



Mothers' Day Flowers—Karen Bartlett

## Worship Services

June 3

### ***Our Living Tradition or: What Good is a Congregation?***

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

On this First Sunday all-congregation worship, we celebrate the spirit and fact of voluntary service in our congregation and beyond. We'll look at the crucial role "civil society," like religion, performs in helping to encourage the integrity of our societies and our individual rights and freedoms.

Given that we'll all be together, young and old, hopefully, we'll have some fun in the process.

*The Chalice Choir sings.*

June 10

### ***Healing and Reconciliation?***

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

June 11 is designated "National Day of Healing and Reconciliation" whose aim is to "effect healing and reconciliation among all races, creeds and denominations residing in Canada."

Did we know how wide and deep that aim is? And what does it mean to heal and reconcile? What would that look like?

June 17

### ***Coming of Age Bridging and Fathers' Day***

**Youth Group**

How does the universe work? How should we treat one another? What does it mean to create real change?

These are some of the questions our 11 to 14-year olds have been thinking about in their Coming of Age group this year. They will share what they've learned about Unitarianism, social justice, and their own religious beliefs before bridging into youth group.

June 24

### ***Democracy***

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

Democracy, the kind we thought would be alive and well as we approach the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, seems to be struggling in some surprising (and not-so-surprising) places world-wide.

Unitarians, by principle, claim it as one of our core values. Do we know what we're talking about when we talk about democracy? And are we affirming and promoting it?

These are not rhetorical questions.

July 1

### ***The Spirit Flag***

**Keith Wilkinson**

Most of us are comfortable thinking about our physical bodies, the ones made so substantially out of electron clouds, protons, space, and perhaps dark energy. We're often less comfortable thinking about our mysterious minds – what they are, where they're located, and the self which may be part of the mind.

Perhaps most mysterious of all is something we call spirit. Lying in hospital recently, recovering from open heart surgery, I started thinking about these things, and about the spiritual impulse that brings many people to the Unitarian Universalist movement. As I lay there, the idea of a Spirit Flag kept rising in my mind. This is an account of my Spirit Flag.

And a brief comment about Canada Day.

## Every Sunday

9:15 am Chi Gong  
10:00 am Meditation  
10:55 am Musical Prelude  
11:00 am Worship Service  
*Children's programs (all ages) begin after Sanctuary story time.*  
12:00 pm Lunch (if available)  
12:15 pm Sermon discussion at the signed alcove table in the Hall  
12:30 pm Forum in Fireside Room  
1:00 pm Library closes  
*Coffee and conversation in Hewett Centre before and after the service.*

## New to UCV Breakfast

June 3 9:30 am

Fireside Room

Breakfast for those who attended the "New to UCV Workshop". Committee chairs will provide information on the activities at UCV. For those wanting to sign the membership book, Rev. Steven Epperson will witness your signature. Contact Dianne Crosbie [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com) or contact the office 604 261-7204.

## Art This Month

June 4 – July 31

Delightful, mixed-media creations of the Developmental Disabilities Association.

**Opening: June 15 – 5.30-8.pm**

Fireside Room

**August 2 – 31**

Sanctuary

Woven Hangings by Hilde Gerson



## 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>

### June 3

#### **Mines and the Threat to Wild Salmon**

Mary Leighton

from **Salmon Beyond Borders**

There is a mining boom happening in BC, and major projects are endangering fresh water and salmon habitat that people have relied on for thousands of years.

Sponsor: *Environment Committee*

### June 10

#### **Students Support Marpole Modular Housing for Homeless**

Ishmam Bhuiyan and  
 Zainab Sayedain

Last fall, Churchill Secondary students wanted their voices of compassion and inclusivity to be heard in response to the backlash by residents who opposed the seventy-eight unit housing project for homeless people. They organized a rally, created gift packages to welcome the new residents and stood up to the fear and campaign of misinformation that tried to stop the project.

Hear this inspiring story by two of the students involved.

