



Meeting on
unceded, traditional
Musqueam land

April 2019

Donna's Favourites
Chalice Choir
Spring Concert

Celebrating
Donna Brown's
20th year as Director
Unitarian Church of Vancouver
Oak & 49th
Tickets: \$20 (or pay what you can)

Sunday, May 5 @ 7:30 pm

UCV EVENTS

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Worship Services

April 7

Embracing the Future

Rev. Steven Epperson

Our pledge drive kick – off lifts up and celebrates the vision of our congregation and its future. More than ever, the importance of a self-defining, self-governing and self – financing congregation strikes me as both visionary and essential for sustaining the deeper meaning and purpose of our community and our faith.

Michael & Eleanore Dunn and The Chalice Choir and will perform.

April 14

Our First Principle

Rev. Steven Epperson

Rev. Debra Thorne wrote: “I wish everyone knew firsthand the power of a community that puts respect of every person first.” She was referring to what Unitarians call our First Principle. A principle is defined as a “fundamental truth or law as the basis of reasoning and action.”

Join us for a worship service where we'll be bringing this principle to the foreground.

The Chalice Choir sings

April 21

Earth Day and Easter Sunday

Deep Green Change

Dr. Leonard George

The looming threats of climate change and biodiversity loss are caused by human behaviour. To modify behaviour, we can use incentives and discouragements. But they won't stick without deeper change – a profound shift in our sense of ourselves and the world.

As Christ harrowed Hell to free lost souls, as Orpheus dove into Hades to save

his Beloved, so we must visit the Underworld to find the Deep Green Change.

In this homily, Dr. George will give precise directions to the entrance to the Underworld. The rest will be up to you.

Music by Patrick Dubois

April 28

Labour and Capital in Canada

Rev. Steven Epperson

One hundred years ago, working women and men staged strikes across Canada (with its epicentre in Winnipeg) in protest against unemployment, inflation, bad work conditions, low wages and in favour of collective bargaining. Management and government responded with massive obstruction and violence. It would take another three decades before Canadian workers secured union recognition and collective bargaining rights. Consider this a May Day sermon.

Music by the Fraser Union



FORUMS

12:30 – 1:30 Fireside Room

All Welcome! Bring your lunch.

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/forums>

April 7

Environment Team

Christianne Wilhelmson,

Georgia Strait Alliance

This presentation and discussion will focus on the plight of the endangered southern resident orca population, why the species is in crisis and how its plight is tightly connected to the health of the entire Salish Sea. Christianne will talk about the current threats to the region and how the various programs and campaigns of the GSA are working to address many of these threats, and how communities are and must play a part.

Every Sunday

- 9:15 am Chi Gong
- 10:00 am Meditation
- 10:50 am Musical Prelude
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Sermon Discussion
(newcomers welcome)

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

Coffee and conversation in Hewett Hall before and after services.

April 14

UCV Board

This forum will be an informational and question and answer session on interim ministry, our first step after Steven retires.

Come to this forum to learn about what an interim minister does, why they're a good idea, how a congregation goes about getting one, and what we're supposed to do with one once we've got them.

April 21

Easter Sunday, no Forum

April 28

Passing Through – Mountain Paintings and Poems.

David Marmorek and Dennis Brown
David and Dennis will discuss their book *Passing Through* which combines Dennis' landscape paintings and David's poems. They wish to share the joy this project has created for them.

You can read about the book here: <https://passing-through.ca/>. They will read poems, answer your questions, and have fun! All profits from book sales (\$20 each) go to Canadian Association of Medical Teams Abroad, which does a medical mission to Ecuador every winter.

Calendar of Upcoming Events – April 2019

ON SUNDAYS

9:15 – 9:45 am	Chi Gong, Meditation Room
10:00 – 10:45 am	Meditation, Meditation Room
10:50 – 11:00 am	Musical prelude in the Sanctuary
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee and Conversation, Hall
12:15 – 1:00	Sermon Discussion, at designated table in Hall. <i>Regulars and newcomers welcome.</i>

ON WEDNESDAYS

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

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Tue. 2	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Earth Spirit Circle Monthly Gathering with Jodie Miller, Hitschmanova
Tue. 2	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Bridge Group, Fireside Room
Tues. 2	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Latin America Circle Dancing, Main Hall
Wed. 3	7:00 – 9:00 pm	From Colonization to Reconciliation (?): A Reading and Discussion Group, Fireside Room
Sat. 6	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Messy Church Potluck Dinner, Main Hall
Sun. 7	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Reconciliation Ideas Table, Designated Table in Main Hall
Sun. 7	11:00 am – 1:15 pm	UCV's Canvass Kick-off with strudel! Main Hall
Sun. 7	12:00 – 1:00 pm	CompuTutor, Lindsey Room
Sun. 7	2:00 – 3:30 pm	Sunday Sacred Circle Dance, Fireside Room
Sat. 12	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Practicing Interactive Theatre for Living, Hitchmanova.
Sun. 14	9:30 – 10:45 am	Social Justice Meeting, Biddle
Sun. 14	12:30 – 2:00 pm	Second Sunday Book Group, Biddle
Thu. 18	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	GLAD Gathering for Labyrinth, Art, and Dance, Lindsey-Priestley
Sun. 21	12:30 – 1:45 pm	Environment Meeting, Biddle
Tue. 23	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Paganism 101 Session 8, Hitschmanova
Thu. 25	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Potluck Book and Lunch Club, Fireside Room
Fri. 26	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Fireside Chat, Fireside Room and Hall

OFF SITE

Sun. 14	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Unitarian Feminist Book Club, Zoom
Thu. 18	2:00 – 4:30 pm	Connectors Connecting, Kitsilano Private Home
Tue. 23	2:30 – 5:00 pm	Westside Unitarians Neighbourhood Group, Point Grey Private Residence

APRIL COMMUNAL LUNCHES

07	Strudel Sunday Canvass Committee
14	UCV Environment Team
21	Love Soup
28	Social Justice Committee

CHILDREN'S RE PROGRAMING

April 6	Saturday, Messy Church Potluck.
April 7	Bingo Sunday and the first day of mail exchange for Mystery Pals.
April 14	Diane Brown is coordinating a skit to share. The rehearsal for it will be at 9:30.
April 30	CanUUdle Youth Conference registration deadline. Best to register earlier.

APRIL IS PLEDGE MONTH



Every Member and Friend of UCV receives a Pledge Packet by email or post asking for your best guess as to how much you can contribute financially in our next fiscal year. We call it the "Canvass." You'll find information tables in Hewett Hall on Sundays after the Service throughout April. Thanks for pledging.

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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.