



THE BULLETIN

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER JANUARY, 2007

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CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

Addictions and the New Year

Sunday, January 7, 11 AM
Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

In this service, we'll take a look at the highs and lows, the good and ill that arise from the human phenomenon of addictions. What drives them? What are the consequences? Can they be "cured" and/or directed toward life-affirming outcomes? This service, delivered in response to a Services Auction request, seems a provocative, fascinating way to begin the New Year.

Encountering Emerson

Sunday, January 14, 11 AM
Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82) is one of the towering figures in the Unitarian tradition. Dissident minister, essayist, public intellectual, and lecturer, Emerson's restless and wide ranging explorations critically and profoundly impacted Unitarianism, and sent it on a trajectory towards embracing humanism, earth-based and world spiritualities. In many ways, the Unitarianism we know is deeply indebted to his legacy.

How Can I Forgive?

Sunday, January 21, 11 AM
Rev. Meg Roberts

Our guest speaker looks at the process of forgiving: what it is and what it isn't,

how we can do it so it is useful, and why we do it for our health and the health of the communities. Meg is the parish minister at the Unitarian Church of Calgary. She was a student at Vancouver School of Theology and an active participant at UCV during her years of training. She is pleased to be back as a guest preacher.

Building Your Own Theology

Sunday, January 28, 11 AM
UCV members

One of the distinctive hallmarks of Unitarianism is that it encourages its members to thoughtfully construct their own theological outlook and beliefs. During this service, we will hear from UCV members and their recent experience in "theology building" as experienced in one of our Adult Religious Exploration.

HUMANIST GROUP

Humanist Discussion Group
Tuesdays, January 9 and 23
1:30-3:00 pm in Budny

We are continuing our viewing of Bill Moyers' programs on Faith and Reason and will be using excerpts from Richard Dawkins' latest book *The God Delusion* and video excerpts from his program "Religion Is the Root of All Evil?" to apply a humanistic critique to Moyers' interviews. All are welcome to attend. For more information, phone Conrad Hadland at 604-526-8186 or e-mail him at conh@shaw.ca.

Welcoming Congregations, and Beyond Welcoming!

Sunday, January 14, 1-3 PM
Hitschmanova, Hewett Centre

Come and meet Art Brewer, Chair of CUC's Gender & Sexual Diversity Monitoring Group—the committee that went all out on CUC's statements and actions regarding same-sex marriage! Art has been the No.1 Champion for Welcoming Congregation programs in Canada (84% of Canadian UU's belong to Welcoming Congregations). He'll also explain what congregations—like ours—need to do next in order to get a certificate including Bisexual and Transgender issues, and how we might embark on the Second Stage Program: Living the Welcoming Congregation. Dan Enright, one of our lay chaplains will present and discuss his recently published Guide for Unitarian Lay Chaplains to facilitate "Coming-Out Rituals". Mary Bennett, Executive Director of the Canadian Unitarian Council and a member of UC Vancouver will facilitate. For more information: cuc.ca/queer or contact mary@cuc.ca —Mary Bennett

Mark it on your calendar now...

Endurance, Hope and Joy

Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 pm
Unitarian Church of Vancouver

A moving and warm celebration of International Women's Day in song and spoken word, featuring The Elektra Women's Choir, Chalice Choir and The Shirleys. In the Sanctuary, by donation, with funds going to local and international women's organizations.

Political Scholastic Aptitude Test

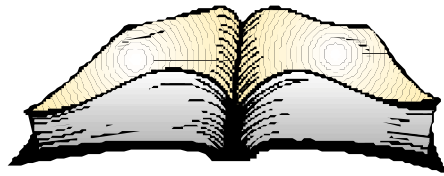
Look at this list of countries that the US has bombed since the end of World War II, compiled by historian William Blum:

- China 1945-46
- Korea 1950-53
- China 1950-53
- Guatemala 1954
- Indonesia 1958
- Cuba 1959-60
- Guatemala 1960
- Congo 1964
- Peru 1965
- Laos 1964-73
- Vietnam 1961-73
- Cambodia 1969-70
- Guatemala 1967-69
- Grenada 1983
- Libya 1986
- El Salvador 1980s
- Nicaragua 1980s
- Panama 1989
- Iraq 1991-99, 02-06
- Sudan 1998
- Afghanistan 1998
- Yugoslavia 1999

Question: In how many of these instances did a democratic government, respectful of human rights, occur as a direct result?

