The Quest

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

March 23, 2022

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 | 11:00 AM

Senior Seminar Youth Group

The Unexpected Gifts of COVID  “Adversity is not without comforts and hopes.” —Francis Bacon

The Senior Seminar Youth Group will reflect on the adversities they have faced during COVID, the comforts and lessons they have found, and their hopes for the future.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022 | 11:00 AM

Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore

Awakenings In his book, Awakenings, Dr. Oliver Sacks recounted the cases of his patients who had contracted sleeping sickness during the great epidemic just after World War I. They were frozen in time until 1969 when Sacks gave them the medication, L-DOPA and the patients “awakened.” The book, and the movie based on the book, explore questions of health, disease, suffering, care, and human connection. What might our own awakenings be?

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 | 7:30 PM

Rev. Jennifer Brower

Soulful Sundown Please note the new time for Soulful Sundown onsite and online! Rev. Brower weaves spoken word with music from The Cosmic Orchestra. Featured special guest musician is local legend James Maddock.

* Worship Services are in-person, onsite, AND livestreamed! Mask-wearing is encouraged for all and required for singing. Livestreams are available on uucsr.org/worship, Facebook, and YouTube. Closed captions and podcasts available afterward. Also aired on NSTV.

The Shelter Rock Sunday Morning Experience is available online using just one link! Beginning at 10:30 AM, join via Zoom for meeting in the online lobby, then stay together for live Worship Service, followed by Coffee Hour. Join HERE.

TOUCHSTONES

Rev. Jaye Brooks

What Does the Future Hold?

Over the past two years, we’ve learned that no one is very good at answering that question. We’ve also learned that we’re amazingly flexible and resilient. Somehow we’ve continued to stay connected, to stay in community through two years of pandemic—and multiple new ways of gathering for congregational life.

Now we have all these tools and skills that bring us together whether onsite or online. Many members of this congregation continue to participate online because of their own risk or the risk to loved ones that gathering physically still poses. Others aren’t able to leave their homes, or at least not easily, and improving our online access has been restorative.

Then there are others who have found the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, including people from very far away, who discovered hope and renewal during these challenging times. And there are others still who haven’t found us yet.

In this new multiplatform reality, how do we stay connected and in community? How can we know and be known to one another?

Come to a Futures Conversation and help our beloved community answer these questions. Sit face-to-face, onsite or online, and share ideas, and listen.

We will chart the future together.

Sunday, April 3, 2022

9:30 AM
12:15 PM

Sunday, April 10, 2022

9:30 AM
12:15 PM

RSVP to Tammy Weil (tweil@uucsr.org) to attend onsite in the Bride’s Room. Click a time above to register to attend via Zoom. You will receive a direct link to participate via email.
A Message from the President

I hesitate to write a “post” Covid column. We are not yet free of the virus, but by the end of this month, I expect UUCSR to be free of all Covid restrictions based on the CDC guidelines. I think masks and distancing will be an appropriate option for many people in the weeks, months, and even years to come, but for others it really does feel like an early spring. The skies look bluer, the sun feels warmer, and if you have walked the streets of New York City lately, they are filled with people. Not withstanding the news stories of war in the Ukraine, I admit to feeling relief that just maybe the worst of the pandemic is over and it is time to reset.

A reset at Shelter Rock is coming in small steps; it will hopefully bring us to a new normal in the congregation. Sunday Service is back in-person in the Worship Room with music and masked singing. Although the UU Café will not yet return to the Social Hall, there will now be Coffee Hour every Sunday morning. The building is currently open during the day on Sunday through Thursday and on Thursday nights. The All-Congregation Retreat is returning to Silver Bay for the Memorial Day Weekend, and Unitarian Universalists from across the country will be meeting in Portland, OR for General Assembly in June.

This is a time for resetting ourselves as well. As the June retirement date for Rev. Jennifer Brower comes closer, a Ministerial Search Committee has begun the work to find a ministerial candidate to recommend to the Board of Trustees. The Strategic Planning Committee is listening to suggestions by the congregation to expand our options for worship at UUCSR. Working with a consultant, members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee have developed an extensive plan for the future of our property. And with the guidance of our Developmental Minister, the Board of Trustees will be reviewing the structures and governance at UUCSR that might be reorganized to improve and enhance our congregational life.

