



# The Quest

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*



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

October 21, 2020

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020, 11:00 AM**  
*UN Worship Service*

**People, Power, Planet**, with Janet Bendowitz, Clara LaCorte, Rev. Jaye Brooks, and special guest Bruce Knotts of the Unitarian Universalist Association at the UN (UU@UN). In recognition of United Nations Day, celebrated around the world on Saturday, October 24, this Worship Service lifts up the work of the United Nations and its efforts to protect Earth and its inhabitants from climate change. \*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020, 11:00 AM**  
*Rev. Jennifer L. Brower*

**Special Service of Remembrance**, led jointly by UUCSR and the UU Congregation of Central Nassau in Garden City (UUCCN). Members of both congregations are invited to submit one photo of each deceased loved one to “lift up” in the Service. Normally, we would build an “ofrenda” or shrine for displaying flowers and photos and food. This year, we will have a slideshow instead.

Please submit images to Liaison for Ministerial Programs Lea Titza ([ltitza@uucsr.org](mailto:ltitza@uucsr.org)) by October 21, 2020. People in the photos will not be identified by name. A slideshow of photographs will be accompanied by a prayer/meditation.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020, 11:00 AM**  
*Rev. Jaye Brooks*

**The Quantum Mirror** The television series *Stargate SG-1* popularized a device called the Quantum Mirror. Anyone who passes through it ends up in a parallel universe, one that’s similar to, but not the same as, our own. Every election day acts as a Quantum Mirror. The entire nation passes through it and comes out into a different universe. What next?

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020, 8:00 PM**  
*The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower*

**Soulful Sundown** Features spoken word and music by the Cosmic Orchestra: “Where music lies at the heart of the religious experience.” \* (See details on page 2.)

\* UUCSR Worship Services are live streamed on [uucsr.org/worship](http://uucsr.org/worship), on Facebook, and YouTube. They are available thereafter on the same platforms and as podcasts. Visit [www.uucsr.org/podcast](http://www.uucsr.org/podcast). Also on NSTV and via phone at 516.289.0020.

## TOUCHSTONES

*The Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore*



This is a time for reflection... and it is hard to make the time or to have the energy to reflect. There is weariness, anxiety, uncertainty. It is not easy to think, to have insights, to be open to revelation. And yet, it is not impossible. Sometimes it is in the midst of adversity that clarity comes. Sometimes the difficult journey gets you to a needed place.

In the words of the author, Willa Cather, “There are things you learn best in calm, and some in storm.”

In times of storm, like now, we may discover what is most important to us—and to our community. We may consider what is deeply needed. We can shed all that is not essential and meaningful. We can find or become reacquainted with our own inner resources, our community strengths, and our spiritual and intellectual focus.

In times of calm, we can often take things for granted—and just coast along. In times of storm, when nothing can be taken for granted, we can become more inventive, imaginative, and creative. The struggle to survive, physically and emotionally, can immobilize us for a time, but together we can get moving again. One reason for this community is to hold each other up when we are buffeted by storms.

We are here to learn and grow together—each contributing to building the beloved community.

We can ask: What have we learned in this COVID storm? What has carried us through this storm? What has been a refuge for the members of this community? And we should also consider: What has failed us in this storm? How can this community become more of a refuge for those in need? What resources are needed to build our beloved community?

Let’s take the time to reflect on the things we have learned in this storm—so that when calm comes again we find that we have learned things that move us closer together.

Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore



**The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower  
with the Cosmic Orchestra**

**Friday, November 13, 2020  
8:00 PM • LIVE**

**at [uucsr.org/worship](https://uucsr.org/worship)  
[facebook.com/SoulfulSundown](https://facebook.com/SoulfulSundown)**

**Where music resides at the heart  
of the religious experience**

## **FAMILY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE**

### **Family Thanksgiving Worship Service**

On November 22, UUCSR will have a virtual Thanksgiving Worship Service, featuring the sharing of bread. While we won't be able to eat bread together in the same room, we can still share—so please send pictures of your family's bread. You can show yourselves baking, or buying bread. You can tell us what kind of bread you are sharing and why. We will put this all together to share. Please send your photos or video to [JPond@uucsr.org](mailto:JPond@uucsr.org) by November 15.

(See page 7 of this Quest for a Virtual Thanksgiving Day celebration.)

## **MILESTONES**

**We hold in our hearts...** Angela Cesa and her husband, Don Gillespie, as they grieve the death of Angela's mother, Catherine Cesa. Catherine died on October 9, 2020. She was 103 years of age. Catherine has recounted her life in a recording for the Bronx Italian American History Initiative, which may be [accessed here](#). Earlier this week, Angela also experienced the death of her close friend, Kathy Murphy. Kathy died from cancer on Monday, October 5, 2020. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

*Angela Cesa and Family  
37 Crosby Ave  
Albertson, NY 11507-1811*

**We celebrate with...** Olive Jordan, who recently turned 102. Birthday wishes may be sent to:

*Olive Jordan  
464 Main St, Apt 315  
Port Washington, NY 11050-3139.*

**We send best wishes to...** Evelyn Napolin who moved to Pennsylvania this summer to live with her daughter. Evelyn also turned 102 this past August. Birthday wishes may be sent to:

