

UCV



Vancouver Unitarians

Meeting on unceded, traditional Musqueam land

February 2019

 <p style="color: white; font-size: 1.2em;">We go together like a flame and a chalice.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em;">Will you join</p>  <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">the committee of my heart?</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Everyday I thank</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">(please check one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> God</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Universe</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Unnamed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Spirit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Earth Mother</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All of the Above</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">FOR YOU</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">UCV EVENTS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Editor: Margo Elfert <a href="mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com">ucvevents@gmail.com</a></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Layout: Ben Hechter Proofreading: Elliott Dainow</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Submission deadline: 18th of the previous month</p>
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## Worship Services

February 3

### **Perseverance, and all-congregation worship service**

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

“To continue steadfastly at something...”. That’s what we’ll be exploring during this all-congregation, First Sunday worship service. In a time full of distractions, in cultures that pump out fads, fashions and makeovers, is there a place and value in our lives for persisting in a role, in striving with determination to attain a goal?

Progressive communities may be adept at changing with the times. When do we say that persevering is and can be of worth?

*Patrick Dubois, music*

*The Chalice Choir sings*

February 10

### **A Beautiful World of Broken Hearts**

**Rev. Phares**

February 17

### **Sources of Religious Insight**

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

Unitarians are blessed and challenged, to an unusual degree in the religious world, with a full-spectrum of sources that enliven, inform and provoke our personal faith and our religious communities. We’ll look again at these and some perhaps unexpected places for insight into our religious quest and being in the world.

*The Chalice Choir sings*

#### FEBRUARY COMMUNAL LUNCHES

- 03 UCV Refugee Committee
- 10 Partner Church Committee
- 17 Love Soup
- 24 UCV Youth Group

February 24

### **“Conditional Optimism” about Climate Change?**

**Rev. Steven Epperson**

Is there any hope on climate change, or are we just screwed? We may hear this question (we may ask it ourselves!) all the time. While there are more than enough reasons for pessimism, it turns out we may be asking the wrong question, mistaking the nature of the problem, and that there may still be some ground for igniting and keeping hopeful realism alive.



## FORUMS

**12:30 – 1:30 Fireside Room**

All Welcome! Bring your lunch.

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/forums>

February 3

### **The Environment Team**

Karl Perrin will present excerpts from Joanna Macy’s DVD *The Work That Re-Connects*.

Since 1983 when she wrote *Despair and Empowerment in the Nuclear Age* Macy has been healing activists around the world. Recently, she co-wrote *Active Hope*.

Despair is isolation. Empower yourself to reconnect to community, to Earth.

February 10

### **Democracy in Canada and the Need to Protect It**

**The Social Justice Committee**

Canadians are now sensing a sense of declining economic well-being together with less trust in the legitimacy of *The System*. There is strong evidence that this is mutating into “Higher levels of cultural insecurity which is linked to a disturbing rise in racism and nativism” (EKOS Politics).

## 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.*

Melody Mason, will give a presentation on the dangers to democracy in Canada followed by a discussion on how to reinvigorate our democracy.

February 17

### **UCV Board**

### **Design Process for Redevelopment**

February 24

### **Arts and the Filter of Mental Illness**

Come and share your thoughts on this issue with a writer who has written about the topic of mental illness in both a novel and a non-fiction anthology, and has produced a play written by five writers from a mental health worldview.

She produced and co-wrote the theatre piece *SRO Stars* as part of the Heart of the City Festival in 2018. All of these works are from a mental health worldview.

<http://lenorerowntree.com>

### **CHILDREN'S RE PROGRAM-**

February 2

### **Messy Church**

We will continue to celebrate Apple Wassail. We'll make bird seed ornaments for trees. Bring an apple themed dish if you're so inspired.

**RE month theme:** Perseverance.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events February 2019

### ON SUNDAYS

9:15 – 9:45 am	Chi Gong, Meditation Room
10:00 – 10:45 am	Meditation, Meditation Room
10:45 – 11:00 am	Musical prelude in the Sanctuary
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. <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

Sat. 2	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Messy Church Potluck Dinner, Main Hall
Sun. 3	10:00 – 10:45 am	Web Training - Planning Meeting, Biddle
Sun. 3	12:00 – 1:00 pm	CompuTutor, Lindsey Room
Sun. 3	2:00 – 3:30 pm	Sunday Sacred Circle Dance - A Spring In Your Step, Fireside Room
Tue. 5	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Imbolc Earth Spirit Circle Monthly Gathering, Hirschmanova
Tue. 5	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Bridge Group, Fireside Room
Tue. 5	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Circle Dance: Imbolc – Celebrating the End of Winter!, Hewett Centre
Sat. 9	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Practicing Interactive Theatre for Living, Hirschmanova
Sun. 10	9:30 – 10:45 am	Social Justice Meeting, Biddle
Sun. 10	12:30 – 2:00 pm	Second Sunday Bookclub, Biddle
Mon. 11	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Circle Dance: Rekindling Our Hearts, Main Hall
Fri. 15	7:00 – 9:00 pm	The RADICALS by Beyond Boarding, Sanctuary
Sun. 17	12:30 – 1:45 pm	Environment Meeting, Biddle
Mon. 18	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Women's Group Evening, Fireside Room
Tue. 19	7:00 – 9:00 pm	UCV Board meeting, Biddle
Wed. 20	7:00 – 8:30 pm	From Colonization to Reconciliation, A Reading and Discussion Group, Fireside Room
Thu. 21	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	GLAD Gathering for Labyrinth . Art and Dance, Lindsey-Priestley
Fri. 22	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Philosophers' Café, Fireside Room and Hall
Sat. 23	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Website Training – Session 1: Posting News, Main Hall
Sat. 23	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Website Training – Intermediate 1, Biddle
Sun. 24	9:45 – 10:45 am	Communications Web Training – Team Planning Meeting, Biddle
Tue. 26	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Paganism 101 Session 6. Divine Feminine and Masculine, Fireside Room
Wed. 27	7:00 – 8:30 pm	From Colonization to Reconciliation (?) A Reading and Discussion Group, Fireside Room
Thu. 28	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	The Potluck Book and Lunch Club, Fireside Room
<b>OFF SITE</b>		
Sun. 3	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Fairview Neighbourhood Group - Dinner Out, Kaya Malay Bistro
Sat. 23	4:00 – 8:00 pm	Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser Walk, Register <a href="https://cnoy.org">https://cnoy.org</a> , Granville Chapel
Mon. 25	6:15 – 8:00 pm	Genders and Sexualities Alliance Potluck. All Welcome. East Van Private Residence
Tue. 26	2:30 – 5:00 pm	Westside Unitarians, Kitsilano Private Home

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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.