UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES
May Theme: Embracing Differences

Friday, May 11, 2018, 7:30 PM
Soulful Sundown
The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

Soulful Sundown
Most Second Fridays
Dinner ($4) 6:30 PM, Worship 7:30 PM
Live Band: The Cosmic Orchestra
Free Coffee House
with Martyn Joseph
follows Service

Sunday, May 13, 2018, 11:00 AM
Mother’s Day
C. Nancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern

There is no human being who is not connected to or disconnected from a mother. On this day, we will look at the history of Mother’s Day, the original intent, and the shift to honoring all of us who nurture children. There will also be a ceremony to welcome new members.

Sunday, May 20, 2018, 11:00 AM
Bridging Sunday
The Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore

This Worship Service celebrates the transition of grade 12 youth into young adulthood, sixth graders’ transition into Junior High, and second graders’ knowledge of the UU Seven Principles.

Sunday, May 27, 2018, 11:00 AM
Memorial Day Service
The Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore

This Sunday we will be one congregation in two locations with worship at UUCSR and at the Congregational Retreat. At UUCSR, we will recognize Memorial Day which is a time to remember what has come before and what has been lost. It is also a place on the calendar that marks our turn toward summer and the final full shaking off of winter. There should be no more snow (cross your fingers).

TOUCHSTONES
Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore, Minister for Lifespan Religious Education

There is a quote from Mahatma Gandhi:

Friendship that insists upon agreement on all matters is not worth the name. Friendship to be real must ever sustain the weight of honest differences, however, sharp they be.

The same might be said of our community of faith. We are a collection of different people and people with differences. However, our covenant of friendship and community asks that we are respectful of our differences. Indeed, we are asked to embrace and celebrate our differences. Our community of faith knows that we are made stronger and richer when we include the many gifts and talents that our individual experiences bring to our shared life.

My study and writing for my Doctor of Ministry degree was in the area of Narrative Theology – that is, how we create our religious identity by the stories we tell. I believe that Unitarian Universalism is at its best when it allows our different and beautiful stories to be part of our faith development. On a recent Veatch Board site visit to rural Minnesota, I heard how that community was changing the narrative about who rural Minnesotans are: rural people there are white, Hispanic, Somali, young, old… embracing that wider, deeper identity (with all its differences) makes work for community change and improvement the work of everyone.

By embracing our differences in respectful ways, we can also hold the honesty of our differences – even sharp difference. If our intention is to have a greater understanding of ourselves and others it will show in the ways we ask questions of each other, work and play together, learn together – and build in ways for our community to absorb the hurts that our sharp differences do and will always bring.

We don’t want to homogenize ourselves: we want all the variety, all the flavors of humanity to come through the doors of UUCSR – and to stay – as we work to build a beloved community. Respecting diversity is part of our covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person with justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

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SERVICES AT
21st ALL-Congregation Retreat, May 25-28, 2018

Sunday morning Worship Service will be built upon the theme “Catch the Wind,” and there will be a special Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 28.

Registration is still available for the All-Congregation Retreat at Stony Point Center (Rockland County) over the Memorial Day Weekend! For details, visit UUCSR.org/StonyPoint. Questions? Contact Sharyn: sesposito@uucsr.org or 516.472.2980

Sunday, June 3, 2018, 11:00 AM
Flower Communion
The Ministry Team

As we approach the end of another congregational year, the Ministry Team will take stock of what we’ve achieved this year as individuals and as a congregation—and what it has cost us. We will also look ahead to plans for the summer, and engage in speculation about priorities for the congregation next fall.

The congregation’s Annual Meeting will follow at 2:00 PM.

Friday, June 8, 2018, 7:30 PM
Soulful Sundown
The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

Sunday, June 10, 2018, 11:00 AM
Coming of Age
The Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore

Sunday, June 17, 2018, 11:00 AM
Father’s Day
C. Nancy Reid McKee, Ministerial Intern

Sunday, June 24, 2018, 11:00 AM
Green Sanctuary Committee
The Rev. Thomas Goodhue, Guest Minister

Transportation Assistance

UUCSR offers FREE 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.

2018-2019 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN
The Rev. Ned Wight

Realizing Our Hopes & Dreams

Phase II

In the first phase of this spring’s Pledge Campaign, “Realizing Our Hopes & Dreams,” over 30 members volunteered to serve as “pledge leaders,” engaging over 200 households in one-on-one conversations about what they value about the congregation and about renewing their membership for the congregational year beginning on July 1, 2018. Results reported by the Finance Office so far have been promising: 62 percent of the households have renewed their membership with increased pledges compared to last year.

The second phase of “Realizing Our Hopes & Dreams” will involve mailing a membership renewal packet to the remaining households in the congregation. Each envelope contains:

- A cover letter from the 2018-2019 Pledge Campaign
- “Realizing Our Hopes & Dreams” Pledge Campaign flyer
- “Realizing Our Hopes & Dreams” SURVEY
- “How Pledging Works at UUCSR”
- Program Budget chart
- Levels of Giving chart
- 2018 Pledging Comparison for Long Island UU Congregations
- Annual Pledge Form July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
- Return address envelope to the UUCSR Finance Department

Envelopes will be mailed out the week of May 14. We hope you will review the materials in the envelope, answer the five questions on the survey, complete the Annual Pledge Form, and return both the survey and the completed pledge form to the Finance Office in the enclosed envelope. (You can mail it in or put it in the secure drop box on the Welcome Desk in the lobby.)