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."

—Albert Einstein



Congratulations!

A Letter from Karen

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to announce that I met with the Unitarian Universalist Association's Ministerial Fellowship Committee last weekend, and they have affirmed my suitability and readiness for ministry. Staid language for such an exciting event!

This is the last step in my credentialing process. Assuming I finish my internship in April and graduate with my M.Div. in May as planned, I am now eligible to search for a congregation.

This has been a long journey—I am grateful for your support and friendship along the way!

With thanks and love,

—Karen Fraser Gitlitz

Intern Minister, First Unitarian Church of Hamilton, 905-527-8441, kfrasergitlitz@gmail.com

Lay Chaplain Opportunities

The UCV Lay Chaplaincy Committee is looking for a new Lay Chaplain to join our team in mid-2007. Working together to provide the community with meaningful rites of passage (marriage, memorials, child dedications and more) is a wonderful opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. If you are a UCV member and interested in talking about this, contact Committee Chair Diana Ellis (604-733-1058, di@intergate.ca). Application forms and information are also in the UCV office.

And while you are thinking about this, consider signing up for the Basic Lay Chaplaincy Training being offered by the CUC March 9-11 (at UCV). It's a great training and will help you decide if Lay Chaplaincy is the right path for you. Contact Diana, and/or apply on line. (Go to cuc.ca, then to "programs and resources", follow the links to Lay Chaplaincy Training.)

—Diana Ellis, 604-733-1058



The Bulletin

is the monthly newsletter of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver.

Submission deadline is:

The first Tuesday of the month preceding the month of issue. All submissions *must* follow standard guidelines used in the publishing world, a copy of which is available in the church office or from the editor.

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LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**RE Update:**

The new Adult Religious Exploration brochure is out and has some amazing offerings. Look for your copy with your *Bulletin* and/or in church. Registrations are being accepted at the church office.

Our youth have been active collecting donations for their Mitten Tree project over the holidays. The collections have been sent to street youth in the downtown eastside.

Keegan Graham has been elected to sit on the BC Yaque (regional youth group). Congrats Keegan! UCV will be host to two national youth events a Groundworks (anti-racism/anti-oppression) training session in March and the CUC Canuudle conference in May.

Have you ever wondered who Hewett Centre's rooms are named after? Well, our kids will be learning about those and other Unitarian Universalist heroes for the rest of the church year, including some of our very own UCV heroes further in the term. Classes begin again on January 8th.

A special thanks to all who participated in the Holiday pageant and who came out for the Annual Gift making party. It is great to spend time with each other this way.

Happy New Year!



—Caroline Farley

Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration, UCV

"Sing as if no one is listening, dance as if no one is watching and LOVE like you have never been hurt." (Rumi)

Building Community at UCV: Sharing the Joy and Responsibilities of Community Life

Saturday January 13, 9 AM-4 PM, Hewett Centre

The Board has discussed ways to engage our members in the life and work of the church. How do we encourage a paradigm shift to open people's eyes to the joy of coming forward to participate? How do we engender a real sense of family, moving towards an even more authentic community?

To help us address these questions, the CUC looked for someone with experience in this area, and has arranged for **Art Brewer** to lead a workshop on Saturday, January 13th. Art has been a member of the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto for over ten years. As an adult trainer and facilitator, he has led workshops for dozens of UU congregations and with the CUC Board on topics as varied as leadership, fundraising, member integration, governance models and mission statements. He promises to lead us in an engaging, interactive and productive day.

—Mary Bennett

CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL**Rev. Bill Phipps will give the keynote speech**

at ACM 2007, to be held May 18-21 on the scenic campus of UBC. The Unitarian Church of Vancouver is hosting the ACM; the main venue will be UBC-SUB/Gage Towers, with events at other places on campus including the Museum of Anthropology for the Sunday night banquet.

