



The Quest

September 27, 2016

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.

-SHELTER ROCK VISION STATEMENT

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, October 2, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.
"All Creatures Great and Small"
The UUCSR Ministry Team

This Sunday, we gather in appreciation for the wondrous, interdependent web of creation, and celebrate the Blessing of the Animals. Well-behaved pets are invited to attend with their human families. (All animals must be on a leash or in a secure cage or carrier.) Each animal will receive a blessing during the service. If your pet is unavailable, you may bring a photograph. Beloved stuffed animals are also invited. Regardless of whether you bring a pet, you are welcome to attend. Our service will be held in the Veatch House courtyard. In the event of inclement weather, we will hold the service in the Social Hall. This is a Family Service. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend and will sit with their families. Those wishing to attend but preferring a little distance from the animals are invited to sit on the patio off of the Art Gallery, overlooking the courtyard.

Sunday, October 9, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.
"Standing in Awe"
Oscar Sinclair, Ministerial Intern

Two days before Yom Kippur we take time to reflect on atonement.

- For what and to whom are we responsible?
- If we participate in unjust systems, should we be accountable for the injustices caused by the system?
- In these Days of Awe, what is our responsibility to ourselves, to each other, and to society?

Friday, October 14, 2016
Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Worship - 7:30 p.m., Free Coffee House

Soulful Sundown

The Rev. Jennifer L Brower

Nurture your spirit with a sober, contemporary service with live Gathering of Friends Band at 7:30 p.m. and a FREE coffee house performance by special guest performer Patty Larkin, afterward. \$4 Dinner available in UU Cafe at 6:30 p.m.

UUCSR offers transportation to Sunday Worship and Soulful Sundown services for members unable to travel due to physical or financial limitations. Contact the Assistant to the Ministers at krossiter@uucsr.org or 516.472.2941 for an application.

TOUCHSTONES

Oscar Sinclair, Ministerial Intern

This week Rev. Fenimore, India Harris, and I had the opportunity to attend a day long training on intercultural communication, a joint program of the Liberal Religious Educators Association and the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association (the professional organizations of UU religious educators and clergy, respectively).



The model of intercultural communication was presented as a tool, without values or meaning in itself, but with applications in everything from social justice organizing to international finance. Its importance stems from the observation that all communication is in some sense intercultural. I am aware of this as a Michigander who lives in the Bronx and commutes to serve a congregation on the North Shore of Long Island. Neither my home culture or the culture of my neighborhood matches up in every way with that of Manhasset, so say nothing of each other. So in a narrow sense, intercultural communication can help to bridge the gap between a Midwestern love of Jello Salad and a distinct lack of orange gelatin at Long Island potlucks.

In a broader sense, though, the tools of intercultural communication seem critically important, even central, to addressing the fissures in our national discourse. Different cultures feel in deep conflict this fall, unable to communicate across a widening gap. From Clinton and Trump supporters to police unions and Black Lives Matter activists, our cultural divides can seem insurmountable.

Intercultural communication is a tool without inherent values or meaning, but when paired with a faith that calls us into covenant and community with each other and the broader world, it is a powerful tool. This fall we will have opportunities to talk about some of these broad divides: in October I will be teaching a course introducing the Black Lives Matter movement, and hearing the voices from that struggle.

The theologian and activist Ruby Sales said recently in an interview that "we live in a very diverse world, and to talk about what it means to be humans is to talk with a simultaneous tongue of universality and particularities." The training India, Natalie, and I spent the day at was an attempt to develop tools to hold these two things together, a recognition of the universality of human experience and the particular experience and challenges of each human life. I hope that we can continue the conversation together in the coming months.

VEATCH VIEWS

Joan Minieri, Executive Director



I am still very much enjoying my warm welcome to the congregation at Shelter Rock!

It has been wonderful to meet so many people over these days, both over formal agendas and informally on these beautiful grounds. On my second day, I was able to attend the Board of Trustees meeting, and shortly after, the Veatch Board of Governors Retreat,

followed by a Large Grants meeting. As I reflected on all of this, along with the rich experience of being here for the Homecoming service and picnic, I truly felt that I had the best week-one in a new job that anyone could hope for.

At the Board of Governors Retreat we heard from two Veatch grantees who were able to frame the current political moment with a balanced view of history, critique and optimism. Tarso Ramos from Political Research Associates joined us from Boston, along with John Cavanagh from the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. Offering an analysis of problems and solutions that is deeply rooted in their collaborations with many other Veatch grantees, Tarso and John helped us grapple with fundamental questions facing our democracy.

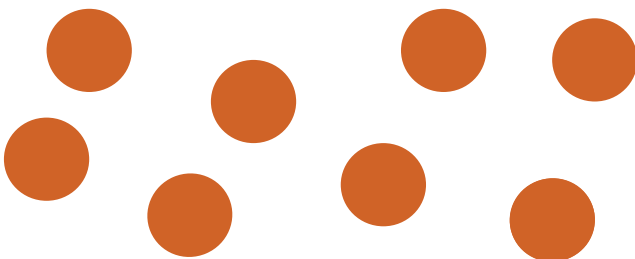
It is an honor to have the opportunity to work with this congregation and with grantees like Tarso and John. I look forward to the promise of all that lies ahead. Together, we'll continue and build on the outstanding work of the staff and lay congregation leaders who make the Veatch Program such a uniquely respected and valued partner for social justice throughout the country.