With business meetings, for the most part, remaining on Zoom, this is a time to rethink how committees will come together socially and spiritually in the future. With extended worship possibilities, more opportunities for small group discussions and more events that draw from all areas of the congregation, the committees can be the inspiration for a renewed spirituality, beloved community, and dedication to service. So I urge you all to join in on the activities and events that will begin to appear on the Shelter Rock calendar, and to reach out to friends who may be reluctant to attend alone. All committee meetings are open and can be easily joined by Zoom which gives everyone a chance to be part of the work and mission of the congregation. I hope you all will take advantage of the many opportunities for connection and spiritual growth that Shelter Rock has to offer.
DAC General Assembly (GA) 2022 Update
At the March 17, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting, Sarah Barbey was confirmed as a Shelter Rock delegate to the 2022 GA in Portland, OR, replacing Rhonda Kessler, who withdrew.

Other DAC Business
The Board confirmed DAC’s recommendation to re-name a GA budget line, changing ‘scooter rental’ to “ADA Accessibility Equipment Rental” expressly for GA Delegates. UUCSR members attending GA on-their-own or as Delegates who may be considering accessibility equipment are asked to contact the DAC Chair or a minister if financial assistance is desired.

UU Ask For Information
Dear UU: Is Shelter Rock the only congregation on Long Island? Answer: No, Shelter Rock is one of eleven congregations, the nearest are Garden City, Freeport, and Huntington; the farthest is out east at Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor in Suffolk County.

Dear UU: Can I attend the 2022 General Assembly by going online to the UUA website? Answer: Yes, but you will not be able to vote on any of the business. Only Shelter Rock GA Delegates will be able to vote. You WILL be able to view some of the major events as they happen or afterward by clicking into the archives.

UU Office at the United Nations (UU@UN)
The 2022 Intergenerational Spring Seminar will address the theme “Displacement and Human Rights: All in for Climate Justice”. It will take place online April 22–May 1, 2022, with an opportunity for congregations to host local gatherings in-person. The UU@UN is excited to be partnering on this event with the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth. Registration is open until April 3, 2022 HERE.

The seminar is an opportunity to collaborate while learning how to be a global activist. Through workshops and expert-led panel discussions, community building activities, and Worship Services, you are invited to undergo a transformative process of learning, reflection, and growth, while exploring some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today.

UUCSR has been invited to host a local gathering on Sunday, April 24, 2022, to connect in-person around what we may have learned at the seminar and to be connected with other congregations and local organizations. More details are forthcoming. Learn more HERE.

Janet Bendowitz
Shelter Rock’s envoy at the UU@UN

Help Wanted
The DAC team will be losing two valuable members at the end of June: Lynn and Jim Smith. For many years, they were liaisons to the UU Long Island Area Council (LIAC), and will be completing their terms. Shelter Rock members are needed to take their places. Please contact Jim or Lynn for information as to what is involved in being DAC liaison to LIAC.

Membership Kick-Off | Sunday, April 17, 2022 | 12:00-2:00 PM
Spring Membership Renewal
Join onsite for a fun-filled, kick-off family-friendly event to renew your membership for the 2022–2023 Congregational Year.

Outdoor lunch for all and a flower give-away to those who turn in their Membership Renewal Card will follow the annual Egg Hunt!

See the 1965 Ford F-100 Truck named Baby Blue onsite (#spotbabyblue). You won’t want to miss this celebration!

Inquirers
NEWCOMERS PROGRAM
For visitors, newcomers, and new members.
Spring 2022 Schedule
All sessions held in Classroom 4.
Childcare available.

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*Attend any 2 sessions + the Membership at Shelter Rock session to meet requirements to join as a member. Contact Abigail Highland, Membership Coordinator, at ahighland@uucsr.org with any questions!

Inquirers is an ongoing series for visitors and newcomers to learn about the congregation and Unitarian Universalism. Each session covers a different area of congregational life and connects you with leaders and members at Shelter Rock. Sessions are drop-in format, although you are encouraged to come to as many as possible!

Welcoming on Sundays
Sign up to be a friendly greeter! Click HERE to sign up.
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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.

Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock
Joan Minieri, Executive Director

Social Justice Committee and Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock, co-sponsors

White Too Long: Author Interview and Anti-Racism Book Group

Please join the Veatch Board of Governors when Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore will engage in an online interview with Robert P. (Robby) Jones, Executive Director of Veatch grantee Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI). They will discuss Robby’s award winning book, White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity. You can also join with UUCSR’s Anti-Racism Book Group over the next several Thursday evenings to discuss White Too Long (available here) in advance of the event. All are welcome to join Zoom online at any time, and several Veatch Governors are participating. The schedule of remaining chapters is 5:30–6:30 PM as follows: 3/24: Believing; 3/31: Marking; 4/7: Mapping; 4/14: Telling, 4/21: Reckoning.

