



Neurographic drawing was developed by Pavel Piskarev. While drawing, you are connecting lines and rounding off the intersections. Mary recently has been learning and sharing some of these techniques and finds it a nice metaphor for making connections in a community. Image (c) Mary Bennett used with permission

All About Connection

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[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – July 26, 2020



Sunday, July 26, 2020

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Mary was once introduced to a Unitarian congregation with simply, “Mary’s all about connection.” Whether holding hands in circle dance, introducing new members, setting up Zoom meetings or liking, commenting, and sharing on Facebook, Mary is indeed “all about connection.”

She’ll share some of the reasons for her passion from personal experience, gratitude from others, and even a theological stance of “creative interchange.” She will likely try to persuade you to connect and engage more broadly and deeply. Be warned.

Mary has been a member of UCV for 30 years. She was the executive director of the Canadian Unitarian Council for 8 years. She is focusing her UCV volunteer time currently on working with Kiersten on intergenerational programs like Mystery Pals and Coming of Age.

Live stream link: <https://ucv.im/live>

The UCV campus will begin to open for limited, pre-scheduled use in July and August. Please read our Go--Slowly-Forward Plan to learn more:

www.ucv.im/covid



Parents, Children, and Youth

It is summertime! We are continuing to have regular meeting times for tweens and youth and hosting a kid's connection space during Sunday morning coffee hour. Please contact Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, to be notified about in-person outdoor meetups: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca



Holding connection space for kids and youth requires adult support!

Please visit the website to learn how you can be an adult member of our Family Ministry team. There are both large and small roles to fill: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/cyre-volunteer/>
Fill out the form to “line up outside Kiersten’s door”: ucv.im/RE-volunteer

Online Summer Connection Spaces

Coffee Hour Breakout rooms: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm ucv.im/coffee-hour

Depending on who shows up there are “family chat” and “kid’s space” breakout rooms to see friends, check-in and play games. Or join any other conversation group!

Crossing Paths RE: Mondays 10:30—11:45 am ucv.im/tween-zoom

Crossing Paths Tweens (ages 10-12) continues through August! Check-in with each other, continue our explorations of World Religions—Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, Sikhism, Paganism, and wherever your questions and wonderings lead us.

Craft Squared: Thursdays 7:00—8:30 pm ucv.im/craft2

Kids, tweens, youth: Minecraft + hands-on craft = Craft2 (squared). Come one and all to play on the UCV Youth Minecraft server and chat via zoom while Olivia leads a craft that can be accomplished with things around the house and imagination. So far we’ve created stories, art, photographs, maps, what will be next?

Youth Group! Sundays 3:00—5:00 pm ucv.im/youth-zoom

High School Youth meet to share, explore, come up with distant game time, and generally connect. Drop-in any Sunday—from near and far.

If you would like resources for Unitarian-centered family time and activities to do with your children let me know using this form: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/Sabbath-at-Home>

Celebration of Worship: July 26, 2020

Prelude *Don't Get Around Much Anymore* Duke Ellington
Performed by Patrick Dubois
Lyrics by Patrick Dubois

Opening Words & Kindling the Chalice Flame Karen Theroux

Opening Hymn #188: *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Greeting Your Neighbours

Reading *Credo* Mairy Beam

Story for All Ages *How the Universe was Born* An original play by Rose Chernoff
Directed by Kiersten Moore
Videography by Vivian Davidson

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *The Rainbow Connection** By Paul Williams
and Kenneth Ascher
Performed by Patrick Dubois

We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient through an online offering. You may use **text-to-give** now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <http://ucv.im/give> for more information!) or **donate online** through our private and secure Breeze interface.

Community Candle Lighting Lauren Stokes

Do you have a joy or sorrow, celebration or concern you would like to share? Would you like us to light a candle on behalf of someone on Sunday morning? Please submit your request through ucv.im/candles before Saturday at 1pm.

Meditation Read by Rose Chernoff

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Closing Song *We'll Meet Again*** Charlie Parker & Hughie Charles

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Karen Theroux

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again*
Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again

*** The Rainbow Connection**

Why are there so many songs about rainbows
And what's on the other side?
Rainbows are visions, but only illusions
And rainbows have nothing to hide
So we've been told, and some choose to believe it
I know they're wrong, wait and see
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me

Who said that every wish would be heard and answered
When wished on the morning star?
Somebody thought of that, and someone believed it
Look what it's done so far
What's so amazing that keeps us stargazing
And what do we think we might see?
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me
All of us under its spell
We know that it's probably magic