You can reach me anytime at joan@veatch.org or 516.472.2925.

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.

UUCSR LARGE GRANTS PROGRAM

The Dots Are Coming...



A SPECIAL MESSAGE

The Rev. Ned Wight, Interim Senior Minister

UUCSR Weekend to Focus on the Future of Unitarian Universalism

The weekend of October 14-16 will be an excellent time to reflect on UUCSR's connections with the larger Unitarian Universalist movement. Four events that weekend will give members and friends of the congregation opportunities for interaction with national UU leaders.

Elected by the General Assembly, the UUA Board of Trustees holds some of its meetings outside Boston, where the UUA has its headquarters, so that Board members can meet UUs from some of the 1000 UU congregations around the country. This year, they've chosen our campus on Long Island. From Thursday, October 13 through Saturday, October 15, the 16-member Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association, chaired by UUA Moderator Jim Key, will have their regular October meetings in the Veatch House.



Jim Key,
UUA Moderator

On Friday night, October 14, UUCSR will invite the Board to join us for Soulful Sundown, beginning with a light supper in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m., continuing with the spirited Soulful Sundown service in the Worship Room at 7:30 p.m., and concluding with singer Patty Larkin at the Coffee House in the Social Hall at 8:30 p.m.

The following evening, Saturday, October 15, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. the UUA Board will host a

reception to which the entire Shelter Rock community is invited. The Board would like to acknowledge the extraordinary role our congregation has played over more than six decades providing financial support to UU institutions, and in particular to thank us for the most recent \$5 million commitment to the Collaborative Campaign's Legacy Giving Program. Both Moderator Key and UUA President Peter Morales will be present, as well as Mary Katherine Morn, Director of Stewardship and Development and Special Advisor to the President, and Rosemary Bray McNatt, President of Starr King School for the Ministry. Light refreshments will be served.



Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt,
President, Starr King School for
the Ministry in Berkeley, CA

On Sunday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m., Revs. Morn and McNatt will preach a dialogue sermon on "Urgency and Hope" as Unitarian Universalism looks to grow as a force for transformational change in the 21st century. At the congregational meeting that afternoon (beginning at 12:45 p.m.), these two speakers will offer a report on progress-to-date inaugurating the Legacy Gift Program, as well as updating the congregation on the entire Collaborative Campaign to fund the future of Unitarian Universalism.

The UU Congregation at Shelter Rock continues to be an invaluable partner with UU leaders and institutions around the country in advancing the seven principles that we cherish and making real the values embodied in those principles. This weekend will give us a chance to reflect upon the current and future state of that partnership.

CONGREGATION OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR, Adam Barshak

As we close out September, I would like to thank everyone for their patience with the limited parking earlier in the month. As a capital project, both the main parking lot and the religious education wing lot were re-paved. The next major exterior project involves the Veatch House roof. Over the last three years, sections of the roof have been repaired and new slate has been installed. This year the north facing roof (facing the Veatch parking lot) will be worked on. Work is scheduled to begin the last week in September and run through October. Scaffolding will be placed around the main entrance to the Veatch House, but the entrance door will remain accessible.

Starting October 3rd, the upper driveway gate will be automated to enhance security on the property. The gate will close automatically at a set time late in the evening. The gate will open automatically as a car drives up to it from the parking lot side should someone be on the property after hours. Signs will be posted on the gate with calling instructions should access to the property be needed from the driveway side of the gate. In this instance, the gate can be opened remotely by me, our Facilities Director Adrian Rivera or Facilities Supervisor Andrew Arevalo.

The FY17 Member Handbook will soon be available. Copies will be placed in the lobby for pickup. The handbook provides a member directory, bylaws, and a Who's Who on Committees. As our committees are updated with new members throughout the year, the handbook reflects those on committees as of September 15, 2016. An updated Who's Who will be available each month in the MY UUCSR section of the UUCSR member website. Additionally, the FY17 COMPENDIUM of Governance Decisions is also available via the MY UUCSR page. Yes, back and better than ever, the COMPENDIUM lists all those other policies that have been set by the Board, Program Council and Congregation that are not bylaws or resolutions normally included with the bylaws i.e. Veatch Program Resolution, Stewardship Resolution, etc. Are we allowed to have alcohol at an event, what is the policy about scattering ashes, who is allowed to contact the congregation's legal counsel, are we allowed to keep pets on the property, how exactly do we fund Large Grants? Answers to these questions and more are found in the COMPENDIUM.

Recently you may have seen press releases and television news stories about the "Defying the Nazis" film shown at the congregation on September 20. These were coordinated through our relationship with EPOCH5, a local PR firm that the congregation has engaged with this year to promote our giving programs. As a prior large grant was associated with the making of the film, it was the perfect entrée for EPOCH5 to begin its work with us. We look forward to partnering with them on other stories.



DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

Unitarian Universalist Association

Wake Now Our Vision Legacy Challenge Campaign invites you...

