**Meet the Moment**  is the 2022 UUA General Assembly (GA) theme. Wherever we’ve come from, wherever we’re going, this very moment is the only time we can act to change ourselves, our lives, and the life of the wider world. During GA, thousands of Unitarian Universalists are gathered to consider the moment we all are now meeting. At UUCSR, onsite and online, we celebrate the blessings that can arise as we “Meet the Moment.” * 

UUCSR’s June 26 Worship Service, as usual, is onsite and live-streamed at 11:00 am [HERE](#). The [GA Sunday Worship Service](#) will live-stream at 12:30 pm, Eastern Daylight Time [HERE](#).

**Spiritual Democracy**  The Fourth of July Holiday celebrates the American Revolution and the beginning of US political democracy. Our UU Principles also celebrate the democratic process but as something more than a political system. How do we understand the spiritual democracy which surrounds our congregational life?

Although we would wish it otherwise, for all of our efforts, we have little control over what comes to us in life—good news, bad news, seasons of ease, times of grief. As the ancient poet knew, as “influencers” of our age communicate on social media, as we know
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FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022, 7:30 PM
Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore

Soulful Sundown  Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore weaves spoken word with music from The Cosmic Orchestra. Special Guest Musical Artist Crys Matthews will be featured in a coffee house following. Coffee, tea, cookies. All are welcome. FREE and open to all. *

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SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022, 11:00 AM
Rev. Aaron Payson, Guest Minister

What We Deserve: Equity and Equality in the Age of Pandemic
This Sunday we will explore a Social Gospel for the 21 Century asking what our response might be to the inequities exposed by the recent pandemic and the social unrest that has evolved during this time of uncertainty.

Rev. Aaron Payson is in his 31st year of ministry. A 2nd generation UU minister and a 4th generation Universalist Unitarian, Aaron credits his parents for his inspiration to enter the ministry. He is currently studying for his doctorate at Hartford Seminary. Aaron is a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry Team and is active in a host of local, regional and national efforts within the UUA and the community at large. *

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022, 11:00 AM
Green Sanctuary Committee

ReWilding Our Campus and Surrounding Community  What does it take to maintain wilderness within an urban or suburban setting? Members of Shelter Rock’s Green Sanctuary team share stories of our woods and coyotes, our community garden, and the native plants in these hundred acres protected from development. In addition to the re-wilding of our local ecosystem, as individuals, our members and friends can reduce plastic pollution and become part of the Citizens Climate Lobby. Protecting planet Earth begins in our own backyard. *

* Worship Services are in-person, AND livestreamed! Masks are encouraged and required for singing. Livestreams available on uucsr.org/worship, Facebook, and YouTube. Closed captions and podcasts available afterward.

The Sunday Morning Experience is available online using just one link! Beginning at 10:30 am, join via Zoom, then stay for live Worship Service and Coffee Hour. Join HERE.

but often push from our consciousness, we only have control over how we receive the events of life.

So I wonder, who has arrived at your door today? How did you receive this guest? What will you do now that “company” has come? I hope you can treat each “honorably,” honoring what this experience offers you and allow yourself to grow or be changed.

This radical hospitality is the work of the spirit—this embrace of life in all its glory and its ugliness. This is the work that helps us to grow more self-aware, more tuned in to our interior life and to our emotional and spiritual needs. This is the soul-growing work that supports our capacity for compassion. Heaven knows, the world needs it... and friends, this is my parting message to you: “Every morning a new arrival.” Each will reveal something about you, and about the experience of being human. Each is essential. “Welcome and entertain them all!”

As said by the contemporary poet, Mary Oliver, this is your “one wild and precious life.” Don’t miss or reject a moment. I wish you the suffering and delight that make for great soul-growing.

With faith,

Rev. Jennifer

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Friday, July 8, 2022, 7:30 pm
Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore

We hold in our hearts... Hank Arond who has entered hospice care at home. We pray for Hank’s comfort and peace during the final days of his life and extend our care to his wife, Ronnie. Please refrain from calling. Cards may be sent to:

Hank and Ronnie Arond
8265 250th Street
Bellerose, NY 11426-2523
FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022, 7:30 PM
Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore

MUSIC AT SHELTER ROCK
Stephen Michael Smith, Music Director

Unheard Voices
3 Women Composers for Orchestra

LOUISE FARRENC
Overture No 1, op 23

FLORENCE PRICE
Symphony No 1 in E minor

MARGARET BONDS
Four Spirituals for Voice and Orchestra

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A Healthy Transition Protects the Legacy of a Long-Serving, Beloved Minister

Why is that?
The UU Ministers Association (UUMA) ethical guidelines recognize that congregations “are especially vulnerable in periods of ministerial transition.” With an eye on the “primary importance” of the well-being of the congregation and the new ministry, a departing minister and continuing ministers are expected to enter into a covenant that expresses their mutual agreement about the departing minister’s degree of involvement with the congregation. Until that covenant exists, there is to be no intentional contact between a departing minister and the congregation’s members or staff. It’s the existence of a covenant that allows a continuing connection. In the case of a Minister Emeritus or Emerita, a written agreement with the congregation is in addition to the ministerial covenant.

