On February 19, I preached on Nate Walker’s provocative book Cultivating Empathy—about expanding our moral imagination to consider the possibility of extending positive regard to all people—even those with whom we disagree, perhaps intensely disagree. And now our congregation finds itself in the midst of a highly complex and contentious decision-making process about how best to devise the Congregation’s governance arrangements vis-à-vis Hadley House. It seems like a scenario custom-made for each of us—and all of us—to practice moral imagination.

In his book, Nate cited the University of Kansas School of Medicine definition of “moral imagination”: “the ability to anticipate or project oneself into the middle of a moral dilemma or conflict and understand all points of view.” (Cultivating Empathy, p. xvii) Members of the Ministry Team find ourselves smack dab in the middle of this conflict as we attend meetings of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and Congregation, read the flurry of e-mails exchanged to advocate one position or another, review petitions submitted and signed by significant number of members of the congregation urging a congregational vote, and listen to individuals pour out their hearts about what they believe to be at stake.

What is apparent to me and to my ministerial colleagues is that virtually everyone who is highly invested in these decisions has come to his or her position after considerable discussion with fellow members and friends and, in most cases, a significant amount of thought. The challenging aspect of the way people are holding their views is the very high emotional load that is attached to their views.

There seems to be a great deal of fear—free floating and otherwise—surrounding this decision: fear of dire consequences for residents of Hadley House, fear of negative changes in the relationship between the Congregation and Hadley House (and those who live there), fear of not appropriately exercising the role of Board member to which members were elected by their peers, fear of negative consequences in the future which ever vote is ultimately taken. And fear makes it very tempting to “otherize” Continued on page 2

Tim DeChristopher, co-founder of the environmental group, “Peaceful Uprising,” will lead the service. Born in West Virginia, he was exposed early on to advocacy against mountaintop removal coal mining. In 2011, he was arrested and convicted for disrupting a federal oil and gas auction and was sentenced to two years in prison. He is studying for the ministry at Harvard Divinity School.


Transportation Assistance
UUCSR offers transportation assistance to Sunday Worship and Soulful Sundown services for members who are unable to travel due to physical or financial limitations. Contact Kimberly Rossiter, Assistant to the Ministers, at krossiter@uucsr.org or 516.472.2941 for an application.
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those we’ve cast in the role of adversaries—to “demonize” the Board or the residents of Hadley House or any “others” who don’t see this scenario exactly the way we do.

Truth is, there are no absolute guarantees about short-term or long-term outcomes. Every one of these decisions involves some risk. Our task as a community of faith is to engage in a process of open dialogue—where we “willingly suspend our disbelief” (in an act of moral imagination) so that we can do our best to understand those who hold positions different from our own as well as we understand our own position. The best “collective wisdom” that we can muster can only emerge out of such a process--based on openness to the different viewpoints we hold. We know we won’t necessarily agree, but we must at least try to be open to understanding what matters to others and appreciate why it matters to them as much as our own views matter to us.

Another truth: everybody who holds an impassioned view about these decisions has a significant relationship with UUCSR and its members—and cares about its future health and vitality. And, whether we like it or not, we’re all in this together. Because our concern can’t stop with the decision or who gets to make it: presumably some body will make a decision . . . and then all of us will need to decide how to pick up the pieces and rebuild the community that we describe in our vision statement and our covenant and our by-laws—and in the aspirations of our hearts.

That’s what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist community.

**MARGARET’S WAR**

**APRIL 28, 29 - 2017, 7:30 P.M.**

*Tickets at the door: $15 ($10 for Members)*

*Net Proceeds to Benefit The Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC*

Why waste money on psychotherapy when you can listen to the B Minor Mass?

--Michael Torke

(Bach) The immortal god of harmony.

--Ludwig van Beethoven

Bach opens a vista to the universe. After experiencing him, people feel there is meaning to life after all.

--Helmut Walcha

What is it about the Bach B Minor Mass which sets it apart? Why have scholars enshrined it as one of the greatest examples of human achievement? There are probably a number of answers (or, rather, hypotheses). For me, the inventiveness, universality, breadth and balance of the work evoke a view of life and existence in its fullness: deep sorrow, unbounded joy, pain and hope.

Commencing in early January, the UUCSR Choir(and other musical friends) have been immersed in unraveling and mastering a major portion of this extraordinary work. On Sunday, April 9, you can share in our journey as we present it, in conjunction with the Orchestra at Shelter Rock, as the musical centerpiece of our annual Music Sunday. Mark your calendar! This promises to be a highlight of our musical life at Shelter Rock.