*Evelyn Napolin  
70 E Pine Street  
Ephrata, PA 17522-2182.*

## **MINISTERS' PROGRAMS**

- ◆ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, see presentations online ([uucsr.org/connect](https://uucsr.org/connect), Facebook and YouTube.)
- ◆ Tuesdays, 11:00 AM: [Living Alone During Physical Distancing](#) (note name change). October and November, Zoom once weekly. Additional Zoom gatherings for those living solo may be added as interest and scheduling permits.
- ◆ [Wednesday Afternoon Conversations](#), 2:00 PM: Zoom presented by Rev. Jaye Brooks

## **NEWCOMERS**

*Abigail Highland, Membership Coordinator*



**Sundays • 10:40-11:00 AM**

Are you new to Shelter Rock? Stop by the Welcome Space before Sunday Services to say "Hi" and ask questions. We look forward to meeting you!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91154123346>

## DEVELOPMENTAL MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

*The Rev. Jaye Brooks*



You are invited to a  
**Purpose Conversation**  
1:00 PM | Sunday, October 25

Join a Purpose Conversation to share your challenges and longing, your joy and your aspirations for our beloved community. Led by the Transition Team as part of our developmental ministry journey, these congregation-wide, small-

group conversations will help set Shelter Rock's priorities and strategic plan for the next 5–10 years.

- ◆ How should our love and creativity meet the world's deep need?
- ◆ How can we best support and encourage one another?
- ◆ What is our congregation's central purpose right now?

[Join Zoom Meeting HERE](#). Meeting ID: 983 3481 0417, Passcode: 123953, or dial +1 646 558 8656

The Developmental Ministry Transition Team

Michelle Arrowood, Janet Bendowitz, Ami Bhalodkar, Paul Carbone, Mary Lardner, Klaus Masuch, and Christina Richer

## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (DAC)

*Richard Bock, Chair*



This year, the United Nations is commemorating its 75th birthday. The Unitarian Universalist Association at the UN (UU@UN) is celebrating with a virtual event on Thursday, October 22, 2020, 6:00–7:30 PM. Registration for this special free event can be accessed at ["Our Goal of World Community"](http://www.uua.org) at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org).

In the current moment of simultaneous global, political, social, economic, and health crises, continued involvement could not be more critical. During the event, keynote speakers, including UUA President Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray and UU@UN Director Bruce Knotts, will talk about how Unitarian Universalists can work for global justice.

Don't miss the UN Worship Service on Sunday, October 25, 2020—the UN's 17th Sustainable Goal for Climate Justice. We have only this one planet, and we must take care to recognize the inherent rights and interdependence of all existence.

Janet Bendowitz for the Denominational Affairs Committee  
DAC liaison to UU@UN

## CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

*Mark Hartman, President*



### WHAT IS A COLLOQUY?

Last June, the Committee on Ministry, chaired by Vince Chimienti, sent the Board a brief memo. That memo expressed the view that the work of the Committee on Ministry should focus exclusively on:

1. Working with the Ministers and congregation in bringing about effective methods of communication; and
2. Developing dialogue concerning issues relating to the ministers and the Congregation.

The Committee on Ministry no longer believed that conducting periodic reviews of the congregation's ministry and its ministers should continue to be one of its functions.

Some five months earlier, the Board of Trustees began to consider the value of a new process which would establish for each minister a development plan with goals that would be in alignment with the views of the Board of Trustees. The process would include periodic conversations with the Board and monitoring progress towards achieving those goals. To ensure that this new process would not be confused with a performance review of each minister (something that still does not exist for ministers at UUCSR), the Board referred to this process and the committee that would be established to implement it as a "Colloquy." The name stuck.

Last month, the Board appointed the members of the first "Colloquy Committee." One person was the choice of the minister who is the subject of the Colloquy; two persons were selected from a list of candidates that had been developed by the Member Resource Committee; and the final member was selected from a list of candidates that had been put together by a group of trustees.

I want to thank Sarah Barbey, Lauren Furst, Kate Goss, and Jane Weiler for agreeing to serve on Rev. Jaye Brooks' Colloquy Committee.

I also want to thank the Committee on Ministry for its work and in particular for its recognition that modifications needed to be made in the responsibilities given to the Committee on Ministry.

Until next time, stay tuned and be safe.

Mark

Comments, questions or concerns may be sent to [president@uucsr.org](mailto:president@uucsr.org)

(Please see page 4 for Congregational Notices.)



## CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

Mark Hartman, President

Notices of Congregational Meetings are subject to approval of the Meetings by the Board of Trustees:

### Congregational Hearing on recommended Bylaws changes.

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 | 7:00 PM | All are welcome.

