



The Quest

May 6, 2020

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

We aspire to be a loving, religious community where we can grow spiritually and build a more just and joyful world. —UUCSR Vision Statement



The UUCSR congregation is ACTIVE, even though the buildings and grounds are closed.

[See the Program and Event List Here](#)

MINISTRY TEAM ONLINE *May Theme: Threshold*

Prerecorded Worship Services become available every Sunday at 11:00 AM and thereafter on uucsr.org, Facebook, and YouTube. Visit uucsr.org/worship any time for gatherings of music, reflection, and prayer.

TOUCHSTONES *The Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore*

One recent morning, I opened my email, ready to begin another day of work from home with many Zoom calls and meetings and what I found was the poem below sent to the ministers by Leona Handelman.

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020, 11:00 AM *Mother's Day*



This recorded Mother's Day Worship Service is presented by the Rev. Jaye Brooks and other members of the UUCSR ministry team. It becomes available at 11:00 AM and thereafter on uucsr.org/ondemand, Facebook, and YouTube. The UUCSR choir will sing the Shaker song, "Simple Gifts," with a fresh new video of individual singers in a choral anthem.

The poem was written by Kitty O'Meara in 2020 but has been attributed to reflections on the Irish Famine and the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic. The poem is evocative of all that humanity might best do to thrive in the aftermath of communal despair. It is a beautiful and solemn reminder that humanity has, in fact, suffered through many great, and frightening, life-changing times. As we are trying to make our way through the COVID-19 pandemic, it can helpful to know that as individuals, and members of this community, we can reach out and be connected. We stay home now but we will make a way to be physically together again—maybe, probably, and rightly, not exactly as before—but together and whole.

Many are anxious and afraid—and that is an understandable way of being—but not all the time.

Remember that we may be strengthened by companionship (even online or through the phone lines), by a moment of laughter, a time of deep reflection, a joyful dance. In these ways, our spirits can be healed.

MINISTERS' PROGRAMS

- ◆ Mondays, 2:00 PM: Meditation and Poetry, prerecorded by Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore
- ◆ Tuesdays, 11:00 AM: Living Alone During Social Distancing, Zoom live with Rev. Jennifer Brower
- ◆ Wednesday Afternoon and Evening Conversations, 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM: Zoom live with Rev. Jaye Brooks
- ◆ Thursdays, 11:00 AM: Living Alone During Social Distancing, Zoom live with Rev. Jennifer Brower
- ◆ Fridays, 2:00 PM: Meditative Moments, prerecorded by Rev. Jennifer Brower

"And People Stayed Home"
by Kitty O'Meara, 2020

And people stayed home and read books and listened and rested and exercised and made art and played and learned new ways of being and stopped and listened deeper someone meditated someone prayed someone danced someone met their shadow and people began to think differently and people healed and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways, dangerous, meaningless and heartless, even the earth began to heal and when the danger ended and people found each other grieved for the dead people and they made new choices and dreamed of new visions and created new ways of life and healed the earth completely just as they were healed themselves.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Hartman, President of the Congregation



Where Are We Now And Where Are We Going—Part 2

To the more than 96 members who joined the Congregational Gathering on Sunday, May 3, my thanks and my apologies if this material seems somewhat familiar.

I read recently that Andy Beshear, the governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, begins his daily press conferences by saying “We will get through this.” He is right, but that is little comfort to many.

I’ve been asked a number of times since early March what are we going to change as a result of our experience with the current pandemic. I’ve been giving the matter some thought. I’m beginning to think that I don’t know what we want to change. However, I’m getting a better sense of what we need to talk about changing. The difference between those two concepts is huge. I’m glad that those discussions will begin under the umbrella provided to us by having engaged a developmental minister, one of whose tasks is to assist us to evaluate our governance. More on this in future columns.

Over the past two months, the Board of Trustees as well as many of our committees have continued to gather in Zoom sessions to discuss our present and our future. Our resilience and willingness to plan for a better future is heartening even as we recognize that there will be many changes and disruptions in the near term.

For example:

- ◆ The All-Congregation Retreat has been postponed to 2021.
- ◆ General Assembly in June is now a virtual assembly.
- ◆ Star Island’s Faith Development Week has been cancelled for this year. (Star Island is closed for the 2020 season.)
- ◆ Sophia Fahs Camp plans for this year are uncertain.

Closer to Shelter Rock, we normally hold our Annual Meeting in June. If we were to hold our Annual Meeting then, I expect that we will vote on the Veatch Grants that were discussed at Sunday’s Congregational Gathering, vote on Annual Budgets that have been recommended by the Board of Trustees, and elect Trustees and Officers to serve on the Board of Trustees, Governors to serve on the Veatch Board of Governors, and a new Nominating Committee.

Today, I still remain cautiously optimistic that we will be able to hold our Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 21, but the likelihood that the Annual Meeting will take place in June is diminishing. If the Annual Meeting can not take place in June, I will ask the Board of Trustees during one of its meetings in June to take emergency action as permitted under our Bylaws:

1. To approve the 9 Veatch Grants in excess of \$75,000; and
2. To approve the budgets, as previously recommended by the Finance Committee, on an interim basis until the Congregation is able to conduct its Annual Meeting.

In connection with the vacancies that will exist on the Board of Trustees and Veatch Board of Governors on July 1, 2020, the Officers and Ministers are developing a plan whereby many, if not all, of those vacancies may be filled until we are able to conduct our Annual Meeting.

One last item:

At the Congregational Gathering this past Sunday, Brian Muellers, our Treasurer, reported that the proposed Operations Budget for next year contains an allocation of \$118,000 for a COVID-19 Contingency Fund. That funding becomes available starting July 1, 2020. I do not think it prudent to wait until July 1 to provide financial assistance where appropriate. I also believe that the Congregation has provided the Board with the necessary power under our Bylaws to act, and I believe that these times and these exigent circumstances call us to more immediate action.

