UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES
February Theme: Loving the Unlovable

Sunday, February 18, 2018, 11:00 AM
“Congregation of Your Dreams”
The Rev. Ned Wight

Perhaps the most important task of the interim period is imagining what the congregation would be like if we fully embodied our mission.

• How would our programs for children and youth prosper and grow?
• How might we more creatively serve our neighbors on Long Island?
• What impact might we have on welcoming immigrants, combating racial injustice, providing a spiritual oasis for stressed Long Islanders?
• How can we deepen our spiritual lives and enrich our joy in living?
• How might we make full use of our expansive building and grounds?

Rev. Ned will provide a springboard for conversation—and invite the congregation to share some of their ideas. To inspire us, Evelyn Reid will offer some special music at this service.

Sunday, February 25, 2018, 8:00 AM
Peace and Meditation Service
Cello da Silva and Nancy Reid-McKee

Sunday, February 25, 2018, 11:00 AM
“Why UUs Love Institutions”
Dan McKanan, Guest Speaker

Unitarian Universalists think of ourselves as rebels and individualists, but in truth, we love our fellowships and churches! And we have a long history of supporting institutions large and small, from Harvard University to the League of Women Voters to the United Nations. In an age when educational, media, and governmental institutions are under siege, our love for institutions is one of the best tools we have for blessing the world.

Dan McKanan currently holds the Emerson Chair at Harvard Divinity School.

TOUCHSTONES
The Rev. Ned Wight

First of all, words of gratitude to members of the Board, the Caring Committee, and the entire congregation for reaching out to me with words of healing and encouragement during my December hospitalization and six weeks of recuperation at home. Beautiful flowering plants, pillows and pillow cases, a knitted scarf, boxes of food, cards touching and hilarious . . . all contributed to my (relatively) speedy return to health.

Secondly, special words of gratitude to Natalie Fenimore and Nancy Reid-McKee, who shouldered the burden of extra ministerial responsibilities during my absence with skill, grace, and good humor. Their effectiveness is surely a good indicator of “positive teamwork in action”—stepping up to cover all the challenges of ministry—holiday services, winter flu, hospitalizations, deaths, weddings—at one of the busiest times of the year with one minister on sabbatical and another out sick. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

You might wonder what I did during all those weeks of forced confinement at home. It was striking to me how narrow and circumscribed my world seemed after my operation on December 14. There were several reasons for this:

First of all, I felt awful—not so much from the surgical incision as from the nasty respiratory infection that developed the week after I came home from the hospital. A chronic cough on top of abdominal surgery is not a happy combination. The cough made it almost impossible to sleep, so I was truly miserable. I moved around enough to make three meals a day (a bland low-fiber diet), but beyond that I mostly slept or sat on the couch binge-watching Netflix movies or old PBS series on TV. Physical pain and discomfort made it very difficult to concentrate on reading or other “productive” activity. Piles of file folders and other projects were staring me in the face on my desk and an adjacent card table, but all I could make myself do was stare back.

I knew I was terrible company during this recovery time, so it was a good thing that most people sent cards rather than call or visit. This was especially true near the end of my surgical recovery when the respiratory infection turned into full-blown laryngitis—for an

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entire week. I would have been prepared to return to work but for having absolutely no voice. I participated in one UU Service Committee video conference sitting at my desk in my living room, holding up a sign to my computer camera that said, “I have laryngitis so I will just be listening.” Others on the call appreciated my making the effort to join them—and it was instructive to sit through an entire meeting as a listener. (I must confess to using the “chat” feature to type in a few questions or comments.) It occurs to me that in our culture, active listening is an underrated—and underutilized—skill.

Several people have asked me if all this recovery time gave me a chance for the kind of big picture thinking most of us dream about having more time to do in our busy lives. I wish I could say that I had vivid dreams, astounding insights, and astonishing epiphanies. Mostly I experienced my attention focused on the basics—preparing food, eating, trying to stay warm, coping with no running water for two days because of frozen pipes, watching TV, sleeping—or trying to sleep. I wish my outlook had been more expansive, but I guess my body needed me to be inward-focused to facilitate healing.