“Jones’s book challenges people of faith to chart a new path forward,” said one reviewer in the New York Times. “White Christians have to face the possibility that everything they have learned about how to practice their faith has been designed to explicitly or implicitly reinforce a racist structure.”

Each year, PRRI creates its American Values Atlas—a dynamic look at cultural, political, and religious issues in the US, drawing from over 100,000 interviews. The sample size provides a rare portrait of smaller religious communities, including Unitarian Universalists. It is essential for the progressive movement to have accurate, timely, and reliable data about the religious landscape. This research provides insights we need to combat white supremacy and advocate for democracy.

You can register here for the May 5 author interview with Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore and Robby Jones. Veatch is excited to partner with the Social Justice Committee for this event and for this year’s Spring Series on Multiracial Democracy. (See the facing column on this page for more details.) We value the opportunity to come together for learning and to understand what we can each do in these trying times, when so much is at stake for democracy.

Available Now: Resources to understand the current state of our democracy and the challenges it faces:
• Report: “Assessing the Threat of White Nationalism in New York State and Recommendations.”
• Panel: “Why Teaching Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in our Schools is So Important.”
• Video: Eric Ward, on the threat that White Nationalism represents to Democracy.

Thursday, March 24, 2022 | 7:00–8:00 PM | Panel of Veatch Grantees
Veatch grantees Georgia STAND-UP and New York-based Community Voices Heard (CVH) are some of the many grassroots groups throughout the country defending democracy at the most local level and fighting the latest wave of attempts by white nationalists and other exclusionary movements to disenfranchise communities of color.

In this panel, Georgia STAND-UP’s Chief Executive Officer Deborah Scott and CVH’s Executive Director Juanita O. Lewis will share how community members confront these realities in their states, and how they fight back and win. Register Now!

Thursday, May 5, 2022 | 7:00–8:00 PM | Book Talk
Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore will interview Robert P. (Robby) Jones, Executive Director of Veatch grantee Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI), author of White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity and The End of White Christian America. Register here.

ANTI-RACISM BOOK CLUB ONLINE

THURSDAYS THROUGH APRIL 21 5:30 PM

LIVE INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR
THURSDAY, MAY 5 • 7 PM

UUCSR SPRING SERIES

Multiracial Democracy Under Attack:
White nationalist threats, attacks on voting rights, and what we can do to defend a democracy that works for all.

Presented by the UUCSR Social Justice Committee + Veatch Program

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**Spinney Hill and the Manhasset/Great Neck EOC**

Sometimes good things just happen.

When the Congregation voted to adopt the 8th Principle, the Social Justice Committee (SJ) and its Racial Justice Sub-Committee (RJ) heard the call to “build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community.” Since then, SJ and RJ committee members have been exploring ways to embody this call. One way that committee members discovered is supporting the 8th Principle Task Force formed by the Board of Trustees. Because some members of SJ and RJ are also members of the 8th Principle Task Force, collaboration is a natural result.

These committees have also found an opportunity to concretize this “call.” A comment about the historic Manhasset Black neighborhood of Spinney Hill from Chuck Fenimore, a SJC member, was recorded in the minutes of a monthly meeting. That detail caught the eye of Maryann Zappulla, a Board Trustee member who pursued it and located a documentary about the community. Then she set up a meeting between three of their Economic Opportunity Council members and several of our SJC members.

We are still in the process of getting to know each other. We began with this year’s mantra from the Racial Justice Sub-Committee (developed at our fall SJC retreat)—“What can we do to help?”

The dialogue began! Since then, we have attended a youth-led Black History service at the First Baptist Church of Great Neck and have had several other meetings.

The EOC Board members have shared that they would welcome the participation of UUCSR members as volunteers. Possibilities include leading an arts and crafts class for children in Adventures in Learning, an EOC program; tutoring children in EOC programs; attending meetings of the Manhasset School District to show support for the Spinney Hill children who attend the two elementary schools in the district; and writing grants to increase funding for programming. These are a few of their needs. If any of these interest you, please email Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at cderoche@uucsr.org.

The Manhasset-Great Neck Economic Opportunity Center (MGN EOC) has been around for decades. They provide an amazing array of services to children, youth, and families in this area. Committee members are excited to begin working with them. The EOC will be having a fundraiser on May 19, 2022, at 6 PM at Leonard’s of Great Neck. Please consider attending to get to know our neighbors and work together to build a Beloved Community.