Consequently, at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 12, I will ask the Board to use the “Board discretionary fund” to establish a COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund of up to \$50,000 to provide financial assistance to deserving organizations, including UU Congregations, that are financially distressed as a consequence of the current pandemic. Under our Bylaws this money is available until the end of the current Fiscal Year or June 30, 2020. Although the full terms of this Response Fund will be determined by the Board, it is my hope that the Board will consider making grants of no more than \$10,000 each, with most grants for much smaller amounts. It is also my hope that the Board will consider asking the Congregation to identify possible recipients on an expedited basis so the Board can make its own judgment by the middle of June.

Until next time, stay tuned and be safe.

Mark

Comments, questions or concerns may be sent to president@uucsr.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian Muellers, Treasurer of the Congregation

Presented at the Congregational Gathering, May 3, 2020

Stewardship of our financial resources at a time of overall fiscal distress is an important means for enabling us to continue expressing our UU values within the congregation and the broader world. With that aim, I presented an update on our finances at the May 3 Congregational Gathering. Thank you to all those who participated.

Our investment portfolio has, not surprisingly, fluctuated significantly, over the past few months.

- The portfolio hit a peak value on February 5 of \$441 million.
- A trough was reached on March 22 of \$364 million or a 16 percent drop from peak.
- Our current value as of April 28 is \$404 million.
- For our 2019/2020 Congregational year, as of April 28, the portfolio Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is down only 0.75 percent.

The Board of Trustees and finance staff have taken a number of measures in response to this portfolio decrease with the goal to avoid turning paper losses into realized losses.

- The BOT voted to temporarily revise the lower limit for cash on hand in our bank accounts from \$5.4 million to \$2 million through September. With this change, we expect to only withdraw \$2 million from the portfolio for operating needs during this period and another \$1.25 million for our final Legacy payment to the UUA.
- Most of our cash needs will come from dividends with the balance coming from targeted investments that have grown from basis such as fixed income assets.
- The BOT approved access to a \$10 million line of credit in case the portfolio experiences further declines. There are no plans to use this yet.
- The Investment and Stewardship Committees are working with our Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) to model scenarios of future volatility.

This is the time of year when we consider and approve our budget for the next congregational year starting on July 1.

- Thank you to the Finance Committee and Rev. Jaye Brooks for efforts to develop a budget under these circumstances and incorporating mission, vision, and values into the process through fall roundtables and the March 8 Conversation Café.
- The Board is recommending a budget at the level of the spending limit that was approved by the Congregation in November 2019.
- The budget includes a \$118,000 COVID-19 contingency fund that will be distributed through a process that the Board will be developing.
- Budget documents are available in the Member Resource section at uucsr.org/myuucsr.
- We will be holding two budget hearings via Zoom on May 6 at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The same content will be discussed at both hearings, so you only need to attend one. Information on the hearings is available on the uucsr.org/calendar.

CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS UPCOMING MEETING AGENDAS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

7:00 PM I. Opening Words: Ministers / Mark Hartman

- Introduction of CY21 Board of Trustees Candidates

7:10 PM II. Secretary's Report-April 2020 Meeting Minutes: Jana North, Vice President

7:20 PM III. Treasurer's Report: Brian Muellers

- 3rd Quarter Financials
- Annual Royalty Report Recap
- Budget Hearings Recap
- CY21 Pledge Campaign

7:50 PM IV. Ministers' Report: Rev. Jaye Brooks, Rev. Jennifer Brower, Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore

- Congregational Morale / Needs in Response to COVID-19
- Special Board Meeting Recap

8:20 PM V. President's Report: Mark Hartman

- Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda
- Set CY21 Board / Congregational Meeting Schedule
- Use of CY20 Board Discretionary Fund for CY20 COVID-19 Relief
- Expressing Appreciation to First Responders

8:50 PM VI. COA Report: Adam Barshak

- Approve CY21 Royalties Power of Attorney

9:00 PM VII. Good of the Order: Mark Hartman, President

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

Thursday, May 14, 2020

7:00 PM I. Opening Words: Ministers / Mark Hartman

7:10 PM II. Member Resource Committee: Monica Schlichting, Chair

- CY21 Committee Chairs / Members

7:30 PM III. Stewardship Committee: Lauren Furst, Chair

- Addition to CAPEX Set Aside

7:50 PM IV. Personnel Committee: Ursula Salamone, Chair

- Vacation Policy Amendment in Response to COVID-19

8:05 PM V. Crises Grants Report: Mark Hartman, President

- Continued Discussion from April Board Meeting

8:30 PM VI. Task Force Updates: Iliza Bartels, Jana North, Bob Nuxoll, and Rebecca Smith

- Minister Review Process
- Alcohol Policy
- Working Group

9:00 PM VII. Good of the Order: Mark Hartman, President

Some of you may be asking, “What can we do to help others during this crisis?”

Well, Jim Smith will be sitting in the Hadley House parking lot (464 Main St, Port Washington) for the next few Mondays from 1:00-4:00 PM collecting checks and non-perishable food for Littig House Community Center in Port Washington. The Center runs after-school programs for kids and adults, and also has a food pantry. Anyone wishing to mail a check to Littig House can send it c/o Lynette Batts, 72 Harbor Homes, Port Washington, NY 11050. Contact the Center via www.littighouse.org or 516.767.2010.

On April 20, Jim collected a carload of food, \$410 in cash, checks, and gift cards, plus another \$650 from others who donated through the Littig House website. On April 27, he collected another \$240 in cash and checks, and five bags of groceries.

Jim got the idea from folks at Stony Brook’s UU Congregation, who collected bags of donated groceries from congregants for a food pantry.