I am indebted to a handful of friends and neighbors who transported me to the hospital, to doctors’ appointments, and to the pharmacy; who shopped for food and delivered it to my house; who shoveled my walk during the worst of the snow storms; who repaired the flat tire I discovered the day before my surgery; who sent me the e-mails, cards, plants, and gifts mentioned at the beginning of these musings; and who sent along healing thoughts and prayers. As a single person living alone, I became keenly aware of the impossibility of taking care of myself without help from others.

When you’re used to being fiercely independent, asking for help can be tough. Fortunately for me, the band of angels who came to my aid didn’t wait for me to ask for help; they took charge when I couldn’t. Learning to accept help gracefully—and gratefully—when it is offered is one of the most significant lessons of this particular health crisis. At 71, I suspect this will not be the last health crisis I face in my life. As it is said, “It takes a village to raise a child.” I am here to testify that “it also takes a village to bring an old guy back to health.” I am blessed to belong to this congregation, this community...this village. Thank you all.

Cheer and Blessings

**TOUCHSTONES**

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**DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Karen Krieg, Denominational Affairs Committee Chair

**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The UUA’s General Assembly will be held this year from June 20 through 24, 2018. Entitled “All Are Called,” this year’s GA is envisioned as a call for all to witness and act for justice.

**Registration is open to all via the UUA website starting on March 1, 2018.**

**UU-UNO SPRING SEMINAR**

The UU-UNO Spring Seminar, “When Justice Calls: Advancing Just Migration for ALL,” will be held from April 5-7, 2018.

**Applications are now available online through UU-UNO or UUA websites.** The deadline for registration is February 26, 2018.

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All interested in United Nations and UU-UNO are invited to contact Latifa Woodhouse for information and passes for opportunities to visit and observe meetings at the UN.

**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

Join a group and give yourself the gift of time...

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I have announced my resignation from Assistant Director of the Veatch Program for an exciting new opportunity. In early March, I will start as the Senior Philanthropy Consultant with the TCC Group, leading projects for foundations around the country. During the past eleven years, it has been an honor to work with the congregation’s lay leadership, especially the Veatch Board of Governors, as well as the dedicated and hardworking UUCSR staff. I thank the Congregation for its vision, leadership and bold support of social change. The Veatch Program and the congregation are nationally recognized leaders in social justice philanthropy. If you have any questions about the Veatch Program, please contact Executive Director Joan Minieri at joan@veatch.org.

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.

At the January 21, 2018 Congregational Meeting, the congregation chose the top four categories it wishes to fund with the $400,000 that the Large Grants Advisory Group (LGAG) recommended for Regular Large Grants in FY18. They are:
- Anti-Racism
- Hurricane Relief in Puerto Rico
- Reproductive Rights
- UU Camps and Conference Centers

*Because no Crisis Grant petition has been submitted for the remaining $100,000 of the $500,000 allocation for FY18, the LGAG has chosen to make one additional Regular Large Grant. It will be in the Climate Change category, as that was the fifth category selected at the congregational meeting. Requests for Proposal (RFPs) have been sent to three organizations recommended by the Climate Justice Task Force. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Jamison, Large Grants Program Officer, at ejamison@uucsr.org.

This year, we celebrate the 450th Anniversary of the Edict of Torda – a landmark document of religious freedom.

In the wake of the Protestant Reformation, radical religious reformers in Europe fought for Unitarianism in Transylvania.

After a decade of debate, led by the court preacher Francis David, the right of an individual to choose Unitarianism as their faith was made legal.

On January 13, 1568, King John Sigismund of Transylvania issued a statement of religious tolerance which ends with this paragraph:

“In every place the preachers shall preach and explain the Gospel each according to his understanding of it, and if the congregations like it, well.