**Aid to the People of Ukraine**

Want to help, but unsure how? The International Women’s Convocation (IWC) is accepting donations that will be administered by the Hungarian Unitarian Church. IWC is a global partnership of Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists who work for women’s empowerment through UU connections around the world. It’s a nonprofit group that has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Donations will give immediate help to families fleeing war in Ukraine, providing transportation, shelter, food, supplies, and counseling. [Click here to give.]

**Assisting Refugee Families**

Our collection of items for refugee families continues. [Click here] to see the list. Drivers and volunteers are also needed to orient individuals to their neighborhoods, especially places like libraries and post offices. Volunteers will be on call as needs arise. [Click here to help.]

**Support Voting Rights**

Reclaim Our Vote is a project that supports voters in rural parts of southern states where voter suppression is high. Volunteers write postcards to provide crucial information. The campaign to send postcards to voters in rural North Carolina and Alabama with information about the primaries there have begun. To join the campaign and write postcards, [complete this form] before March 24. Further information and materials will be provided.

**Thursdays, March 24 and 31, 2022 | 5:30–6:30 PM**

**Anti-Racism Book Club**

Racial Justice Subcommittee and the Eighth Principle Task Force invite you to join an online book club devoted to reading and discussing books about combating racism. The group meets on Thursdays to read and discuss the book, *White Too Long*, by Robert P. Jones. On March 24, the group will discuss Chapter 3, and on March 31, Chapter 4. The discussion will be led by Patti Paris, librarian and experienced facilitator of book conversations. Registration required [HERE]. After you register, watch for an email with your link to the discussion group. The link will be the same for each session. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Sub-Committee and the Eighth Principle Implementation Task Force.

**Fridays, March 25, and April 1, 2022 | 6:30–8:00 PM**

**Friday Nights with the LGBTQ+ Group**

The UUCSR LGBTQ+ club devoted to reading and discussing books about combatting racism. The group meets on Thursdays to read and discuss the book, *White Too Long*, by Robert P. Jones. On March 24, the group will discuss Chapter 3, and on March 31, Chapter 4. The discussion will be led by Patti Paris, librarian and experienced facilitator of book conversations. Registration required [HERE]. After you register, watch for an email with your link to the discussion group. The link will be the same for each session. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Sub-Committee and the Eighth Principle Implementation Task Force.

**Racial Justice Online Sub-Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 | 3:00–4:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting [HERE], or phone 646.558.8656, Meeting ID: 831 0662 1384

**March 23, 2022**
Yoga for Joy and Balance with Beth | Wednesdays, 4:00–5:15 PM

This class incorporates techniques of Kundalini Yoga, breath work, meditation, and energy modalities live on Zoom HERE. No experience necessary. Cost: $28 for 4 classes (use any time). First time attendees: no charge. Checks should be addressed to: North Shore Soup Kitchen. All proceeds will be donated to North Shore Soup Kitchen (NorthShoreSoupKitchen.org). Mail checks to: Beth Fedirko, 77 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, NY 11579. Questions? Beth Fedirko, 516.297.1042 or bfriendko@optonline.net

Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health | Mondays, 9:00–10:00 AM

By popular demand, Qigong instructor Ashley Baldwin continues offering classes that strengthen your balance and overall body confidence! You will learn simple, yet powerful motion and breathing exercises to improve physical balance and falling safety skills, optimize lung capacity, bolster immunity, and promote energy flow to the internal organs. Ashley Zooms in every Monday morning directly from Thailand.

$50/5 classes, $12/drop-in class (See registration form)
Register HERE or email tqh.Ashley@gmail.com

Great Books Discussions | Fridays | 12:00–1:30 PM

Come together for conversation that is also a fun learning experience promoting civil discourse, critical thinking, and meaningful interpersonal connection. All are welcome. Reading: African-American Poetry: An Anthology, 1773–1927 (Dover Thrift Editions) Available here:

March 25 and April 1, pp. 70-78
Claud McKay:
“The Harlem Dancer”; “If We Must Die”; “Flame Heart”; “The Tropics in New York”; “Enslaved”
Jean Toome:
“Georgia Dusk”; “Her Lips Are Copper Wire”
Langston Hughes:
“The Negro Speaks of Rivers”; “Jazzonia”; “I, Too”; “Bound No’th Blues”; “Mother to Son”
Countee Cullen:
“Yet Do I Marvel”; “To John Keats, Poet, at Springtime”; “From the Dark Tower”

April 8, Begin reading
The Greatest Short Stories of Anton Chekhov: A Collection Of Fifty Stories, translated by Constance Garnett

Live on Zoom HERE.
**Green Sanctuary Committee**  
*Stephen Ruocco, Chair*

This article demonstrates the congregation’s stewardship of the earth and commitment to the Seventh Principle.