Five of the 11 Long Island Area Council of UU Congregations (LIAC) are struggling to stay alive in Flushing, Jamesport, Sayville, Southold, and Bay Shore. Most rely on rent to balance their budgets. To contribute to LIAC’s pastoral care fund to help them remain solvent, send checks to LIAC President Rev. Linda Anderson, 42 Marwood Pl, Stony Brook, NY 11790.

All of the congregations are active online and are offering support to members and outside groups. Stony Brook’s “Share The Plate” recipient for April was: [Long Island Jobs with Justice Solidarity Fund](#) to provide assistance to undocumented immigrants and families. Stony Brook members have delivered pizzas to the Emergency Department, and two COVID-19 floors, at Stony Brook University Hospital.

Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson of the Bridgehampton congregation helps stock its food pantry and works with the [Long Island Progressive Coalition](#) on issues pertaining to underserved people. She recommends support for [Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism](#) on its Babies and Bailouts campaign to free mothers unable to make bail while awaiting trials, and the [Releasing Aging People in Prison \(RAPP\) group](#). She also urges UUs to petition Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to release immigrant detainees because COVID-19 is spreading rapidly among guards and prisoners.

Garden City has monthly share-the-plate donations and has sent donated funds to the [Interfaith Nutrition Network](#). Freeport offers free food from a pantry on its lawn and has donated its parking lot as a food distribution center for [Island Harvest](#) and the [National Day Laborer Organizing Network](#), a Pasadena, CA-based group working to improve lives of low-wage workers.

Huntington invites members to donate to charities of the month, and participates with the [Health and Welfare Council of Long](#)

[Island](#), a Huntington Station-based umbrella organization for health and human service providers. Its latest share-the-plate group is [Community Solidarity](#), a Lloyd-Harbor hunger relief group that provides vegetarian and organic food to the needy.

Shelter Rock has dedicated its plate on several Sundays to the [LI Council of Churches Food Pantry](#). While many other pantries have had to close so as not to put their volunteers at risk, the LICC Pantry is staffed by paid employees. By taking extra precautions, they have been able to continue this service. The Social Justice Committee has also supported several other organizations mentioned in this article.

Jim Smith for DAC Committee

News from your Unitarian Universalist envoys to the United Nations

Our organization has a new name! To provide more clarity as far as who we are, what we do, and to bring us more into line with UN guidance, the UU-UNO will now be known as “UU@UN.”

Your UU envoys attended the recent three-day Intergenerational Seminar, “All in for Climate Justice: People, Power, Planet.” Though participants were not able to be together in person, the 2020 Seminar was held virtually by Zoom. Not only did this save on our carbon footprint, it afforded a chance to connect in a new way thanks to the wonders of technology! One of the main ideas that resonated throughout the seminar was an urgent call to heed the wisdom and experiences of indigenous communities who are on the front line to combat climate crisis. [View the Theme Panel and Keynote Conversations on the UU@UN YouTube page](#) and a recap of Seminar highlights on the UU Ministry for Earth’s blog. The events of the seminar led into the week of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. The current moment highlights the urgency of international collaboration to address the problems that affect us all. We must be all in for climate justice.

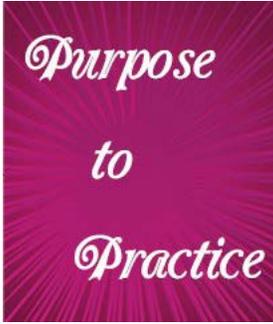
You may have seen the news that the US Supreme Court voted to maintain the integrity of the Clean Water Act. This is good news, but it also removed a loophole the Trump administration was trying to exploit to allow polluting industries free reign. The United Nations 14th Sustainable Goal focuses on this issue: “By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution.”

The United Nations has launched a new initiative, UN75, recognizing the 75-year milestone of its existence. Its goal is to decide the future direction of the organization. Initial results reveal overwhelming support for international cooperation. This is ever-more essential in this atmosphere of increasing nationalism and political polarization. Your envoys will keep abreast of this and will be reporting further in future editions of the *Quest*.

Janet Bendowitz for DAC Committee

DEVELOPMENTAL MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Rev. Jaye Brooks



More Causes of Life

When we first began the practice of physical distancing here on Long Island, it seemed like the right thing to do.

The virus was something that could be passed on by people who were unaware that they were infected. Leaders at Shelter Rock wanted our members

and friends to be safe, to be well. It made sense. Yet it was clear that we would need to keep connected. None of us doubted the importance of the social and religious connections among us, especially during this strange time.

These two impulses—the commitment to keep others safe and the conviction that we would need each other more than ever—are examples of what my friend Gary Gunderson calls “generativity” and “coherence,” two of the leading causes of life. (I described two of the other causes, “connection” and “agency,” in my last column.)

Generativity is the awareness of our relationship to those who came before us and those who will come after us. This awareness inspires gratitude for the lives of the earlier generations and a desire to shape our lives and our times to benefit those who come after. Here we are, in the middle of this pandemic, thinking with gratitude of the forbears who shaped Shelter Rock of the present day and planning with purpose to maintain the connections and values that are the heart of this religious community.

This generativity gives our lives a focus and purpose beyond our own individual concerns. It’s planting a tree without regard to whether we will ever feel its shade. It’s the work of our Community Captains, binding us with connection as a structure and practice of our life as a congregation. It’s the outpouring of attention our members offered at the May 3 online Congregational Gathering, as members showed up and paid attention to the description of proposed Veach grants that will help to improve American society for generations to come.

Coherence is a cause of life that may be the most elusive during this time. It’s the gut-level feeling that life makes sense. Now? During this global pandemic? Didn’t the existentialists challenge that whole notion? The answer is that life makes sense if we bring meaning to the times in which we live. So, yes, now, when we see our compassion and generosity of spirit emerging as we help others. Now is when we pause to notice the many good things in our lives and consider the difference we intend to make in the lives of others.