Stephen Michael Smith, Conductor
"They Didn’t Know the Power They Had"

I am a proud co-founder and former board member of CVH, a longtime Veatch grantee. CVH began in the mid-1990’s when federal, state and city governments set out to gut the social welfare system. With CVH, low-income women of color in New York City forged a way to be at the table. They were mothers whose families were under attack, and as a young organizer working alongside them, I was transformed by their commitment to standing strong, together to build the power to preserve critical pieces of the social safety net and win paid job training programs and career-entry jobs.

I still hold in my heart a dear friend and colleague from CVH’s early days, Gail Aska. Gail has since passed but her approach to the work absolutely remains: making sure that those who are most affected by problems in the community get to decide and provide, the solution.

The narrative of the mid-90’s laid blame on women like Gail for their own failings. Policy proposals were punitive, with threats to dramatically cut benefits and remove children from mothers who were unwilling to participate in ‘workfare.‘ This policy forced people to labor full time in a city agency, not for a salary, but in exchange for the meager benefits needed to provide more than a roof and food for their children. In Gail’s case, she lost everything when an economy driven by corporate downsizing and a need for changing skills pushed her into unemployment. When our organizing team met Gail at a local family services center, she had just emerged from struggling to raise her son in a city shelter. She was ready to change the system and to move other women to action. Her leadership was grounded in her direct experience, especially her resentment of the lack of respect given to women of color who were on welfare. “They didn’t know the power they had,” she told me. “We kind of pulled that out of them, we showed them they had power and you have to learn to use it.”

Participatory Budgeting and NYS Strong

Today, with the long term, core support of this congregation, CVH is truly a community-based institution with a base of leaders, a track record of accomplishments and an ambitious agenda. In the book I wrote with another co-founder, Tools for Radical Democracy (Jossey-Bass), we document CVH’s successful campaigns to win real jobs to help people get off welfare, not be abused by workfare. It has built chapters across New York State and is one of the leading economic organizations in the country. Now a multi-racial organization of women and men, from young people to elders, CVH is still working for job creation, as well as improved transportation and public housing, and other needs. We will have the chance to meet with some of these leaders and meet its nationally recognized staff.

We will also learn how CVH brought Participatory Budgeting to the U.S. This international model for engaging ordinary people in decisions about municipal funding priorities is a model that I think congregation members will find particularly intriguing.

As a solidarity board member with CVH, I had the enriching experience of co-leading the District Committee for Participatory Budgeting (PB) in my home community in Brooklyn for the past 6 years. Through a community project selection and voting process, we directed city funding to capital improvements to make our streets safer, improve our local libraries, upgrade technology and arts infrastructure in our kids’ schools, foster recycling and so much more. PB is an amazing community engagement process. It started in four council districts and is now in practice city-wide, with millions of dollars in city funding being allocated by community members to address the needs they identify on their own behalf. CVH led that change.

It’s going to be a wonderful day in East Harlem. We will share some locally prepared food at CVH’s offices, take a ride around the community, and experience the congregation’s principles and values in action. I look forward to being with all who can join us on April 1st.

DON’T MISS THE BUS!

Join us for the annual Veatch Program Bus Trip as we visit Community Voices Heard! Hear about how they are fighting for our families, communities, and more. CVH is a 23-year-old organization created by mostly women that had been shut out of the halls of power. Hear how 23 years later they are leading the way forward for economic justice.

Saturday, April 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bus leaves from UUCSR and travels to CVH’s office in East Harlem. Reserve your seat on the bus on the uucsr.org events page or contact Denise Centkowski (denise@veatch.org, 516.472.2924).
The Quest

If you know of any opportunities for any of these men, please contact Claire Deroche at cderoche@uucsr.org or 516.472.2977.

It is inspiring to me that so many of you want to be involved in welcoming these families. I see this as a way we can put our Unitarian Universalist principles into action and bring about a world community with peace and justice for all.

Social Justice Announcements

We Need Gift Cards for the UUCSR Refugee Resettlement Families: The CoUUrage to Defy Hate Task Force invites all UUCSR members to join them in helping 2 families and 1 adult male, all from Afghanistan, to resettle on Long Island. At this time we are seeking gift cards so that the families can make purchases of food, clothing, and other basic necessities. Cards that can be used at Stop and Shop, CVS, and Walgreens will be very useful, since these stores are in the towns where the families are living. Cards that can be used anywhere are also good. Members of the CoUUrage Task Force will be in the main lobby after worship on Sundays to receive your gift cards.