**During Late Winter, Healthy Mated Coyote Pairs Think of Love**

Shelter Rock’s wonderful UUCSR woodland, along with neighboring Greentree Foundation and a couple of golf courses, have been home to a mated pair of coyotes for the past few years. Last spring they whelped four healthy pups who have since grown to near adulthood.

Coyotes have been migrating east across the country for decades. With Professor Lisa Filipi from Hofstra University, we have been tracking the coyotes on our property for the past one and a half years. Professor Filipi and I have each caught a brief single glimpse of a coyote once. Should you be the rare person to see a coyote—act big—stretch tall with hands in the air and shout. Keep pets on leashes in known coyote areas. Do not leave food out. These human behaviors should keep coyote behaviors wild, shy of humans, and out of sight.

I’ve heard a few concerns about local coyotes. While they might harbor rabies, chances of this are extremely rare. Bats and raccoons are the more likely animal rabies hosts. Cats and dogs are also potential rabies hosts.

Another concern centers on coyote population control. Are we going to be overrun with coyotes? Not likely. Eastern coyotes are not pack animals even though they have some wolf DNA. Coyotes are territorial animals. They protect and defend their territory from invading coyotes. Parents force grown pups from the territory. Why? They are protecting their food source. So, availability of food becomes the population limiting factor. Key to keeping coyotes wary of humans is to prevent them from associating humans with food. Additional details about living with coyotes can be found at Seatuck Environmental Association’s website [HERE](#) or at the NYSDEC site [HERE](#).

**Proposed Eighth Principle:** ...Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions

Three recently published books that support the proposed Eighth Principle are in the Bookstore. Two are based on the 1619 Project and used as the basis for professional development at UUCSR.

1. **The 1619 Project**, edited by Nikole Hannah-Jones, (2021), is a “dramatic expansion and groundbreaking work of journalism. This is a collection of essays, poetry, and works of fiction that offers a profoundly revealing vision of the American past and present.” *New York Times Book Review*, Sunday, February 20, 2022, Final Page.

2. **The 1619 Project Born on the Water**, by Nikole Hannah-Jones & Renee Watson (2021). This is a lyrical children’s book that tells the story of the arrival of first enslaved Africans in 1619 and the heroic role their descendants played in building the US. *New York Times Book Review*, Sunday, February 20, 2022,

3. I am reading a book written by someone with a familiar name; “Knowles.” Yes, Mathew Knowles, PhD. is Beyonce’s father. Knowles states that, “Racism being such a bold statement of hate, looms as something monstrous to an innocent child. It is a poor representation of what being human is all about. The hate children experience in any form can shape the person they become: How they later process it as adults can even shape their families.” (Knowles, M. (2017). *Racism from the Eyes of a Child*. Houston, TX: Music World Publishing. p.10).

Mark your calendar for the official, post-pandemic re-opening of the Shelter Rock Bookstore on Sunday, April 24, 2022. There will be books, jewelry, and other merchandise such as T-shirts and caps in the Main Lobby. Please stop “buy” and learn about planned activities such as poetry and dramatic readings, too. You may even discover that the Bookstore is a fun way to meet fellow congregants and decide to volunteer with the Bookstore Committee!

Robin Finnan-Jones, EdD, for the Bookstore Committee
Onsite Religious Education Classes are Back!

Please register your family for 2021–2022 Religious Education programming by going to www.uucsr.org/RE and receive communications about all the exciting events we have planned.

Young People’s Choir Rehearsals
Sundays, 10:00 AM | Chapel

Anyone interested in performing with the Young People’s Choir (YPC) can join RE Music Specialist George Weisman most every Sunday. The YPC is just getting started on learning some new material so if you’ve been thinking about joining, now is a great time! Please feel free to reach out to George at georgeweisman@gmail.com with any questions.

Springtime Fundraiser for Grades 6 and 7 Social Action Project!
Sunday, April 3 | Approximately 11:45 AM (after Worship)

All are invited to join in support of Grades 6 and 7 Questing Year class when they hold their next fundraiser for their Super-Secret Social Action Project. This joyful event will feature the Kona Ice Truck, which was a big hit with children and adults alike at this year’s Halloween Party! Come indulge in some frozen treats and purchase homemade Easter and Passover cards all for a great cause!