Many of our members have told me that humanity must emerge from this pandemic with a greater awareness of our interconnectedness with nature—not only to care for our planet but also to disrupt the conditions that make it easy for a virus to

pass from bats to humans. Our members speak of the essential workers who risk their lives (often for minimum wage) and say that these workers must be treated better and must not fall back into invisibility. The word “must” signals not inevitability but conviction: the expression of a commitment to make meaning from the circumstances of our time. To use the learning of this moment to make a better world.

Generativity and Coherence. Two causes of life. Awareness of our place in generations before and after; new learning that opens up a commitment to make life meaningful. As we become more aware and more committed, our shared developmental ministry emerges. We bring life.

UUCSR/NSUUS TRIVIA GAME, PT. 3

Answers on page 12 of this Quest

By Richard Bock with Nancy Berliner and Frank Teltsch

1. Where is Shelter Rock’s shower room? What was its purpose?
2. Why did we move our Annual Homecoming Picnic to a park in Port Washington?
3. We lost two very special trees to storms! Where were they located?
4. We needed more RE space at Plandome. How did we solve the problem?
5. What was unusual about Plandome’s Blue Room?
6. Name the ministers ordained by our congregation.
7. When we bought the Shelter Rock property, there was a swimming pool and a tennis court! Where are they located?
8. In our current Veatch House what was the original name of the Oval Room?
9. At Plandome, I was on the outside; now that I am at Shelter Rock, I am on the inside! Please identify me.
10. We brought many things with us when we moved from Plandome to Shelter Rock. What did we bring that was never inside the building?
11. Who was the first minister of our congregation?
12. What was “MIDWIG?” Why was it a part of our history?
13. How many rooms in the Veatch House have a fireplace?
14. What was our SR property before we purchased it?

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST VEATCH PROGRAM AT SHELTER ROCK

Joan Minieri, Executive Director



Veatch in New York

The Veatch Program supports over 180 organizations all across the country, yet we take special pride in our grantees in New York. Every year, over \$1 million in Veatch funding goes directly to organizations that serve our state and our neighbors right here on Long Island. In fighting for social justice, these organizations

are training thousands of New Yorkers to be leaders in their communities. Many also offer legal services, know-your-rights trainings, self-help, workforce development and other services. These are truly life-sustaining during this time.

[Long Island Jobs with Justice](#) is one such organization. Beginning in 2017, in response to anti-immigrant policies, they helped organize community-based Rapid Response Networks. Over 300 volunteers now support immigrants in Port Washington, Huntington Station, Babylon Town, North Brookhaven, the North Fork, and Hampton Bays. They have raised and distributed thousands of dollars for food, assisted immigrants in applying for food and shelter programs and are accompanying people to federal and local Long Island immigration courts.

The [Long Island Unitarian Universalist Fund](#) engages UU's from other Long Island congregations to regrant funds to dozens of local social justice and self-help programs. These programs support Long Island's women, racial justice educators, youth, and low-wage workers. Our grant also helps support the administration of the Long Island Community Foundation — which has raised nearly \$1.5 million in a special COVID-19 Response Fund for struggling nonprofits.

[Community Voices Heard](#) is a statewide powerhouse, with a track record of policy wins on affordable housing, environmental justice, and worker rights. In response to COVID-19, they are keeping up the pressure on elected officials as they partnered with Chef Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen to have over 500 meals delivered to public housing residents in East Harlem. They also worked with locally owned restaurants to deliver 350 meals to people in Yonkers.

[Housing Justice for All Campaign](#): This coalition of over 70 organizing groups in New York includes many of our grantees, including: Community Voices Heard, Make the Road New York, Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, and PUSH Buffalo. Through digital organizing, phone banking, and creative car-caravan protests, they are galvanizing one-million renters statewide to help push New York lawmakers for relief for rent and mortgage payments as families reel from job loss and illness.

This is just a sample. As these grantees offer relief to New Yorkers, they are organizing in new and creative ways. With our support, they are working together, to forge the road to recovery and to rebuilding the better world we so desperately need—and that is possible.

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock provides support for efforts within the religious and spiritual mission of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock where their purposes are best served by outside agencies acting under the Veatch Program and the Congregation.

DONATE TO UUCSR'S COLLECTION BASKET

Your Ministry Team has been reflecting on how Shelter Rock, as a loving religious community, offers support for those who are most affected during this time of coronavirus. Our chaplains, our Community Captains, our Caring Committee, and many youth and young adults in our Religious Education community are deeply engaged in offering support and care to members of the Shelter Rock family.

But what about those in the wider world who need support and care?

The offerings each week benefit the Long Island Council of Churches Food Pantry on the South Shore. It's one of the few remaining food pantries on Long Island. This is a time of great need for families whose breadwinners have lost their jobs. Many Long Island soup kitchens and food pantries have closed. The

Long Island Council of Churches Food pantry is still open, but they are rapidly running out of supplies and could use our help.

Three Ways to Donate

1. Go to the website: uucsr.org
2. Send a text to: (516) 210-2528
3. On PayPal give to: donate@uucsr.org

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Abigail Highland



Checking in, Reaching Out

As we all continue to navigate these challenging times, I know that we are each riding the waves of our experiences. Whether our daily routine consists of making a cup of tea, taking a walk with the dog, wrangling kids, jumping into countless Zoom calls, listening to our favorite album, staring at the wall, feeling our pain, or cursing the situation we've

found ourselves in, we must continue to remind ourselves that we are not singular and alone.

Though we all experience different life rhythms, we are also all in this together. I want to invite in the simple and sweet practice of checking in and reaching out. Checking in and reaching out could be a moment that you take to check in on your own experience to feel how you are right now, and then reaching out to a loved one to let them know that you are thinking of them. Or, checking in could look like following up with your loved ones, while reaching out means that you ask others for help if you're facing a tough time.