If not, no one shall compel them for their souls would not be satisfied, but they shall be permitted to keep a preacher whose teaching they approve…

No one shall be reviled for his religion by anyone… and it is not permitted that anyone should threaten anyone else by imprisonment… For faith is the gift of God…”

For more information on the celebration of the Edict of Torda – and European Unitarianism – see torda450.org.

Rev. Natalie M. Fenimore

Looking for creative activities for your Kindergarten – 4th grader over the upcoming Winter break? Plan on attending our “Free Spirits” programs Sundays, February 18 and 25, during services, 11:00 AM -12:30 PM in Room 15. Sessions will be led by Alissa Howe, art educator and chair of the Religious Education Committee. No registration required.

Sunday, February 18, 2018: Creating a dreamcatcher: What are your hopes and dreams?
Sunday, February 25, 2018: Envisioning Peace: What does peace look and feel like for you?
Racial Justice Programming at UUCSR

“The quest for Racial Justice is a part of our ministry at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock. The following congregational programs and events provide information, education, community building, advocacy, and organizing opportunities for those seeking to join in this vital ministry.”

Racial Justice Program Offerings booklet, Winter-Spring 2018

Perhaps you’ve noticed that a booklet of programs exploring themes of racial justice, white privilege, and white supremacy has appeared on the table in the lobby. Although addressing these issues is not separate or distinct from every aspect of the work of this community, in these times of social unrest, it is crucial that we examine them together. Working in concert, Rev. Ned Wight, Rev. Natalie Fenimore, our ministerial intern, Nancy Reid-McKee, and members of the newly formed Racial Justice Task Force have scheduled programs and worship services to both educate and inspire. In this column I’d like to highlight four of these events and encourage you to put them on your calendars.

On Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 PM, we will gather in the Social Hall for a viewing and discussion of the film, 13th, by Ava DuVernay. (Please see description on page 5 for details.)

On Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 PM, in the Art Gallery. Prof. Bianca C. Williams, PhD, CUNY Graduate Center will explore with us the question, “What is the Movement for Black Lives?” Using the demands of the Movement’s platform, Prof. Williams will help us understand this organization and its relevance. For background reading for this presentation: https://policy.m4bl.org

On Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 PM, Rev. Ned Wight will lead us in a "UU White Supremacy Teach-In." I know that many of us recoil at the words, ‘white supremacy.’ That's why this teach-in is so important. In this session, we will work with this definition: “White supremacy is a set of institutional assumptions and practices, often operating unconsciously, that tend to benefit white people and exclude people of color.” Stemming from the hiring crisis within the UUA in 2017, this call to action comes from a growing network of UU—religious professionals and lay leaders from both within and outside congregations—led by UUs of color and white UUs working together.

Due to scheduling conflicts, UUCSR is now participating in this teach-in. Therefore, we have the advantage of learning from the many UU congregations across the country that have already held this event. "UU are a lot braver on the whole than we give ourselves credit for. We have the capacity to have hard conversations, I really believe that. A lot of congregations reported packed houses, even if that might have been out of annoyance or curiosity" said Kenny Wiley, one of the organizers as well as a senior editor at UU World and a lead organizer of Black Lives of UU.

On Wednesday, April 30, 6:00 PM, we will gather at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County Welwyn Preserve, 100 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove, NY 11542 for the program, “Upstander Empowerment Training.” We know that anti-semitism, racism, bullying, and all other manifestations of intolerance are all too common today. As individuals, how do we respond when we meet those who express prejudice and bigotry? This program is designed to empower you to know what to say and how to say it when you encounter these situations. Please put this date on your calendar and watch the Quest for further details.

These are just a few of the offerings at UUCSR this spring designed to better equip us to recognize racism and white supremacy and to know how to counteract it. I hope you’ll pick up a Racial Justice Program Offerings booklet and join us in this effort as we seek to achieve the “goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.”