[Join via Zoom here.](#) Passcode: 928434

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2020 | 12:45 PM

[Please register in advance for this webinar.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar-format meeting.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

7:00 PM I.	Opening Words: Ministers / Mark Hartman
7:10 PM II.	Minutes: Toni Logue, Secretary
7:20 PM III.	Board Covenant: Brian Muellers
7:30 pm IV.	NYS Charities Bureau-Duties of Board Members: Charlie Strain
7:50 PM V.	Ministers' Report: Rev. Jaye Brooks, Rev. Jennifer Brower, Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore
8:10 PM VI.	President's Report: Mark Hartman
8:45 PM VII.	COA Report: Adam Barshak
9:00 PM VIII.	Good of the Order: Mark Hartman, President

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

Thursday, October 22, 2020

7:00 PM I.	Opening Words: Ministers / Mark Hartman
7:10 PM II.	Member Resource Committee: Monica Schlichting, Chair
7:25 PM III.	SEI Endowment Portfolio Review: Peter Glennon
7:45 PM IV.	Stewardship Committee: Lauren Furst, Chair
8:05 PM V.	Amendment to Cash Policy: Brian Muellers, Treasurer
8:15 PM VI.	Publicity & Promotions Committee: Bill Carmody, Chair and Scott Barbey
8:35 PM VII.	Task Force Updates
9:00 PM VIII.	Good of the Order: Mark Hartman, President

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## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST VEATCH PROGRAM AT SHELTER ROCK

Joan Minieri, Executive Director



### The Importance of Year-Around Civic Engagement

Many voters experience politicians and interest groups as only caring about their views come election time. Candidates' campaigns aggressively engage with voters in communities for the months leading up to November, and then seem to disappear post election—often taking their campaign promises along with them.

Voces de la Frontera in Wisconsin is one of many Veatch grantees whose work demonstrates the importance of engaging voters all-year-long. They conduct deep, neighborhood-based civic engagement work—centered on critical issues like housing, immigration and health care—building strong relationships in the process.

Recently, [the New Yorker ran an article](#) about both the work of Voces' political arm and their nonpartisan issue- and civic-engagement work, in which Voces Executive Director Christine Neumann-Ortiz discussed efforts to increase voter turnout among underrepresented groups in the state, particularly in Latinx and Black communities. Voces has adopted an approach that encourages its membership base to engage within their own connections and relationships, forged in churches, community organizations, parent teacher associations, and neighborhood gatherings, to discuss the importance of voting.

During the 2018 midterm elections, Voces organized a group of roughly 400 members and asked them to reach out to people they knew who were eligible to vote. From there, they created a list of more than 5,000 voters, the majority of whom had never voted. In neighborhoods the group targeted, voter turnout surged by 17 percent compared to the previous midterm election cycle.

You can read more about Voces in [our most recent news update](#), which is filled with examples of other Veatch grantees engaged in similarly impressive civic engagement work, all year long.

And, I hope you will mark your calendar and join the Veatch Board of Governors and the Social Justice Committee for a very special Election Debrief on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

(Please see details on page 6 of this edition of Quest.)

*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.*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Claire Deroche, Social Justice Coordinator



### Are We Ready for the Results of this Election?

Although Election Day is November 3, voting for the 2020 election is already taking place. Millions of votes have already been cast by absentee ballot and early voting. Ready or not, the election is underway.

We've all heard the predictions of post-election chaos and even violence. UU the Vote wants to help us be prepared for the varied scenarios that the election could produce. They've prepared a [worksheet](#) for congregations to use in planning responses to a variety of outcomes.

UU the Vote is also offering a 90-minute session with Rev. Ashley Horan, "Ready and Resilient Group Planning and Processing." Rev. Horan is Organizing Strategy Director of the UUA and has been one of the leaders of UU the Vote. (If you came to our volunteer workshop in January, you may remember her from a video we viewed.) In this webinar she will discuss the role of our congregations in defending this election. You can participate on [Friday, October 23](#) or on [Friday, October 30](#), 12:00–1:30 PM. Click on your preferred date to register.

You're also invited to join virtually with UUCSR members on Sunday, November 1, 1:00–2:00 PM to share your thoughts on our role in defending this election. To join this discussion group, [register here](#). You'll receive an email with a link to the session.

After Election Day, there will be plenty to discuss. That's why on Wednesday, November 11, 7:00–8:00 PM, the Veatch Funding Program at UUCSR and the Social Justice Committee are co-sponsoring a program, "Election Debrief 2020." We'll discuss what the results of this crucial election mean for efforts to promote economic equality and racial justice in the months ahead. Panelists include Veatch grantees, Co-Executive Director, Citizen Action of New York and the Public Policy & Education Fund Rosemary Rivera; Director of Black Led Organizing & Power Building at Community Change Seft Hunter; and UU the Vote National Organizer Nicole Pressley. Just as we prepared for this election together, we must come together after November 3 to ask ourselves: How should people of faith respond? What commitments are needed to promote an agenda that prioritizes the needs of vulnerable populations and marginalized communities? [Register here to receive your Zoom link.](#) (See page 6 of this Quest.)

I'll end with the words of one of my heroes:

*The vote is precious. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it.*

Rep. John Lewis, February 21, 1940–July 17, 2020

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire Deroche, Social Justice Coordinator

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

**Elections 2020:** To participate in the 2020 General Election, New Yorkers must register to vote by Friday, October 9. [Confirm your registration here](#). New Yorkers have four ways to vote: **Vote Early:** (Sat. 10/24–Sun. 11/1) Find early voting sites in Suffolk [here](#); Nassau sites [here](#); and Queens sites [here](#). **Vote By Mail:** Request a ballot by Tuesday, October 27 ([online, by email, phone, mail, or fax](#)). When applying due to COVID-19, select "Temporary illness or physical disability" as the reason. (This includes the potential for spreading or contracting COVID-19 illness.) **Voting Absentee** is a two-step process: you must request the ballot and then complete and return your ballot. [You may request the form now](#). Follow all instructions on the ballot. Return immediately. **Vote In-Person** on Election Day (Tues. 11/3, 6 AM–9 PM): Voters are assigned to one poll site only. Find your poll site [here](#). If you have questions, [call your local board of elections](#).

