

FALL | WINTER 2017-2018

MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER EVENTS



Celebrating Worth and Dignity For All

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock

Becoming a Member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock?

If you believe in principles like the worth and dignity of every person, freedom of inquiry, truth seeking, and an outlook founded on loving deeds, rather than creeds, you might consider joining this congregation.

We rejoice when anyone decides to join religious quests with ours. However, we want it to be a considered decision, one that may involve soul searching and understanding of Unitarian Universalist principles and values.

Therefore, Orientation classes are a requirement. There are four sessions, each one different. The Orientations address UU roots and values, our approach to religious education, our commitment to social justice, and the program and governance of this congregation. These take place on Sunday afternoons in the fall and spring. (Schedule for fall, 2017, on the right.)

If one is in accord with basic principles of Unitarian Universalism, one joins by signing the congregational Membership Book and making a financial pledge and initial payment to the operating budget of the congregation. (Waivers are available in cases of financial hardship.) A welcoming ceremony for new members occurs twice a year.

Membership Committee Programs

New Member Orientations Winter 2018

**Sundays, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
February 4, 11, 18, 25**

There will also be ceremonies of welcome for new members in a Sunday service with date to be determined. These ceremonies will be preceded by a New Member Breakfast. For more information contact Ben Bortin, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator, at BBortin@uucsr.org or 516.472.2934

Fellowship

Among the many diverse and stimulating programs offered at this congregation, some are aimed at offering opportunities to get to know one another better, as well as fostering a sense of fellowship and community. The following programs are in that category.

Expeditions to Museums, Restaurants, Concerts, and Parks

From time to time during the congregational year, there are outings to museums, parks and concerts. All members and guests of the congregation are welcome to participate. As well, the "Lunch Bunch" meets monthly at area restaurants, usually on fourth Thursdays at 1:00 PM, and all members and friends of Shelter Rock are invited. (For both expeditions and lunch bunch, each participant pays for his or her own costs.) For specific information about expeditions and luncheons, look for announcements throughout the course of the year in *The Quest*, and other communication avenues.

Member Events Committee Programs

**Retreat and all events are open to both
UUCSR Members and Non-Members**

All Congregation Retreat

Multigenerational Annual Retreat attended by over 200 people. Programs include workshops, games, a talent show, karaoke, a campfire sing-a-long, a club night, a UU choir, worship services and much, much more.



Lobster Fest

A great time is had by all at our Annual Lobster Fest. This is the one big social event of the summer. Partake of a lobster dinner or a non-lobster dinner while enjoying great company and music.

New Year's Eve Party

Ring in the New Year with dinner, music – dancing, and games. Children and Youth gathering available during the Adult event. Party hats and prizes for all.

Seder

Join us as we celebrate the Passover Seder at UUCSR on the second night of Passover. We follow the traditional Haggadah with a Unitarian Universalist flair.

Bridge Group and Bridge Games & Lessons

Bridge is played twice a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Bridge lessons taught on Friday afternoons. If you haven't already registered for either the Bridge Group or Bridge Games & Lessons you must call to register.

For more information for all the Member Events Committee Programs please call the staff liaison Sharyn Esposito at (516) 472-2960.



OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES

We affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Vision Statement

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

Mission Statement

We gather together in religious community:

- To live, honor and promote the 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism.
- To nourish the spiritual needs of current and future members.
- To grow a diverse and multigenerational religious community, bound together with love.
- To commit our time, talents, and unique resources to building a just and compassionate world.
- To celebrate the joy of living, lifelong-learning and building lives of worth and purpose.

Jennifer L. Brower, *Minister for Pastoral Care (on sabbatical)*
Natalie M. Fenimore, *Minister of Lifespan Religious Education*
Ned Wight, *Interim Senior Minister*
Nancy Reid-McKee, *Ministerial Intern*
Adam Barshak, *Congregation Operations Administrator*
Joan Minieri, *Executive Director, Veatch Program*
Stephen Michael Smith, *Music Director*

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