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register Now: Advocacy Day 2018 to Pass the HALT Solitary Confinement Act: On Tuesday, March 13, advocates will gather in Albany to continue to urge lawmakers to pass the HALT Bill. Training for this event will be held on Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 PM in RE Room 4. On March 13, the Congregational van will leave UUCSR at 6:00 AM and return by 8:00 PM. To participate, complete these two steps: go to https://goo.gl/z22ovf to register with event organizers and then email cderoche@uucsr.org to reserve your seat in the van. Training and transportation are free of charge. See the flyer online for further details.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Practice Session for Advocacy Phone Calls, 7:00 – 7:30 PM, in the Art Gallery. Calling your elected official’s office is one of the most effective ways to be heard and bring about change. Using prepared scripts on current issues, we will role play such calls.

Social Justice Committee Meeting, 7:30 – 9:30 PM, in the Art Gallery. We will continue our work on ending prolonged solitary confinement and addressing gun violence. New members are always welcome to attend our meetings and learn about our work.

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Cooking for Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) Guests, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, in the Main Kitchen. Meals cooked will be delivered to three shelters run by the INN. Contact John Ryan at 516.487.5571 for information.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Conference Call “Ending Prolonged Solitary Confinement,” 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Call in number: 1.855.392.2520. When prompted, enter code 5471845#. Speak with statewide advocates and share strategies for passing the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. If you intend to participate, please email cderoche@uucsr.org to receive the agenda prior to the call.
Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Climate Justice Task Force Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the Art Gallery. Religious leaders, scientists, and activists all agree: we have reached a state of global warming emergency. There is still time to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. Realize that it only takes 3-4% of engaged, impassioned citizens—those most concerned—to transform the situation. Come join us and help make the transformation a reality!

Friday, February 23, 2018

Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 PM, in the Worship Room. Advocates for ending prolonged solitary confinement gather on the 23rd of every month, remembering those who are in segregated confinement 23 hours a day. On February 23, we will hold a vigil to call to mind those in solitary followed by a screening and discussion of the video, Tim Wise: On White Privilege Racism, White Denial & the Costs of Inequality. We will reflect on the intersections of race, mass incarceration, and solitary confinement.

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Orientation for HALT Advocacy Day, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, RE Room 4. We will review changes to the Humane Alternatives to Long Term (HALT) Solitary Confinement Act and role play visits with members of the Assembly and Senate in preparation for HALT Advocacy Day on Tuesday, March 13. Please contact Claire Deroche to register: cderoche@uucsr.org or 516.472.2977.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

13th, a film by award winning producer/director, Ava DuVernay in the Art Gallery, 7:00 – 9:30 PM. 13th was one of the most critically-acclaimed films of 2016. The title refers to the 13th Amendment of the Constitution ratified in 1865: “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.” In this searing documentary, producer/director, Ava DuVernay, explores the historical progression from slavery to Jim Crow to mass incarceration. According to the New York Times (NYT, 7/20/16, http://tinyurl.com/mbqgiz5), Ms. DuVernay “sprints through the history of American race and incarceration with seamless economy.” We’ll follow the movie with discussion.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

The Social Justice Committee of UUCSR sponsors several ways for members of the congregation to meet the needs of others for food and clothing. Members can participate in monthly cooking for guests of the shelters run by the Interfaith Nutrition Network. Members can donate non-perishable food for our own congregational pantry located in the hall by the side entrance to the main kitchen and for local food pantries. Donations of gently used clothing benefit our own members through a clothing rack next to the congregational pantry, and men, women, and children served by United Veterans Beacon House. Please see the flyer on the table in the Main Lobby for complete details.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Stephen Michael Smith, Music Director

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR MUSIC SUNDAY 2018!!

This year, Music Sunday is Sunday, April 22, and the choir will sing two very different pieces: the Congolese Mass, Missa Luba, and “In Principio,” by Arvo Pärt.