What is a covenant or agreement likely to say?
An important UUMA ethical standard is that the departing minister will neither offer nor accept invitations from the congregation’s members to participate in rites of passage (weddings, memorial services, child dedications), except to the extent the covenant allows for exceptions. This practice helps to solidify the relationship between members and the congregation’s currently serving ministers. It also helps the departing minister carry out their obligation to “minimize their influence and presence within the congregation” during times of ministerial transition—which, in turn, helps the congregation make the often-difficult shift to accepting the newly constituted ministry team as the ministers who are there for them.

Another common part of a ministerial covenant (or a congregation’s agreement with a Minister Emeritus or Emerita) is a time-limited period when the departing minister remains away from the congregation (unless there is an explicit invitation from the continuing ministry team). Retired UU ministers call this a “ministry of absence.” Social media engagement among the departing minister and congregants need not be suspended entirely—but for a limited time it is, for example, one-sided: the departing minister reads posts but doesn’t respond to them. As one departing minister said, “It is very important that I am not acting like your minister on Facebook anymore,” adding “for at least a year I will not comment on any of your posts.”

The agreement doesn’t really apply to me!
There’s a temptation (on both sides of the minister/member relationship) to continue on as before. Members who reach out to a retired minister may not intend to place a strain on that minister, but the outreach invites the minister to ignore their ethical obligations. As difficult as a temporary suspension of contact may be, this “ministry of absence” helps both congregation and minister make a healthy transition. Members can best sustain a departing minister’s legacy by supporting the continuation and enhancement of programs the minister initiated, while accepting that these programs are now in the hands of the continuing ministers.

Isn’t a Minister Emeritus/Emerita different?
It’s true that a departing minister who is voted Emeritus or Emerita status is in a special relationship with the congregation—but that relationship is different from one of pastoral ministry. The UUMA’s ethical guidelines say that the Emeritus or Emerita minister is entitled to a “circumscribed continuing place in the life of the congregation.” Participation in ceremonial events (for example, anniversaries of the congregation’s founding and building dedications); delegate status at General Assembly; and occasional invitations to appear in the congregation’s pulpit are often part of the relationship. Whatever the nature of the Emeritus/Emerita relationship, the UUMA guidelines expect that the details will be included in a written agreement between the congregation and the minister.

Where can I find the covenant or agreement with our new Minister Emerita?
The continuing ministers and new Minister Emerita at UUCSR do not yet have a covenant—and all have an ethical obligation to begin their conversations about it. Nor does the congregation have an agreement with the Minister Emerita; representatives of the Board of Trustees and the Minister Emerita still need to meet to discuss that agreement.

A Personal Message from Rev. Jaye
In my years as a minister, most of them in transition ministry, I’ve always followed a long-serving and beloved minister who was voted Emeritus or Emerita status. The tenure of the longest-serving minister was 28 years and the shortest 15 years.

As part of my training in ministerial transitions, I learned about the importance of entering into a covenant with the retiring minister—and in my experience it has been a valuable and meaningful practice. At the heart of the covenant is our mutual desire to safeguard the well-being of the congregation. One of my objectives has always been to honor and extend the retiring minister’s legacy by nurturing a thriving and healthy congregation.
Where can I find these guidelines and other recommendations? The UUMA’s Guidelines for Conduct of the Ministry are HERE, and are referenced by the UUA Transitions Office at page 5 of the Transitional Ministry Handbook HERE.

The UU Retired Ministers and Partners Association (UURMaPA) is governed by a nine-member board that includes UUCSR’s Rev. Ned Wight. The Association’s Retirement Guide, on pages 19–20, similarly refers departing ministers to the UUMA Guidelines and emphasizes that “the congregation’s health is primary” and recommends a time-limited “ministry of absence.” Other resources from UURMaPA are available HERE.

Departing minister Rev. Michael Tino addresses his separation and the use of social media on his congregation’s website HERE.

Listening Sessions Scheduled at Shelter Rock

The UUCSR Board of Trustees has scheduled two small-group conversations titled Listening Sessions so that UUCSR members can exchange ideas about the best ways to recognize the long service of departing ministers. Members are invited to participate in one session. Both sessions will be available onsite and online.