To an evening of celebration and gratitude honoring Shelter Rock's generosity!
Our hosts will be UUA President Rev. Peter Morales, and Starr King School for the Ministry President Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt.

Gratitude Reception

Saturday, October 15
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
UU Congregation at
Shelter Rock - Social Hall

Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks

RSVP: development@uua.org
617.948.4392

Wake Now our Vision Partners

Unitarian Universalist Association
UU Service Committee
Meadville Lombard Theological School
Starr King School for the Ministry
UU Ministers Association
Church of the Larger Fellowship
and the
UU Congregation at Shelter Rock

Unitarian Universalism thanks you!

Long Island Area Council (LIAC)

The Long Island Area Council of Unitarian Universalist Congregations (LIAC) serves as a catalyst to promote denominational awareness and effectiveness through communication, leadership and educational programs. LIAC focuses on education, advocacy, service & spirituality, and serves as a beacon for liberal religion.

LIAC is seeking qualified applicants for an Administrative Assistant and Communications Coordinator. The position is paid and currently budgeted for 15 hours per month.

For information regarding the opportunity please visit liacuu.org.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

The Rev. Natalie M. Fenimore,
Minister of Lifespan Religious Education

Blessed is the community that hears the laughter of children.

Ours has always been such a place. 75 years ago, this congregation began as a Church School – *We Started with the Children.*

The first pamphlets produced for the Unitarian Church School in the 1940's described the program like this:

"The younger children devote most of their time to play under the teacher's guidance. During this time and by telling stories, the teacher stresses ideas of cooperation, sacrifice, and the general welfare of the group."

"The next older children carry out interesting manual and mental projects designed to give them an introduction to the background of ... religion. They also are allowed to express their own ideas on religion and are encouraged to develop their own discussion matter."

"Other activities include plays, parties, field trips, and cooperation with children's aid organizations."

We offer welcome and Homecoming to our children, youth and families. And may we always have play, wonder, and laughter at the center of this Beloved Community. Our children bring our Unitarian Universalist Principles into the community. They bring our Principles to Life.

Our 75th Anniversary



There are three Religious Education teachers who attended the UUCSR religious education program as children. Do you know who they are?

Neighboring Faiths

Autumn Equinox – September 22, 2016

The Autumn Equinox is when the day and night are of approximately equal duration all over the planet. This is the first day of Fall. In Japan, it is celebrated as "Ohigan" by Buddhists and the graves of ancestors are visited to honor them. Wiccan/neo-pagans celebrate "Mabon"; a harvest festival. For Wiccans, autumn is a season to restore balance in your life.

Jeanne Nametz,
Religious Education Coordinator

Sunday, October 2 the RE community will join the congregation in a Family Service: Blessing of the Animals. Classes resume Sunday, October 9.

The Young Peoples Choir welcomes children who love to sing. The choir practices at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings and performs at some multigenerational and Family Services. Please contact George Weisman, our RE Music Specialist at GeorgeWeisman@gmail.com if your child is interested in joining.

Jazz Ensemble is a multigenerational ensemble that practices after RE and performs at some worship services. The ensemble rehearses after RE from 12:45-2:00 p.m. in the choir rehearsal room. Contact Stephen Michael Smith, our Music Director, at SSmith@uucsr.org if you or your child are interested in joining.

WE CARE: SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The Veterans Food Collection drive begins Sunday, October 9. Each child will be given a grocery bag to decorate and return the bag with groceries by October 30. All food collected goes to Beacon House that provides services and homes for homeless vets.

The Pumpkin Patch is a major event for our neighboring UU Congregation of Central Nassau in Garden City. Are you looking for a service project you can do with your children? Or perhaps your youth needs service hours? Volunteers are needed to unload a truckload of fresh pumpkins from New Mexico Navajo reservations Saturdays October 1 and Oct 15 at 9am. Fun, refreshments and fellowship are waiting for you! For additional information, to sign up or to find out how to earn "community credit" hours call 516.781.4319.

RE Halloween Party, Friday, October 29, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Veatch House. It will be a spooky-wonderful family event!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 29, 2016

Haunted Veatch Mansion at UUCSR

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. • Dress in Costume

\$5/person or \$20/family

with a non-perishable food donation for the INN

Family & Friends Welcome!

Family Activity: Plan to watch "*Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War*" together as a family (recommended for older children). Waitstill (a Unitarian minister) and Martha Sharp, were asked by the leaders of their church to travel to Czechoslovakia where they would help Jews (including children), dissidents and others flee Nazi persecution. Go to PBS.org to watch and join a couple's courageous mission to help refugees escape Nazi-occupied Europe.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR

Claire Deroche



Reflections on Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War

"Martha and Waitstill Sharp left the comfort of a peaceful, small Massachusetts home in order to go into Europe on the verge of war. They were motivated from the beginning to go out there into the kingdom of hell and try to get some people out." With these words, Holocaust scholar, Mordecai Paldiel captures the essence of the mission given to the Sharps by the fledgling

Unitarian Service Committee. The story of this mission, skillfully and compassionately told by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky, grandson of the Sharps, in the movie, *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War*, premiered at UUCSR on Tuesday, September 20.