Sponsor: *Social Justice Committee*

### June 17

#### **General Meeting**

(No Forum)  
 Board

Hewett Centre Hall

Agenda Items include:

- Review and Approval of UCV Budget for 2018/19
- Appointing lay chaplains (Laureen Stokes and Cheryl Amundsen)
- Vote on Redevelopment Task Force recommendation for Phase 2

Sponsor: *Board*

### June 24

#### **What If Our Kids Took Over?**

Kids Takeover UCV Committee

ATC's? Pharoah Frog? Bees and Butterflies? Come and enjoy a multi-generational forum, a precursor of what the Kids Takeover UCV event in the fall might look like. Contribute your ideas and talents. What does this mean? More info on the web at:

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/kids-takeover/>

Yes, there will be ice-cream, as requested on our graffiti boards.

Sponsor: *Kids Takeover UCV Team*

#### **More Sunday Programs**

##### **Chi Gong**

Every Sun. 9:15 – 9:45 am

Family Room

##### **Meditation**

Every Sun. 10 – 10:45 am

Family Room

Victoria [victoriaoginski@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com)

##### **CompuTutor**

Sun. June 3 12 – 2 pm

Lindsey

Drop in with or without a laptop or smart phone along with your questions and ideas. Resource persons: Paul Prescod and Galen Elfert

[RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca)

##### **Book Group:**

##### **From Here to Eternity**

June 10 (2nd Sunday) 12:30 – 2 pm

Biddle

Caitlin Doughty is a celebrity diva and host of *Ask a Mortician* blog where she answers three grisly questions in five minutes. Founder of *The Order of the Good Death*, a leader of the death industry reform movement, Doughty is an experienced crematory director, raconteur and humorist. This is her first autobiography. You are in for an educational, entertaining ride! <http://caitlindoughty.com/>

Presented by Errol McKinstry.

##### **Love Soup**

June 17 Amy's Love Soup Crew

No lunches planned July – August.

Lunch Coordinator: Ben Hechter

[ben\\_hechter@yahoo.com](mailto:ben_hechter@yahoo.com)

## Religious Exploration

### **First Sunday/First Hour**

Sun. June 3 9:30 am – 10:30 am

#### **Into the Garden**

Channing

Ages 3 to 12 gather to plant and prepare the children's garden for summer food.

### **Coming of Age Parent Group**

Biddle

A small group ministry for parents of children ages 12 – 14. The group is focused on the transition in parenting experienced as children move from childhood into adolescence. RSVP

Kiersten Moore

[dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca)

### **Adult RE: On Being Unitarian**

Steven Epperson and Kiersten Moore

Lindsey-Priestley

Looking for how to explain what Unitarianism is and why it is a religion?

### **Coming of Age**

Hitschmanova

Closed to registered participants

### **Beginning of Summer Party**

June 24 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Children and Youth  
 Religious Exploration

In the garden.

### **Kairos Blanket Exercise**

Sat. June 9 9:45 am – 1:15 pm

On behalf of the Vancouver Quaker and Unitarian communities, we would like to invite you to join us for a Blanket Exercise.

All are welcome! We are asking for a suggested donation of \$10-20 to help cover costs for those who can afford this.

Lead facilitator: Melaney Gleeson Lyall from Musqueam Nation.

Open to children. Childcare available. Must register by June 4.

Leslie Kemp [lkemp@telus.net](mailto:lkemp@telus.net)

### **UCV Events**

Editors: Mary Bennett, Margo Elfert.

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Submission deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> of previous month  
 (15<sup>th</sup> for special events)



## Social Dinner Events

### **Messy Church + Make Dinner Coffee House with Jane Slemon**

**June 8 (2nd Fri.) 6 – 9 pm**  
Hewett Hall

Dinner at 6 pm. Performing starts at 7 pm. Come one, come all to try your voice on stage. Performances of songs, music, and poetry are all welcome. Short skits have also been performed and enjoyed in the past. All ages, all abilities, a very forgiving place to try your hand at performing. Bring a dish or side to share.