Experienced UUA facilitator, Rev. Aaron Payson, who has served as Minister of the UU Church of Worcester, MA for 23 years, will facilitate the Listening Sessions. Rev. Payson frequently assists UU congregations in collaboration with the UUA’s Congregational Life staff. He serves as a member of the UUMA Good Officer Support Team and is a founding member of the UU Trauma Response Ministry Team. For more about Rev. Payson, visit uucworcester.org.

Registration is not necessary for onsite participation.

Register to attend online Sunday, July 10, 2022, at 12:30 PM HERE. Register to attend online Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM HERE.

Thank You, Rev. Jennifer Brower

You may honor Rev. Jennifer Brower and her twenty years of ministry with your personal gift.

You may make a contribution in several ways:

Visit www.uucsr.org/browergift online.

You may use the QR code (above) to access.
• Open the camera app on your phone.
• Hold your phone so the QR code appears in view.
• Tap the notification to open the donation page.

Mail or deliver a check to the UUCSR Finance Office with “Rev. Brower Gift” in the memo line.
A Message from the President

On June 12, 2022, I had the pleasure of attending the New Member Breakfast at Shelter Rock. Being part of their signing of the book made me think of just how much has changed since David and I signed it in 1995. One change that I never would have imagined 27 years ago is that many of the new members I met that Sunday had first become aware of UUCSR virtually. Over the last two years, they had searched for ways to make meaningful connections in our quarantined and distanced world and came upon our online Sunday Services and coffee hour, as well as weekday conversation groups.

As we talked over bagels and fruit, it was very clear that they had found the same unique community on their computers that had brought me inside the glass doors of Shelter Rock so many years ago. The depth of the conversations that they had experienced online was a big part of why they had made the decision to join the congregation officially. While there is no denying the importance of being together in person, the ability to have safe, personal interaction online is one of the great discoveries that has come out of our dealing with a pandemic.

We are extremely lucky at UUCSR to have the resources to offer a very high quality of online programs. Before the pandemic, many discussions of the Shelter Rock leadership centered around how to reach members who are unable to get to the building regularly. We never want to lose the voices of those members who can’t make the trip to attend in person. I am in awe of and am very grateful to everyone who has made our religious community accessible to so many.

But though much has changed for new members, I was also happy to talk to young couples who were joining because of the wonderful experience their children were having in our Religious Education (RE) program. We are a congregation whose very creation was out of a desire of young families to have a Unitarian Universalist RE program and it was gratifying to hear that that hasn’t changed. It is the reason that David and I decided to sign the book so long ago, so when we all finished breakfast and joined others in the Worship Room, it was great to see that it was the Bridging Service for our graduating RE classes. Their presentations were unique and personal and yet so reminiscent of my own children’s Bridging Service that my Shelter Rock life came full circle for me.

UUCSR is emerging from the pandemic changed but not unrecognizably.

During the new year that is fast approaching, the building will be used differently and the grounds will be undergoing some reformation. Programs will reach out farther than they ever have before and our choices for meaningful worship will be expanding.

What I hope will never change is our desire to be a welcoming community for members who still want deep connection and conversation but can’t get to the building as often, as well as for our youth and young adults who credit their Shelter Rock experience as life-changing. I am energized by all of the new members I met that morning and enthusiastically welcome them into our community.

DAC Update

We’re off to Portland! Shelter Rock will be represented by five, in-person delegates (and three virtual delegates). The UUCSR Veatch Program will also be sending a group of members, and ministers will be represented by the Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore and the Rev. Jennifer Brower, and several staff will also be attending.

As we have done in past years upon returning from an in-person General Assembly (GA), we will be reporting back to the congregation via written reports. Delegates will be sharing their GA experiences at a Worship Service in the fall.

General Assembly is an exciting and revitalizing experience: that of meeting with (sometimes) thousands of fellow UUs and sharing their passions for a more just and peaceful world. I hope you will consider attending next year when the GA moves to Pittsburgh, PA.

Public events from General Assembly (GA) 2022 will be live-streamed at www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2022, June 22–26, 2022.

No registration is required to watch: General Sessions, Sunday Morning Worship, Service of Living Tradition, and Synergy Bridging Worship.

Partner Church News

This past Sunday, a fundraising auction was held in the Social Hall was to raise much needed funds for Shelter Rock’s Partner Church in Csikszereda, Romania. All proceeds go directly to the Csikszereda church to support their efforts to assist Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war who need food, clothing, and other necessities.