The movie engaged me on several levels. As a lover of history, from the very first scene I was drawn into this retelling of the events leading up to World War II. Through the testimony of scholars, the use of maps, vintage photographs and film, and the eye witness testimony of the Sharps, Hitler's master plan to bring the Reich to all those places where Germans had migrated came alive with chilling clarity. Most disturbing of all were the parallels to today's political landscape in our own country. I couldn't help but compare the scapegoating of groups of people on the basis of religious affiliation in Hitler's Reich to the racial prejudice and Islamophobia so rampant today. Another parallel, today's global refugee crisis, the largest since WW II, begs for a selfless response in the manner of the Sharps. UUCSR members will be exploring ways to continue to tell this story and to engage in responses to the suffering of today's refugees.

Apart from the movie's significance as an historical documentary, the human story of the effect of this very dangerous mission on the marriage of Waitstill and Martha brought home the fact that the Sharps were not super-human beings. Acts of courage like theirs sometimes have unexpected costs. It seemed to me that in the case of Martha, despite the cost, the mission enabled her to find her authentic self, with all the contradictions that necessarily involves.

That this story has finally been told on the big screen is so thrilling for us as Unitarian Universalists! I believe that it is a point of legitimate pride that this congregation chose to support the promotion of the film through a Large Grant. It was gratifying to see such a large congregational turnout for our event and know that so many members had the opportunity to hear Artemis Joukowsky's words of appreciation.

Finally, I am very appreciative of the opportunity to work with members of the congregation in planning the event surrounding the screening. Over the course of six weeks we met four times. If the evening went smoothly you can thank Robin Finnan-Jones, Katie Kurjakovic, Mary Lardner, Barry Nobel, Maiji Nobel, Lisa Simon, Jim and Lynn Smith, Colin and Latifa Woodhouse, and Karen Krieg-Belfiore. That evening, we also had further assistance from Nina Dobris and Revs. Jennifer Brower, Natalie Fenimore and Ned Wight.

If you were unable to view *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War* on September 20, the film will be available on-line until October 5, 2016 at this address: <http://www.pbs.org/video/2365845819/>. I encourage you to make time for this important film. It's not too late to organize a viewing party with family and friends. I promise that

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

September is Hunger Awareness Month: Check out the newsletter of The Interfaith Nutrition Network to learn what more you can do to alleviate hunger in our local community. <http://tinyurl.com/jzljqjjh>

Cooking for the Guests of the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN): Thursday, October 6 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Main Kitchen. Meals cooked will be delivered to three shelters run by the INN. For further information, contact Verna Livingston, 516.883.7999.



Grocery Collection for Veterans:

Each year the Social Justice Committee sponsors a grocery collection for veterans of United Veterans Beacon House. On Sundays, October 9, 16 and 23, members of the committee will be in the lobby to distribute shopping lists and bags. Our children and youth will also receive bags during their classes. We encourage you to buy a few items on the list and return your full bag on Sunday, October 30. The veterans enjoy receiving decorated bags, so if anyone in your household could get out the crayons and add some color, you'll be bringing extra smiles to the residents of UVBH. You can also return your bags on Sundays, October 16 and 23, and place them in the Sukkot booth that our children will prepare in the main lobby. This ancient Jewish feast commemorates both the harvest and the Exodus. It's a good time to share our own bounty with others.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING

Non-perishable food donations: 500 pounds by Halloween! We met our goal of 500 pounds by Homecoming! SJ Committee member, John Tilton, delivered that food to the North Shore INN Soup Kitchen in Glen Cove. We will continue our drive for another 500 pounds by Halloween to benefit the food pantry of the AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC). Suggested items: boxes of cold cereal; canned meats and fish with pop tops: tuna, chicken, salmon, sardines; peanut butter; and soups with pop tops. (Plastic jars only, please!) Thank you!

UUCSR Used Clothing Bin and Clothing Closet: Please place items for children and adults (in well-secured bags) in the bin designated "Donations of Gently Used Clothing and Shoes," located in the entryway to the coatroom. Items hanging in the back corner of the coat room are available to all; you are welcome to take anything you need. The bulk of the clothing will continue to benefit the United Veterans Beacon House. If you have any questions about donations or how to donate other items, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at 516.472.2977 or via email. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Ben Bortin



What a marvelous Homecoming Sunday, from the togetherness in the service to the good picnic food, to the weather. The table I staffed was an introduction to our 75 year inheritance as a congregation, and my hat is off to publicity employee, Linda McCarthy for the beautiful diorama she created.

Also to look at an inspiring, thorough account, up to 2005 of the Veatch

support of those who are abused and disempowered - from meat packers holding injury-causing implements through the day, to people living next to factory farms, contaminating their water and air, to the publication of the Pentagon Papers, read Warren Ross' Funding Justice.

We have a grand future, I'm convinced, and our future is our new members, in no small part. I want to introduce two households...

Carol and Peter Cannova

I am delighted to welcome Carol and Peter Cannova, who joined this congregation on April 24th of this year. Both grew up on Long Island, and both had Roman Catholic upbringings. They came to find that religious environment too rigid, with not enough room for individual diversity.