Register Now:
- Peoples’ Climate March, Saturday, April 29, Washington, DC. A bus, chartered by All Our Energy of Long Beach, will make a stop at UUCSR on Saturday morning at 4:45 a.m. and will return us to UUCSR between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets are $62 and can be purchased at http://tinyurl.com/2ffltx for $62. There will be allotted seats so please do not delay in signing up. Contact Claire for further information.
- Advocacy Day for the HALT Solitary Confinement Act, Tuesday, May 2, 6:00 am – 8:30 pm, Albany NY. To register for a place in the UUCSR van and Advocacy Day Training on Monday, April 24 at 7:30 pm in the Art Gallery, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche immediately. Space is limited!

Tuesday, March 21
Conference Call of the NY Interfaith Campaign Against Torture (NYICAT): 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Call in number: 855.392.2520. When prompted, enter code 5471845#. Our special guest will be Regina Smith, a member of CAIC and a survivor of solitary confinement. If you intend to participate, please contact Claire Deroche at 516.472.2977 or cderoche@uucsr.org to receive the agenda prior to the call.

Wednesday, March 22
30 Days of Action for Climate Justice: Art Gallery, 7:30 pm. “Leading the Just Transition to a 100% Renewable NY: Why We Need the NYS Climate & Community Protection Act” presented by Ryan Madden of the LI Progressive Coalition. In observance of World Water Day and as a Kick Off for 30 Days of Action for Climate Justice, the

Social Justice Coordinator
Claire Deroche
Our donation drive continues. Please place your donations in the back corner of the coat room. Items hanging in the designated "Donations of Gently Used Clothing and Shoes," including pop tops. (Plastic jars, only, please!) Thank you!

UVBH in Freeport. We will be receiving the donations on Sunday, March 26, in the main lobby and in the RE lobby.

**Tuesday, March 28**
Response and Resistance: What’s to be Done When our Democracy is Threatened? 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Room, Activist and Co-founder of Code Pink, Medea Benjamin will speak. Co-sponsored by the SR Forum, the SJ Committee, and LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives. Suggested donation: $5.00. A reception in the Art Gallery will follow the presentation.

**Sunday, April 2**
Climate Justice Festival: 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall, Worship Room, Art Gallery and Main Lobby, sponsored by the Social Justice Climate Justice Task Force. Join us for a lunch that is plant-based, sustainable, and environmentally and animal-friendly in the Social Hall. Then visit booths to learn how local organizations are addressing climate change.

**Concurrent Sessions**
- Worship Room, 1:15 – 2:00 p.m., “Water on Long Island” Presented by Matt Rizzo, Grassroots Environmental Education, Port Washington, NY
- Social Hall, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Dolphin Bookstore: Activities for Children
- Main Lobby, 12:45 – 1:15 p.m., “Clean water for me and all the life in the sea!” A short story session and dry touch tank featuring a few charismatic animals from Long Island’s Seashore. Presented by Nicole P. Maher, Ph.D. Senior Coastal Scientist, The Nature Conservancy, Long Island Chapter
- Art Gallery, 1:15 – 2:00 p.m., “Addressing Climate Change Through a Journey of Self-Discovery” Presented by Gail Koelln, One Earth Conservation

**Tuesday, April 18**
“Sustainability in the Home Landscape” Presented by Jennifer Rose Cappello-Ruggiero, Horticulture/4H Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension Nassau County, Art Gallery, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 23**
Earth Day Observance, 30 Days of Action Conclude with Earth Day Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.

“Container Gardening: No Yard Needed! No Weeding! No Bending!” Presented by Anne Marie Ansel, UUCSR Member

**OppORTUNITIES FOR SHARING**

**Non-perishable food donations:** Our donation drive continues and will next benefit the INN Soup Kitchen in Glen Cove. 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 cderoche@uucsr.org. Thank you!
Religious Education: Rich and Varied Experiences

If you were to walk through the RE wing during RE classes you might be surprised by the various activities and modes of learning happening at any given time. Perhaps you would witness Moses descending down the mountain to visit the Bibleodeon class. Or you might overhear any number of visitors in the Grade 7 class sharing their faith traditions with students. You might peek into the children's chapel and witness children reciting the Chalice Lighting complete with hand movements. Sometimes, like in the Grade 2 class, you can hear a pin drop as children learn how to quiet themselves and focus by weaving an “eye of God” - not a peep could be heard!