Scored for chorus and percussion, the Congolese Missa Luba is a setting of the Latin Mass sung in styles traditional to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Composed in 1957 by Father Guido Haazen, a Franciscan friar from Belgium, it was originally performed and recorded with a choir of adults and children from the Congolese town of Kamina in Katanga Province. The music was not written down, but the recording was so beloved that a transcript was made in 1964. Included in the Missa Luba are a movement in the style of a kasala (a Luba song of mourning), a piece in the Kiluba style characteristic of Katanga Province, five folk songs, a traditional Bantu farewell song, a rhythmic dance of Kásai, and a typical Bena Luluwa song.

I recently read that Estonian composer Arvo Pärt is the most widely performed living composer of our time. Pärt’s “In Principio” is defined by its massive orchestral gestures juxtaposed with an almost stoic calm in the choir. Various sections of the work were written between 1989 and 2005, and it is therefore hailed as offering an impressive overview of Pärt’s recent stylistic development during this, his “master” period.

Rehearsals on these two works are held on Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 8:40 PM, in the Choir Room. A commitment to singing with the choir for Music Sunday does not imply an intent to sing with the choir for regular Sunday morning services.

Members and friends of the UUCSR, and members of the greater Long Island community-at-large, are cordially invited to join with us to learn and to present these two extraordinary musical works.

Music at Shelter Rock presents

ROCK ON SHELTER ROCK!

Saturday, March 3, 2018 • 8-10 PM • Social Hall

Dancing, refreshments, dancing, snacks, dancing, a raffle, dancing, munchies, and MORE DANCING!!

$10 at the door (members); $12 non-members
$20 maximum for families
Children under 18 must be under supervision of an adult.
It’s a pleasure to introduce two of this congregation’s newest members, Shakti Chris and Henry Smith. Credit for the first interview and introduction goes to Sandra Frank, a member of the Membership Committee. Sandra also contributed a message about fostering community, which follows both introductions.

Shakti Chris

Like many before her, Shakti Chris came to UUCSR as a seeker. Shakti’s family, originally from India, settled in beautiful Guyana where Shakti was raised for the first ten years of her life by a beloved aunt and surrounded by other loving family members. She remembers them well and still feels them connected to her.

Her brave Mom came to America to seek her independence and created a career as a beautician. After several years, she returned to Guyana for her children, bringing them to New York. As Shakti describes it, she spent the entire flight longing for the familiarity of what she left behind until, as the plane landed, she saw the Manhattan, New York skyline ... and she has been in love with New York ever since.

Raised Hindu, Shakti describes herself as “always searching” for a religion where she felt completely at home. Propelled by looking for a religious home to educate and give guidance in which to raise her son, Candrin, Shakti was introduced to UUCSR by Elena and Bill Carmody.

Though her college studies and degree are in education, Shakti managed a health club and taught yoga. She is now following her true passion in writing poetry and a novel. (She read one of her poems at the New Member New Year’s party this past January.)

Henry Smith

Henry has been involved with this congregation for several years. He attends regularly, is a member of the choir, and, as of less than a day ago, as I write, is a member of the Membership Committee. He officially joined the congregation on November 18.

Henry grew up on Long Island, much of the time in Garden City, but also Freeport. His family also had a cabin near Lake George, not far from Silver Bay, and loved boating from an early age. He also has a lifelong love of music, and has participated in choirs throughout his life. He holds a Masters Degree from Westminster Choir College, NJ. No slouch in matters financial either, Henry also has an MA in Business from the University of Kansas.

In the years he has been at UUCSR, Henry has proven to be outgoing by nature, and always ready to help.

It is a joy to have both Shakti and Henry with us as official members! May their personal and spiritual journeys with this congregation be uplifting and fulfilling!

Want to take a simple step toward hospitality? Here is, as promised, a simple but helpful message sent by Sandra Frank.

“We can help create community and be gracious to guests with one simple first step, by each of us remembering to wear our name tags. Part of hospitality is letting people know who you are. You and your friends know who you are, but if we are to be a welcoming congregation (community), we need to let everyone know our name. This simple gesture allows us more graciously to welcome our guests and promote fellowship.”