The compassionate, controversial and engaging Rev. Bill Phipps will be the keynote speaker at the Canadian Unitarian Council's Annual Conference and Meeting 2007 in Vancouver. Phipps is International President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace and a former Moderator of the United Church of Canada..

In 2002, Phipps was the New Democratic Party candidate in the Calgary Southwest by-election contested by newly-elected Canadian Alliance leader (currently Prime Minister) Stephen Harper. Phipps has also worked as a poverty lawyer, pastor, community organizer, hospital chaplain and an adult educator. A minister at Scarboro United Church in Calgary since 1993, he's currently active with the Interfaith community's Faith and the Common Good project in Canada.

Campus Ministry in 2007

Welcome to Campus Ministry 2007! Our first full semester as a presence on the UBC campus was completed last month, and we are ready and excited to enter into our second semester, and into a new year.

I would characterize the fall semester as a time of visioning, planning, experimenting and negotiating. As the lives of students are often over-booked, under-rested, and multi-tasked to the max, it was of course difficult to find consistent times that worked for meetings and events. The consistency that enables a group to grow and flourish is sometimes challenging to achieve. However, in spite of the challenge of limited time and energy, each of us brought to meetings that we were able to hold and attend, a genuine presence and focus.

In December we completed our application for becoming a Chaplain group on campus. We look forward to learning more about this, and becoming a part of this established, multi-faith religious community. We are still always looking for participants, regardless of whether or not you are a student! Please join us in whatever capacity you are able. Contact me at: sambreanne@yahoo.ca for more information.

—Samantha Fletcher, 778-329-7651
Campus Ministry Coordinator

BOOK CLUB

Challenges to Your Intellect

Because Colin Stark has submitted his resignation as scribe for the book club, and, because no one else has yet agreed to take on that responsibility, it has been proposed that those Book Club members putting forth a given book for discussion be responsible for facilitating that discussion and advertising the book in the Order of Service announcements and in the Bulletin. Deadline for Order of Service announcements is Wednesday morning before the Sunday service and for the Bulletin is the first Tuesday of each month, for publication in the following month's Bulletin. Order of Service announcements should be weekly to allow time for interested members to procure and read the book. O of S announcements go to Ruth McIntosh, Minister's Secretary at ucv@telus.net and Bulletin articles to Gerry Hayle at ghayle@telus.net.

January 7th: A movie:

An Inconvenient Truth

by Al Gore. Facilitator, Chad Kirby

While essentially a documentary film, *An Inconvenient Truth* follows a dramatic plot in the sequence in which facts are revealed and predictions are emphasized, while also interjecting personal events from the life of Al Gore. Rather than simply listing facts in a dry, mechanical manner, the film places its subject in an emotional—and moral—context, with dramatic plot elements. Gore's book of the same title was published concurrently with the theatrical release of the documentary. The book contains additional, detailed information, scientific analysis, and Gore's commentary on the issues presented in the documentary. As we don't have copyright permission to show the DVD at the church, we suggest you rent it yourself, or just read the book.

February 4th:

Guns, Germs, and Steel

The Fates of Human Societies

by Jared Diamond.

Facilitator, Rob Dainow

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and a national bestseller: the global account of the rise of civilization that is also a stunning refutation of ideas of human development based on race.

In this "artful, informative, and delightful" (William H. McNeill, *New York Review of Books*) book, Jared Diamond convincingly argues that geographical and environmental factors shaped the modern world. Societies that had a head start in food production advanced beyond the hunter-gatherer stage, and then developed writing, technology, government, and organized religion—as well as nasty germs and potent weapons of war—and ventured on sea and land to conquer and decimate preliterate cultures. A major advance in our understanding of human societies, *Guns, Germs, and Steel* chronicles the way that the modern world came to be and stunningly dismantles racially based theories of human history.

Suggestion for March or some other time:

Snow

by Orhan Pamuk, Nobel Prize Winner

From the Reviews: "Pamuk has hitherto been an acquired taste in the West; but this sprawling, emotionally charged story, with its flashes of black comedy, could well secure him the readership he deserves. To a Western reader, the logic of events will be as foreign as the cock-fights which seem to be the main after-dark entertainment in Kars. But in the excellent, sardonic Pamuk, they have a first-rate guide to the social tensions of provincial Turkey." - David Robson, *Daily Telegraph*

"It is also a tragic love story, a thriller and, more broadly, a dark journey into familiar Pamuk territory: faith, identity, betrayal and solitude. One of the achievements of *Snow* is to look beyond the tired arguments about why so many Turkish women cover their heads."