You might see the Grade 4 class gathered in the lobby as they prepare to leave to visit museums whose exhibits bring new life to the class curriculum Toolbox of Faith. You might witness huge sheets of cardboard spilling out of the activity room as Grade 1 students build their houses as a way to celebrate themselves. Follow your nose to the third grade class and you might be treated to a culinary delight as third graders celebrate the many cultures and traditions of our world. The Butterflies and Kindergarten classes practice the game echo so they learn about their voices and how to speak up in big places such as the children's chapel.

If you were to stop by the Senior Seminar class you might learn about West Virginia and its many challenges as our high school students prepare for their service trip.

Grade 6 has been busy raising funds for their secret organizations - their efforts and heartfelt desire to help will be revealed on Bridging Sunday. Something authentic and deep is going on in the OWL class. One just needs to look at their amazing attendance. Just last month the Coming of Age class learned how to create a worship experience and shared it with our 4-6 graders - great job!

UUA’s Common Read this year is Third Reconstruction by Rev. William Barber. Our UUCSR bookstore has copies available, so please stop in Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you!

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

UUA Presidential Candidates Forum Viewing

In partnership with the Central East Regional Group, the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset will open its doors as a viewing site for the UUA Presidential Candidates Forum from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 1. All three candidates will present their platforms. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is not required. Unitarian Universalists from all Long Island congregations are welcome to the UUCSR Social Hall for this special opportunity.

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Registration is open for the 2017 General Assembly, June 21-25 in New Orleans, Louisiana! Members of UUCSR are reminded that they may register on their own for the 2017 General Assembly. Please see uua.org for details. For questions, please contact Karin Belfiore, Chair of our Denominational Affairs Committee at belfiore@optonline.net.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

For over 40 years, the Veatch Program at UUCSR has funded the Student Activity Fund (SAF). The Student Activity Fund provides opportunities for high school seniors and college students to engage in meaningful work in the not-for-profit community, to live their UU values, and to be paid for their internships.

The application process is now open for the 2017-18 year. A brochure and application for 2017-18 is available from the Religious Education staff and online at liacuu.org. Application deadline is April 22, 2017. Questions can be addressed to Diane Cohen, SAF Coordinator (917.992.0137).

LIAC ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND DINNER

Saturday, April 8 - Veatch House at UUCSR
Free afternoon workshop, 2:00 p.m.
Cocktail hour 5:00 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m., RSVP by April 1
$20 in advance, $25 at the door, $10 students
Keynote by Claire Deroche
For information contact Gretta at gjdsdre@hotmail.com
**CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**From the Finance Committee:**

At our February Congregational Meeting, the congregation voted to accept a “total in” of $20,638,000 for the 2017/18 budget. That translates to a 2.5% cut in expenses from this year. Unlike in past years, when we voted to approve a spending limit for the Operating and Veatch Funding budgets only, this year we were asked to approve what Stewardship has called our Total Spend. Because of that change we need to expand our conversation of how we handle all our expenses and financial commitments, not just those in the Operating and Funding budget.

Understanding that any budget decrease means making difficult choices and prioritizing initiatives, the Finance Committee feels it is important to have a conversation with the congregation before presenting a proposed budget to you in May at our annual budget hearings.

Knowing that this congregation is dedicated to its social justice programs, the Finance Committee will look to maintain the current strength of the Veatch grants at this time in history when our UU values are under attack every day. When the congregation voted on the spending mechanism for Large Grants two years ago, our royalties were significantly greater than they are today. Despite our decreased spending limit, the Finance Committee will work to continue our support of the Large Grants program, as well as UUCSR’s significant role and financial commitment to the UU Legacy Campaign.

The work of the many committees and ministries of this congregation which brings meaningful programs to all members, is at the heart of our life here at Shelter Rock. Our music, religious education & worship programs represent the strongest part of our spiritual commitment to our UU values. The Finance Committee remains committed to their support, along with our other important programs, even in these financially changing times. We also recognize that there are other, less visible, ways that we live out our values here at Shelter Rock, as in our commitment to our staff and to maintaining our facility and grounds, not just for our benefit, but also to share with others in the greater community.

We would like to hear your thoughts on decreasing our spending while maintaining a value driven budget as we begin our work.

