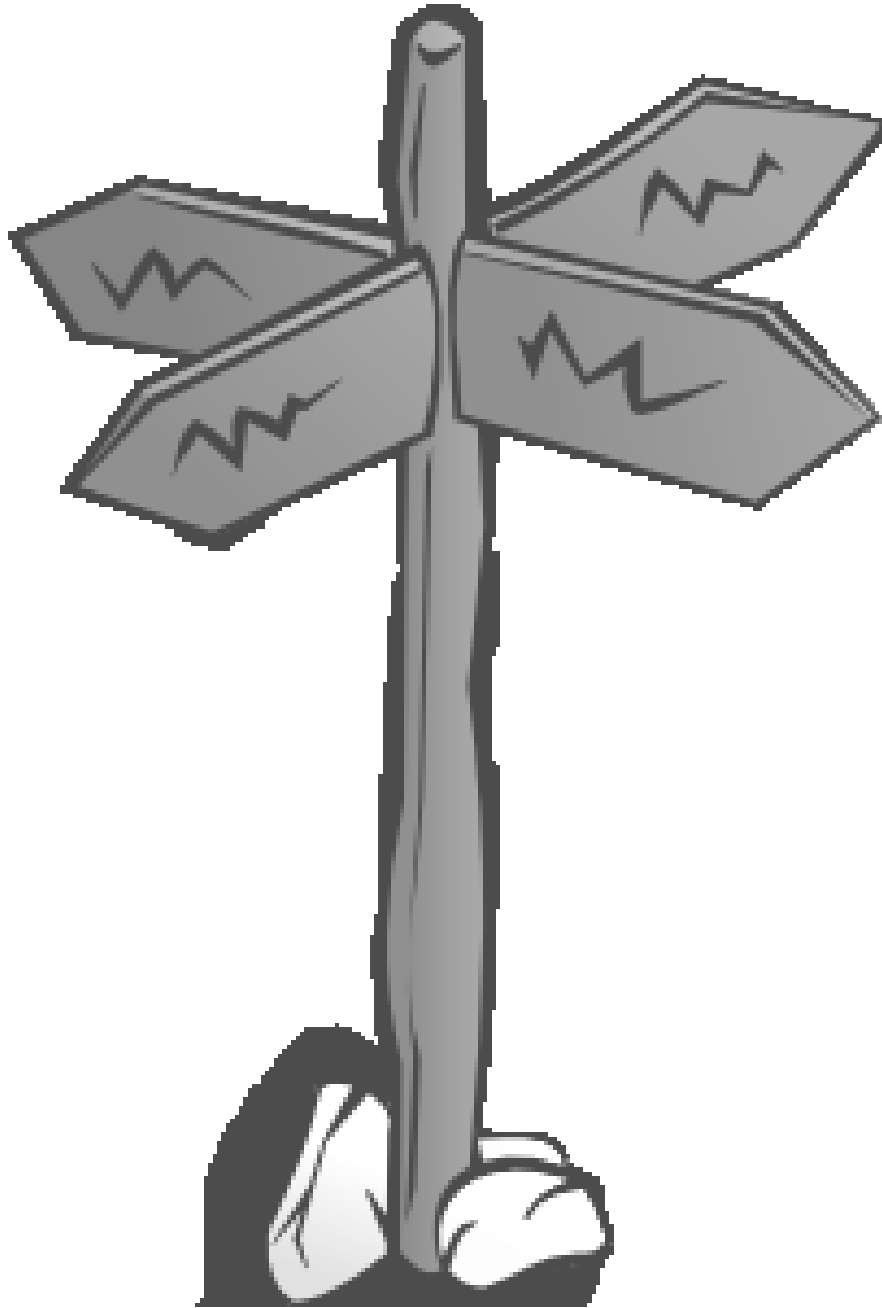


The Future of Unitarianism In Canada?

Rev. Steven Epperson

April 11, 2010

11:00 am



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 *April 11, 2010*

At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, 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
Please turn off your pagers, cell phones, etc.*



Prelude

In-gathering singing
with Joyce Poley*

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn # 407

We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

Story for All Ages

Sam Who Was Swallowed by a Shark
by Phyllis Root
read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let's Sing the Children Out "Go Now..."

Welcome and Announcements

Board member

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Board member

Offering: *We deeply appreciate
your presence here, your offering
and the gifts you share.*

Roumanian Dances
by Bela Bartok
performed by E. Dainow

Meditation, spoken then silent

Rev. Steven Epperson

Musical Response

Circle of Song written by Tony Turner
arr't.: J. Perry / E. Dainow
performed by E. Dainow

Sermon

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Closing Hymn #289

Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Valediction

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

*Joyce Poley is a songwriter whose works appear in several publications, including our two Unitarian hymnals. She has written two pageants which have been presented in more than 350 churches throughout North America, and is currently teaching a course on the Leadership of Congregational Singing as part of the UU Musicians Network credentialing program.



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Sunday, April 18, 2010

11:00 am Worship Service

Volunteering as a Spiritual Practice

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

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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: left side for parents with babies or small children in child care, and right side for persons in wheelchairs.

WELCOME! NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

A Warm Welcome!

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies, we look forward to welcoming you in person. Free childcare is available for children 3 and under, and children over 3 are invited to check out our dynamic Sunday school programs. Children are also welcome to stay for the church service if they prefer. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with a crying baby, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

Please visit our Visitors' table, sign in and get a name tag in the Sanctuary Foyer. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service, and stay for coffee, tea or juice and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow name tags, who are welcoming you today.