“Our goal this year is 100 percent participation in the Pledge Campaign,” Pledge Campaign Leader, Brian Muellers notes, “so we hope everyone will renew their membership and send a pledge form in by mid-June.”

If you have any questions about these materials or the campaign, please contact Rev. Ned Wight (516.472.2916 or nwight@uucsr.org), Membership Coordinator Ben Bortin (516.472.2934 or bbortin@uucsr.org) or Campaign Leader Brian Muellers (516.384.3974 or brianmuellers@optonline.net).

The Quest
CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS
Adam Barshak, Congregational Operations Administrator

FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 7:30 PM, Room 17. This is the final Budget Hearing opportunity before the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Sunday Brunch 12:30 PM
Social Hall

Annual Meeting 2:00 PM
Worship Room

Both Brunch ($15) and Meeting are open to all.

Brunch RSVPs and prepayment are required by Tuesday, May 29, 2018.
RSVP at www.uucsr.org/2018brunch
Contact Tammy at tweill@uucsr.org with questions or to pay by cash or check.

SHELTER ROCK BOOKSTORE
Brigitte Mueller, Chair

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018
BOOKSTORE SPRING SALE!

Books, tees, and much more
Great reductions!
Don’t pass them up!

See all the items at this special spring sale, before or after services

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS
Karen Krieg, Denominational Affairs Committee Chair

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Denominational Affairs Committee of UUCSR is proud to report that Latifa Y. Woodhouse has been nominated to the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Latifa has been attending board meetings of the UUA this year and will be formally appointed during General Assembly (GA) 2018 in Kansas City. We congratulate Latifa on this notable achievement, and look forward to supporting her and celebrating her appointment with her at GA in Kansas City from June 20-24, 2018.

As we prepare for General Assembly, there are still individuals who are seeking roommates to share housing while in Kansas City. Please contact Karin Belfiore, DAC chair, at kriegbelfiore@gmail.com for

SOULFUL SMALL GROUP

Friday, May 18, 2018, 7:00-8:30 PM, Room 14

A song you’d like sung at your funeral provides a springboard for sharing thoughts and stories as we explore the song’s spiritual and personal relevance. Your selection can be one full of gratitude or regret, one that celebrates or documents, one looking forward to (or fearing) an afterlife, or your last chance to leave a parting thought with (or a parting shot at) those you are sadly (or thankfully) leaving behind.

Please join us in a relaxed and safe space with your song title. If you tell us ahead of time, we’ll print the lyrics. You can inquire, register, or send your song title to Lea Titza (Ltitza@uucsr.org or 516.472.2975). We can’t wait to hear your stories that go with your song selection! Alice Giordano and Steve Marston are your guides for this undertaking.

LARGE GRANTS AWARDED

On May 6, 2018, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock awarded $100,000 to each of five Large Grant recipients, through the congregation’s Large Grants Program. Grants were given to the American Federation of Teachers Disaster Relief Fund (for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico), Climate Mobilization Project, ERASE Racism, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, and Unitarian Universalist Alliance of Camps and Conference Centers (for its 11 member organizations). ERASE Racism, a Jericho nonprofit that was launched through a previous Large Grant awarded in 2001, will use the 2018 Grant to conduct a series of conversations on race at six venues around Long Island. For more info: www.eraseracismny.org.
LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
The Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore, Minister for Lifespan Religious Education

There is always so much to learn – and sometimes so little time to engage in all the learning opportunities at UUCSR.

While it often more enriching to be a part of a discussion group, class, or experiential learning with friends here at the congregation or at Hadley House, you can access many Unitarian Universalist courses online. The Unitarian Universalist Association's Tapestry of Faith lifespan faith development curricula are all available online at uua.org. And in addition there are Parent Pages and information about books and articles that might give you information or assistance—and stimulate conversations. Feel free to talk to me about the many ways you can be involved in our UU community of lifelong learning and faith development.

Child Dedications

Unitarian Universalists believe that each child brings new life and hope into the our world. The ceremony of Child Dedication is a special time for families and our community to welcome and bless a child. The ceremony may also serve to acknowledge that our community has the privilege of playing a role in nurturing the child and family over a lifetime.

There is no standard Unitarian Universalist Child Dedication Ceremony—services may blend elements specific to the background, history, culture, and religious traditions of the family and the congregation. Generally dedication services include a variety of symbols and rituals such as: using water as a symbol of life and purity, using the laying on of hands as a blessing, holding the child for all to see as a ritual of introduction and welcome, the gift of a flower as a symbol of life’s beauty and unfolding life, the gift of a book as a sign of commitment to lifelong learning, as well as the ceremonial naming of the child. While a Child Dedication Ceremony is most often held for an infant, it is appropriate for young children as well. Ceremonies can be for individual children or for a group of children—from the same family or as a group of families being recognized and celebrated in the community.