The ups and downs of our lives are inevitable right now, and we can stay connected with these simple tools. By checking in and reaching out, we build the support systems in our communities. May we all kindle warmth in our hearts for ourselves and for our human family.

Many Beliefs...
One Faith

We need not think alike
to love alike

Our faith celebrates the beauty of diversity,
and the goodness of all creation—all life

Online resources and spiritual care at uucsr.org via
Meditation • Poetry • Readings
Conversation • Reflection

MILESTONES

We share the sad news... of the death of long-time UUCSR member Nancy Berliner. Nancy died on May 3, 2020. She was 85 years of age. Nancy is survived by her daughters Nancy Cordes (Don) and Beth McKinnon (Danno), and her grandchildren Natalie and Eric Cordes. A memorial service will be held at UUCSR in the future when we are able to gather together. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Nancy Cordes and Family
18550 Seashell Blvd
Lewes, DE 19958

We mourn with... UUCSR member Corinne Hayden, her husband Klaus Masuch, and their daughters Kate and Emily, as they grieve the death of Corinne's uncle, John Lanning, Jr. John died on April 18, 2020. He was 87 years young. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Corinne Hayden and Family
854 Hill Top Rd
Oyster Bay, NY 11771

We mourn with... UUCSR member Marcelo da Silva as he grieves the death of his mother, Maria Inez Vieira da Silva. Maria died of congestive heart failure on April 23, 2020. She was 84 years of age. Maria is also survived by her husband, Salvador da Silva, and her daughter, Simone da Silva. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Marcelo and his family at:

Marcelo da Silva
1951 Longfellow Ave
East Meadow, NY 11554-5127

We mourn with... UUCSR member Catherine Torrillo and her husband Thomas as they grieve the death of Catherine's sister, Beatrice Hayes. Beatrice died in late April, 2020. She was 76 years of age. A private family burial will be held. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Catherine and Thomas Torrillo
5 Deerfield Rd
Port Washington, NY 11050-4406

We celebrate with... UUCSR Member Karin Krieg Belfiore and her husband Dennis as they celebrate the engagement of their son Chris Belfiore to Grace Abigail Coker. The couple became engaged on Valentine's Day, 2020. Chris attended the entire Religious Education program at Shelter Rock.

We rejoice with... Carla and Paul Drezner as they welcome their third granddaughter, Cadence Brynn, who arrived on May 4, 2020. She joins her parents Nicole and Ramin Pirouz, and big sisters Sahar and Sage.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Claire Deroche, Social Justice Coordinator

#FreeBlackMamas



In 2017, Mary Hooks, Co-director of Southerners on New Ground (SONG), a Veatch Grantee, had an idea. She was at a strategy meeting with members of 25 other black-led organizations where they were discussing the unequal effect of cash bail and jail-related fines and fees on members of the LGBTQ community.

Mary shared with the group a strategy that SONG had been considering: a fund that could be used to pay the bail of black caregivers who, for want of a few hundred dollars, waited in jail until their cases, usually for charges on minor crimes, could go to trial. Thus, was born National Mamas Bail Out Day.

In developing their strategy, these organizers were guided by a history rooted in slavery. Enslaved people constantly designed ingenious ways to flee their bondage. According to [Hooks](#), “From putting ourselves in cardboard boxes and mailing ourselves to freedom, to using the Underground Railroad,” enslaved people didn’t wait for the Emancipation Proclamation to act on their behalf. Often, they bought their own and each other’s freedom.

A deeper study of slavery’s history led the organizers to draw the connection between the Black Codes and today’s pretrial procedures. After the Civil War, legislators enacted laws to restrict the freedom of formerly enslaved peoples, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation by the state. Today’s pretrial procedures have their roots in these [codes](#).

According to [NationalBailout.org](#), “The money bail system fuels mass incarceration and disproportionately impacts Black and low-income communities. Black folks are often accused and jailed based on discriminatory and racially-biased policies and monitoring.” To date, the program has bailed out over 450 people and helped provide supportive services and other support to keep them out.

Many of the bailouts take place around Mother’s Day, returning caregivers to their families for this special occasion. This year, with the COVID-19 pandemic raging through our penal institutions, efforts to free caregivers from pretrial detention have taken on a special urgency.

You can support these efforts by making a donation to [NationalBailout.org](#). During the [#covid19](#) outbreak, no one should be condemned to preventable illness or possible death in the harsh, unsanitary confines of a jail cell.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For further information about any of these announcements, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at cderoche@uucsr.org or 516.472.2977.

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

How We Thrive!: a LIVE virtual event, 7:00–9:00 PM. What does it mean to practice our Principles during a pandemic? What are we doing to guarantee free and fair elections in states targeted by voter suppression?

How is UU the Vote rising to the challenges of COVID-19, while creating a movement towards UU values in the 2020 elections? Join us LIVE for a special update from UU the Vote. This event will feature musicians from across the country, a message from UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, and opportunities for you to get involved and make meaningful impacts in 2020! [Register here to receive your link to the event.](#)

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Social Justice Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98947901727>
Or call +16465588656, 98947901727#

Outreach to Those in Need

Helping Women in Prison: #FreeBlackMamas is an annual campaign by National Bail Out seeking to raise awareness about the human and financial costs of money bail and emphasize its impact on Black mothers and caregivers. Every year since 2017, we’ve coordinated tactical bail outs nationwide—called [#BlackMamasBailOuts](#)—to free Black mamas and caregivers so they can spend Mother’s Day with their families where they belong. You can free a mother to be with her family for Mother’s Day by contributing at [#FreeBlackMamas](#).

UU the Vote

Governor Cuomo moved the date for the primary election to June 23. The Governor said that all New Yorkers will be mailed the application to request an absentee ballot. If you want to avoid lines and protect your health, complete the application, and mail it to your local Board of Elections.