Carol has become a credentialed teacher of Yoga, and is especially impressed with the concept of Ahimsa, "do no harm." Carol and Peter discovered UUCSR via Soulful Sundown, which they have attended several times since. Their interests include hiking, and not long ago, they tried a portion of the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. They also enjoy musical concerts and family time. Peter commented that he especially appreciates travel.

What appeals to them about the Unitarian Universalist tradition is its lack of dogma, and the freedom it confers on members for religious exploration. They feel it is a fitting environment for raising their children. (They have a delightful daughter, Angela!) They have also appreciated the warm welcome they have experienced here. A cordial welcome to Carol and Peter!

Margarita Gonzalez

Margarita was born in New York and raised as a Roman Catholic. She calls herself a "spiritual gypsy," as she once converted to Islam and is now a Unitarian Universalist.

Margarita came to UU searching for a non fear-based religious education program for her Ethiopian son, Yosef. She learned that many parents who adopt international children find a home in UU because it honors both the child's and the parent's faith and culture, whatever they may be.

Margarita's main interests are the rearing of Yosef and directing a nursery school in Queens. She also loves sci-fi movies, Star Trek and Harry Potter. She and Yosef attended Silver Bay and loved bonding with the other children from Yosef's RE class and their parents.

Welcome Margarita and Yosef!

Happy New Congregational Year to all, Ben Bortin

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Betty Gold, Chair

An Opportunity To Grow Spiritually

Imagine there was a place in UUCSR where there was no work to do. In this place, you would get to know other members intimately. You would have an opportunity to explore your own religious beliefs—to think about how to get to Shelter Rock, why this place is important, how your faith is changing.



There is such a place—it's called Small Group Ministry. There's no catch, no secret agenda. We simply ask that you commit to show up! We have six groups set up this year and if we need more, wouldn't that be wonderful. If none of the dates work, let me know...we'd love to accommodate everyone!

There are no more than twelve people in a group, so you can spend some time getting to know one another. There is no preparation, there are no wrong answers...it is about being a loving community and exploring your own faith. Each month there is a different topic and an opportunity to grow. There are brochures on the table in the lobby and a letter will be coming your way.

This year there is a new twist on Small Group—Soulful Small Group focused around Soulful Sundown. So there's something for everyone!

Small Group Ministry (SGM) is a way of deepening your connections with others while exploring your evolving beliefs in the intimacy of a small group setting. The members meet one time per month. Why not consider this unique opportunity! There are many time options available. We hope many of you will join our community.

Please contact Lea Titza in the office to sign up (516.472.2975). Please contact Martha Chimienti at 516.383.4841 or Betty Gold at 718.805.6929 for further information.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONVOCATION

All three candidates for the next President of the UUA are women. Take advantage of a rare opportunity to get acquainted and chat with them at the Third International Women's Convocation, Asilomar Conference Center, Monterrey, CA, February 16-19, 2017 – while networking with women around the globe to build support for the issues that matter to you.

Register by September 30 to save \$100. An additional \$50 discount is available for UU ministers. Young adults aged 18-40 can register at a special all-inclusive package rate. If you are interested in offering a workshop, please fill out our workshop request form online.

Visit IntlWomensConvo.org for all details.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Mary Ceraulo, Chair, Women's Issues

Madres Berks

Who are they? They are the women at Berks County Residential Center in Pennsylvania. They are 28 mothers who were denied asylum and filed a federal lawsuit seeking new hearings because the original ones were conducted improperly. The women have restarted their hunger strike - one that began on August 8 and was suspended on August 24 of this year because they were threatened by ICE officials that they would be sent to an adult prison and their children would be taken away. One of the children, a six year old, has been diagnosed with PTSD - not just because of the violence he witnessed in his own country but also because of the harrowing trip here and prolonged detention. Many are forced to stay not just 20 days as claimed by Jeh Johnson, Sec. Of the Dept. of Homeland Security, but a full year.

How could this happen, in the land of the free, to women and children refugees? Well the Dept. of Homeland Security hoped to discourage others from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras from coming here and detained mothers and children. Thank heaven, this practice has been challenged by the ACLU.

Coincidentally or not, private agencies that were contracted to run these centers have greatly increased their profits while adding to the assaults and horrific conditions that led these women to escape their homes and come here for help. As private companies, they are not even subject to federal public records law. There are no regulations or enforceable standards regarding conditions in the centers. The vast majority of the mothers never receive legal representation. All this in spite of the fact that they have never been found to be a danger to society.

The women ask to be released with ankle bracelets while waiting for their asylum cases to proceed. Not only are these practices inhumane, they are an enormous bill for the taxpayers and they are completely unnecessary.

As we rightly look forward to the release of the film that our congregation helped support, "Defying the Nazis: the Sharps' War", a film that details the courage and commitment of Unitarians during World War II, a film that chronicles people living our faith at a time of refugee crises, one can hope the world and our own American people can remember the inherent worth and dignity of all, and at the very least, treat refugees with dignity and respect. Nicholas Kristoff asks: Would you hide a Jew from the Nazis? I ask: will you be loud and clear in your reactions today to the refugees from Syria, Latin America and everywhere? Will you be loud and clear and join us as we stand in solidarity with Madres Berks? Please support the work of the ACLU. America can, should, and has to do better.