### Wednesday, October 21, 2020

**Social Justice Committee Virtual Meeting, 7:00 PM:** Please note that this is a new Zoom link. It will be valid for the rest of the Congregational Year. [Join Zoom Meeting HERE](#). Passcode: 889751, or dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656 US Passcode: 889751

**Thursdays, October 22 and 29, 2020, and November 3, 2020**  
**North Carolina UU the Vote Weekly Phone Bank, 6:00–8:00 PM** on Zoom. Join the UU Justice Ministry of North Carolina for a phone bank in partnership with Reclaim Our Vote and the North Carolina NAACP. Register [here](#). Prior to attending the phone bank, review this [Google Doc](#) which has brief instructions. Find other UU the Vote opportunities at <https://www.uuthevote.org/get-involved/>

### Friday, October 23, 2020

**Together to End Solitary Confinement, Virtual Event, 6:30–7:30 PM.** Join members of the Social Justice Committee to remember those suffering the torture of solitary confinement. (The Zoom link will be the same every month.) [Click here](#). Passcode 901854 or dial 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 914 5526 0335

### Tuesday, October 27, 2020

**Re-Imagining Incarceration: Decriminalizing Mental Illness & Providing Proper Treatment & Care, 6:30–8:00 PM.** Join members of the Social Justice Committee for this informative program sponsored by the Nassau County Jail Advocates. People with mental illness need care, not criminalization. There are alternatives. Come learn what they are. For a link to the virtual program email [cderoche@uucsr.org](mailto:cderoche@uucsr.org)

### Wednesday, November 4, 2020

**Racial Justice Task Force Meeting, 3:00–4:30 PM.** Help plan the implementation of the Eighth Principle and anti-racist education. [Join Zoom Meeting here](#). Passcode: 274017, or dial 13126266799, meeting ID 92545484255, Passcode: 274017

**UUCSR SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE AND  
VEATCH BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
Co-Sponsors

**Virtual  
ELECTION DEBRIEF 2020**

7:00 PM  
Wednesday, November 11, 2020

You are invited to join a virtual “Election 2020 Debrief” with Veatch Grantees Rosemary Rivera, Seft Hunter, and Nicole Pressley. We will examine what the results of this crucial election mean for efforts to promote economic equality and racial justice in the months ahead.

- ♦ How should people of faith respond?
- ♦ What commitments are needed to promote an agenda that prioritizes the needs of vulnerable populations and marginalized communities?

[Please click here to register.](#) After you register, you will receive an email with a link for the program.

**Rosemary Rivera** is the Co-Executive Director of Citizen Action/Public Policy and Education Fund (PPEF) of New York, a statewide grassroots membership organization fighting for social, racial, economic, and environmental justice at the local, state, and federal levels. Originally from New York City, Ms. Rivera has been an organizer in Syracuse and Rochester, and with Service and Employees International Union (SEIU) 1199 Healthcare Education Project. She has deep policy and organizing expertise in the area of education justice and restorative practices.

**Seft Hunter, PhD**, is Director of Black Led Organizing and Power Building. In this role, Seft leads Community Change’s work to build Black organizing infrastructure, challenge and eradicate historically oppressive racialized structures, and build Black political power to change the material conditions on the ground in communities of color across the country. Prior to joining Community Change, he served as Executive Director of the Kansas- and Missouri-based Communities Creating Opportunity (CCO) where he successfully led a multi-state research study to map the impact of persistent racial poverty and the differences in life-expectancy between Black and white communities in Kansas and Missouri.

**Nicole Pressley** is National Organizer for UU the Vote, a non-partisan program of the UUA. Through this initiative, Unitarian Universalists are answering the call to mobilize communities to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate in the 2020 elections. Prior to assuming this position, Ms. Pressley was an organizer and communications strategist working with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. As UU the Vote national organizer, she strives to engage congregations in relationships “to reach beyond the walls of our congregations in order to move hearts and minds in service to justice and liberation.”

**UUCSR WOMEN’S GROUP AND LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS OF NASSAU COUNTY**  
Co-Sponsors

**Zoom Twist on the Traditional  
POST-ELECTION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

7:00 PM  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

If election results are delayed:  
Tuesday December 1, 2020

with

**Craig M. Burnett, PhD**, Associate Professor  
Department of Political Science,  
Hofstra University  
Director, Kalikow School Poll Program

Dr. Burnett received his BA in political science and history from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and his MA and PhD from the University of California, San Diego. His research focuses on state and local government, urban politics, political behavior, and electoral institutions. His research has appeared in several journals, including: *The Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Electoral Studies*, *Urban Affairs Review*, and *Minnesota Law Review*.

Professor Burnett teaches courses on American government, urban politics, state and local government, public opinion, political behavior, as well as research methods and statistics.

