



Truth and meaning? 16,100,000 results. Source: screenshot of Google search

The Language of Memory

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Live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – August 2, 2020



Sunday, August 2, 2020

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Library catalogues. Museum and gallery indexes. Search engines. Any song, story, or research we could want is out there! But without indexing, it is lost in the flood.

Who decides how we describe them, though? What are the questions we ask and answer, anticipating a future audience?

Lifelong Unitarian (and recent Library and Information Technology student) Juliet Andrien goes on a semi-whimsical ramble about the slipperiness of language, the durability of storytelling, and the process of describing our cultural artifacts to machines so they can help us find them again later.

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>

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>: 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.

RECURRING 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>
- 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>

FIRST SUNDAY MYSTERY PALS – ALL ARE WELCOME! Sunday, August 2. Join with mystery pals, current, past and future and hear from our kids what's going on in their lives. Kids can of course ask the grownups questions, but mainly the intention is for the older folk to hear from kids. Facilitator: Mary Bennett. This will be part of the zoom coffee hour on the 1st Sunday of each month. Just sign into the coffee hour at 12 pm and ask for Mystery Pal breakout room.

<https://vancouverunitarians.ca/family-zoom/>

GENDERS & SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE 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>

VEGAN COOKING – DESSERTS: Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 pm. A one-hour zoom cooking conversation with Denise Swanson. Please let Mary Bennett at connect@vancouverunitarians.ca know if you'd like to join our email group or if you have questions. Please pre-register here: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/vegandessert>. Our zoom calls use "waiting room". Only registered participants will be admitted to the call. Login to zoom at <https://ucv.im/vegan>.

WORKING WITH BREEZE – ADVANCED (TAGS): Saturday, August 15, 3:00 pm. This session is to learn more about how to effectively use Breeze database tags to create categories of participants, especially smart tags and auto tags. Contact Mary at connect@vancouverunitarians.ca with any questions. Preregister for this and other tech workshops here: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/breezeforms>

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 9, 2020

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Vivian Davidson

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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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