The Social Justice Committee will be collaborating with the League of Women Voters and the LI Civic Engagement Table to encourage full voter participation.



LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carson Jones, Lifespan Religious Education (RE) Coordinator



Children's Worship...it's not just for children anymore!

Indeed, it never really was exclusively. The philosophy behind Children's Worship is to hold spiritual space that speaks directly to children and youth and encourages agency over their faith formation journeys. Story, song, sharing, and ritual are the building blocks of

Worship with the intended impact for the experience to provide tools for the gathered to take away and use in their everyday lives. The themes are designed to be universal and relevant to all ages.

When we include a Story for All Ages in our monthly multigenerational Worship Service, it is meant to be just that—for all ages. Judging by the enthusiastic reception of these stories by both children and adults, it is clear that they are being received in the intended spirit, and we thank you for that.

The same is true for Children's Worship. When we're conducting in-person services at the congregation, the younger grades cycle through Children's Worship the other three weeks of the month in these age groups: Butterflies (Pre-K) and Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6. The same story is told with each group, so by the end of the month, they have all received the same lesson only with increasingly advanced, age-appropriate discussions. But there are never only children in the room. Besides myself and George Weisman, our RE Music Specialist, the classes' RE teachers are present, and parents always have an open invitation to join us. Regardless of any qualifying terms or where it may be held, Worship needs to address all of the gathered.

In recent weeks, since our necessary transition to online services, the generational composition of the gathered at Children's Worship has expanded to such an extent that rebranding may be in order. After one Sunday, when we had more adults than kids in attendance, it became apparent that these services are meaningful to a wide age-range, and again, we thank you for that.

This has inspired me to think a bit differently when choosing topics. While we have never shied away from challenging material in Children's Worship, examining such subjects as productive ways to express anger, bullying, the right to education being life or death in certain cultures, transgender visibility, and climate justice, this emergence of older participants opens up a whole new arena of experience to draw from. Our discussion of the 2003 blackout a couple of weeks ago was made all the richer by your sharing of first-hand accounts of how people deal with communal crisis. I'm very much looking forward to your contributions to explorations of the origins and true spirit of Mother's Day, and seeing the special items you're collecting for a yet-to-be revealed purpose in our Worship over Memorial Day weekend. Your engagement with our children and youth is such a bright spot in this bleak time, and for this, and so much more, I thank you.

ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

WinterFlower Robinson, Chair

Soulful Songs & Stories

Until we can meet again, every Friday we're emailing (and posting to www.j.mp/uucsr-sss) a PDF of songs and stories for you to consider. If you're not on the mailing list, register with Jessica Pond, jpond@uucsr.org.

For May 8, the subject will be knowing when to listen, speak, and be silent.

May 15 will be about kindness and justice.

For more information, [see the flyer](#).



STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND (SAF)

Karen O'Beirne, SAF Program Director

The Long Island Area Council of Unitarian Universalists Congregation (LIAC), sponsors a program that pays eligible students to intern at qualified non-profits. Since 1973, over 800 Long Island UU youth have participated in the SAF Student Internship program, a grant-program funded by the Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock.



The first step for SAF participation is to fill out this school year's application. Eligible students must submit the online application by May 15, 2020. Eligible students must be entering their senior high school year or be registering for continuing education in the Fall of 2020.

Eligibility, application form, and program information are on LIAC's website LIACUU.org, on the [SAF Student Internship page](#).

Being accepted to the program does NOT obligate the student to start an internship at any particular time. Dates and times of internships are flexible, depending on the student's schedule. Once a student is accepted into the program, internships can happen anytime up to April 30, 2021. Accepted students MUST attend a Zoom Orientation Meeting on May 16, 2020.

We are proud to offer the opportunity for our UU youth to grow and learn, while making a difference in our world while earning money for their continuing education.

Please contact SAF Program director Karyn O'Beirne, by email or phone with any questions (SAFdirector@liacuu.org, 631.748.5013).

CARING COMMITTEE
Diane Lombardy, Chair



Special Resources During Social Distancing

The UUCSR Caring Committee has compiled a list of resources in response to COVID-19 to help get you through this trying and unprecedented time.

Visit uucsr.org/help

Visit uucsr.org/help for important local resources available to the community as well as virtual events and conversations at Shelter Rock where joys and concerns can be shared. Know that you are not alone, we are here for you.

► Community Resources:

Web links and hotlines to local resources from NYS to county level

► Shelter Rock Connections:

Live Conversations and Weekly Recorded Video Messages

► Mental Health & Recovery Resources

► Shopping & Prepared Food Resources

Your UUCSR faith community is here to listen. If you have a pastoral need, please email ministryteam@uucsr.org.

**MENTAL HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE
OF SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
AND UUCSR WOMEN'S GROUP**



Co-sponsored by the
UUCSR Mental Health Sub-Committee
and UUCSR Women's Group

Coping During the Pandemic



Monday, May 18, 2020

11:30 AM - Zoom Event

Speaker: RICHARD CARLTON, MD

The Pandemic is making people anxious, sleepless, scared, depressed, and angry. If you're feeling anxious or depressed, that's understandable—and you are not alone. Learn some tips for coping.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/99737501685>

Dial by your location:

+1 646 558 8656

(Meeting ID: 997 3750 1685)

Psychiatrist and author Dr. Richard Carlton, M.D., an innovator in the field of Integrative Psychiatry, will discuss the importance of diet, nutrient supplements and mindfulness meditation and the effect that they have on our BRAIN, our MOOD, and our BEHAVIOR.

“A Women’s Virus”

One might wonder why *Ms.* magazine would use such a term to associate an entire gender with the terrible virus that has sickened and killed so many. It has shown no preference for women. It doesn't belong to just women. It's about the overwhelming burdens they bear at this time.

