

Candlelight Service

Rev. Steven Epperson, UCV Members,
and the Chalice and Beacon Choirs

December 13, 2008

7:30 pm



The Unitarian Church of Vancouver

We are a community of diverse beliefs and shared values.

*In fellowship with one another, we seek spiritual growth, social justice,
and environmental sustainability through worship, ethical action,
education, and artistic expression.*

We welcome all who would join this compassionate and visionary community.

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

December 13, 2009

*Help us create a mood for shared celebration through **quiet** reflection during the prelude.
Please turn off your pagers, cell phones, etc.*

Prelude		UCV Youth and Friends
Call to Celebration		Rev. Steven Epperson
Congregational and Choral Hymn #226		<i>People, Look East</i>
Kindling the Chalice Flame		
	December and the Gift of Nature	
Readings	In the Midst of Gentle Rain	by H D Thoreau
	read by Casey Stainsby	
	December Stillness	by Siegfried Sassoon
	read by Rev. Steven Epperson	
Musical Response	The Secret Life of Plants	by Stevie Wonder
		performed by Patrick Dubois

"The Secret Life Of Plants"

I can't conceive the nucleus of all
Begins inside a tiny seed
And what we think as insignificant
Provides the purest air we breathe

But who am I to doubt or question the inevitable
being

For these are but a few discoveries
We find inside the Secret Life of Plants

A species smaller than the eye can see
Or larger than most living things
And yet we take from it without consent
Our shelter, food, habiliment

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But far too many give them in return
A stomp, cut, drown, or burn
As is they're nothing

But if you ask yourself where would you be
Without them you will find you would not

And some believe antennas are their leaves
That spans beyond our galaxy
They've been, they are and probably will be
Who are the mediocrity

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Christmas with an Attitude

Reading	If I didn't have... read by Mary Lage	by Sheila Baxter
	I Miss Christmas read by Keith Wilkinson	by Rev. David Bumbaugh
	The Holy Surprise of Right Now read by Alex Winstanley	by Samuel Hazo
Choral Response	Ditchling Carol with the UCV Chalice and Beacon Choirs	arr. E. Peach and D. Millard

Christmas Full-On

Reading	The White Wolf of Winter read by Gavin Grandish	by Waldemar Argow
Hymn Response # 1061	<i>For So the Children Come</i>	words by Sophia Lyon Fahs music by Jason Shelton
Reading	from <i>A Christmas Carol</i> read by Joy Coghill-Thorne	by Charles Dickens
Choral Response	Lulajze Jezuniu with the UCV Chalice and Beacon Choirs Donatella Clignon, solo	Polish carol, arr. J. Livingston
Congregational Carols # 228 # 244		<i>Once in a Royal David's City</i> <i>It Came Upon Midnight Clear</i>

Winter Light

Readings	New Year Poem read by Karen Bartlett	by May Sarton
	All Winter Long... read by Elliott Dainow	trad, Native American Song
	Song of the Sky Loom read by Casey Stainsby	trad, Tewa Song

Closing Hymn # 409

Sleep My Child

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

The UCV Chalice Choir and Beacon Choir
UCV Chalice Choir Director: Donna Brown
Beacon Choir Director: Kay Norton
Pianist: Elliott Dainow

Our Readers: Casey Stainsby, Lori Shenher, Way Kent, Mary Lage, Alex Winstanley,
Elliot Dainow, Gavin Grandish, Karen Bartlett, Danny Enright, Keith Wilkinson, Joy
Coghill-Thorne

Lighting Technician: David Embry Solest
Sound Technician
Ushers: Worship Services Committee

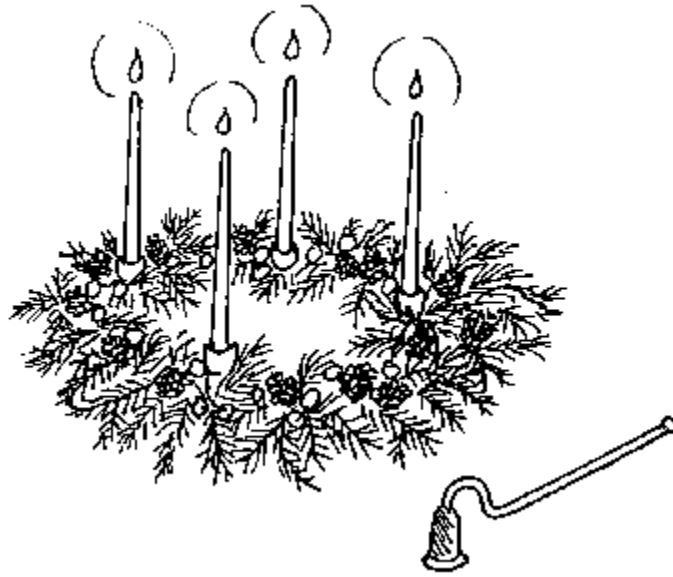
Custodial and Office crew
Parish Minister: Rev. Steven Epperson
and the UCV Congregation

Coming Up:

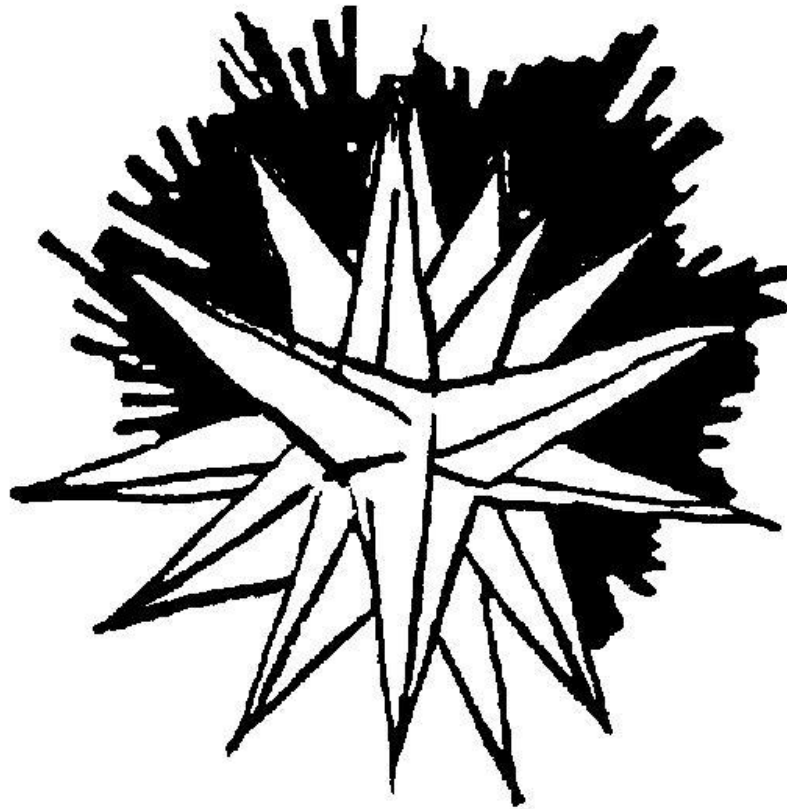
Sunday, December 20, 2009
11:00 am Worship Service
HOPE: An Intergenerational Pageant
Caroline Farley

Thursday, December 24, 2008
7:00 pm Worship Service
Christmas Eve Celebration
Rev. Steven Epperson

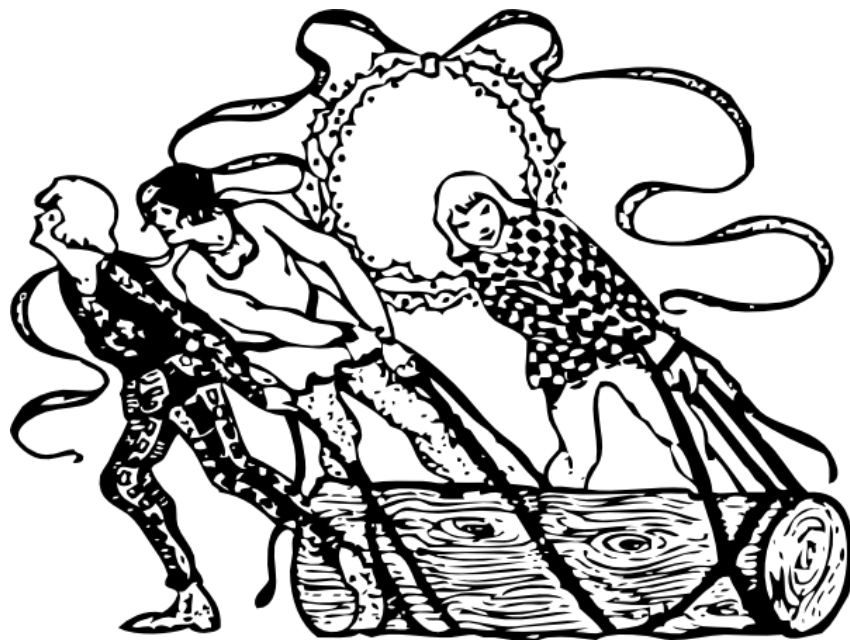
Sunday, December 27, 2008
11:00 am Worship Service
Letting It Go: A Fire Communion
Mary Bennett and Patrick Dubois



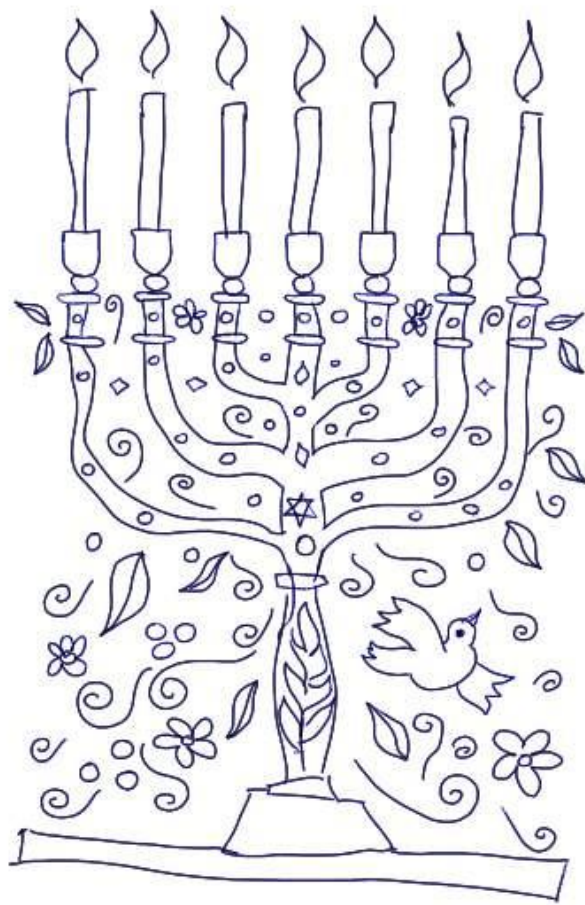
Advent Wreath (from UUA Church of the Larger Fellowship)



Moravian Advent Star



Hauling the Yule Log



Menorah (by Helen South)



Neve sui ciclamini -- Cyclamens in the snow (Sante.boschianpest)

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