Amen and Namaste,

All Members and Friends of UUCSR are invited to the February Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 15, 2018, 12:30 PM

Minado

Sushi and Seafood Buffet

219 Glen Cove Rd.
Carle Place, NY 11514
516.294.9541
$22 Payable at the door.

Please Contact Ben Bortin to RSVP or for details (516.472.2934, bbortin@uucsr.org).

Expeditions Committee Meeting

Are you interested in planning expeditions to museums, plays, parks, and concerts? You are welcome to an Expeditions Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 2:30 PM in the Bride’s Room. Contact Ben Bortin for more information, bbortin@uucsr.org or 516.472.2934.
MILESTONES

We send our congratulations to... Oscar and Stacie Sinclair upon the birth of their daughter, Ailish Margaret Sinclair, on December 28, 2017. Oscar was recently Ministerial Intern at UUCSR, and is now serving as Minister at The Unitarian Church of Lincoln (Nebraska).

We offer our sympathies to... UUCSR members Elizabeth and Charles Weinstein as they mourn the death of Elizabeth's sister, Donna Siegmann. Donna died on January 8, 2018, in Newport Beach, CA after a short illness. Condolences may be sent to

Elizabeth and Charles Weinstein  
30 Bay Avenue  
Sea Cliff, NY 11579-1008

We are happy to share news... that daughter of UUCSR members Klaus Masuch and Corinne Hayden, Emily Masuch, married Marco Batra in Brooklyn, NY, on January 20, 2018. Emily is a graduate of the UUCSR Religious Education program. Congratulations!

We mourn the death of UUCSR member... Paula Schall, who died on February 4, 2018, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. A memorial service will be held at UUCSR on Sunday, March 25, 2018, 2:00 PM. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Katy Schall  
4 Terrace Drive  
Port Washington, NY 11050-3420

THANK YOU

To my UUCSR family,

Thank you so much for your best wishes for a speedy recovery for my back surgery. I don't think I would have made it through the surgery and rehab, if not for your cards and phone calls I received throughout my hospital stay and also when I came home. A big thank you to the Caring Committee for flowers and for my beautiful quilted handbag.

Sincerely,  
Robin Finnan-Jones

Dear Rev. Natalie,

After reading about the wonderful work you and your congregation members do, such as Midnight Run, I was truly inspired. Your compassion and willingness to go above and beyond for those in need will certainly make a profound impact for years to come. Thank you for all you have done and will do.

Warm regards,  
Elaine (Phillips)  
New York State Senator ( R ) 7th Senate District

WOMEN'S GROUP
Judith Wylie-Rosett, President

Friday, February 16, 2018

Women's Group Book Series, 7:30 – 9:30 PM, in the Art Gallery.  
Mudbound, by Hillary Jordan. Led by Renée Silver.

UUCSR Women’s Group T.G.I.F. presents

#metoo
Speak Out

Friday, March 2, 2018

7:30 PM • Chapel

Fireside Readings  
Candlelighting  
Member-Led Support

No reservations required.  
No admission fee.  
UUCSR members are welcome.

Moderated by  
Lilyan Strassman, LCSW-R  
The Rev. Natalie M. Fenimore

Childcare available if requested by Friday, February 16.  
Contact Sharyn at 516.472.2960 to register for child care.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Women’s History Month Breakfast  
9:00 – 11:00 AM  
Veatch House Ballroom

Women’s History Month Worship Service  
11:00 AM  
Worship Room
The Green Sanctuary Committee and Food & Water Watch Present

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Tuesday March 6, 2018
7:00 PM
Social Hall

A film showing concerned citizens living at the frontiers of extreme oil and gas extraction, bearing witness to a global crossroads.

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BOOK DISCUSSION WITH DAN MCKANAN

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 25, 2018
1:30 PM • ART GALLERY

Please join lead editor Dan McKanan for a workshop introducing this new historical resource, with a particular emphasis on the challenge of finding sources to tell the story of Unitarian Universalist history in the past half century.