—Chad Kirby, 604-271-1270

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Weather Stripping

So far we've raised \$1000 for weather stripping external doors. That's enough to start the work. Anyone with beginner carpentry experience who can volunteer 12 or more daytime hours should contact me. I will do some "go-fer" work to reduce labour costs, but we could use another. Contact me.

The lunches, apple and Level Ground coffee sales, are continuing until we reach \$1500. That's enough for phase one. As we proceed, I'm sure we'll find more to do, such as sealing sanctuary windows where moisture enters, improving heat circulation with fans, etc. Our sanctuary is beautiful because it invites nature in. But a basic function of buildings for us "naked apes" is to keep weather out. This we can do.

Today I feel waves of gratitude. That's a perk of knowing our wonderful congregation, staff, buildings, and grounds intimately. There are so many dedicated, skilled people doing so much to maintain our high standards. We can be proud and grateful. Still we are humbled by those who went before. They inspire us to give just a bit more, as an experiment, until we find that the pain of giving, and the joy of receiving are one. Look anywhere at UCV and you will find a gift, and it's meant for you. Enjoy.

UCV is the host for the CUC meeting at UBC, May 18-21. Together we will make this the greenest ACM (Annual Conference and Meeting) ever. If you will attend or volunteer, start thinking about how you and yours can help to green the conference. The CUC ACM may not return to Vancouver for many years, so this is your chance to attend without flying.

The Environment Committee will meet on **Sunday, January 7th, at 12:30**, probably in Lindsey-Priestley. All are welcome.

—Karl Perrin,
Returning Chair, 604-872-7326

DAYTIMERS**Cozy Times
in Fireside**

Due to our unexpected gift of winter snow in the last week of November, a hasty cancellation caused Daytimers to miss the third session of Harold's passion for music and Alice James's discourse on Clifford Sifton. We hope to reschedule them for spring meetings.

Unless we are knee-deep in unplowed snow again, January will bring Daytimers together in the Fireside Room, Hewett Centre on the first and third Thursday to learn about more Canadians who, with their passion and energy have wrought changes in Canadian society. As well, we will be privileged to share in the passionate interests of two of our members.

Thursday, January 4th, 11 AM:

Nellie McClung will be the subject of Joan Armstrong's talk. After a break at noon for (bring your own bag) lunch and conversation, Daytimers and guests will reconvene at 1 PM to hear Phillip Hewett, back from his recent trip, share with us his experiences on the Galapagos Islands.

Thursday, January 18, 11 AM:

Noel Armstrong will describe the life and works of Tommy Douglas. Following lunch, at 1 PM, Woody Coward will share his passion for Change: Acceptance and Response.

If you are free on any of the designated Thursdays and would like to join us, please do.

—Wanda Justice, 604-327-1851,
clj@sfu.ca

**Karl's Fair Trade
Coffee Stand**

Decaf & regular, beans or ground: \$13.50/lb, \$9.50/300 gm. These are the current prices for 6 or more packages. He is ordering more soon. For more info phone Karl Perrin at 604-872-7326.

**The Services Auction
is Coming!****Mark Your Calendars
for Saturday, March 3rd**

for an evening of fun, frivolity, and fast-paced action. New to UCV? The concept is simple. Donate a service such as making a meal, offering a music lesson, a few hours of gardening, or an item of value like a gift basket. There are two sections, a silent auction and a live auction with a very charming and talented auctioneer. Supper, cash bar and childcare are provided.

In the next few weeks the Services Auction table will appear on Sundays after service where you can pick up forms to submit services you would like to donate, and in February we will begin to sell modestly priced tickets. Or volunteer to help and your ticket is free! If you would like a form emailed to you, or would like more information, please contact **Deb Henry at 604-877-1070**, or **John and Rae Smith at 604-732-0100**.