If you were unable to participate or would like to contribute to the effort, please contact the Finance Office to make a contribution. Checks may be mailed with Partner Church Auction in the memo line.
Shelter Rock's Purpose and Plan

During our 2021 *Purpose Conversations*, Shelter Rock members identified three focus areas as we live into our congregation's purpose for being:

**Community, Spirituality, and Service**

After months of follow-up conversations with members and staff, the Strategic Planning Task Force has translated UUCSR's Purpose into a plan with ten goals.

### Community: Support Heart-Centered Congregational Life

1. Develop Friday nights as a spiritual growth & community-building time
2. Give priority to programming for youth and young adults.
3. Develop new initiatives that build multigenerational community.
4. Structure congregational life in ways that further UUCSR's mission and vision.
5. Implement a leadership development plan to prepare UUCSR members to engage as collaborative and well-informed leaders.
6. Focus and systematize content messaging so it reflects UU values and UUCSR vision

### Spirituality: Encourage Spiritual Deepening

7. Establish an ongoing process that effectively engages our human, natural, physical, and financial resources to meet the congregation's current and future spiritual needs.
8. Use our beautiful grounds for meaningful activities that engage the spirit as they build community.

### Service: Create Opportunities for Hands-On Service

9. Enhance UUCSR infrastructure that supports effective use of volunteer energy.
10. Act locally to realize UUCSR's vision to build a more just and joyful world.

- The Board has accepted a draft Plan as ready to share with members for discussion and comment.

  [The full draft 5-Year Strategic Plan is available HERE.](#)

- To submit a comment, please click [HERE](#).

- The Process that led to the plan is available in graphic form [HERE](#).
Welcome New Members!

On June 12, 2020, we officially welcomed nine new members to the congregation! Our newest members marked their journey with a Membership Book Signing in the Veatch House. We are so incredibly excited to welcome them as they continue their journey with the congregation.

Be sure to say hello to any new members that you may see around, and join me in supporting them on their path of belonging at Shelter Rock!

Hannah Jung and David Card
Hannah, David, and their child, Elizabeth (11), live in Queens and are excited to be joining in Membership after being involved in the RE community. The whole family loves reading, traveling, kayaking, being surrounded by nature, swimming, and watching good movies and documentaries. David and Elizabeth also like to ski, ice skate, and ride bicycles. Welcome to the Card family!

Kate and Sean Feuer
Kate, Sean, and their children Brandon (9), Sierra (7), and Julia (4), have been coming to Shelter Rock for a couple of years, having first been brought by member Kathy de Vos, who is Kate's mother. Kate and Sean live in Flushing, Queens, where they have been since 2005. Their interests are in music, art, social justice, and shared community experiences. Welcome to the Feuer family!

Deborah Moulton
Deborah started tuning into Zoom services in the Sunday Morning Experience to hear her daughter, vocalist Sarah Faux, sing. Deborah found (to her surprise) that she enjoyed the services and was incredibly comfortable with not being told what she had to believe. Deborah began participating in the Wednesday Afternoon Conversations with Rev. Jaye and felt the love, kindness, and support of wonderful and interesting people. Deborah lives in Southampton, where she's been for 33 years.

Courtney Weida
Courtney and her child, Imogen (8), started getting involved at Shelter Rock during the pandemic with the online Children's Choir program. Courtney has always loved UU congregations where she participated in full moon circles and art shows in Boston, Virginia, and New York. Former city dwellers, Courtney and Imogen live in Floral Park. Courtney is interested in Paganism, ecology, art, crafts, feminism, and teaching. Welcome, Courtney and Imogen!

Serena Valdes
Serena came to Shelter Rock seeking a sense of community and support and to be surrounded by like-minded people who share her values. She feels very grounded here. Serena has been a Bayside resident for 10 years. She enjoys singing, dancing, games, team-building activities, fitness, nutrition, holistic health, yoga, and meditation. She is very eager to get involved! Welcome, Serena!

Elsa Rios
We also welcome Elsa Rios, mother of Serena Valdes.

Barbara Shalek
Barbara has become involved primarily in Shelter Rock Zoom offerings, due to travel limitations, and has thoroughly enjoyed the many groups that she is involved in. She is eager to continue to create meaningful connections with other congregants and truly appreciates the community and sense of belonging that she has with the congregation. Welcome, Barbara!
Criminal Legal Reform in New York State

The New York State Legislature ended its 2022 session on June 4. For those concerned about criminal legal reform in the state, there were many setbacks.

The Legislature failed to pass the Clean Slate Act. This act (S1553C/A6399B) would have provided for “automatic sealing of certain convictions after a certain passage of time from either imposition of sentence, release from parole or probation, and if the defendant does not have a current charge pending; excludes certain offenses; permits access by certain persons.” The bill passed in the State Senate but failed in the Assembly. Opponents there felt that it lacked protections for law-abiding New Yorkers and victims of crime. Some see this as a backlash to other reform measures that passed in earlier sessions such as bail reform. There is a strong coalition backing the legislation which will undoubtedly be reintroduced in the next legislative session.