Dan McKanan, a scholar of religion and social transformation, has taught at Harvard Divinity School since 2008. He holds the Emerson chair, which was created to renew Harvard’s historic connection to Unitarian Universalism. UUCSR made a donation to support establishment of the Emerson chair.

Books will be available for purchase at event.

The Flame!
(UUCSR’s rendition of the Moth)

Join us for an Evening of Storytelling

Friday, February 23, 2018
7:00 - 8:00 PM
UUCSR Chapel

Come join us as participants in the Storytelling Workshop demonstrate their oratory talents.

Let the storytellers draw you into their lives.

Questions? Contact Carson Jones (cjones@uucsr.org or 516.472.2915)

Articulating Your UU FAITH

Monday Evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, RE Room 4

This is a four-week session to learn more about what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, and to learn how to talk about our faith with others. This will be a chance to explore what you believe and find ways to articulate that more clearly.

The class will offer practice sessions as well as reflective time.

Led by Nancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern.

RSVP Required by Sunday, March 4
Register at uucsr.org/uufaith

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St. Patrick’s Day CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
6:00 PM, SOCIAL HALL

With One Man Travelin’ Band, Dexter Wells and The Contraptions, playing old time favorites and Irish sing-a-longs. Song books available for all

PRICE IN ADVANCE
$25 MEMBERS
$30 NON-MEMBERS

PRICE AT THE DOOR
$30 MEMBERS
$35 NON-MEMBERS

OVER 21 ONLY, PLEASE

RSVP online or contact Sharyn Esposito at (sesposito@uucsr.org or 516.472.2960)
**Program Announcements**

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### Tuesday, February 13, 2018
- Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
- Art Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Office Conference Room
- Veatch BOG Meeting (Dinner), 6:00 PM, Art Gallery
- Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
- Investment Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Veatch Conf Rm
- Financial Development Committee, 6:30 PM, Bride's Room
- Veatch BOG Meeting (Meeting), 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
- Herstory, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
- Caring Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Office Conference Room
- Housing Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

### Wednesday, February 14, 2018
- Reach Out America, 12:30 PM, Social Hall
- Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
- Summer Concert Staff Coordination, 1:00 PM, Veatch Oval Rm
- Bookstore Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Bride's Room
- The Flame: Storytelling Slam, 7:00 PM, Chapel
- NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
- Inisfada-Zen Sitting Med, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
- SGM Second Wednesday meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Room 19
- Food & Water Watch Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conf Rm
- Publicity and Promotions Meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Rm 16
- Social Justice Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Rm

### Thursday, February 15, 2018
- Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
- AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
- Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Veatch Library
- NAMI Spirituality, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

### Friday, February 16, 2018
- SGM Third Friday meeting, 1:00 PM, Hadley House
- Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
- Soulful Small Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 14
- Women’s Group Book Series, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

### Saturday, February 17, 2018
- Saturday INN Cooking, 9:00 AM, Main Kitchen
- Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
- Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
- Dramatic Readings, 5:00 PM, Art Gallery

### Sunday, February 18, 2018
- Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, CANCELLED
- Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
- Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
- Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
- UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
- Men's Group Meeting, 12:15 PM, Veatch Conference Room
- Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15
- Music Committee Meeting, 12:45 PM, Office Conference Room
- Artist Reception, 1:00 PM, Art Gallery
- 3rd Sunday SGM Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride's Room
- New Member Orientation, 1:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
- Ministry Task Force Meeting, 1:00 PM, Veatch Library
- LIAC Monthly Meeting, 2:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

### Monday, February 19, 2018
- BUILDING CLOSED-President's Day Holiday, 8:00 AM

### Tuesday, February 20, 2018
- Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
- NAMI Criminal Justice Committee, 2:00 PM, RE Room 15
- Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
- SGM Third Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride's Room
- Herstory, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

### Wednesday, February 21, 2018
- WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
- Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
- Expeditions Meeting, 2:30 PM, Bride's Room
- Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Meeting, 6:00 PM, RE Room 16
- Climate Justice Task Force, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
- Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.

