book Group - Exit West, Biddle |
| Thu. 18 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | GLAD Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance, Lindsey-Priestley |
| Thu. 18 | 7:15 – 9:15 pm | Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| Sat. 20 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Grounds Work Party, Main Hall |
| Sun. 21 | 12:30 – 1:30 pm | Environment Meeting, Biddle |
| Thu. 25 | 7:15 – 9:15 pm | Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| Sun. 28 | 9:30 – 10:45 am | * Compassion Circle, Family Room |
| Sun. 28 | 12:00 – 12:15 pm | Annual Apple Wassail, Apple Orchard – North West Garden Area |
| Sun. 28 | 12:30 – 1:30 pm | Refugee Committee, Biddle |
| Sun. 28 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm | * Covenant Group - 4th Sunday |

OFF SITE

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| Wed. 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | * Westside Covenant Group, Kitsilano Private Home |
| Tues. 23 | 2:30 – 5:00 pm | * Westside Neighbourhood Group, Private Home |
| Sat. 27 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | * Movable Feast, Kitsilano, Banana Leaf Malaysian Restaurant |

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

* These events require RSVP in advance.

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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.