Two parole reform bills, Fair and Timely Parole (S497A & A4346A) and Elder Parole (S15A/A8855) also failed to gain passage. According to City and State NY, “Fair and Timely Parole would require the parole board to grant conditional release to all those who are eligible unless they pose a current or unreasonable risk. Elder Parole would grant any incarcerated person 55 or older who has served at least 15 years of their sentence to become eligible for parole.” Advocates will reintroduce these bills in the next legislative session. Click here for more information on the contents of these measures.

Other important reform measures that failed to pass included Eliminate Mandatory Minimums Act (S.7871/A.9166), Second Look Act (S.7872/A.8894), Earned Time Act (S.7873A/A.8462B), End Predatory Court Fees (S.3979C/A.2348B), and Stop Immigration Bond Abuse Act (S.3509/A.7770). These losses will certainly be on the agenda of criminal legal reform advocates for the 2023–2024 Legislative Session.

Other legislation that touches on criminal legal reform did pass. Lawmakers approved a package of 10 bills that Governor Hochul has already signed into law to address access to guns and gun safety.

Criminal legal reform advocates are taking a well-deserved breather. You can be sure that they will be back with new strategies to win in the legislative session that begins in January 2023.

Cooking Meals for Guests of the Shelters Run by the Interfaith Nutrition Network-INN

On the first Tuesday of the month and fourth Thursday of the month from 9:00 am–12:30 pm, volunteers gather in the UUCSR Main Kitchen to cook nutritious meals that are delivered to three INN shelters. Register with Sharyn Esposito at sesposito@uucsr.org.

Supporting Those Experiencing Hunger

The Social Justice Committee invites you to bring donations of non-perishable food items to the red basket inside the Main Lobby. Members will stock the congregational pantry by the kitchen door for anyone in need. Once the congregational pantry is stocked, we will donate items to local food pantries.

Friday Nights with the LGBTQ+ Group Online

The UUCSR LGBTQ+ Sub-Committee sponsors a weekly get-together online on Friday evenings during July and August. Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are welcome to participate. To join the meeting go to https://uucsr.org/calendar/ for the Friday you wish to attend.

Thursday, June 23, 2022 | 6:30–7:30 PM | Online
Together to End Solitary Confinement Join members of the Social Justice Committee to remember those suffering the torture of solitary confinement. Join Zoom Meeting HERE.

Ethical Eating is Back
Eating Plant Based-on-a-Budget
Seasonal Cooking Class

Sunday, July 17, 2022
1 – 3 PM | Veatch House Kitchen

Its been a tough couple of years and its time to get back on track for some much-needed self-care! We will demonstrate ethical, easy, and economical plant based recipes to balance and soothe your mind, body, and spirit with comfort foods while you enjoy the benefits of healthy eating.

You will learn:
• How to create mindful foods that are in season and on a budget
• Learn about the Clean 15 and Dirty Dozen foods
• Eating local and learn organic versus non-organic
• Experiment with foods that will revive you
• Techniques for easy preparation

Be prepared to participate.
Children welcome.

Please notify Leslee Rabb at lesleer@optonline.net or Tracie Pulga at yourlifestylevitality@gmail.com if you have any food allergies.
Due to budgetary constraints, a donation of $5 is appreciated.
Veatch Delegation Attending Live GA in Portland, OR

After two years of attending virtual General Assembly (GA), this year’s annual Veatch delegation is traveling to Portland. Our delegation includes Governors Janet Bendowitz, Barbara Grosmark, Corinne Hayden (Chair), and Diane Lombardy, with staff members, myself, and Eileen Jamison.

During GA, we hold informative and inspiring meetings with many of the grantees funded by Veatch to strengthen the UU denomination. This year, we will meet with the UU Service Committee (UUSC), UU@UN, Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF), Beacon Press, and the Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard. We will attend main events together, including the Service of the Living Tradition and the Ware Lecture. This year’s Ware Lecture is sure to be a highlight, as we will hear from Ibram X. Kendi, the author of five New York Times bestsellers, including How to Be an Antiracist and the National Book Award-winning Stamped from The Beginning: A Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America. He is widely known as an expert researcher and inspiring speaker on the issues of race and racism. We will join in a workshop with former Veatch grantee, Zach Norris, Beacon Press author of this year’s UU Common Read: Defund Fear.