Please send your comments to jmnorth@optonline.net.

Jana North Chair
Lauren Furst
Doug Bridges
Lynn Smith
Paul Drezner BOT Rep.

**MEMBERSHIP EVENTS**

**St. Patrick’s Lunch Bunch at Sullivan’s Quay Restaurant**

Thursday, March 30, 1:00 p.m., $27/all inclusive, 541 Port Washington Blvd. Contact Ben Bortin (bbortin@uucsr.org or 516.472.2934 for details.

**New Member Orientation**

Sunday, April 9, 1-2:30 p.m., Art Gallery

**SILVER BAY RETREAT**

Silver Bay All Congregation Retreat Registration Reminder

Don’t forget to send in your Silver Bay Retreat Registration forms in order to secure your room. Registration forms, Special Diet Request Forms, and Scholarship Forms were mailed to your homes, however we also have them available in the Main Lobby at the welcome desk or you can contact Sharyn, 516.472.2960, in the office for these forms.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

**SOPHIA FAHS RE SUMMER CAMP**

Sunday, August 6 - Friday, August 11, 2017

Information and Registration for the 2017 Summer Season is now available.

Visit http://liacuu.org/Fahs/

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

**As You Journey Through Bereavement... A Support Group Can Help**

Led by Rev. Dr. Linda Anderson, UU Community Minister at Stony Brook. 8 Week Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Thursdays April 27-June 15, 2017 in the Terrace Room at UUCSR. Free. Maximum 10 participants. Contact Kimberly Rossister at 516.627.2941, krossister@uucsr.org or register at uucsr.org.

**Small Group Ministry Openings!**

Second Sundays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Facilitators: Cello Da Silva and Patti Paris

If you’ve wanted to join Small Group and explore your own faith as well as deepening relationships, here is your chance. Nothing to do but show up and enjoy. Please contact Lea Titza in the office (ltitza@uucsr.org or 516.472.2975) to reserve your spot.

March 21, 2017
Save Roe

As a parent, grandparent, and teacher, I’ve often experienced success when using the technique of distraction. Rather than saying “no,” or becoming authoritative, I was able to redirect attention elsewhere. It worked. The child completely forgot about what it had been wanting just moments before.

One wonders about the almost constant distractions from tweets, accusations, executive orders, attacks, political appointments. Almost every time we turn on the TV or read the newspaper we’re confronted with one more offensive, authoritative, outrageous unAmerican act on the part of our current leadership. Will we be distracted from the truly life and death consequences of the failure to keep the current Nominee off the Supreme Court? Let’s not let this happen.

Although we do need to address many of these acts, as women we need to be strong and not waiver or Roe may be reversed. The Feminist Majority has a “Save Roe Campaign”. They believe we must win support from 41 pro-women Senators to filibuster against anti-Roe nominations to the Supreme Court. I can remember Wendy Davis in her pink sneakers who held an eleven hour filibuster to block more restrictive abortion regulations for Texas.

If you will remain focused and vigilant, not distracted, you can join the Feminist Majority’s “Save Roe Campaign”. Their message is: “We won’t go back!” “The Senate must filibuster”. Amidst all the many distractions, we cannot forget that women’s lives truly are at stake.

One Dirty Fuel Is Enough

The United States is trying to place the Coal-Era in its rear-view mirror. It is retiring many coal plants. In 2017 it has set the goal of securing retirement of one half of the nation’s electrical coal production. This means 203 plants are gone. However, fracking is still on the rise.

Across the country there are companies racing to construct massive amounts of new gas infrastructures. Demand for this other dirty fuel will be locked in. There are over 300 new natural gas plants proposed and they are moving swiftly forward. So much for all the climate talks in Paris!

Only a moratorium and ultimately an outright ban can deter this old energy movement. There are major challenges ahead, especially for states like New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania and others, to prevent dirty coal from being replaced by dirty gas. The challenge for all Americans is to campaign for renewable energy. Clean sources of solar, wind, and hydro power are what we need to save our planet and ourselves.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

UU Community Garden

Calling all thumbs... If you have a green or black one, we don’t care. Come join our organic UU Community Garden this season! Those who wish to participate MUST be able to commit to 2-4 hours per week during peak season to harvest and weed.

For more information, please contact May Choi-Steele at may_steele@yahoo.com or even-ing hours at 917.215.3336.
**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

Ben Bortin, Volunteer and Membership Coordinator

I am pleased to introduce and welcome two recent members, Mirea Ellis and Elena Vesselinov. Mirea was interviewed by Membership Committee member, Shanti, and I thank Shanti for that.