Third International Women's Convocation

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GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce On A Misguided Course

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce was created to help small businesses thrive. However, they are no longer being truly represented by them. In the past year, an organization known as Public Citizen held a Chamber Watch Summit and learned about their new management style. This summit was directed at small businesses to find out what they knew or didn't know about the Chamber's practices. It was held to offset the Chambers annual summit which catered to CEOs of large corporations, not small businesses as in the past. Here's what they discovered.

Many small business owners that attended the Public Citizen Chamber Watch Summit stated that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's policies on taxes, energy, and the environment were not theirs or had never been revealed to them. One example concerned the fiduciary rule of the U.S. Department of Labor which the Chamber is currently working hard to eliminate. To make their case, the Chamber included a list of small business owners as if they were speaking on their behalf saying that it is a bad rule. When questioned at the Chamber Watch Summit, these owners were either unaware of the rule or had no opinion. The fiduciary rule as it stands is a good one. It offers and guarantees the best financial advice to small business owners on their retirement savings. Without it, they have no reliable financial adviser, This seems crazy. So why are they doing this?

Actions of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have weakened the U.S. Department of Labor. Year by year, it has transformed itself into the best friend of Big Business. Their work is now dedicated to electing and managing campaigns only to further businesses like those in the fossil fuel and agricultural/food industries, to the tune of \$1.2 billion dollars. On election campaigns alone, they support candidates tied to Big Business and have spent over 130 million dollars. What is even more misguided is their responsibility for stifling many reforms in Congress that would promote positive change and benefit small entrepreneurs, like store owners, family farms, and workers who want a living wage.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has one major goal today: to undermine anything that would stand in the way of Big Business and its profits. It is ignoring the needs of small businesses and is controlled by the money that Big Business gives it. This impacts legislation to protect our air, water, and land so that our public areas are being opened and or privatized for resources that should be protected. Indeed, any restrictions are fought and or by-passed. Essentially, what the U.S. Chamber of Commerce does is manage what Big Business wants. In the 21st century, they have markedly changed course, and have curtailed its role as a representative of small businesses and local chambers.

The Green Sanctuary Committee wonders what we can do about this charade the Chamber is engaged in. The profits and goodwill of Big Business seem to be steering the Chamber's ship, leaving the small business owners at sea. We believe that these business owners and workers should be partners, not adversaries. But first they need genuine, effective representation. What can we do to help? Our solution is one we've heard before: Get Money Out of Politics. Until then, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its special interests will not be held accountable.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

The Quest

MILESTONES

We share the news of the death of UUCSR member Reva Salk, who was living most recently in California. Reva died peacefully on June 22, three weeks before her 100th birthday. She is survived by her daughter, Toby, and her son, Peter. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to 4500 Gilbert Street - Apt. 403, Oakland CA 94611.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Rick and Nancy Van Dyke and to their family. On September 12, Rick's brother, Robert Barkley Van Dyke, died after suffering a major heart attack. Sympathy cards may be sent to the Van Dykes' homes address: 464 Main Street, Apt. 308, Port Washington, NY 11050.

We offer our deepest sympathies to Giuseppina Iorfino, and to her son and daughter and their larger family as they mourn the death of Domenico Iorfino, Giuseppina's husband of 58 years. Cards of condolence may be sent to the Iorfino home: 19 S. Cherry Valley Avenue, West Hempstead, NY 11552.

We extend our care and support to the members of our congregation who are uncomfortable being mentioned by name, but who are living with illness, and those who are undergoing medical treatment, those who are recuperating from injury and others experiencing other forms of disease and discomfort of the body, mind and spirit. May you, too, feel held by the members and ministers of UUCSR. And if you would welcome companionship or spiritual care, please do reach out. We are not blessed with the gift of psychic abilities, but we do have compassionate hearts and excellent listening ears.

We celebrate the August 27th marriage of Sophia Woodhouse to Christopher Fontas, and we offer our hearty congratulations to the parents of the bride: Colin and Latifa Woodhouse. A blessing of the newlyweds was held at UUCSR on Saturday, September 24th. Cards of celebration may be sent to the Woodhouse home: 4 Wensley Drive, Great Neck, NY 11021

We offer our hearty congratulations to Betty and John Tilton who welcomed grandson, Dax Tilton on Friday, September 23, 2016. Baby Dax arrived in the wee hours measuring 19 inches long and weighing 6 lbs. 14 ounces. Mother and baby are doing a-ok. We welcome little Dax to the world, and offer our blessings upon him, his mom, Blane, his father, Chris, and his larger family.

Memorial Services

A service in celebration of the life of Craig Jennings will be held at 1:30 on Sunday, October 2, 2016.

A service in celebration of the life of Fred Nobel, father of Barry Nobel, father-in-law of Maija Nobel will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP?

Join us to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, its heritage and values, and the programs here. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Sundays, October 23, 30, November 6 and 13. Please contact Ben Bortin for details and registration: bbortin@uucsr.org or 516.472.2934.