Through his directorship at [Kalikow School Poll at Hofstra University](#), Dr. Burnett has three polls of interest:

[September 2020: Kalikow School Poll: Biden Widens Lead, But Voter Mistrust of Process Runs Deep](#)

[March 2020: Kalikow School Poll: Trump Approval Holds Steady](#)

[November 2019: Kalikow School Poll at Hofstra University: Mixed Signals and No Clear Favorite in 2020](#)

A fourth poll is scheduled for November 2, 2020.

[Register in advance for the Zoom meeting HERE.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation containing information about joining.

Questions? Nancy Rosenthal (nancyrosenthal9@gmail.com or 516-297-7847)



## THANKSGIVING 2020



In the spirit of unity and fellowship,  
the Caring Committee invites members and their  
families to join in gratitude and celebration!

# Virtual Thanksgiving

**Thursday, November 26, 2020**

**1:00–3:00 PM**

Join us via Zoom for a Thanksgiving celebration.  
The blessing and meal will be at 1:30 PM with  
songs and socializing before and after. Feel free to  
feast with us or join for the celebration only.

Traditional, Vegetarian, and Vegan options  
Meal pick-up is available on  
Wednesday, November 25, 11 AM–2 PM in the  
UUCSR Main Parking Lot  
Financial assistance available upon request

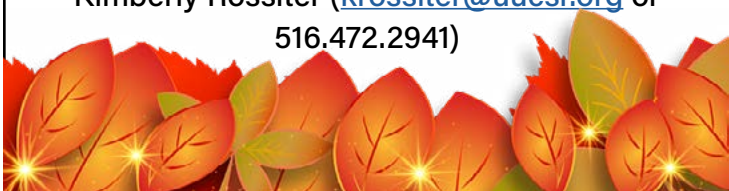
**Adults \$15 | Children \$10 | Due in advance**

**Register by Thursday, November 19**  
**[https://uucsr.formstack.com/forms/  
thanksgiving](https://uucsr.formstack.com/forms/thanksgiving)**

**[Join Zoom Thanksgiving HERE](#)**

Meeting ID: 976 7424 8529 or dial +1 646 558 8656

Questions? Contact Assistant to the Ministers  
Kimberly Rossiter ([krossiter@uucsr.org](mailto:krossiter@uucsr.org) or  
516.472.2941)



## LIVING ALONGSIDE CANCER

### Meet and Greet for New Group Forming

**Thursday, November 19, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Free**

The Caring Committee is putting together a healing circle for those who are living life alongside cancer. Time together will include learning tools to manage the ongoing stress and symptoms from testing and medications, and creating healthy boundaries to keep ourselves safe. The group will meet once monthly for 90 minutes. All are welcome to this Meet and Greet opportunity. There will be an introduction to the healing circle concept, and a poll to find the best day and time for future meetings.

Caron Hunter, a holistic health-care provider and interfaith minister will be facilitating the group. Caron teaches a compassionate and empowering approach to healing, and offers over 30 years of personal and professional healing experience.



**[Join Zoom Meeting HERE.](#)**

Meeting ID: 811 1982 0579,  
Passcode: 999147,  
or dial +1 646 876 9923

For questions or Zoom assistance, please contact Assistant to the Ministers Kimberly Rossiter ([krossiter@uucsr.org](mailto:krossiter@uucsr.org), 516.472.2941).

## COMMUNITY CAPTAINS PROGRAM

This year was unexpected, to say the least. We adapted, we looked out for each other, and now we are adapting again.

As we've watched how the fall has unfolded so far, and how the effects of school re-openings have (thankfully!) not changed the COVID numbers too much, we are adjusting to our new normal. After reflecting on the feedback from our Community Captains, we think it's time to put the Community Captain program on a "pause" and reassess how a program like this might be re-structured for future emergency situations. Your Community Captains have identified members in their groups whom they believe should be checked on. However, if you would like to be regularly contacted, please reach out to Assistant to the Ministers Kimberly Rossiter ([krossiter@uucsr.org](mailto:krossiter@uucsr.org) or 516.472.2941).

Please also feel free to reach out to the entire ministry team with any concerns you may have ([ministryteam@uucsr.org](mailto:ministryteam@uucsr.org)). For pastoral care emergencies *outside of normal business hours*, please call the answering service at 516.795.0329 and the minister on call will contact you.

## FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Cathi Zillmann, Chair



### Membership and Pledge Drive

Did you all notice the big announcement and celebration we had two weeks ago at the beginning of the 2020-21 Membership and Pledge campaign?

I didn't either, because we didn't have one! We are living through unusual times. Nevertheless, we want to renew our membership in UUCSR and

UUCSR needs us to pledge our financial support.

Why do we want to renew our membership? Because being a member of UUCSR is something to be proud of. UUCSR is truly trying to be an agent for change in this world which has grown increasingly unjust. As our Student Minister Alia Shinbrough said on Sunday, October 18, "We are remote but not alone. We're spiritually intertwined. Distant in body but never alone in belonging."



UUCSR asks us how we can make the world a more just and joyful place for all. And, UUCSR has the strength and resources to act. Our members are one resource. Speaking with others makes our voice more powerful. Money is another resource. The congregation as a whole can amplify the strength of an individual contribution when we send it back into the world together. Please consider attending a Purpose Conversation to be a part of the process. (See page 3 of this Quest.)