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

### **Hygge (Potluck) Dinners**

“Hygge” is a Danish word meaning “cosy”. Guests bring all the food.

**Sat. June 23 (3rd Sat.) 6 pm**

**Jeannie Corsi and Caede Pungente**

4311 West 14th Avenue

It is a fully accessible home. RSVP Jeannie 604-224-1040 or [jcors@telus.net](mailto:jcors@telus.net)  
Volunteer to host [ucvhygge@gmail.com](mailto:ucvhygge@gmail.com)

### **Movable Feast**

**June 30 (Last Sat.) 6 pm**

Dinner will be overlooking beautiful False Creek from Mahony and Sons, 601 Stamps Landing, <https://mahonyandsons.com>  
To reserve a place at the table email [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)

## SPECIAL EVENT

**Sunday, June 17 2:30 – 4 pm**

### **Summer Solstice on the Labyrinth**

**Herbal Teas, Plant Swap,  
Summer Solstice Ritual,  
Labyrinth Walk**

FREE! All welcome for a seasonal ritual celebrating summer. We welcome friends and neighbours to share plants on our Garden Path labyrinth. Bring something to swap—or just bring yourself. *We are especially wanting more thyme!*



Thanks to the Vancouver Foundation and South Vancouver Neighbourhood House for supporting this event.

## Regular Events

### **Meditation and Study Group**

Every Wed. 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Family Room

6:30 – 7:15 Meditation

7:30 – 8:30 Study Group

Victoria [victoriaoginski@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com)

### **Bridge Group**

**June 4 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9:30 pm**  
Fireside

Friendly bridge. All levels welcome but you should know basics of play. Donna Brown [quinnbrown44@gmail.com](mailto:quinnbrown44@gmail.com)

### **SFU Philosophers' Café**

**Thu. June 7 10:30 am – 12 pm**  
Fireside Room

### **How do we measure happiness? What are some major determinants and metrics?**

Philosophers' Café is a series of informal public discussions in libraries, cafés, community centres, and restaurants throughout Metro Vancouver. [philosopherscafe.net](http://philosopherscafe.net).

Free. Registration not required.

Moderator: Randall MacKinnon  
[philosophers.cafe@ymail.com](mailto:philosophers.cafe@ymail.com).

Co-sponsors SFU and UCV

### **Earth Spirit Circle**

**June 5 (1st Tues.) 6 – 7 pm**

Outdoors – NW corner of Hirschmanova  
Seasonal Ritual to welcome summer.  
Facilitator: Mairy Beam  
[mairyvelesbea@gmail.com](mailto:mairyvelesbea@gmail.com)  
[vancouverunitarians.ca/earth-spirit](http://vancouverunitarians.ca/earth-spirit)

### **Sacred Circle Dance**

Hewett Hall unless noted

No partner or experience is needed. We teach every dance before we dance it.  
[circledanceucv@gmail.com](mailto:circledanceucv@gmail.com).

**June 5 (1st Tues.) 7 – 9 pm**

### **Theme: Dancing Into Summer**

Coordinator: Mairy Beam  
[mairyvelesbea@gmail.com](mailto:mairyvelesbea@gmail.com)

**June 11 2nd Mon. 7 – 9 pm**

### **Potpourri: Revisiting Dances From Our Past Dancing Year**

Coordinator: Corinne Chepil.

Questions? Leslie Kemp [lkemp@telus.net](mailto:lkemp@telus.net)

### **Circle Dancers Mathom Exchange**

Lindsey-Priestley

**June 11**

**6:30 – 7 and 8 – 8:20 (approx)**

Before the circle dance and at the break, exchange new skirts for old! Bring your mathoms (Hobbit word for something no longer needed by the current owner – to be given away). Bring anything you think other circle dancers might like to have: skirts, scarves, jewelry, books, CDs... Leftovers will be donated to the UCV Refugee Committee.

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

### **Theme: Weave Me the Sunshine**

**Mairy Beam, Mary Bennett and  
Darlene Rainbow**

**June 21 (3rd Thu.) 11 am – 1 pm**

Lindsey-Priestley

We usually start with circle dancing, then do art and labyrinth walking and end with more circle dancing. This month it's all about the sun! RSVP appreciated.

[unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com](mailto:unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com)

### **Contemplative Collage**

**June 21 (3rd Thu.) 2 – 4 pm**

Lindsey-Priestley

Come make Artist Trading Cards (or whatever you want!) Creative play and self-exploration using collage. Scissors, glue sticks, paper and images provided. RSVP to Laurie and Mary [ucvcollage@gmail.com](mailto:ucvcollage@gmail.com)

## Connect & Engage

### **Covenant Groups**

The following are open to new members:

**Thu. May 10 (2nd Thu.) 7 – 8:30 pm**  
Fireside

Drew Lemen 604-441-4619

[lemen.drew@gmail.com](mailto:lemen.drew@gmail.com)

**Sun. May 27 12:45 – 2:15 pm**

Family Room

Nonie Lyon [nonieliyon@shaw.ca](mailto:nonieliyon@shaw.ca)

### **Neighbourhood Groups**

To be added to your neighbourhood email group, contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)

### **UCV Theatre Group**

TBA

Contact Mary Bennett  
[maryinvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:maryinvancouver@gmail.com)  
if you'd like to join the email list for future theatre outings.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events June 2018

### EVERY SUNDAY

9:15 – 9:45 am	Chi Gong, Family Room
10:00 – 10:45 am	Meditation, Family Room
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Worship Services, Sanctuary
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation, Hall
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Sermon Discussion – Priestley
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Forum, Fireside

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

10:00 – 11:30 am	Seven UU Principles, Fireside. <i>At capacity.</i>
6:30 – 7:15 pm	Meditation, Family Room
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Study Group, Family Room

### EVERY THURSDAY

7:15 – 9:15 pm	Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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### EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sun. 3	9:30 – 10:30 am	First Sunday–First Hour: Unitarian Faith Formation, Hewett Hall
Sun. 3	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Computer Tutorial – Drop In and Get Your Teckie Problems Solved, Lindsey Room
Mon. 4	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Library Committee, Fireside Room
Tue. 5	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Earth Spirit Circle June, Hitschmanova
Tue. 5	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Bridge Group, Fireside Room
Tue. 5	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dance – 1st Tuesday, Main Hall
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	9:45 am – 1:15 pm	Kairos blanket exercise and potluck lunch, Main Hall
Sun. 10	9:30 – 10:45 am	Social Justice Meeting, Biddle
Sun. 10	12:30 – 2:00 pm	Book Group, Biddle
Mon. 11	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sacred Circle Dance Monday + Swap meet, Main Hall
Thu. 14	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Principles and Sources Covenant Group – Evening, Fireside Room
Sat. 16	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Grounds Work Party, Main Hall
Sun. 17	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Environment Meeting, Biddle
Sun. 17	12:30 – 1:30 pm	General Meeting, Main Hall
Sun. 17	2:30 – 4:00 pm	Summer Solstice Ritual, Herb and Plant Swap, Labyrinth
Wed. 20	10:00 – 11:30 am	Seven UU Principles Daytime Covenant Group, Fireside Room
Thu. 21	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	GLAD June – Summer Solstice, Lindsey-Priestley
Thurs. 21	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Contemplative Collage, Lindsey-Priestley
Sun. 24	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Refugee Committee, Biddle
Sun. 24	12:45 – 2:15 pm	Covenant Group – 4th Sunday, Family Room

### OFF SITE

Wed. 13	2:30 – 4:00 pm	Westside Covenant Group, Kitsilano Private Home
Sat. 16	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Hygge (“Cosy”) Potluck Dinners, Westside Private Home
Tue. 26	2:30 – 5:00 pm	Westside Unitarians Neighbourhood Group, Kitsilano Private Home
Sat. 30	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Movable Feast Restaurant Dinner, Mahony and Sons, 601 Stamps Landing. <a href="https://mahonyandsons.com">https://mahonyandsons.com</a>

\* 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.