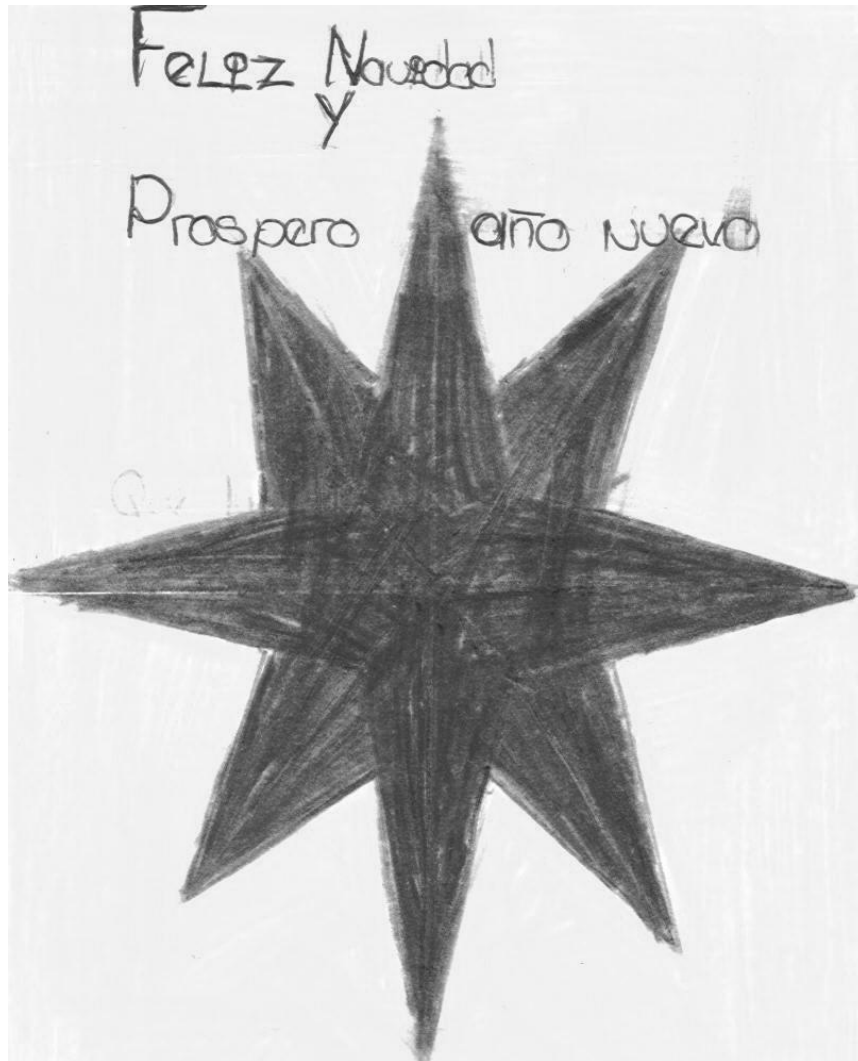


# Christmas Eve Celebration

**Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson**

**December 24, 2009**

**7:00 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 24, 2009*

At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in celebration. Our church welcomes your comments and suggestions. Please find slips beside a suggestion box in the foyer. Thank you.

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

<b>Prelude</b>	Hymns and Carols from around the world E. Dainow, piano
<b>Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>	
<b>Opening Carols</b>	<b>#253</b> <i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> <b>#249</b> <i>On This Day</i>
<b>Seasonal Readings</b>	
<b>Carols Continued</b>	<b>#228</b> <i>Once in Royal David's City</i> <b>#231</b> <i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>
<b>Seasonal Readings</b>	
<b>Carols Continued</b>	<b>#235</b> <i>Deck the Halls</i> <b>#224</b> <i>Let Christmas Come</i>
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offering and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Patapan</i> arr. Tom Roed E. Dainow, piano
<b>Meditation, spoken then silent</b>	
<b>Music Response</b>	<i>The Christ Childs Lullaby</i> trad. Tara Bonham, harp and voice
<b>Christmas Eve Remarks</b>	<i>Giving It Away</i> Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>Candle Circle and Carols</b>	<b>#251</b> <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i> <i>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</i>

We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;  
Good tidings for Christmas and  
a Happy New Year.  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding  
and a cup of good cheer  
We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some,  
so bring some out here  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.

### **Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

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

**Friday, December 25, 2009**

1pm in Hewett Centre

**Christmas Potluck**

with Gavin Grandish

**Sunday, December 27, 2009**

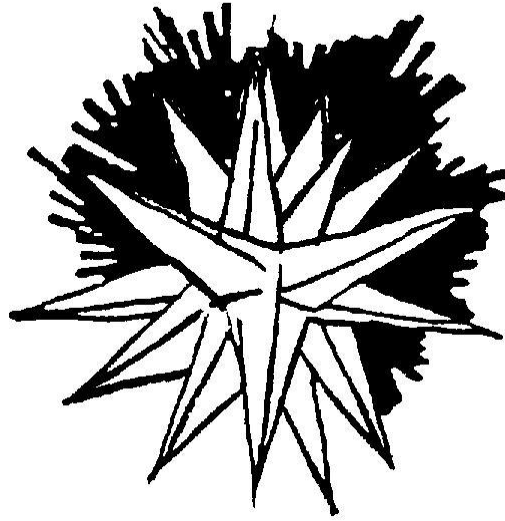
11:00 am Worship Service

**Letting it Go: A Fire**

**Communion**

Mary Bennett and Patrick Dubois

Please remember that the seats in the fourth row on the left side of the church are reserved for people with hearing loss. People using hearing aids may obtain further amplification by activating the T-switch. The seats in the rear of the church are reserved (when facing the front): left side for parents with babies or small children in child care, and right side for persons in wheelchairs.



*Moravian Advent Star*

**WELCOME! NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS**

If you are a new family here, with babies or children, we wish you a special welcome. Our childcare staff is happy to provide free care for babies and toddlers while you are at the service. Your children aged three and above will enjoy the church school. Ask the ushers for directions. If you feel the need to slip out of the Sanctuary with a fretting baby, please know that the service can be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

**STAFF**

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to celebrate our continuing relationship.*

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