



Meeting on
unceded, traditional
Musqueam land

January 2019



**Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail, too**

UCV Events
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Worship Services

January 6

***Intention, an all-congregation
worship service***

Rev. Steven Epperson

On this first Sunday of a New Year, our thoughts turn within and beyond with questions and hope. We wonder who we are, what will happen in 2019, and what we intend to work on and achieve. Join us for a celebration of new beginnings, anticipation, and intent.

January 13

***The Legacy of "Spiritual Bad-Ass"
Richard Wagamese***

Rev. Helen McFadyen

Acclaimed Indigenous author, Richard Wagamese (1955 – 2017) did not seek to be a teacher or guru, but the honest, evocative observations he made along his own journey to become, as he says, "a spiritual bad-ass", forged a legacy of wisdom and inspiration sought by many spiritual seekers.

Today's guest, Rev. McFadyen, reflects on the life and words of teacher and friend, Richard Wagamese.

Raven People Rising

**Saturday, January 19, 2019, 7-9pm
UCV Sanctuary.**

Join Saul Brown, negotiator with the Heiltsuk Nation, and Lisa Fong, Indigenous rights lawyer, for a film and discussion on the future of the Pacific Coast and the powerful resistance and leadership of Indigenous Peoples in shaping our common future.

For more information:

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/raven-fundraiser/>

Entry by donation.

January 20

***Sanctuary and the Vision of
Religion***

Rev. Steven Epperson

The principle and practice of providing sanctuary has been a lesser known but core feature of the religious vision from the beginnings of cultures down to the present.

Exploring the rites and right of sanctuary is a fitting way to commemorate this year's Martin Luther King Day.

Music: Luke Moore (clarinet) and friends

January 27

***What We Wish People Knew About
Unitarianism***

Rev. Steven Epperson

On this "bring a friend Sunday," we'll take a look at what it is that draws and keeps us committed to our faith tradition. There's got to be things about being Unitarians we value, and wish other people knew.

Let's count the ways and see if who and what we are makes sense and what it is we wish people knew about the religion we hold dear.

Music: Featuring music written by our own Joyce Poley



FORUMS

12:30 – 1:30 Fireside Room

All Welcome! Bring your lunch.

<http://vancouverunitarians.ca/forums>

January 9

Environment Team

***Simple Strategies for
Taking on Global Warming
by Eating Less Meat.***

Dave Steele will highlight the environmental impacts of meat production, and Denise Swanson will outline simple, nutritious strategies for reducing, or

Every Sunday

9:15 am Chi Gong
10:00 am Meditation
10:55 am Musical Prelude
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Sermon Discussion

Newcomers are welcome.

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

Coffee and conversation in Hewett Hall before and after services.

Sunday Communal Lunches

Sun Jan 06 UCV Refugee Cttee
Sun Jan 13 UCV Environment Team
Sun Jan 20 Love Soup
Sun Jan 27 Bumbleberry Sundae

eliminating, meat and other animal products in our daily meals.

January 20

UCV Board

***Design Process for Redevelopment
with Erika Gerson***

January 27

***Theatre Games and Improvisation
with Diane Brown***

Theatre can be a powerful tool for community-building, for inspiring humanity and compassion, for provoking independent critical thought, and for igniting action that can give rise to hope.

Those who come to the forum will be on their feet. Games will be suitable for kids and adults. Please wear loose and comfortable clothing, and bring your imagination.

Full information on this forum can be found at: <http://vancouverunitarians.ca/events/theatre-improv/>

Calendar of Upcoming Events January 2019

ON SUNDAYS

9:15 – 9:45 am	Chi Gong, Meditation Room (cancelled January 2)
10:00 – 10:45 am	Meditation, Meditation Room (cancelled January 2)
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 all 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

Thu. 3	12:00 am	Members Group Art Show – January – February, Sanctuary and Fireside Room
Sun. 6	12:00 – 2:00 pm	CompuTutor. Drop in and get your Techie problems solved, Lindsey
Sun. 6	2:00 – 3:30 pm	Sunday Sacred Circle Dance, Hitschmanova
Tue. 8	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Bridge Group, Fireside Room
Tue. 8	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Paganism 101 Session 4 The Elements, Hitschmanova
Sat. 12	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Practicing Interactive Theatre for Living, Hitschmanova
Sat. 12	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Messy Church Potluck Dinner, Main Hall
Sun. 13	12:30 – 2:00 pm	Book Group: <i>On the Move</i> , Biddle
Sun. 13	5:30 – 9:30 pm	Annual Women's Gathering – Potluck, Circle Dance, Rune Divination, Collage, Main Hall
Mon. 14	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Circle Dance White Night: Quietly Entering the New Year, Main Hall
Thu. 17	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	GLAD Gathering for Labyrinth, Art and Dance, Lindsey-Priestley
Sat. 19	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Raven People Rising: Film Screening and Fundraiser, Sanctuary
Sun. 20	12:30 – 1:45 pm	Environment Meeting, Biddle
Sat. 26	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Genders and Sexualities Alliance Potluck. All Welcome, Fireside Room
Sat. 26	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Out in Harmony Choir Concert– Pass the Mic!, Sanctuary
Sun. 27	12:00 – 12:15 pm	Annual Apple Wassail, Apple Orchard, North West Garden Area
Tue. 29	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Paganism 101 Session 5 The God and Goddess, Fireside Room
Thu. 31	11:00 am-1:00 pm	Anarchist Book Club and Potluck, Fireside

OFF SITE

Tue. 22	2:30 – 5:00 pm	Westside Unitarians, Kitsilano Private Home
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CHILDREN'S RE PROGRAMING

Messy Church Date January 12th!

January 11-13, 2019

Our Whole Lives Facilitator Training

We are hosting the Our Whole Lives Facilitator training for Junior High and High School levels. Unitarians from Western Canada and Washington state will be joining UCV members for this training. If you are able to provide a dish for either Friday or Saturday dinner please contact Kiersten Moore at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

January 27th, 2019

Annual Apple Wassail

The Wassail honours the gifts of our apple trees and wakes them up for the growing season. Join the children in the apple orchard for a Wassail apple cider toast and song.

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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.