For the computer-comfortable, the pledging website has been updated and is ready for your visit. On the UUCSR.org home page, click on the PLEDGE button. That will take you to the page where you can choose to renew your membership, make a pledge and pay it all at once, make a pledge and pay it over the coming months, make a payment on an existing pledge, or renew your membership and pay later. Remember, the renewal and first payment must be received by the end of 2020; but please do it sooner.

For the computer-uncomfortable, the ever-helpful Sue Kimler is available at 516.472.2919. If you would like a pledge form to complete, or have questions, call Sue.

Or feel free to call me at 516.304.5753. I really would love to hear your thoughts about pledging.

Cathi Zillmann  
Chair, Financial Development Committee

## ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Bob Nuxoll, Chair

### Dramatic Readings

Tony Award winning play, *Indecent*, by Paula Vogel

Saturday, October 24  
7:00 PM, [Live on Zoom](#)



## Dramatic Readings

Join us in our continuing venture in reading plays: some old, some new, comedy, drama, farce. PDF copies of the play are e-mailed to participants and hard copies can be requested by mail at least ten days in advance of the reading. Please contact Jessica Pond at [jpond@uucsr.org](mailto:jpond@uucsr.org) or call 516.472.2914 to RSVP and request your copy.

Parts will be assigned via e-mail and on the night of the reading. After the reading, we discuss the play, the author, relevance, and interpretation. If you don't want to be an actor, feel free to attend and share in the discussion.

*Indecent* recounts the controversy of the play, *God of Vengeance*, by Sholem Asch, a romance between two women that, upon its eventual production on Broadway in 1923, had the entire cast arrested on grounds of obscenity. All are welcome to come experience this beautiful, heart-breaking tale of the struggle for freedom of love and artistic expression.

### Adult Faith Development: Our Unitarian Universalist Principles

Discussion with Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore continues on Mondays, October 26 and November 2 and 9, at 7:00 PM. Please register with Jessica Pond ([jpond@uucsr.org](mailto:jpond@uucsr.org) or 516.472.2914), then join Zoom Meetings [here](#), Passcode: 340897

## Soulful Songs and Stories



We share stories because, as Dorothy Allison says, "To go on living I have to tell stories, and stories are the one sure way I know to touch the heart and change the world." To get Soulful Songs and Stories emailed to you, register with Jessica Pond ([jpond@uucsr.org](mailto:jpond@uucsr.org) or 516.472.2914).

If you missed any of the past PDFs, you can find them at [www.j.mp/uucsr-sss](http://www.j.mp/uucsr-sss). Upcoming: The song, "Streets of Laredo," is matched with stories under the heading, "It Takes More Than an Outfit," on November 7, 2020. On November 21, "Who Knows Where the Time Goes?" is paired with "Time in the Age of COVID" stories. All are welcome to participate.

—Alice Giordano and Steve Marston



## GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

*Ellen Councill, Chair*

### Climate Change: Fact or Hoax?

For those who still believe climate change is a hoax, the joke's on you. With 97 percent of the scientific community supporting climate change (global warming), the remaining "naysayers," are the phony "scientists." They are commissioned by fossil fuel companies. In July 2019, Exxon- and Koch-funded Competitive Enterprise Institute even issued a complaint. They asked NASA to use "climate change" instead of "global warming." Therefore, bogus reports are promoted denying that humans are causing it.



Our national sea levels are rising because of global warming (one inch every five years). Greenland and Antarctica have accelerated ice melts and disappearing icebergs. Warming waters are bleaching the world's coral reefs to death. In the Arctic, landscapes trapped by ice for over 40,000 years are being revealed. The oil industry is elated with the promise of new discoveries as they start to explore waterways previously frozen. The loss of icebergs equals the loss of indigenous life like the polar bear. Disappearing, too, is aquatic life supported by the coral reefs.

Fortunately, there is scientific research. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and NASA have been tracking the rise of sea levels and water temperatures. They predict our waters will rise at least 90 centimeters in the next few decades. Hurricanes that flood and wreak havoc on our coastal communities will abound. US cities Miami and New Orleans are already victims. New York, San Diego, San Francisco, Charleston, Houston, and island nations around the world will incrementally submerge.

The so-called "consensus gap" between public perception and the reality of expert agreement is due to a sustained misinformation campaign. This is promoted by those whose interests are based on profit. One good example of this is Blackstone Group, a global investment company. They claim divestment of 11 percent of their total holdings from coal; what they fail to state is the other 89 percent is largely locked into fossil fuels. This is deception and is a dubious commitment to change.

Climate change is not a hoax. It is factual and scientifically supported. Climate deniers and others not paid by fossil fuel interests are keeping their heads in the sand. It is time to stop this ignorant madness and divest from fossil fuels. Instead, we must promote and invest in clean, renewable energy before it is too late.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

## WOMEN'S GROUP

*Maria Ceraulo, Chair, Women's Issues*

### No More Children in the Shadows

Ramon found his way onto my line in the school yard in Richmond Hill. Dressed in dirty clothes that he wrapped around himself like a blanket, he made his way up the eight flights of stairs to my sixth-grade classroom on the fourth floor. When inside, he found a spot and promptly put his face in his arms on the desk and went to sleep. Try as I did to interest him in activities and lessons, he remained with his head on the desk, fast asleep. The social worker informed me that Ramon was living on the porch of one of the very old houses in the neighborhood. Let him sleep. He slept, and one day, he stopped attending class and I never heard anything about him again.