**Upcoming Art Exhibit
for January**

Liane Varnam will be showing her work in the sanctuary from January 7th until February 4th. The title of her show is "Reverence".

—Caede Pungente, 604-737-1825

**Cook up a Storm!**

Like many people, I am the laziest of cooks. In days gone by, I used to take hours to prepare gourmet meals la Julia Child. Not any more! These days a stew or casserole is more likely to feature as my evening meal. It's a bit like alchemy: in the space of an hour, you throw in all these raw ingredients, and a few hours later you have delicious meals for many people!

As I was stocking the freezer with a fragrant lentil stew last week it occurred to me that many people might find this a fun thing to do in order to help raise funds for UCV. We are always looking for people to provide lunches for a hungry congregation on Sundays, after the worship service, and I thought I would share with you my not-so-profound thoughts on stew-making.

Lunches are made by church members in order to raise funds for the church, or for projects of the church. If it strikes a chord with you, Doris Lowe, who coordinates Sunday lunches, would love to hear from you (604-435-6183). Why not share your culinary skills with us? Maybe get together with a group of friends? We would love you for it!

—Michael Aze, 604-261-7204

Why We Fight by Eugene Jarecki

Grand Jury Prize Winner at the
2005 Sundance Festival

Why We Fight is an unflinching look at the anatomy of American war-making. The film is a nonpartisan inquiry into the forces—political, economic and ideological—that drive Americans to fight. Film **Friday, January 12, at 7:15**, followed by discussion period, in the Fireside Room.



Free admission (Popcorn available to offset our costs).

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of UCV

Stéphane Dion: Our next Prime Minister?? A Bio

On December 2, 2006, at one of the most exciting Liberal leadership conventions in party history, Stéphane Dion was elected as the 11th leader of the Liberal Party of Canada on the fourth ballot.

Mr. Dion's three-pillar policy approach, which integrates economic prosperity, social justice and environmental sustainability, garnered him the support of a majority of Liberal delegates, allowing him to emerge from fourth place going into the convention to beat out seven contenders in total.

First elected in a 1996 by-election, Stéphane Dion was re-elected in 1997, 2000, 2004 and 2006 in the riding of Saint-Laurent-Cartierville.

Before entering the race to become Liberal leader, Mr. Dion served as Foreign Affairs Critic in Interim Leader Bill Graham's shadow cabinet.

In July 2004, under former Prime Minister Paul Martin, Mr. Dion was appointed Environment Minister. In that position, he helped prepare Canada for the challenges of a sustainable economy and played a key role in developing the greenest budget since Confederation.

Among his accomplishments as Environ-

ment Minister, Mr. Dion won international agreement to extend the Kyoto protocol beyond 2012 at the follow-up to the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change in Montreal in December 2005. This followed his announcement, in April 2005, of Project Green – an updated climate change plan to honour its Kyoto commitments. In June 2005, Mr. Dion also announced \$9.2 million in funding to help protect species at risk and their habitat.

As Minister for the Parks Canada Agency, Mr. Dion was also responsible for the protection of Canada's heritage sites. Key aspects of Canada's rich cultural heritage were commemorated through Mr. Dion's work to designate sites, events and persons of national importance.

Mr. Dion became Intergovernmental Affairs Minister in January 1996 under former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, where he worked to improve our federation. He helped governments work better together and systematically brought clarity and logic to the debate on Canadian unity. He developed the federal government's case against unilateral secession, which would have jeopardized the rights of Quebecers and all Canadians, obtained a favourable opin-

ion from the Supreme Court of Canada, and turned the court's opinion into law through the Clarity Act, passed in 2000.

Mr. Dion graduated from Université Laval with a B.A. in 1977 and an M.A. in 1979, both in political science. In 1986 he received his doctorate in sociology from the Institut d'études politiques in Paris.

Before entering politics, Mr. Dion taught public administration and political science at the Université de Montréal from 1984 to 1996 and authored numerous books and scientific articles. He lectured at the Université de Moncton in 1984, was a visiting professor at the Brookings Institution in Washington, at the Laboratoire d'économie politique in Paris and at the Canadian Centre for Management Development in Ottawa. In 1999, McGill Queen's University Press published *Straight Talk: Speeches and Writings on Canadian Unity*, which was short-listed for the Donner Prize that year. In 2002 he received an honorary doctorate from the Carlos III University of Madrid.