Although the virus is more deadly for men, *Ms.* magazine and the *New York Times* report on the impact on women. More than 70 percent of healthcare workers in the US are women. Forty-one percent of mothers are primary breadwinners while two-thirds of them are minimum wage earners. They provide the majority of care for children and seniors, bathing, feeding, and medicating some of the most vulnerable. The *New York Times* reports that non-white women are more likely to be doing these jobs:

The work they do has often been underpaid and undervalued—an unseen labor force that keeps the country running and takes care of those most in need, whether or not there is a pandemic.

Mostly, our essential workers cannot work from home, encountering 22 contacts or more per day while we social distance. While providing essential services in the work place, at great personal risk, they now have to deal with even less affordable, accessible childcare and possibly exposing their loved ones at home. At this time of great need and great suffering and sacrifice, some employers are using this crisis to justify downsizing and pay rollbacks whether warranted or not. As if this is not enough, one in three women face domestic violence. Many lack health insurance, disability, and unemployment insurance. In spite of all this, one worker said, “I’m not going to walk away when people need me.”

Saying, “thank you” is great. One can surely agree that this is not nearly enough. Considering all the above, few may argue that this is a women’s virus. Most would now agree that this COVID-19 virus is aptly named. Maybe now we can work on elevating their work, providing hazard pay as well as livable wages, healthcare, and childcare.

Ms. magazine reports that women need to know their rights. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was enacted by Congress on March 18. Among many other things, it requires employers to provide their employees with paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. It creates new and existing protections for employees affected by the virus. Many benefits are provided in this act.

This is a step in the right direction. Although many of us may not have the need, we may know or employ some of these workers. Let's let them know about FFCRA. Let's support efforts to assist these workers—especially now while the virus still attacks so many and later when it's more substantially on the wane. This “Women’s Virus” calls us to not just say “thank you” but to help lift their enormous burdens now and in the future.

This article reflects our stewardship of the earth and our commitment to the Seventh Principle.

Domestic Animals and Wildlife Harmed

Poaching, the stealing of animal or plant life, has become a profitable business. From rare birds to plants to jungle animals and reptiles, etc., these innocent victims are being destroyed at alarming rates. The detection of poachers in the wild is more difficult than domestic abusers of animals. Prevention is aided by new laws and punishment.



Every year new laws against puppy mills and against maltreatment of our pets are being implemented. But the horse show industry is another matter. There has only been self-policing of abuse. Therefore, the rampant “soring of horses,” inducing pain to their legs and hooves by corrosive chemicals, to get them to high step in competitions, is now banned. The Pass Act (S.1007) forbids this and permits only USDA licensed inspectors to look at performance horses. The ASPCA remains the rescuer of animals from neglect and cruelty. This includes horses from ranches or homes. It also is seeking new labels for pet animal food, so plant-based ones are easily marketed. Consumers must carefully check labels for ingredients.

Bison (buffalo) was the staple of Native Americans. These animals were almost eradicated in the 19th and 20th centuries for sport. This virtually destroyed Native American history, culture, spiritual connection, their supply of food, clothing shelter, and tools. Famine resulted. Fortunately, the National Wildlife Federation has partnered a buffalo trade network. In 2016, ten buffalo were given to the Shoshone tribe. The herd increased to thirty-three. A transfer of buffalo was given to other tribes to start or bolster herds. Their cultural and spiritual ties to the past and a buffalo reservation school curriculum resulted.

Currently, the poaching of the saguaro cactus, a linchpin plant, is altering an entire eco-system. Thousands have become collectibles, decorations, or medicines. Park rangers cannot cover the acreage to stop poachers. It takes decades to grow and flower. Over 100 animal species depend on it for life: rabbits, deer, bighorn sheep for moisture; bird nesting for protection, and rearing by young bats feeding on nectar. Their ripe fruit supplies other desert animals. Although it is a federal offense to remove one saguaro, poachers and consumers do not care that a whole eco-system is being destroyed.

We must create stronger laws against animal and plant abuse, heftier fines, and jail time. We must act in conjunction with others who want to prevent this harm.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS (DAC)

Robin Finnan-Jones, Chair



Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly 2020—

NOW OPEN TO ALL!

On April 13, 2020, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Board of Trustees passed a resolution to make the 2020 General Assembly (GA) a 100 percent virtual event. This decision alleviates the anxiety and concern shared by many about how GA might proceed given the impact of COVID-19. It also gives the Association time to plan a more robust and rewarding virtual experience.

A Special Opportunity

Virtual GA will allow anyone with a computer and an interest, and the \$150 registration fee, to participate in GA this June—a very positive gift from a not-so-positive situation that cannot allow GA to be an in-person event this year.

For those who cannot participate in the entire virtual GA (such as teachers who will still be involved with online teaching during June 24-28), there will be selected free events that may be viewed at the individual's convenience. Once we know what those events are, we will announce them.

Anyone interested in participating in Virtual GA, REGISTER NOW at <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/registrants>.