**Mirea Ellis** was born in New York, but has lived in many places in the U.S., Mexico and Germany and considers herself to be a "person of the world." She calls herself a mystic, an inclination which dates from childhood, and she has come to accept and embrace this aspect of herself over the years. She has pursued her sense of spirituality through shamanism, yoga, and dance, among other ways. She also sews and enjoys nature.

Mirea has attended UU congregations in other places, but for the past 30 years has lived in areas that were more rural such as the Adirondacks and the Berkshires, which made it challenging to attend often. She moved back to Long Island to be with her mother, who is 96 years old. One of the first things she did upon moving to this area was to join the Congregation and join its choir. She signed the Membership Book last November 13th.

**Elena Vesselinov Ph.D.** joined the same day, but she was a front door greeter two months before that. She came up to me, one Sunday morning in September, asking how she could help – and I was bold enough to invite her to greet at the door. She did it cheerfully! Now she’s on the Membership Committee.

A professor of sociology at Queens College and City University of New York, Elena is originally from Bulgaria, and came to the United States 24 years ago. Growing up in a Soviet bloc country, she did not participate in a religious community. She does remember fondly attending a small church in the Eastern Orthodox tradition with her grandmother, and participating in the choir. Her grandmother and she were named for St. Elena, and they would visit a monastery in that saint’s name every May 21st, St. Elena and St. Konstantin Day.

What Elena loves the most is taking care of her daughter, Lexi. It gives Elena great pleasure to watch her daughter growing up, learning, smiling, being happy. She also enjoys reading, art, music, going to Broadway shows, bicycling, and skiing. She very much enjoys the company of people with whom she can engage in meaningful conversations.

Elena came to know of Unitarian Universalism through very good friends in Providence, RI. As a result of repeated visits, Elena came to know about the shared values and beliefs of UUism, which overlap her own world view. She believes in social justice, in human rights, and in treating people with love and respect. In this particular congregation, she has found people who took an immediate interest in her child and her, who guided them through the web of congregational activities who are, in her words, continuously very kind to them.

Elena also has enjoyed very much the sermons, and all the interactions she has had with the UUCSR ministers, who all seem to have an organic and deeply felt connection to the congregation. Such connections are quite rare, she adds.

A very cordial welcome, Elena and Lexi!
**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see uucsr.org for additional details on all programs.*

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**Monday, April 03, 2017**

4:15 PM Personal Meditation  Worship Room
6:30 PM Greysheeters  RE Room 17
7:30 PM Common Read: 3rd Reconst. RE Room 15

**Tuesday, April 04, 2017**

10:00 AM Veatch Staff Meeting  Office Conference Room
10:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous  Veatch Ballroom
4:15 PM Personal Meditation  Worship Room
5:30 PM Veatch BOG Meeting  Ballroom, Terrace Rm
6:30 PM BOT - Agenda Planning Mtg  Veatch Library
7:00 PM NAMIM to Family  Re Room 15
7:00 PM Sex and Sexuality After 50  Art Gallery
7:30 PM RE Committee Meeting  Veatch Conference Room
7:30 PM Sacred Story: Passover/Easter  RE Room 16

**Wednesday, April 05, 2017**

12:00 PM WG - Women Talk Daytime  Art Gallery
1:00 PM Bridge Group  Veatch Ballroom
4:15 PM Personal Meditation  Worship Room
7:00 PM Investment Committee  Veatch Conference Rm
7:30 PM “Margaret's War” Rehearsal  Worship Room
7:30 PM INISFADA-Zen Sitting Med.  Ballroom, Terrace Rm
7:30 PM Membership Meeting  Art Gallery
7:30 PM Willow Rehearsal  Choir Rehearsal Room
8:00 PM Greysheeters  RE Room 17

**Thursday, April 06, 2017**

9:30 AM INN Cooking - Thursday  Main Kitchen
9:30 AM Yoga  Art Gallery
10:30 AM AA Meeting  Room 206, 207
4:00 PM Sacred Story: Passover/Easter HH Community Rm
7:00 PM Long Strange Trip  Veatch Terrace Room
7:00 PM Music Sunday - rehearsal  Gallery, Worship Rm
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  Choir Rehearsal Room
7:30 PM Facing Death with Life  RE Room 16
7:30 PM Personnel Committee Mtg  Veatch Library