THANK YOU

Dear Ones,
Thank you for being part of our Homecoming Sunday morning, and for singing me into a new year of life. It was a birthday I shall never forget! What a precious gift...

With deep gratitude,
Rev. Jennifer

The UUCSR staff is grateful for the homemade hot lunch served to the staff on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. It was not only delicious, it was a thoughtful "time-out" from the busy-ness of the start of a new congregational year. Special thanks go to Arnold, Klaus, and John, the head chef! Thank you very much.

CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW

**Receiving art works:
Sundays, September 25 and October 2
following services until 1:30 p.m.**

**Last opportunity to drop off art is
Thursday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
and 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Installation: Friday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Reception: Sunday, October 23, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Dismantling: Wednesday, November 30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

MEN'S GROUP ROCKIN HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 28, 2016
Social Hall - 7:00-10:00 p.m.

\$20/\$25
Members/Non-
members

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Blockers*

**Great company, delicious dinner &
desserts, beverages,
Rockin' dancing, & annual costume
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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Summer Reading Book Discussion: John Quincy Adams: American Visionary, 7:30 pm. RE Room 15

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Yoga, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Art Gallery

Saturday, October 1, 2016,

Yoga, 11:00 – 12 noon, Art Gallery

Max Major: Think Again. 7:00 p.m., Tickets \$25 at uucsrthinkagain.com and at the door. Prepare to be astounded by this nationally recognized mentalist!

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Sunday, October 2, 2016

Great Books: The Economic Basis of the Withering Away of the State, Vladimir Lenin, pages 297-315, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Room 4

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Where To Invade Next, Michael Moore's dangerous new comedy, 7:00 p.m. Presented by the Green Sanctuary Committee. Free.

UU History: Long Strange Trip, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Room 16

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Women's Group Women Talk Daytime, 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy conversation.

InisFada: Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Veatch Ballroom

Resilience, 7:30 p.m., First in an eight part series led by Nina Weber. All welcome. RE Room 16

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Yoga, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Ballroom

Friday, October 7, 2016

iEat Green with Bhavani, Women's Group Fall Membership Food and Film Feast, 7:00 p.m. Social Hall. Register in advance online or with Sharyn, sesposito@uucsr.org, 516.472.2960. Dinner, wine, etc. \$30/\$40 Women's Group Members/Non-members.



Movie Night: Sustenance: Food and Spirituality, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Room 15

Youth Retreat: October 7-9, Greenkill Retreat Center, Huguenot, NY. Contact India Harris for information.

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- Drawing Room Blues (Billy Strayhorn)
- I'm Old Fashioned (Jerome Kern)

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Saturday, October 8, 2016

Yoga, 11:00 – 12 noon, Art Gallery

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Great Books: “We” by Yevgeny Za.m.yatin, pages 317-339, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Room 4

Jazz at Shelter Rock: The Triboro Six, 1:00 p.m., Worship Room. \$8/\$10 members/nonmembers

Monday, October 10, 2016

Columbus Day, UUCSR Closed

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

UU History: Long Strange Trip, 7:00 p.m., Room 16

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

InisFada Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Veatch Ballroom

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Yoga, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Art Gallery

Friday, October 14, 2016

Soulful Sundown, 6:30 Dinner, \$4. 7:30 Worship Room, Coffee House with Patty Larkin follow.



Saturday, October 15, 2016

Yoga, 11:00 – 12 noon, Art Gallery

“Cowspiracy,” film, presented by Ethical Eating and the Sustainability Institute, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Chapel

Dramatic Readings, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

UUA Gratitude Reception, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Social Hall (See this Quest page 3 for details.)

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Great Books: “The Machine Stops” by E. M. Forster, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Room 4

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

UU History: Long Strange Trip, 7:00 p.m., Room 16

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Women’s Group Women Talk Daytime, 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy conversation.

Emerson and Whitman, 7:30 , Veatch House Library



Friday, October 21, 2016

Marguerite’s War, An original play by Wolstan Brown based upon the life of Margaret Pohek, set in Nazi Germany, 7:00 p.m. \$10/\$15 members/non-members.

Women’s Group Book Series: “My Brilliant Friend” by Elena Ferrante, 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Marguerite’s War, An original play by Wolstan Brown based upon the life of Margaret Pohek, set in Nazi Germany, 7:00 p.m. \$10/\$15 members/non-members.

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Congregational Art Show Reception, after Worship Service

Death Cafe, 1:00 p.m., Life is Short. Enjoy the time you have. All are welcome, please register in advance.