We also plan to visit three of Veatch’s locally based grantees. Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN) in rural Woodburn, OR, empowers farmworkers and Latinx families by building community, increasing Latinx representation in elections, and conducting policy advocacy on the national and state levels. Its sister organization, Capaces, provides leadership development programs for PCUN and other base-building organizations in the region. Based in the city of Portland, United Oregon, is a 13,000 member-strong organization, led by people of color, immigrants and refugees, and rural communities that works across the state to build a unified, intercultural movement for justice.

We enter GA 2022 grateful to be together again in live meetings and looking forward to hearing from grantee leaders who are putting the congregation’s faith into action every day.

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Window-Strike Victims: Birds

One billion birds die in the United States annually. In the spring, they fly from the south to the north. Some come from Central and South America in their journey up to states such as New York. Their migration begins when their wintering habitats become inhospitable. Some are killed because of bird strike collisions with windows and improper/artificial lighting. Strikes occur as frequently in residential settings as they do at larger buildings.

In the daytime, birds seek landscape or the sky; sometimes, what they see is actually a reflection. Reflections are indistinguishable to them; they don’t see windows or barriers. Reflections are seen as open space to birds in flight. Plants in household windows often draw their attraction. In mating seasons they often perceive their own reflection as a competing male and attack it (the glass). Or they are disoriented as a result of disease or ingesting fermented berries. Easy solutions are available: installing barriers like dots or decals or cords that cut down on reflection.

In December 2019, New York City law required newer buildings to install Bird-Friendly Windows as part of their construction plan. Since New York City sits on the Atlantic flyway and is a tidal estuary hotspot, bird collisions are being mitigated. Fall and spring migrations which previously caused 90,000 to 230,000 deaths are lessened. Also, by installing long cords on windows as were installed a the Discovery Center, there are more bird-friendly buildings. A few years ago, we had deadly bird collisions at UUCSR. Seatuck Environmental Association’s John Turner, avian specialist, helped us choose decals for our doors and windows. Perhaps, you have seen them.

Currently, Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York are eliminating artificial light at night from 11 pm to 6 am. The Lights Out Program is very effective during the bird migration season. Thousands of dead birds are no longer lying on the streets for removal. This program has now spread to over forty cities in the US.

But what should a homeowner or anyone else do if he/she comes across a stunned bird? The Audubon Wildlife Center in Portland, OR and Long Island’s Volunteers for Wildlife offer some helpful suggestions. Place the bird in a small box lined with a towel. Next place it in a warm, dark area. Check it every hour. If the bird becomes alert, it will fly away. Otherwise, it should be brought to a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

These bird-friendly solutions are up to all of us.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee
**Lifespan Religious Education (RE)**
**Carson Jones, Lifespan Religious Education Coordinator**

**Summer Vacation Bedtime Stories**

**Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 PM | Live on Zoom [HERE](#)**

All are welcome to join Carson Jones for this special interactive story time as he reads three family-friendly stories celebrating summer vacation!

*Roller Coaster,* written and illustrated by Marla Frazee

*Beach,* written and illustrated by Elisha Cooper

*The Moon Jumpers,* written by Janice May Udry, illustrated by Maurice Sendak

**Outdoor Summer RE Program for All Ages**

Five Easy Peaces—An RE Outdoor Summer Program for All Ages 11:00 am, on Sundays, July 17, 24, 31, August 7, and 14 on the grounds at UUCSR.

Everything these days can feel like it’s 15 times harder to do, especially when it comes to finding moments of peace within ourselves and those around us... but it doesn’t have to be so difficult! This summer, we will explore some simple, joyful ways to make space for peace with one another in community.Join us for five consecutive weeks of uplifting music, summertime fun, spirit-lifting activities, and surprises galore!

**Bedtime Stories** (now on the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

Wednesdays, July 13 (see above), August 10, and September 14, at 7:00 PM

Live on Zoom [HERE](#). All are welcome to join Carson Jones for these special interactive story times as he reads family-friendly stories celebrating the joys of summertime!

**UU Kids Connect Summer Drive-in Movie Matinees**

Thursdays beginning July 21, the inter-congregational team of UU religious educators invites you to the movies! Together each week, we will watch a much-loved family favorite film through the lens of our UU values followed by a lively chat. Get that popcorn apoppin’ and we’ll see you this summer... at the movies! Keep an eye out in the RE emails to register for all this and more soon.

**Grants Available for UU Summer Camps**

Are you looking for a fun, inclusive and spiritually nourishing place to send your kids to camp this summer? There are several Unitarian Universalist summer camps for children and youth, as well as camps for the whole family!