All these years later, I'm remembering Ramon. The vacant yet fierce look in his eyes may have come from hunger and the horrors of nights on the porch. In a recent article, "The Children in the Shadows," in the *New York Times*, nine-year-old Prince and his mom navigate homelessness in New York City more than 30 years later. Prince's family became homeless because of domestic violence. He attended five different schools in his short academic life as a second grader. Since the city requires parents to bring their school-aged children for intake, Prince, like Ramon, missed lots of school. Last year, 43 percent of the city's homeless were chronically absent.

Instead of the problem being resolved or mitigated, the numbers of homeless New Yorkers have risen to the highest point since the Great Depression. The numbers of homeless children increased nearly 70 percent in the last 10 years—up to 45,000. In 2019, two-thirds of homeless people sleeping in shelters were members of families. Now, as we've been learning, the stimulus package is stalled in Congress, the eviction moratorium is about to end, and the future is bleak for enormous numbers of people. The city is about to have a flood of new homeless families who have been accumulating debt during the moratorium. The bill is about to come due. Former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, now president of Women in Need (WIN), running 11 family shelters, said, "If we don't intervene before the eviction moratorium expires, we will have a catastrophe in New York City."

With COVID-19, evaporating childcare, schools closing, and increases in domestic violence, single moms easily fall into homelessness. Single moms can't quit their jobs and let their partner's higher wages suffice. Patricia Cohen and Tiffany Hsu, who cover business and economics for the *Times*, suggest that there are models from other countries that could help. These policies—paid time-off, sick leave, day care, parental care—could improve the lives of so many children and their families.

It's time to intervene. It's time to implement known, successful policies that can reduce suffering and improve the lives of so many. Although I probably won't be here in another 30 years, I hope the current situation and the coming catastrophe can be halted and averted. There should be no more children like Ramon or Prince. There should be no more children in the shadows.

**ART COMMITTEE**  
*Tinna Kopelow, Chair*



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shelter Rock Art Gallery continues to be closed to exhibits.

However, the Art Committee continues to enrich our congregation with our webpage. Members may not be familiar with this creative feature. To enjoy this connection, first visit [www.uucsr.org](http://www.uucsr.org); continue at the top and click on "Programs." Scroll down the list and click "Art Gallery and Art Committee."

This site offers a new and unique video to foster relations with the Nassau County Museum of Art, visual depictions of our 2019 Congregational Art Show, an interview with artist Mary Valentino Schneider at her opening reception, and a list of future exhibitions. We will keep you posted when new material is added to the website.

The Art Committee has been discussing how we can make the work of our scheduled artists available to the Congregation, despite the continued closure of the Art Gallery. One option, currently in production, is a series of "Artist Interviews and Gallery Shows" that will be presented on the UUCSR website.

Artists will be asked to create a video selection of their artwork, with commentary, which we will then share with you, the art lovers of UUCSR.



**MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE**  
*Rachel Zampino, Chair*



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**CABARET**

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with Richard Bock as Music Director

**CABARET XVIII Set To Open November 14, 2020!**

Please join us singing, "I'm puttin' on my top hat, tyin' up my white tie, brushin' off my tails. I'm dudin' up my shirt front, puttin' in the shirt studs, polishin' my nails..." Written by Irving Berlin for the 1935 film, *Top Hat*, and made famous by Fred Astaire, the cast of Cabaret XVIII is just about ready to strut their stuff for you! We'll save our "formal attire" for when we're all together in person, but we can certainly dream.

We hope you'll pack the house (virtually) as one of the biggest casts in our 18-year history entertains you. And, we hope you'll be as generous as you are able when we ask you to make your contribution to the Edward Miller Memorial Music Scholarship Fund. You will get instructions during the show—operators will be standing by! If you don't want to wait, please send in your checks, payable to UUCSR with the memo "Cabaret XVIII," attention Finance Office on the envelope. Please be as generous as you can.

Let's hang up the SRO sign and make Cabaret XVIII (virtual) the best ever! Watch for future *Quest* articles for our Zoom link to the November 14, event at 7:30 PM.

Richard Bock  
Cabaret XVIII Music Director

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Did you know that Music and Performing Arts at Shelter Rock has its own Facebook page?

Visit [Facebook.com/MusicatSR](https://www.facebook.com/MusicatSR) to FOLLOW the page and see special Chats (interviews by Music Director

Stephen Michael Smith), performances, and musical excerpts from Worship Services, concerts, and more.

Friday, October 23, 7:00 PM  
Facebook Live: A chat with Ken Hughes

Friday, October 30, 7:00 PM  
Facebook Live: A chat with Caitlin McKechny

## ONLINE AND ON PREMISES EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see [UUCSR.org/events](https://uucsr.org/events) for additional details on all programs.