RE On Ice!
Sunday, March 27, 2022
12:45–2:00 PM | Port Washington Skating Center

RE Families and their guests are invited to a FREE private ice skating event sponsored by the Religious Education Committee!

FREE
Admission | Skate rental | Lunch

Never skated? No worries, an instructor is there to help! Not into skating? That’s cool! Come enjoy lunch and good company.

RSVP: uucsr.formstack.com/forms/re_on_ice

Port Washington Skating Center is located at 70 Seaview Blvd, Port Washington, NY 11050

Questions? Contact Carson Jones: cjones@uucsr.org | Jessica Pond: jpond@uucsr.org

Easter and Passover Traditions Bedtime Stories!
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Live on Zoom HERE. All are welcome to join Lifespan Religious Education Coordinator Carson Jones for this special interactive storytime as he reads three family-friendly stories celebrating Easter and Passover!

A Very Happy Easter, written by Tim Thornborough, illustrated by Jennifer Davison
The Last Place You Look, written by j wallace skelton, illustrated by Justin Alves
Rechenka’s Eggs, written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco

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**Women’s Film Discussion Series**

**Third and Fourth (or fifth if occurs) Fridays monthly | 7:30 PM**

With co-hosts Maria Ceraulo and Victoria Pilotti, Center for the Women of New York

March 25: *The Tender Bar*, available on Amazon Prime

April 15: *tick, tick, BOOM!*, available on Netflix

Join Zoom meetings [HERE](#)

**Women Talk Daytime**

Sari Flesch, Facilitator

Beginning in April, First and Third Mondays | 12:30 PM

First monthly topic is always Current Events

Topics for third weeks vary monthly

April 4, 2022: *Current Events*

April 18, 2022: **What was your favorite holiday as a child?**

Everyone is welcome to join Women Talk Daytime via Zoom [HERE](#). Meeting ID 991 3390 5618, Passcode 11030

**T’GIF**

Friday, April 1, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Make ‘Em Laugh!

Channel your inner Joan Rivers, Burns and Allen, Abbott and Costello, Carol Burnett, etc., for a night.

Tell jokes and funny stories or do a comedy routine.

This is your time to shine!

Join via Zoom [HERE](#).

**Book Series**

All are welcome.

Third Fridays Monthly | 3:30 PM | Join [HERE](#).

Please contact Sharyn Esposito to learn more.

sesposito@uucsr.org or 516.472.2960

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By Paula Hawkins  
Discussion led by Diane Mansell |
| May 20, 2022   | *A Burning*  
By Megha Majumdar  
Discussion led by Judy Douenias |

Please visit [uucsr.org/wg](http://uucsr.org/wg) for additional details including a full list of titles, discussion leaders, and a printable flyer.

**Baby Steps, Giant Steps**

In December, there was a deal to change how the military handles sexual assault. Negotiators reached an agreement in which military commanders would no longer prosecute sexual assaults. This was resisted by lawmakers and presidents for nearly a generation. Now, independent military prosecutors will replace commanders in deciding whether the accused would be prosecuted. We’ve advanced somewhat. We’ve taken a baby step that will actually take two years to roll out. Seems like more of a crawl to me.

The UUCSR Women’s Group has advocated for legislation that would have avoided the problem of women victims having to report sexual assault to their commanders—often the perpetrators, and very often enduring retaliation. The new deal has not included what was originally proposed, rendering it insufficient. Sen. Gillibrand called it a setback. Civilian leaders would be more desirable. It would mean avoiding conflict of interest and retaliation for victims.

While we take faltering baby steps for years and years, Canada leaped forward and gave authority to civilians. Since February there were 11 leaders up to the highest ranks under investigation for mishandling sexual misconduct cases. Their investigation found that the military culture both enabled and covered up senior officers’ behaviors. As the American military remains resistant, Canada moved ahead joining many of our closest allies’ militaries, including the United Kingdom, Canada, Israel, Germany, Norway, and Australia. Although it is forward, we continue to creep.

As in Canada, an incident prompted a reexamination of our military culture. Vanessa Guillen, a 20-year-old Army specialist went missing in April after telling her mother she was being sexually harassed by a fellow soldier but was afraid to report it. Officials later discovered she had been killed in an armory on Fort Hood. Our investigation found that assault has remained pervasive.