The UUCSR Religious Education program budget provides grants to children and youth to attend these camps. Every child/youth of a congregational member is eligible for a grant of 18 percent of standard enrollment costs towards one week of camp. If your child/youth will be attending a UU Camp or Conference Center this summer and would like to have a grant from UUCSR, please call Jessica Pond at 516.472.2914 or e-mail jpond@uucsr.org and let us know. UU camps include:

- Star Island
- Clara Barton Camp
- Ferry Beach
- Murray Grove
- The Mountain
- The Rowe Center
- Camp Unirondack
- UUMAC or other UU camp of your choice

Unfortunately, the Sophia Fahs Camp will not be able to operate this summer due to four key factors:

- The diminishing UU youth demographic on Long Island
- Insufficient volunteers for a safe and uplifting experience
- Ongoing health and safety concerns
- Camp costs out of proportion to the number of campers.

The Fahs Camp Advisory Board wrote, "Based on our recent survey of campers, staff, and families, we have identified a group of individuals who have graciously offered to share their time and talents with us. We are thrilled to bring new viewpoints and ideas to camp."

“In the coming months, we will be re-imagining Fahs, with the goal of forming a robust program that will carry us forward into the future. Rather than rely so heavily on a 4-5 person advisory board, we are envisioning a team approach to managing camp, where volunteers can each share their strengths in their areas of interest and specialty. We hope to build a big tent. This process will be led by Matthew Barish, Allyson Barish, and David Schulman, with the continued assistance and guidance from Patsy Kaplan, David Sussman, and Peggy Schlechter."

“**We invite and encourage anyone interested in being part of the next chapter of Sophia Fahs camp to join us in our journey. Please reach out to sophiafahs@gmail.com**."
**INTUITIVE PAINTING WORKSHOP**

This workshop provides a “no judgement, no expectations” space to learn more about trusting your own creativity, as you reconnect to your inner artist.

Through the use of Intention, Journaling, and Guided Meditation, the process of painting can transform, expand, and enlighten your inner world.

*You do NOT need to be an artist to participate in this workshop!*

All you need is a willingness to learn something new about yourself, and a desire to play with paint. We hope you will join in this powerful experience of listening to your intuition and expressing your own truth.

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**Tuesday, August 16, 2022**

10:00 AM–12:00 noon

Veatch House Ballroom

$10.00 fee

Register online at uucsr.org/intuitiveart or with Elaine Corrao at 516.472.2933.

A supply list will be provided upon registration.

Bring your own brown bag lunch and picnic on the beautiful grounds afterward!
Noteworthy in June

June 1–30 LGBTQ+ Pride Month

The Stonewall Inn was a gay bar which occupied 51–53 Christopher Street in NYC’s Greenwich Village. On June 28, 1969, the Stonewall was raided. Patrons and a crowd outside resisted and confrontations continued over the next few nights in Christopher Park and on adjacent streets. This riot/uprising catalyzed the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement resulting in increased visibility for the community that continues to resonate in the struggle for equality. The Stonewall Inn has been designated a NYS Historic Site, the above information is taken from the historic marker given to it in 2016.

There are a number of books available in the bookstore about LGBTQ+ topics. *All Boys Aren’t Blue* was reviewed in the last edition of the *Quest*. This book was been BANNED by a Missouri school board!

June 19 Juneteenth

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which declared enslaved persons to be free. However, it was not until TWO YEARS LATER, in 1865, that the news reached Black people living in Texas. On June 19, 1865, in Galveston, TX, Union Soldiers arrived to say that slavery had been abolished. June 19th is celebrated as “Juneteenth.”

I would like share these quotes from Audre Lorde, a self-described “black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet.” She was born in Harlem, NY, on February 18, 1934, and died on November 17, 1992, in Christiansted, US Virgin Islands. She “dedicated her life and her creative talent to confronting and addressing injustices of racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia.”

> It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.

> Difference is that raw and powerful connection from which our personal power is forged...We have been taught to either ignore our differences or to view them as causes for separation and suspicion rather than as forces for change. Without community, there is no liberation... but community must not mean a shedding of our differences, nor the pathetic pretense that these differences do not exist.

— Audre Lorde, from poetryfoundation.org

Happy June, whatever it means to you.

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Congregational Art Show
August 14–September 14, 2022

**DELIVERY**
Sunday, August 7
12:00–1:30 PM  |  Art Gallery
Tuesday, August 9
1:00–2:30 PM  |  Art Gallery

**RECEPTION**
Sunday, August 14
1:00–3:00 PM  |  Art Gallery

**PICK-UP**
Wednesday, Sept. 14
9:00–11:00 AM  |  Art Gallery
Thursday, Sept. 15
7:00–8:00 PM  |  By appointment only

Registration Forms Available [HERE](#) and in the Lobby

Original paintings, collage, sculpture, photography, pen and ink, mixed media, prints, poetry (8½ by 11 format), and other creative works.