Have you been half asleep, and have you heard voices?
I've heard them calling my name
Is this the sweet sound that calls the young sailors?
The voice might be one and the same
I've heard it too many times to ignore it
It's something that I'm supposed to be
Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me
La-da-da, de-da-da-do
La-da-da-da-da-de-da-do

**** We'll Meet Again**

We'll meet again
Don't know where, don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say "Hello" to the folks that I know
Tell them I won't be long
They'll be happy to know that as you saw me go
I was singing this song

We'll meet again
Don't know where, don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day

A LIVING LIST OF ESSENTIAL LINKS: The following is a condensed list of UCV community links:

- <https://ucv.im/live>: Live stream link for Sunday church services (active at 10:55am each Sunday morning)
- <https://ucv.im/order-of-service>: View an online version of the current Order of Service
- <https://ucv.im/coffee-hour>: Virtual coffee hour – every Sunday immediately following the service
- <https://ucv.im/give>: Instructions on how to make a donation/gift
- <https://ucv.im/events>: The most frequently updated list of UCV events
- <https://ucv.im/sermons>: A text-based archive of past services/sermons
- <https://ucv.im/core-documents>: An online repository for important UCV documents such as board minutes, annual reports, and so forth.

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

Many of our community gatherings have moved online. For a complete list of upcoming events, please visit <https://ucv.im/events>. If you would like to add your zoom event to the list please contact Marie Witt findmariewitt@gmail.com.

ZOOM GATHERINGS FROM CONNECT & ENGAGE: All the gatherings listed at vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings are coordinated by the Connect and Engage team and open to all members, friends and visitors. Mary Bennett: ucvconnect@gmail.com:

- Virtual coffee hour; Sundays at 12 pm: <https://ucv.im/coffee-hour>
- Online theatre sharing; last Mondays at 4 pm: <https://ucv.im/book-poem>
- Neighbourhood group connections; 1st Tuesdays at 7:15 pm: <https://ucv.im/neighbourhoods>
- Zoom practice sessions; Thursdays at 2 pm: <https://www.ucv.im/zoom-practice>
- GSA monthly film discussion; Thursday, August 6 – informal check-in at 7:30pm on Zoom followed by an 8 pm Netflix party (watching *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson*): <https://www.ucv.im/gsa>

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S RE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Caring, curious, interested adult facilitators are needed for children and youth groups. Help children create friendships, explore big questions, engage in social justice, be seen and heard, grow spiritually, and be nurtured. This could be you! Info [here](#) and in the newsletter: ucv.im/newsletter

[Sign up with our Breeze form.](#)

ON JUNE 21ST, STEVEN DELIVERED HIS FINAL SERMON AT UCV and we presented him with this tribute booklet. We have discovered that the online version of the tribute booklet to Steven was not the draft that we printed- the printed draft included many more tributes. So, we have corrected the online version to reflect the one that was printed and given to Steven Epperson. It can be found here: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/steven-tribute-booklet-and-final-service-video/> Apologies for any stress this may have created. If you still do not see your tribute, please send it directly to communications@vancouverunitarians.ca. Stay well – Diane Brown, Board President.

CHANGES TO PAST SERVICES ON YOUTUBE: Live streamed services will continue on YouTube, the same as the past few months. You can join us on Sunday mornings at <https://ucv.im/live> for our regular live service. Greetings will be removed from the service recording immediately following the stream to protect our privacy. This edited version of the entire service will be available publicly on YouTube for one week after the live stream. After one week, only the Homily will be available publicly. We are making the change to protect the privacy of our members and especially our children, and to minimize potential claims of copyright infringement. Join us live on Sunday mornings to greet each other!

UCV COMMUNITY LINKS AND A VIRTUAL LITERATURE STALL IS the title of a post that shows you how you can still have a copy of the prepared text for a sermon if the speaker has provided one. The post is dated June 9, and the link <https://ucv.im/2020-06-09ga> takes you to it. —George Atherton

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Our OOF recipient (June-Sept 2020), is the Burns Bog Conservation Foundation, which was set up in 2002 as an endowment fund for the Burns Bog Conservation Society. Burns Bog is a globally unique ecosystem functioning as a major regulator of regional climate and as the “the Lungs of the Lower Mainland”. Endowment funds are also to be used for research relating to peatlands/wetlands and the development of an Education Centre.

There is a new monthly e-bulletin! If you've signed up for our newsletters previously, you will automatically receive the new e-bulletin, but if not please go to vancouverunitarians.ca/e-bulletin/ to sign up or visit ucv.im/newsletter to see the latest copy.

Next Sunday Service: August 2, 2020

The Language of Memory

Juliet Andrien

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

**SOUND & LIVE STREAM TECH
CARETAKER(S)**

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm
Paul Nash



We actively welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities!

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.

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