The SWAN Service Women Action Network advocates for the “Military Justice Improvement Act”-HR-3224, S.1520, also known as the Vanessa Guillén Act. It calls for independent investigations, removing the military from the chain of command. It has bipartisan support and more than 70 co-sponsors. The Military Justice Improvement Act has been endorsed by Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), National Women’s Law Center (NWLC), Protect Our Defenders, and the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women.

Take some middle-sized, maybe even giant steps forward, and support this legislation.
**Saturday, March 26, 2022**
9:00 AM, John and Nancy Kasius Memorial, Worship Room, Social Hall

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, Choir Rehearsal Room
9:30 AM, Choir Rehearsal, Worship Room
9:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
10:30 AM, Sunday Morning Experience
11:00 AM, Sunday Service: *The Unexpected Gifts of COVID*, led by UUCSR Youth, Worship Room, Gallery
11:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
11:45 AM, Coffee Hour
12:30 PM, Inquirers Series for Newcomers, RE Room 4
12:45 PM, RE On Ice!, Offsite
12:45 PM, Men's Group Online Committee Meeting
1:00 PM, Love & Stitches, RE Room 15

**Monday, March 28, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Medical Qigong for Senior Health – Balance!
6:30 PM, Finance Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
10:00 AM, Building a Better Brain
11:00 AM, Crafting for Sanity and Community Online Get-Together
2:00 PM, Wednesday Conversations
4:00 PM, Yoga for Joy and Balance with Beth
6:30 PM, Dining Solo Together!

**Wednesday, March 30, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
10:00 AM, Learning & Sharing Together!
11:00 AM, Sunday Service: *Awakenings*, led by Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore, Worship Room, Gallery
11:00 AM, Religious Education (RE) Classes, RE Wing
11:05 AM, Children's Worship, Chapel
11:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
11:45 AM, RE Grades 6 & 7 Questing Year Spring Fundraiser, Main Lobby
11:45 AM, Coffee Hour
12:15 PM, Futures Conversation, Bride's Room and online
12:30 PM, Inquirers Series for Newcomers, RE Room 4
1:15 PM, Small Group Ministry - 1st Sunday of the Month
4:00 PM, Transition Team Meeting

**Thursday, March 31, 2022**
9:00 AM-9:30 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Thursday INN Cooking (By Registration Only), Main Kitchen
10:00 AM, Living Solo
1:00 PM, Bridge Game Play, Veatch Ballroom
5:30 PM, Anti-Racism Book Club Online Program
7:00 PM, Protecting Voter Rights Virtual Panel
7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal, Social Hall

**Friday, May 18, 2022 | 12:30 PM**
**Veatch House Terrace and Ballroom**
Honoring the Nurturer in All of Us
Celebrate Mother's Day Together!
Registration details will be available soon.

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**
9:00 AM, Board of Trustees Retreat, Multiplatform Meeting

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, Choir Rehearsal Room
9:30 AM, Choir Rehearsal, Worship Room
9:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
9:30 AM, Futures Conversation, Bride’s Room and online
10:00 AM, Young People’s Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
10:30 AM, Sunday Morning Experience
11:00 AM, RE Our Whole Lives Double Session, RE Room 15
11:00 AM, Sunday Service: *Awakenings*, led by Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore, Worship Room, Art Gallery
11:00 AM, Religious Education (RE) Classes, RE Wing
11:05 AM, Children’s Worship, Chapel
11:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
11:45 AM, RE Grades 6 & 7 Questing Year Spring Fundraiser, Main Lobby
11:45 AM, Coffee Hour
12:15 PM, Futures Conversation, Bride's Room and online
12:30 PM, Inquirers Series for Newcomers, RE Room 4
1:15 PM, Small Group Ministry - 1st Sunday of the Month
4:00 PM, Transition Team Meeting

**Monday, April 4, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Medical Qigong for Senior Health – Balance!
12:30 PM, Online Women Talk Daytime Meeting
12:30 PM, Online Women Talk Daytime Meeting
7:00 PM, RE Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
2:00 PM, BOT/Staff Leadership Meeting, Office Conference Room
7:00 PM, Small Group Ministry - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month
7:30 PM, Denominational Affairs Committee Meeting
**Event Announcements**

*All programs are online unless noted otherwise. Please see UUCSR.org/calendar for additional details. See LIAGUU.org for other area congregations.*

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
10:00 AM, Building a Better Brain
11:00 AM, Crafting for Sanity and Community Online Get-Together
2:00 PM, Wednesday Conversations
3:00 PM, SJC Racial Justice Online Subcommittee Meeting
4:00 PM, Yoga for Joy and Balance with Beth
6:30 PM, Dining Solo Together!
7:00 PM, Easter and Passover Traditions Bedtime Stories!
7:00 PM, Personnel Committee Meeting
7:00 PM, Publicity and Promotions Committee Meeting

