



Meeting on
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Musqueam land

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Worship Services

August 4

Living Within the Interdependent Web Martha Saunders

The 7th Unitarian principle underlies the other six, but the interdependent web also includes all the other-than-human species and beings with whom we share the Earth. How conscious are we, in our daily lives, of our place within the web, of our interdependence with all the beings in existence? Is it just an abstract principle to which we give intellectual assent, or does the awareness of our interdependence permeate our lives so that it governs all our actions? How do we cultivate and enhance this awareness so that we are always conscious of our place within the web?

Martha Saunders, Ph.D., moved to Vancouver from Ontario three years ago with her partner Mairy Beam. Martha had an academic career teaching Religious Studies at Concordia University and the University of Toronto, and specialized in religious ethics and the environment. Before moving to Vancouver, she was for 20 years one of the leaders of a small eco-spiritual community in Toronto that drew inspiration from the works of such thinkers as Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme, Joanna Macy, and others who have contributed to the development of eco-spirituality.

August 11

A Green New Deal for Canada UCV Environment Team

The Pact for a Green New Deal for Canada was launched in May 6th of this year by a large, non-partisan coalition of more than 60 organizations, unions, associations, faith leaders and the Canadian Unitarian Council along with 50 prominent Canadians. The vision is of rapid, inclusive and far-reaching transition, to

slash fossil fuel emissions in half by 2030, protect critical cultural and biological diversity, create millions of new jobs and address the multiple crises we face while respecting the constitutionally enshrined and internationally recognized rights of Indigenous peoples. In less than a month, more than 150 town halls across the country were organized to hear from as many Canadians as possible about what they'd like to see in a Green New Deal for Canada.

Our UCV Enviro team was inspired to host one of the Town Halls in May – join us for an overview of what this Green New Deal is trying to accomplish for Canada and what was heard across the country.

August 18

Home: The Power of Connection in a Disjointed World Kiersten Moore

We crave connection and the comfort of a place to call home. A place where we feel held, secure, welcomed, and loved. Where we are free to relax into our selves, while our best selves are encouraged and our short-comings held with grace. How do we take a microcosm of families and individuals across the metro area and make of this place a home? How do we create connection spaces where a sense of belonging is cultivated?

Kiersten E. Moore is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist who has lived in many places across North America. Though she has continuously uprooted herself from places and differing career paths, she has always sought out UU churches and fellowships in the places she has lived which has ultimately led to her role as Director of Religious Education here at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver.,

August 25

You Want Me to Feel Curious and Compassionate About Them?!

Rev. Meg Roberts

In the loving kindness meditation, one aspect of it is to cultivate compassion for a difficult person. That's not always easy. I find becoming curious helps me access compassion in a way that has integrity. Come find out how.

Rev. Meg Roberts will be starting her eighth year as part-time consulting minister with the Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship. This fall, Meg starts a 1/2-time consulting ministry with the Beacon Unitarian Church as well. She lives here in Vancouver, is a member of this congregation, and also does a community ministry using creativity and the arts in spiritual exploration and community and social transformation.



Please note that there are no forums or lunches planned during the month of August. Have a great Summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!

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
Children's programs (all ages) begin after the story time during the worship service every Sunday.
Coffee and conversation in Hewett Hall before and after services.

Calendar of Upcoming Events – August 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

Fri. 2	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Women's Group (Daytime) - Fireside Room
Sun. 4	10:30am – 12:30 pm	Truth & Reconciliation Discussion Table - Hewett Hall
Sun. 4	12:00am – 1:00 pm	CompuTutor - Lindsey Room
Tue. 6	7:00—8:30pm	Earth Spirit Circle - Hitschmanova Room
Sun. 11	9:30am - 10:45am	Social Justice Meeting - Biddle Room
Sun. 11	12:30pm - 2:00pm	Second Sunday Book Club—Biddle Room
Thu. 15	11:00am - 1:00pm	GLAD (Gathering for Labyrinth Art & Dance) - Lindsey - Priestley Room
Mon. 19	7:00 - 9:00pm	Women's Group (Evening) - Fireside Room
Tue. 20	7:00 - 9:00pm	Board Meeting (members welcome) - Biddle Room
Tue. 27	7:00 - 9:00pm	Circle Dance with Earth Spirit Ritual - Hewett Hall
Fri. 30	7:00 - 9:00pm	Fireside Chat - Fireside Room and Hewett Hall

OFF SITE

Sun. 11	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Unitarian Feminist Book Club – Zoom
Tue. 20	2:00 – 2:30 pm	Connect and Engage Team Check-in - Nusa Coffee Shop, Kitsilano

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News For Children & Youth

Howarts Summer Camp

We have a few spaces still available for this unique Summer camp experience! For Vancouver children and youth aged 7 -13. August 12-16, 2019 at UCV. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2ZayqTZ>

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Registration Open

Sexuality Education for youth entering grades 8 and 9, older youth welcome. Classes begin October 6th. Parent Orientation Required on both September 14th and 28th. See website for more details: <https://bit.ly/2MaDynF>

We're a Welcoming Congregation!

Vancouver celebrates Pride on the August long weekend. Did you know that UCV was the second congregation in Canada to officially certify as a congregation welcoming to LGBTQ+ folk? Unitarians have a long and proud history of support for human rights including equal marriage.

Newsletters from the Vancouver Unitarians

We send out a monthly update of special events and recent news from our website around the 1st of the month, as well as a mid-month Earth Spirituality newsletter. Sign up on vancouverunitarians.ca. Just scroll down to the bottom right corner!



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.