SUPPORT TEAM TODAY

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Ann Foster, Judy Villett, Judy Holmes

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Elizabeth Murdoch, Lindsay Udem

LUNCH

Refugee Committee

ORDER OF SERVICE

Tara-Lee MacNiven

SOUND

Galen Elfert

USHERS

Margo Elfert, Velia Laval, Denise Nereida

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Deanne Turner, Naomi Taylor, Helen Osoba

STAFF

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Gavin Grandish

MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER

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ACTING D.R.E.

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Ravina Sangara

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Tara-Lee MacNiven

SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS

Virginia Crabill, Patti Turner

UCV LAY CHAPLAINS

Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright

Sherry King, Wayne Ulian

COMMUNITY MINISTER

Rev. Laura Imayoshi

***The red pulpit hanging is a gift from our partner church in Brassó, Romania,
to celebrate our continuing relationship.***

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS TODAY

0-3 years – childcare is available upstairs in Hewett Centre

3 years to grade 3 – the Spirit Play group will meet downstairs in Parker

Grades 4-7 – UU principles and the Simpsons, meet upstairs in Budny

Youth Group – meet downstairs in Hitschmanova

ART IN THE CHURCH April 4th - May 2nd *Sanctuary*. Sharon Christian typically paints in serious of people, nature and animals. Her fine art paintings will be accompanied by her whimsical painted sculptures: the core made out of recycled Styrofoam. April 4th – May 2nd *Fireside* Julie McIntyre's paper constructions of the Vancouver area are made with recycled pieces from her excess print work. Each layered collage takes between 8-15 hours to complete.

ARTS CTTE Meeting Today 12:30pm in Castellio. All are welcome.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE We're serving Huguette's ever-popular Salade Niçoise at lunch today, and showing a video commemorating Canada's Refugee Rights Day. We'll also be selling tickets at lunch for a benefit performance of a classic Agatha Christie play to raise much-needed funds for our work.

FORUM TODAY Board forum today – the board and ad hoc

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOHN RALSTON SAUL LECTURE AT UCV A SMASHING SUCCESS!!

The UCV Sanctuary was packed Tuesday night March 30th. Saul's lecture: "Myth and Spirituality in A Fair Country" was lively, informative and provocative. A collection, taken on behalf of "Our Children's Table"—UCV's pre-school literacy and nutrition program, raised \$2327.25! Many thanks to UCV Staff (especially Tara MacNiven) and Galen Elfert (on sound) for their assistance in making this event a fabulous success. A sound recording of the lecture is available on the UCV web-site; individual copies, by request, at the UCV office. Sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson

CHALICE CHOIR CABARET The Chalice Choir presents: The UCV Spring Cabaret, Saturday April 24th, 7:30pm. \$15 with performances by ErRatica and the Chalice Choir. No host bar. Light Snacks.

"IS HUMANITY INHERENTLY UNSUSTAINABLE" Dr. William Rees, UBC Prof, Author of "Our Ecological Footprint", will be the speaker at the world Federalists meetings in the Fireside room on April 15th, 730pm. Free.

IF YOU CAN OFFER A RIDE (or if you are in need of a ride) to the CUC-ACM in Victoria, May 22-24, please leave your name with Jeannie Corsi (nichorsi@interchange.ubc.ca). A list of those wishing to share rides is being compiled. In addition, billets can be arranged at the homes of members of the host congregation, First Victoria, by sending an e-mail request to pmcmahon@shaw.ca.

OUR CHILDREN'S TABLE Thank you for the 400-600 gr. bricks of cheddar cheese left in the foyer basket for the families in our food and education program. Your donations of clean children's clothes & books left in the big red labeled box in Hewett Hall have also been appreciated. We will continue to accept these gifts until June 8th.

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN need your support for their book club, Beyond Words, now supported by the UCV Library Committee. The women of Beyond Words met regularly from 2004 until 2007. They chose the books themselves, reading and discussing them with passion, and are excited to be starting up again this May. The biggest obstacle they face is lack of access to books. The women have chosen to start off with *A Complicated Kindness* by Miriam Toews and *Missing Sarah* by Maggie de Vries. We would very much appreciate contributions of either of these titles, or dollars to purchase them. Please leave your donations at the UCV Library. Aphrodite and Maggie, UCV Library Committee. For more information, call Maggie at 604-266-9022

A.R.E. "SHARING WHAT WE MAKE AND DO" meets on Tuesday, April 13 from 7-9 in the Fireside Rm. The theme for this meeting is a musical one as Jeannie Corsi will share more music from "Moses and the Pharaoh" as well as Instrumental and Choral music that she has composed. Everyone welcome. Cost \$5.

UCV BOOK CLUB meets first Sunday of month at 12:30 pm. All welcome. Books: May 2, *A Fair Country: Telling Truths about Canada*, NF, John Ralston Saul; June 6, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, F, Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows.

FAMILY ROOM OPEN The Lay Chaplaincy Ctte. has been working to create a Family Room where the old Board Rm use to be. The purpose of this room is for brides and for grieving families to gather before ceremonies. This room also is available for small meetings. Many people have contributed time and energy to the creation of the Family Rm. Our Thanks to the following: Lars Anderson and Velia Laval for donating the teak table and chairs as well as several prints; Karin Hall for donating the occasional table; Meredith Woodward for donating the loveseat; Sherry King for sewing the curtains; Bennett Mitten for painting the walls and trim; Bruce Murray, Sherry King, Mary Murray, and Marilyn McVicar for pulling it all together.