**Friday, April 07, 2017**

10:15 AM Tai Chi/Qi Gong  Veatch Ballroom
1:00 PM Bridge Lessons & Game Play  Ballroom, Terrace Rm
7:30 PM Movie “Jiro Dreams of Sushi” RE Room 15
7:30 PM WG - TGIF Art Experience  Veatch House

**Saturday, April 08, 2017**

9:00 AM Love & Stitches Craft Group  RE Room 15
10:00 AM Quilting  Room 204, 205
11:00 AM Music Sunday Rehearsal  Worship Room
11:00 AM Musician Lunch  Art Gallery
11:00 AM Yoga  Social Hall
2:00 PM LIAC Spring Workshop  Veatch House
5:00 PM LIAC Annual Spring Dinner  Veatch Ballroom

**Sunday, April 09, 2017**

8:30 AM 2nd Sunday SGM  Office Conference Room
9:00 AM Great Books-SS Omnibus  RE Room 4
9:00 AM Music Sunday - Rehearsal  Worship Room
9:00 AM Worship Committee Meeting Bridle's Room
10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast  Social Hall
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Worship Room
10:30 AM Hadley House Table  Social Hall
11:00 AM K-4th Grade Special RE  RE Wing
11:00 AM Music Sunday  Worship Room
12:00 PM UU Café  Social Hall
12:30 PM Art Meeting  Staff Lunchroom
1:00 PM “Margaret’s War” Rehearsal  RE Room 15
1:00 PM Finding Your Place/Orientation  Art Gallery

**Monday, April 10, 2017**

1:30 PM Shelter Rock Forum Meeting  Bride's Room
4:15 PM Personal Meditation  Worship Room
6:30 PM Greysheeters  RE Room 17
7:30 PM Program Council Meeting  Veatch Ballroom

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

9:30 AM LREDA Cluster Meeting  Art Gallery
10:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous  Veatch Ballroom
4:15 PM Personal Meditation  Worship Room
5:30 PM Passover Seder  Social Hall
6:30 PM Nar-ANON Meeting  RE Room 19
7:00 PM Caring Committee Meeting  Office Conference Room

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

12:30 PM SJC Reach Out America  Social Hall
1:00 PM Bridge Group  Veatch Ballroom
4:00 PM Library/Bookstore Meeting  Bride's Room
4:15 PM Personal Meditation  Worship Room
7:00 PM NAMI Family Support Grp  RE Room 15
7:00 PM SJC Black Lives Webinar  Art Gallery
7:30 PM “Margaret's War” Rehearsal  Worship Room
7:30 PM 2nd Wednesday SGM Mting  RE Room 19
7:30 PM Bylaws Committee Meeting  Veatch Library
7:30 PM Food & Water Watch Mtg  Veatch Terrace Rm
7:30 PM Willow Rehearsal  Choir Rehearsal Room
8:00 PM Greysheeters  RE Room 17
8:30 PM SJC Monthly Committee Mtg  Art Gallery

**Thursday, April 13, 2017**

9:30 AM Yoga  Art Gallery
10:30 AM AA Meeting  Room 206, 207
4:15 PM Personal Meditation  Worship Room
7:00 PM NAMI Families of YA Group  RE Room 17
7:00 PM NAMI Family to Family  Re Room 15
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  Choir Rehearsal Room
7:30 PM Facing Death with Life  RE Room 16
7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting  Office Conference Room
7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service  Chapel

**Friday, April 14, 2017**

10:15 AM Tai Chi/Qi Gong  Art Gallery
10:15 AM Tai Chi/Qi Gong  Veatch Ballroom
1:00 PM Bridge Lessons & Game Play  Ballroom, Terrace Rm
6:30 PM Soulful Sundown  Main Bldg.
7:30 PM Good Friday/Tenebrae Svc  Chapel

**Saturday, April 15, 2017**

9:00 AM INN Cooking - Saturday  Main Kitchen
10:00 AM Quilting  Room 204, 205
11:00 AM Yoga  Art Gallery
2:00 PM Funeral Consumers Alliance  Art Gallery
5:00 PM Dramatic Readings  Art Gallery

**Sunday, April 16, 2017**

9:00 AM Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal  Ensemble Rehears. Rm
10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast  Social Hall
March 21, 2017

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From Injustice to Equality

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$30 Members
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Tuesday, April 11, 2017,
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