See [LIACUU.org](https://liacuu.org) for other area congregations.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

- 4:00 PM Kundalini Yoga
- 7:00 PM UU the Vote National Call-in to Voters in Wisconsin
- 7:00 PM Green Sanctuary Virtual Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020

- 1:00 PM Bridge & Mahjong Group
- 6:00 PM Virtual UU the Vote Weekly Phone Bank
- 6:00 PM Virtual Event Honoring the UN's 75th Anniversary
- 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Social Justice Committee Virtual Meeting
- 7:30 PM Virtual Choir Gathering

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

- 12:00 PM Great Books - Great Conversations
- 12:00 PM UUA Webinar about Elections
- 2:00 PM Meditative Moment
- 6:30 PM Together to End Solitary Confinement Virtual Program
- 7:00 PM Facebook Live: A chat with Ken Hughes
- 7:00 PM LGBTQ+ ZOOM Gathering

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020

- 11:00 AM Transgender Inclusion in Congregations (Saturday group discussion)
- 7:00 PM Dramatic Readings

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

- 10:00 AM Online Family Yoga with Suzanne!
- 10:30 AM Young People's Virtual Choir Rehearsal
- 10:40 AM The Welcome Space
- 11:00 AM Worship: *People, Power, Planet*
- 12:00 PM Virtual Coffee Hour
- 12:00 PM UUCSR Jazz Ensemble with Dan Pratt
- 1:00 PM Outdoor RE Family Halloween Party
- 1:00 PM Purpose Conversation

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

- 9:30 AM Medical Qigong for Senior Health Online Classes
- 2:00 PM Meditation and Poetry
- 2:00 PM SGM Facilitators Meeting
- 7:00 PM Our Unitarian Universalist Principles
- 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020

- 11:00 AM Living Alone During Physical Distancing
- 6:30 PM Re-imagining Incarceration: De-Criminalizing Mental Illness & Providing Proper Treatment & Care
- 7:00 PM President's Operations Task Force Meeting
- 7:00 PM Small Group Ministry Fourth Tuesday Meeting

7:30 PM Committee on Ministry

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020

- 11:00 AM Crafting for Sanity and Community Zoom Get-Together
- 2:00 PM Messages
- 2:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Conversations
- 4:00 PM Kundalini Yoga
- 6:00 PM Virtual Ukulele (Practice Only)
- 7:00 PM Congregational Hearing - Recommended Bylaws Changes

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020

- 1:00 PM Bridge & Mahjong Group
- 6:00 PM Virtual UU the Vote Weekly Phone Bank
- 7:30 PM Virtual Choir Gathering

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020

- 12:00 PM Great Books - Great Conversations
- 12:00 PM UUA Webinar about Elections
- 2:00 PM Meditative Moment
- 7:00 PM Facebook Live: A chat with Caitlin McKechny
- 7:00 PM LGBTQ+ ZOOM Gathering
- 8:00 PM Suffrage at 100 - Dramatic Presentation and Sing-along

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

- 9:00 AM UUCSR Jazz Ensemble with Dan Pratt via Zoom
- 10:00 AM Online Family Yoga with Suzanne!
- 10:30 AM Young People's Virtual Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Sunday Worship: *Special Service of Remembrance*
- 11:00 AM Online RE Classes
- 12:00 PM Virtual Coffee Hour
- 1:00 PM Anticipating Election 2020 (Zoom)
- 1:00 PM Just and Joyful: Online Children's Worship for All Ages
- 1:30 PM Small Group Ministry - First Sunday Meeting
- 2:00 PM Transgender Inclusion in Congregations (Sunday group discussion)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

- 1:00 PM Transgender Inclusion in Congregations (Monday group discussion)
- 2:00 PM Meditation and Poetry
- 7:00 PM RE Committee Meeting (virtual)
- 7:00 PM Our Unitarian Universalist Principles

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

- 11:00 AM Living Alone During Physical Distancing
- 3:00 PM Transgender Inclusion in Congregations (Tuesday group discussion)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

- 12:30 PM Women Talk Daytime Zoom Meeting

2:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Conversations

- 2:00 PM Messages
- 3:00 PM Virtual Racial Justice Task Force Meeting
- 6:00 PM Virtual Ukulele (Practice Only)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

- 9:30 AM Thursday INN Cooking
- 1:00 PM Bridge & Mahjong Group
- 7:00 PM UU Kids Connect Middle Grade Socials for Grades 6-8
- 7:30 PM Virtual Choir Gathering

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020

- 2:00 PM Meditative Moment
- 4:00 PM Community Conversations - Hadley House

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

- 10:00 AM Caring Committee Meeting
- 11:00 AM Transgender Inclusion in Congregations (Saturday group discussion)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

- 9:00 AM UUCSR Jazz Ensemble with Dan Pratt via Zoom
- 9:30 AM Small Group Ministry Second Sunday AM Meeting
- 10:00 AM Online Family Yoga with Suzanne!
- 10:30 AM Young People's Virtual Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Sunday Worship: *The Quantum Mirror*
- 12:00 PM Virtual Coffee Hour
- 1:00 PM Outdoor RE Event
- 12:45 PM Congregational Meeting

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

- 2:00 PM Meditation and Poetry
- 7:00 PM Our Unitarian Universalist Principles
- 7:30 PM DAC Meeting

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During November and December, the Sunday offering in our virtual service will benefit this holiday collection. You can also [click here](#) during November and December to give to this cause through the UUCSR website. Please give generously to help those in need!