

Thanksgiving: Our Seniors/Our Elders

Rev. Steven Epperson

October 9, 2011

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 October 9, 2011

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	10:45: In-gathering sing with Joyce Poley
Invocation	<i>Spirit of Life</i> C. McDade with the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/ Greeting Our Neighbours	Rev. Steven Epperson
Kindling the Chalice Flame	Winn Peters
Opening Hymn	African Folk Song The song translates as: "Now is the time of the harvest - the harvest of our souls."
Story for All Ages	<i>The Perfect Thanksgiving</i> Eileen Spinelli read by Rev. Steven Epperson
<i>Let's Sing the Children Out "Go Now..."</i>	
Welcome and Announcements	Board member
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns	Board member
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offering and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Friends/Bookends</i> written by Paul Simon Adrian Smith*, voice and guitar
Meditation spoken then silent	Rev. Steven Epperson
Musical Response	<i>Hallelujah!</i> V. Youmans, arr. S. Zegree with the Chalice Choir
Sermon and Recognition	<i>Thanksgiving: Our Seniors/Our Elders</i> Rev. Steven Epperson
Closing Hymn #21	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>

Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again*
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*Adrian Smith (a member of the North Shore Unitarian Choir) learned to play guitar and sing as a child sitting around the campfire at Unitarian Church campouts in the 1960s and have loved playing and singing music ever since.



Sunday Oct 16, 2011

11:00 am Worship Service

Horticultural Therapy: Hands on Spiritual Practice

Dr. Aimee Taylor

music with E. Dainow, piano and voice

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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, John Smith

FLOWERS

Lorraine Calame

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Elizabeth Murdoch, Lindsay Udem

LUNCH

ORDER OF SERVICE

Tara-Lee MacNiven

SOUND

Galen Elfert

USHERS

Margo Elfert, Denise Nereida, Catherine Hembling

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Nancy Strider, Brock MacLachlan, Naomi Taylor

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Anthony Roper, Robert Schultz

UCV LAY CHAPLAINS

Phyllis Bassett,

Sherry King, Wayne Ulian

*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 PROGRAM WELCOME BACK!

There are no regular classes today. After the story for all ages, children will proceed to Fireside Room in the Hewett Hall for Thanksgiving Children's Worship. Youth may remain in the service or help the DRE with children's worship. The child care room will be open for ages 0-3.

UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE *Tai Chi at UCV Begins Tues. October 11th!* It will meet each Tuesday (at 7pm) through December 9th. Wear comfortable clothes and no grip shoes. Stocking feet are not recommended, they're too slippery. \$50 fee (or sliding scale, no one turned away)

SPECIAL ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE *Restorative Yoga at UCV Begins Thurs. October 13th!* It will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (at 7:30pm) in Lnds/Prst. Wear comfortable clothes. \$25 fee (or sliding scale, no one turned away)

UCV BOOK CLUB meets Sundays at 12:30 p.m. The book for October 16 is *Protest Diablo*, quick read, non-fiction, one copy available in the UCV library. All welcome.

DAYTIMERS October 13th 11am – 2pm. Joan Armstrong will talk: "Redesigning the World." At noon we will enjoy our sandwich lunches and discuss Joan's talk.

ADULT RE FALL 2011 PATHS TO WELL-BEING—UPDATE

Our Adult RE Program has begun!! Great classes and teachers working for a healthy community in mind, body and spirit. Courses include Jungian Study Group, "Madness Radio" Listening Group, Tai Chi, and Restorative Yoga. For details, please pick up an Adult RE brochure, or consult the UCV website and October Bulletin. Classes are beginning—it's not too late to register, attend and enjoy!
Sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson

GOOD NEWS! In addition to the usual 3rd Saturday Gardening(9-12), there will be 3rd Sunday Gardening after church with Velia. Contact Velia or Patti for more info.

JOIN IN THE HARVEST CELEBRATION with the women of the Downtown Eastside on Wednesday, October 19, at DAMS, 412 East Cordova. You can contribute: donate; cook a turkey, potatoes, a pie; deliver, serve, clean-up. To volunteer or donate, please contact Connie Wigmore (cwigmore1@shaw.ca or 604-879-6243).

MEDITATION GROUP Time has been extended to 12:45 – 1:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Questions? Contact Phil Campbell or Don Fox. Please, if you come late or leave early, enter and leave quietly.

OCTOBER 23RD, 12:30-2:00 P.M, UCV FIRESIDE ROOM " DEATH WITH DIGNITY" Muriel Groves writes: “We are at a critical juncture. Twenty years ago Sue Rodriguez was denied the legal right to medical assistance to allow her to end her suffering and have a peaceful death. Today the courts are once again being asked to provide individuals who are suffering and at the end of life with the option of medically assisted dying. In this interactive and engaging session Dying With Dignity's Executive Director, Wanda Morris, will address the key arguments against choice in dying. This will be a participative session - questions are encouraged!”
wanda@dyingwithdignity.ca | www.dyingwithdignity.ca

ANIMAL VOICE RADIO PRESENTS a Compassionate Thanksgiving Potluck & Clothing Swap October 10th, 2011 - 6pm @ Unitarian Church of Vancouver. Please bring a vegan dish to share to serve 8, plus your unwanted clothing items, for this celebration of thanks and bounty. Tix are \$5 in advance at <http://animalvoicespotluck.eventbrite.com> or \$6 at the door. All profits go to animal-friendly charities.

COMMUNITY EVENT

FROM HIROSHIMA TO FUKUSHIMA: HEALTH, SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS OF THE NUCLEAR AGE. Dr Ronald McCoy will speak about the destruction of Hiroshima and the efforts of a world-wide group of doctors – International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) - to abolish nuclear weapons. He will also address the health, environmental and economic consequences of the nuclear accident in Fukushima. Tuesday, October 11, 7:30-9pm. Fairmont Social Lounge, St. Johns College, 2111 Lower Mall (corner of University Blvd. & Lower Mall)