Dion was born on September 28, 1955 in Quebec City. He is married to Janine Kriebler, and has one daughter, Jeanne.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE

We Can Save the Court Challenges Program! Keep Petitioning!

In December's *Bulletin*, we told of the Federal Government's abolition of the **Court Challenges Program**, which provided modest contributions to the cost of important test cases dealing with refugees, immigrants, gays, First Nations, the impoverished, equality rights, and many other vital issues. Without this Program, Canada's constitutional rights are really only for the wealthy. A website is now online to coordinate national efforts to save the Program:

www.savecourchallenges.ca

Email your MP, Prime Minister Harper, and the new Liberal leader, Stéphane Dion

The Safe Third Country Agreement: Refugee claims have plunged since Canada signed a new refugee deal with the US, and

that puts refugees from certain countries in danger. Nicolette Laviolette, a professor who studies refugee law at the University of Ottawa, said Canada used to get refugees from places such as Colombia, where a 40-year civil war has displaced millions of people.

Travel routes force Colombian refugees, among others, to come to Canada via the US, but the Canada-US Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) that took effect in 2004 says foreigners who first land in the US cannot make a refugee claim in Canada. Laviolette said, "The US has much lower refugee acceptance rates than Canada, so we may by this agreement be sending people back to very dangerous situations." The long-overdue governmental report on the first year of the STCA fails to address the impact of the Agreement on refugees, says the Canadian Council for Refugees and Amnesty International. "...it would lead to refugees being sent back to persecution," said the CCR President. Some people can be refused protection in the US because

they provided "material support" to "terrorist organizations", even if they were forced to provide the support. There are also a number of concerns about the impact of the STCA, notably with respect to women fleeing gender-based violence.

If you would like to make a donation to support the work the Refugee Committee is doing, please write your name and address on the envelope containing your gift. Cheques are payable to "Unitarian Church of Vancouver" with memo "**For Sheilah Thompson Refugee Fund.**"

The Refugee Committee thanks those who joined us for lunch December 10. We promise several more warm heartening lunches "in the bleak midwinter".

Please contact Co-Chairs Fiona Graham, 604-886-4810, or Virginia Crabill, 604-731-9393 for more information. Our next meeting is Sunday, January 28, at 12:30 in the Board Room.

—Virginia Crabill,
Refugee/Social Justice Liaison

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

**Births and Deaths:
The Cycle Goes On**

We regret to announce the passing of long-time UCV member June Grasdahl on November 14. June, a life-long Vancouverite, was a teacher and a librarian in Vancouver. She was also a talented artist and craftsperson who volunteered as a scholarship fundraiser for the Guild of Fabric Arts. She helped organize events and raise funds for Hycroft as an active member of the University Women's Club. She leaves behind several relatives including three daughters. We'll miss you, June!

We also regret to announce the death of Ted Anderson on October 8. Although Ted wasn't a UCV member, he had been attending our services frequently and was deeply concerned about poverty and street people. His wife, Amy, has also been attending church recently, so do say hello to her!

On a brighter note, Elizabeth and Dawn Barbeau are now proud parents of Isaac, born October 25 and brought home on November 10. Because Isaac arrived a little prematurely, weighing in at 4 lb. 10 oz, his parents will not be showing him off at church until spring. But they're happy to report that tiny Isaac is thriving and hit the 7 pound mark early in December. Both parents are taking a break from church volunteer duties to look after Isaac: Elizabeth from the Committee on Ministry, and Dawn from teaching in the RE program.

Their friends, Jill Carlson, who recently joined our church, and Chris Beamish, who helps in child care, are parents of Sam, now 15 months. Isn't it great to hear about the newest generation at UCV!

Once again this year, Arthur Hughes has distinguished himself as the most successful Remembrance Day Poppy fundraiser, and once again, he did it to the tune of \$16,200, wearing his original

— FORUM —

An exchange of ideas and opinions on issues relevant to Unitarians, in the Fireside Room after Sunday service.