### Thursday, February 22, 2018
- Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
- AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

### Friday, February 23, 2018
- Cornell Master Gardener Luncheon, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
- Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
- The Flame: Service & Performance, 7:00 PM, Chapel

### Saturday, February 24, 2018
- Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
- Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

### Sunday, February 25, 2018
- Peace and Meditation Service, 8:30 AM, Chapel
- Mental Health SJC Sub-Comm. Mtng, 8:45 AM, Veatch Conf Rm
- Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, CANCELLED
- Great Books-Even Deadlier, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
- Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
- Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
- Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
- UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall

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| New Member Orientation, 1:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room |
| Book Discussion-Prof. Daniel McKanan - The New Documentary History of UUism, 1:30 PM, Art Gallery |

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

- Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
- DAC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

- Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
- Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
- SGM Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
- Orientation for HALT Advocacy Day, 7:00 PM, RE Room 4
- Herstory, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
- The Flame: Storytelling, 7:00 PM, Hadley House Community Rm
- Committee on Ministry Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conf Rm

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

- Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
- NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
- Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
- Screening of Film 13th by the Racial Justice Task Force of the Social Justice Committee, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
- Emerson and Thoreau: Transcendentalism, 7:30 PM, Library

**Thursday, March 01, 2018**

- Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
- Thursday INN Cooking, 9:30 AM, Main Kitchen
- AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206
- Personnel Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride's Room
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

**Friday, March 02, 2018**

- Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
- RE Teacher In-Service Supper Club, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
- TGIF #metoo, 7:30 PM, Chapel

**Saturday, March 03, 2018**

- Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
- Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
- Congregational Dance, 8:00 PM, Social Hall

**Sunday, March 04, 2018**

- Women’s Group Board Meetings, 8:45 AM, Veatch Conf Room
- Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
- Great Books-Even Deadlier, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
- Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
- Young People’s Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Rm
- Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
- Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
- RE Classes, 11:00 AM, RE Wing

| Committee Sunday - During UU Cafe, 12:00 PM, Social Hall |
| UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall |
| Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15 |
| SGM First Sunday Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride’s Room |
| Caring Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Office Conference Room |

**Monday, March 05, 2018**

- Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
- Learning About Black UU History, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery

**Tuesday, March 06, 2018**

- Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
- Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
- Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Library
- F&WW Film - To The Ends Of The Earth, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
- Herstory, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
- RE Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

**Wednesday, March 07, 2018**

- WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
- Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
- Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
- Membership Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

**Thursday, March 08, 2018**

- Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
- AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206
- NAMI Spirituality, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

**Friday, March 09, 2018**

- Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
- Soulful Sundown, 6:30 PM, Social Hall, 7:30 Worship Room
- Coming of Age Retreat, 7:00 PM, Chapel, RE Rm 15, 19

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

- Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
- Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
- NY State Citizens Preparedness Training, 2:00 PM, Social Hall

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

- SGM Second Sunday- Early AM Group, 8:30 AM, Office Conf Rm
- Women’s History Month Breakfast, 9:00 AM, Veatch Ballroom
- Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
- Great Books-Even Deadlier, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
- Worship Committee Meeting, 9:15 AM, Bride’s Room
- Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
- Young People’s Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Rm
- Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
- Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, State Senator Elaine Phillips, Assemblyman Tony D’urso, and the UUCSR Membership Committee present:

Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program
Saturday, March 10, 2018

2:00 – 3:30 PM
Social Hall

All participants MUST register in advance at www.prepare.ny.gov

• Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program offers residents the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.

• A key component to the training is the distribution of free NYS Disaster Preparedness Kits.

From Phoenix to Charlottesville, Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) president, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, will reflect on the challenges of this moment for our country and the planet, and how our UU communities can be places of bold faith that nurture both connection and courage, resiliency and resistance.

The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray was elected President of the UUA on June 24, 2017. Prior to her election, she served as Lead Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, Arizona. Susan played a critical role in the long-term campaign to end the constitutional violations of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Susan received a Masters of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is a lifelong UU who now lives in Cambridge, MA with her husband, and son.