Richard Bock for the Denominational Affairs Committee

UUCSR/NSUUS TRIVIA ANSWERS

See page 5 for Trivia Questions

1. It is located on the lower floor in the Veatch House; it is an expansive bathroom with showers. It was used by the menfolk of Payson's guests coming back from riding the hounds during the hunting season. (No longer in use!)
2. During the construction phase of our new Shelter Rock building, the event was relocated to the Manorhaven Park area of Port Washington; it was felt that it was safer because of the excavation going on at Shelter Rock property.
3. One was in the Courtyard at Plandome; the other was outside our SR Worship Room and viewed for many years from the windows on the Minister's side of the Chancel.
4. Our congregation bought the house at 11 The Terrace, Plandome, and converted it into classrooms for our growing RE program. The building was eventually demolished to make room for additional parking space for our growing congregation.
5. It had a sunken floor that was finally filled in after it was determined that it posed a safety hazard.
6. The Reverend Christine Wetzel was ordained as our first Minister for Religious Education. The Reverend Earl Holt III was our first pulpit minister to be ordained.
7. They are no more! They were located in the area of the Veatch House parking lot and were removed during our construction and reconfiguring of the Veatch House entrance.
8. It was originally called the Hunt Room as the murals on the walls depict a hunting scene.
9. A sculpture, "Child on a Swing," hung in the Plandome Courtyard. It is now mounted on the wall in the Chapel Lobby.
10. The beautiful Japanese Maple Tree that graces the circle outside our main entrance was carefully moved from Plandome to Shelter Rock.
11. The Reverend Andrew Mahy (1944-1945) was our congregation's first ordained minister.
12. Too many committee meetings! As an alternative to a busy calendar, all meetings were suspended during January for several years and Mid-Winter Inter-Generational activities were created. Hence MIDWIG! Committee meetings were canceled for an entire month!
13. ALL of them!
14. It was a residence of Joan Whitney Payson.

ONLINE/VIRTUAL EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Please see [UUCSR.org/events](https://uucsr.org/events) for additional details on all programs, INCLUDING DIRECT LINKS TO ACCESS.
See [LIACUU.org](https://liacuu.org) for other area congregations.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

Publicity and Promotions Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
Budget Hearing, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations with Rev. Brooks, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Zoom Tutorial and Q&A for UUCSR Members and Friends, 1:00 PM
Member Resource Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
Choir Gathering, 7:00 PM
RE Community Check-In, 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Women's Group Board Zoom Follow-Up Meeting, 12:30 PM
Community Captain Check-In—Group 1, 1:00 PM
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
LGBTQ+ Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

Community Captain Check-In—Group 2, 10:00 AM
First Sunday SGM Meeting, 1:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

Small Group Ministry Second Sunday AM Via Zoom, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship: Simple Gifts, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Children's Worship, 1:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes, 9:30 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Food Donations for Littig House—Drop off Hadley House, 1:00 PM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Community Captain Check-In—Group 3, 3:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

Veatch Staff Meeting (Via Zoom), 9:30 AM
Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
President's Operations Task Force Meeting, 2:30 PM
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 PM
How We Thrive!: a LIVE virtual event from the UUA, 7:00 PM
RE Community Check-In, 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020

Wednesday Afternoon Conversations with Rev. Brooks, 2:00 PM
Social Justice Zoom Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Second Wednesday SGM, 7:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations with Rev. Brooks, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00 PM
Choir Gathering, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
WG Book Series Zoom Session, 3:30 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

Caring Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Men's Group Zoom Meeting, 12:30 PM

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes, 9:30 AM
Coping During the Pandemic with Dr. Richard Carlton, 11:30 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Food Donations for Littig House—Drop off Hadley House, 1:00 PM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

Veatch Staff Meeting (Via Zoom), 9:30 AM
Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
President's Operations Task Force Meeting, 2:30 PM
Adult Programs Committee Meeting, 5:00 PM
Program Council Meeting—Via Zoom, 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

Women Talk Daytime Zoom Meeting, 12:30 PM
Wednesday Afternoon Conversations with Rev. Brooks, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Green Sanctuary Committee Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations with Rev. Brooks, 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
Choir Gathering, 7:00 PM
RE Community Check-In, 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Women's Group Board Zoom Luncheon Meeting, 12:30 PM
Meditative Moment, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour, 12:00 PM
Children's Worship, 1:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020

Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes, 9:30 AM
Great Books Poetry UUCSR, 12:00 PM
Meditation and Poetry, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020

Veatch Staff Meeting (Via Zoom), 9:30 AM
Living Alone During Social Distancing, 11:00 AM
President's Operations Task Force Meeting, 2:30 PM
Small Group Ministry Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM
Committee on Ministry—Zoom meeting, 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

Wednesday Afternoon Conversations with Rev. Brooks, 2:00 PM
Bedtime Story, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Conversations with Rev. Brooks, 8:00 PM

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Next Quest: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 | Submission Deadline: Thursday, May 14, 2020

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Carson Jones, Lifespan Religious Education (RE) Coordinator

Children's Worship for All Ages

Sunday, May 10, 2020, 1:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/441297739>

Did you know that Mother's Day was originally inspired by the work of women activists striving towards peace, equity and social justice? The holiday we know today is a lovely commemoration of maternal bonds, but how can we make it more inclusive of all children's caregivers? We invite all children, youth, and adults into our next online Children's Worship where we will hear *Stella Brings the Family*, a story of a girl with two dads who feels left out when her teacher asks the class to bring their moms to school for a Mother's Day party. All are welcome at our Caregiver's Celebration where George Weisman will lead us in two stirring songs to mark the occasion.

Upcoming in Children's Worship...

For the past several weeks, we have invited everyone to collect special items in their home and tuck them away together for a purpose to be revealed at Children's Worship over Memorial Day weekend. So far, we have asked you to find:

- a representation of family that someone intentionally passed along to you
- something from your childhood that represents the person you are today
- something from nature that you find beautiful and holds significance for you
- something that you made, or that was made for you, that reminds you of happy memories

Bedtime Stories: All are welcome • Live on Zoom at 7:00 PM—<https://zoom.us/j/5102580374>

Wednesday, May 6: *A Baby Sister for Frances*, written by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban

Friday, May 8: *Blueberry Girl*, written by Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Charles Vess & *Counting Kisses* by Karen Katz

Monday, May 11: *Little Bear: Birthday Soup*, written by Else Holmelund Minarik, illustrated by Maurice Sendak

Wednesday, May 13: *Max & Ruby: Ruby's Restaurant* by Rosemary Wells