January 7: To be announced

January 14: To be announced

January 21: Communications Brainstorming: The Board will host a Brainstorming and Idea-Sharing session regarding Communications within the Church. How can we effectively get our messages across to each other? How can we rely on paper, Internet, meetings, mailings and other means to get the word out and into our minds? What about reaching prospective members and others in the community? What has or could work in reaching them? How could a renewed Communications Committee work with the Administrative Director to create a dynamic new communications in and for the Church?

January 28: To be announced

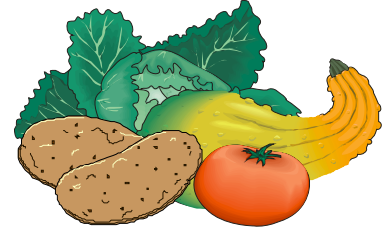
1951 British Army uniform. He accomplished this over a seven day period while at his "post" near the Art Gallery. He would like to point out that the money actually goes to 14 different social service agencies administered by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Daphne Naegele, formerly an artist and advocate for the disabled and long-time UCV member, has been moved to South Granville Park Lodge, where she would welcome visitors.

Please keep the news coming!

—Ann Foster, 604-736-2117,
afos72@vcn.bc.ca

PAGAN COMMITTEE



**Pagan Committee Speaker Series:
Mindful Eating:**

The Challenge of Effective Change

On Wednesday, January 10th, at 7.30 PM in the Fireside Room, Susan Davidson will speak on the production of local food, and the need to balance land use with actual nutrient value.

Susan has over 20 years of experience supplying organic produce to Vancouver restaurants and Farmers' Markets. She's a founding member of the Langley Organic Growers (a collective of 5 local farms) and the BCARA, a certifying body for organic farms in the Fraser Valley.

Susan will challenge us to support the relationship between the people who eat, the people who grow the food, and the land where the food is grown, in order to implement effective change, not only in our own lives, but for the world.

—Fritz Muntean, ARE liaison,
604-731-3408

Interested in Money?

Particularly the church's money? If so, and you have a little book-keeping or accounting experience, the UCV Finance Committee needs you. Very few meetings, but a vital need. Please contact Jack Jefferson, Treasurer at 604-228-1504 or jackjeff@shaw.ca

Philosophers' Fireside Café

Friday, January 19, 7 pm

Fireside Room, Hewett Centre

“Does globalization help or hurt the poor of this planet?”
What effect does it have on the poor in Canada and those overseas?

Feature speaker: **Conrad Hadland**: a leader among humanists and a self-described “joyful skeptic”. Moderated by Randall MacKinnon of IDEAQuest MacKINNOVATION.

—Randall MacKinnon, 604-582-4651

“we dialogue therefore we are....”

Twelfth Annual UU Men's Retreat

Thirty fine men gathered at Sasamat Lake on October 20-22 for the UU men's 12th annual weekend retreat. Each year, men come together for this weekend from churches throughout the Lower Mainland, Victoria and Washington State. Situated among the trees of beautiful Lake Sasamat (about 30 minutes from Vancouver), this retreat was an opportunity to reflect on the quality of our lives and our relationships, in the company of other men. It was an opportunity to work with others, to discover more about ourselves, and to build both new and old relationships. Mostly, it was a chance to learn what others are about, to relax, and to have fun, all in the beautiful, private, and wonderfully natural surroundings of Sasamat Lake.

Much of the time at this retreat was spent in structured and informal discussion and conversation, but there was also plenty of opportunity to go to the private beach, walk the trail



around the lake, or, for the more adventurous, explore the rope activity area or go mountain biking. We also sang and made music. There are indoor and outdoor fireplaces, a large lodge with covered porches, outbuildings, and cabins. No one else lives around the lake. It is a wonderful place for an event like this. It was a bargain at \$100 for two nights, five meals, snacks, a wonderful outdoor setting, fine company, and great stimulation.

To join the group email list to receive information on next year's Men's Retreat, contact the registrar, Brian Welwood, at bwelwood@telus.net or 604-987-1885.

—Rob Dainow, 604-523-0123

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Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law.

—Louis D. Brandeis, lawyer, judge, and writer (1856-1941)