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

UU History: Long Strange Trip, 7:00, Room 16

SAVE-THE-DATE Saturday, November 5, 2016

14th Annual Cabaret at the Rock to benefit the Edward Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund. \$20 General Admission. 7:00 p.m., Social Hall

PLANNER

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

- 7:00 PM UU History-Long Strange Trip-Viewing
- 7:30 PM Summer Reading Program
- 7:30 PM "Margaret's War" Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM 4th Tuesday SGM Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

- 1:00 PM Bridge Group
- 6:30 PM Investment Committee
- 7:30 PM INISFADA-Zen Sitting Meditation
- 7:30 PM Cabaret XIV Rehearsals
- 7:30 PM Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2016

- 9:30 AM Yoga
- 5:30 PM Executive Committee Mtg
- 6:30 PM BOT- Agenda Planning
- 7:00 PM Family to Family Class
- 7:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 30, 2016

- 1:00 PM Bridge & Game Play
- 7:30 PM OWL Parent Orientation

Saturday, October 01, 2016

- 10:00 AM Quilting
- 11:00 AM Yoga
- 7:00 PM Max Major: Think Again

Sunday, October 02, 2016

- 8:45 AM WG - Board Meeting
- 9:00 AM Great Books-Imperfect
Ideal: Utopian & Dystopian Visions
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Young People's Choir
- 11:00 AM RE Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Cong. Art - Receiving
- 12:00 PM UU Cafe
- 12:30 PM Men's Group Kick Off Mtg
- 12:45 PM Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal
- 1:00 PM "Margaret's War" Rehearsal
- 1:00 PM 1st Sunday SGM Meeting
- 1:30 PM Memorial - Craig Jennings

Monday, October 03, 2016

- 7:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg
- 7:30 PM Cabaret XIV Rehearsals

Tuesday, October 04, 2016

- 7:00 PM UU History-Long Strange Trip
- 7:00 PM Green Sanctuary: Where to Invade Next
- 7:30 PM "Margaret's War" Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM RE Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 05, 2016

- 9:00 AM Art Show Removal
- 12:00 PM Women Talk Daytime
- 1:00 PM Bridge Group
- 7:00 PM Resilience
- 7:00 PM SRI Committee Meeting
- 7:30 PM Inisfada-Zen Sitting Med.
- 7:30 PM Membership Meeting
- 7:30 PM Cabaret XIV Rehearsals

Thursday, October 06, 2016

- 9:00 AM Cong. Art - Receiving
- 9:30 AM Yoga
- 9:30 AM INN Cooking
- 4:00 PM Cong. Art - Receiving
- 5:30 PM LWV Candidate Forum
- 7:00 PM Caring Committee Mtg
- 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Mtg
- 7:00 PM Family to Family Class
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 07, 2016

- 9:00 AM Cong. Art Show-Install.
- 10:15 AM Tai Chi/Qi Gong
- 1:00 PM Bridge & Game Play
- 7:00 PM Fall Membership Dinner
- 7:30 PM Movie Night

Saturday, October 08, 2016

- 10:00 AM Quilting
- 11:00 AM Yoga
- 2:00 PM Memorial - Fred Nobel
- 5:00 PM Ethical Eating & Meet Up

Sunday, October 09, 2016

- 9:00 AM Great Books-Imperfect
Ideal: Utopian & Dystopian Visions
- 9:30 AM Worship Committee Mtg
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast
- 10:00 AM YP Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM RE Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM UU Cafe
- 12:30 PM Adoption Min. Pot Luck
- 12:30 PM Love & Stitches Craft Grp
- 12:45 PM Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal
- 1:00 PM Margaret's War Rehearsal
- 1:00 PM Art Committee Meeting
- 1:00 PM Jazz Concert
- 2:30 PM Jazz Concert Reception

Monday, October 10, 2016

CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

- 7:00 PM UU History-Long Strange Trip-Viewing
- 7:30 PM Margaret's War Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

- 1:00 PM Bridge Group
- 7:00 PM Family Support Group
- 7:30 PM Inisfada-Zen Sitting Med.
- 7:30 PM Food & Water Watch Mtg
- 7:30 PM Cabaret XIV Rehearsals
- 7:30 PM 2nd Wednesday SGM Mtg
- 7:30 PM SJ Committee Mtg

Thursday, October 13, 2016

- 9:30 AM Yoga
- 7:00 PM Family to Family Class
- 7:00 PM NAMI Families of Young Adults Support Group
- 7:30 PM Committee on Ministry
- 7:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 14, 2016

- 4:00 PM OWL Training
- 6:30 PM Soulful Sundown Supper
- 7:30 PM Soulful Sundown Worship
- 6:30 PM SS Coffee House

Saturday, October 15, 2016

- 8:30 AM OWL Training
- 9:00 AM Inn Cooking
- 10:00 AM Quilting
- 11:00 AM Yoga
- 1:30 PM Memorial-Amy Hagedorn
- 2:00 PM Ethical Eating Meeting
- 5:00 PM Dramatic Readings

Sunday, October 16, 2016

- 8:00 AM OWL Training
- 9:00 AM Great Books-Imperfect
Ideal: Utopian & Dystopian Visions
- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast
- 10:00 AM YP Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM RE Classes
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM UU Cafe
- 12:00 PM OWL Training
- 12:45 PM Congregational Meeting
- 12:45 PM Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal
- 1:00 PM Margaret's War Rehearsal

Monday, October 17, 2016

- 1:30 PM Shelter Rock Forum
- 7:30 PM Investment Portfolio TF
- 7:30 PM Adults Program Meeting
- 7:30 PM Margaret's War Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Cabaret XIV Rehearsals

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

- 6:00 PM NAMI Walk Appreciation Reception
- 7:00 PM UU History-Long Strange

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