Refer to [uucsr.org/art](http://uucsr.org/art) for details.

Regrettably, storage is not available post-show.

Please contact Elaine Corrao with questions or appointments (516.472.2933 or [ecorrao@uucsr.org](mailto:ecorrao@uucsr.org))
Women’s Film Discussion Series

Third and Fourth Fridays monthly | 7:30 PM
With co-hosts Maria Ceralo and Victoria Pilotti, Center for the Women of New York
Watch before the discussion, then join in lively conversation.
June 24: Gangubai Kathiawadi (Netflix)
July 15: Ask for Jane (Amazon Prime)
July 22: The Imitation Game (Netflix)
Watch the films in advance. Join Zoom meeting 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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Please visit uucsr.org/wg for additional details including a full list of titles, discussion leaders, and a printable flyer.

Women Talk Daytime

Now multiplatform—onsite and online in the Veatch Conference Room and on Zoom first and third Tuesdays monthly at 12:30 PM.
Bring your lunch and coffee/tea will be provided.
The first Tuesday (July 5) topic remains Current Events.
On the third Tuesdays, a special topic or question is featured. On July 19, Sandra Frank invites your opinion: “Do you think Supreme Court judges should have term limits and undergo cognitive tests before being appointed?” All are welcome to join Sandra online or in-person! Join the online session HERE.

Women’s Group Annual Election & Luncheon Meeting

Sunday, June 26, 2022 | 12:30 PM
See ad on last page of this Quest.
No Admission fee for Women’s Group Members.
Non-Women’s Group Members admission fee $15.00.
Guest speaker is Bridget Mantello, The Safe Center LI.
Please contact Sharyn Esposito to learn more. sesposito@uucsr.org or 516.472.2960

The Work Is Never Over

“…..the work is never over and there are no permanent victories,” said Hilary Clinton at a special performance of Suffs, a new Off-Broadway musical about the women’s suffrage movement, at the Public Theater in Manhattan.

When it came to reproductive rights, many of us thought the work was over, that our children and grandchildren could be reassured that the right to decide if or when to have children belonged to them. Until now.

Oh, there were warnings. Back in 2016, presidential candidate Hilary Clinton said, “The man who could be president has said there should be some form of ‘punishment’ for women seeking abortions. He pledged to appoint Supreme Court justices who would overturn Roe v. Wade. And last year, he said he’d shut down the government rather than fund Planned Parenthood.” Five years ago, Clinton put the country on notice that this day could come. The fight for the right to access health care, and for women to make their own decisions about their bodies and their futures, was “far from over.” After the election, he made good on his promise and appointed three conservative judges to the Supreme Court.

Now, the Supreme Court has voted to strike down the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, according to a leaked initial draft majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito. In his draft opinion, he outrageously cited Lord Matthew Hale, an English jurist of the 1600s! Remarkably, this very English Jurist refused to even criminalize spousal rape. This is where our Supreme Court is today—back in the 1600s.

We can look to Poland to envision an America without Roe. A photo on the front page of the New York Times showed a young woman comforting her niece. The niece’s mother died at 22 weeks pregnant. Her mother wrote: “They cannot help as long as the fetus is alive, thanks to the anti-abortion law.” Doctors let her mother die rather than remove the fetus that caused her death.

Mrs. Clinton warned us again: “Any American who says, ‘Look, I’m not a woman, this doesn’t affect me. I’m not Black, that doesn’t affect me. I’m not gay, that doesn’t affect me—once you allow this kind of extreme power to take hold you have no idea who they will come for next.”

Mrs. Clinton’s remarks at Suffs reminded me that it’s really not over. It never was. For the sake of our daughters, our nieces, our granddaughters, we will join the fight and remind them to remain vigilant, because it’s never really over.
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Women’s Group Cordially Invites Members & Guests to Annual Meeting & Election Luncheon

Women’s Group Members

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022
12:30 PM • Veatch Terrace
uucsr.org/WG2022

NO CHARGE
for Women’s Group Members

$15 for Non-Women’s Group Members

Advanced reservations and payment if not a Women’s Group Member is required by Friday, June 24

SPEAKER: BRIDGET MANTELLO
Director of Development for The Safe Center LI

The Safe Center Mission

To protect, assist, and empower victims of family violence and sexual assault while challenging and changing social systems that tolerate and perpetuate abuse.

Kindly register at uucsr.org/wg2022
Questions? Please contact Sharyn Esposito (sesposito@uucsr.org or 516.472.2960).