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**
9:00 AM-9:30 PM, Building Hours
10:00 AM, Living Solo
1:00 PM, Bridge Game Play, Veatch Ballroom
5:30 PM, Anti-Racism Book Club Online Program
7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal, Social Hall

**Friday, April 8, 2022**
12:00 PM, Great Books Discussion
6:30 PM, LGBTQ+ Online Gathering
7:30 PM, Soulful Sundown, Social Hall

**Saturday, April 9, 2022**
10:00 AM, Caring Committee Meeting

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Small Group Ministry - 2nd Sunday of the Month
9:00 AM, Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, Choir Rehearsal Room
9:30 AM, Choir Rehearsal, Worship Room
9:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
9:30 AM, Futures Conversation, Bride's Room and online
10:00 AM, Young People's Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
10:30 AM, Sunday Morning Experience
11:00 AM, RE Our Whole Lives Double Session, RE Room 18
11:00 AM, Sunday Worship, Worship Room, Art Gallery
11:00 AM, Religious Education (RE) Classes, RE Wing
11:00 AM, Grade 7 Spring Ritual, Pond Area
11:05 AM, Children's Worship, Chapel
11:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
11:45 AM, RE Grade 1 "Open House" Presentation and Fundraiser, Main Lobby
11:45 AM, Coffee Hour
12:15 PM, Futures Conversation, Bride's Room and online
12:30 PM, Inquirers Series for Newcomers, RE Room 4

**Monday, April 11, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Medical Qigong for Senior Health – Balance!
7:00 PM, Worship Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
3:00 PM, Art Committee Meeting, Office Conference Room and online
7:00 PM, Board of Trustees Meeting, Veatch Ballroom and online

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
11:00 AM, Crafting for Sanity and Community Online Get-Together
2:00 PM, Wednesday Conversations
4:00 PM, Women's Group Online Board Meeting
4:00 PM, Yoga for Joy and Balance with Beth
6:00 PM, Ukulele Group Practice
6:30 PM, Dining Solo Together!
7:00 PM, Social Justice Virtual Committee Meeting

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**
9:00 AM-9:30 PM, Building Hours
10:00 AM, Living Solo
1:00 PM, Bridge Game Play, Veatch Ballroom
5:30 PM, Anti-Racism Book Club Online Program
7:00 PM, Board of Trustees Meeting, Veatch Ballroom and online
7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal, Social Hall

**Friday, April 15, 2022**
12:00 PM, Great Books Discussion
3:30 PM, WG Online Book Series Discussion
6:30 PM, LGBTQ+ Online Gathering
7:00 PM, Soulful Songs & Stories, RE Room 19
7:30 PM, Women's Group Online Film Discussion - *tick, tick, BOOM!*

**Saturday, April 16, 2022**
5:00 PM, Online Seder
6:00 PM, Dramatic Readings

**Sunday, April 17, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, Choir Rehearsal Room
9:30 AM, Childcare, RE Room 1, 2
9:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
9:30 AM, Choir Rehearsal, Worship Room
10:30 AM, Sunday Morning Experience
11:00 AM, Sunday Worship, Worship Room, Art Gallery
11:30 AM, Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
11:45 AM, Coffee Hour
12:00 PM, Blooming and Belonging: Spring Membership Renewal Kick-Off Celebration, Main Lobby Lawn
12:00 PM, Easter Egg Hunt, Main Lobby Lawn, Meadow

**Monday, April 18, 2022**
9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Building Hours
9:00 AM, Medical Qigong for Senior Health – Balance!
12:30 PM, Women Talk Daytime Meeting
5:45 PM, Membership Committee Monthly Meeting
7:00 PM, Strategic Plan Task Force Mtg
7:00 PM, Care for the Caregiver

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UU Community Garden

Calling All Green Thumbs (Or Wannabes)!

Come join the UU Community Garden for the 2022 growing season! The organic garden is located directly behind the Veatch parking lot. Anyone interested is encouraged to consider claiming a spot to try gardening for a season. You just may get hooked!

Those who wish to participate MUST be members and be able to commit to 2–4 hours per week during peak season to weed and harvest.

Interested members, please reply no later than Saturday, April 16, 2022.

For more information, please contact May Choi-Steele at may_steele@yahoo.com or evenings at 917.215.3336.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 16 | 5:00 PM

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