Child Dedication ceremonies at UUCSR can be either private family ceremonies or held within the Sunday morning Worship Services. Please feel free to contact a minister if you would like more information or to schedule a Child Dedication Ceremony.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
India Harris, Youth and Young Adult Program Coordinator

“Dear Friends, Dear Friends; Let me tell you how I feel. You have given me such treasure. I love you so.”

This song is an integral part of countless UU youth and young adult communities. We’ve sung Dear Friends at bridging services, conferences, week-long camps, meetings and in worship. It’s generally sung to mark a range of transitions within the community. Its melody can be heard at the end of a summer camp when it’s time to bid farewell to one another and during bridging ceremonies, when youth are moving into young adulthood and young adults into the fullness of their adulthood. Usually it’s sung at the beginning of their crossing and by those that have yet to experience that particular transition. It is a keepsake and testament to the relationships built in and out of our understandings of time. What would it do for our spirits to be reminded through every transition that we are loved and gently ushered on our way.

Later this month, we will have our Bridging Ceremony at the congregation. This is our annual celebration and recognition of the faith filled spiritual growth of our second, sixth and twelfth graders. With the support of their RE teachers, they will express their learnings through song, articulated reflections, and revealing a special secret service project. Our teachers and advisors have been their guides and companions along this journey. They will stand with the children and youth before they cross the bridge. This bridge is their connection to the place from which they are emerging into a place that is unfamiliar.

This is where the whole of the congregation is needed. We are the ones who will meet our bridgers on the other side to companion them through their transitions. What would it do for our hearts to know there are hands to receive and hold us as we journey onward into the unknown. Join us Sunday, May 20, 2018, as we welcome our newest bridgers into community.

Everyone of us in the congregation has the potential to tend to one another. While our young people may find themselves rooted here and others rooted elsewhere, our task is to remain attentive to their growth through the ongoing transitions of life.

MIDNIGHT RUN

This is your opportunity to provide direct community service to those who are affected by homelessness and hunger in New York City. We are asking for donations of toiletries (soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, combs and brushes), plus adult clothing (warm coats, long pants, socks, underwear, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, hats, gloves, shoes, and tote bags). We especially need men's clothing and toiletries! We will be collecting these donations in a bin in the Main Lobby until the day of the run, Saturday, June 9, 2018. Thank you!
May 8, 2018

VEATCH NEWS
Faron McLurkin, Program Officer
Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock

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 leaders visit Minnesota Veatch Grantees

During the first week of May, Veatch staff had the pleasure of accompanying members of the UUCSR Board of Trustees, Veatch Board of Governors and Rev. Natalie Fenimore on our annual grantee site visit. The site visit is a chance for congregants to learn more about Veatch grantees by meeting them firsthand. For our first visit, we drove to rural Minnesota to visit with the Land Stewardship Project (LSP). The Land Stewardship Project is one of the country’s leading sustainable agriculture organizations, with a proven track record in community organizing, policy change, and promotion of local democracy. Their work aims to change governmental and corporate policies that consolidate wealth and power into fewer hands and endanger the health and well-being of people, communities and the environment. Upon arrival, we were greeted by Anna Racer and Pete Skold, owners and operators of Waxwing Farm. Along with other LSP members and staff, Anna and Pete led us on a tour of their farm and discussed the challenges and opportunities facing rural communities, and farmers in Minnesota. They talked about how important it is that consumers have access to chemical free produce and the dangers of large scale corporate agriculture. We also heard from a LSP board member who is active in her local Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

Our Minnesota Future

After saying goodbye to the pigs and plants, we headed to St. Paul to meet with Veatch grantees ISAIAH, Take Action Minnesota and OutFront Minnesota. These organizations shared with us how they are working together to increase voter participation and decrease discrimination against LGBTQ populations and others. Members shared how these organizations changed their lives, by supporting them to stand up to injustice and training them to be community leaders. Through an alliance called Our Minnesota Future, these organizations are partnering with many others to build progressive populism for the good of the whole state.

Providing Sanctuary

The next day, we visited a church in St. Paul that is resisting deportations by providing sanctuary to undocumented residents. One of ISAIAH’s members shared his heartfelt story of being detained for six months and ultimately being set free due to ISAIAH’s organizing and the support of his congregation. We also heard additional stories from multi-faith leaders and organizers about how they are putting their faith in action and building community.

Organizing for Racial Justice

Our trip included meeting with organizations led by people of color working on racial justice. In a mini-training with grantee, Voices for Racial Justice, we shared personal stories about our own values and experiences to gain a deeper appreciation of the history and culture that each of us brings to community. We also met with Somali Action Alliance, an organization that builds civic engagement amongst Somali immigrants and advocates for their civil rights. Members of Somali Action Alliance shared how they have been increasing voter participation in the Somali community and fighting racial discrimination at airports. Their efforts have led to the hiring of local Somali police officers, and TSA officers, as well as the election of several Somali officials in local government.

UU Fellowship

Lastly, we had a chance to meet with Arif Mamdani, chair of the Church of the Larger Fellowship. The Church of the Larger fellowship is a UU organization, and Veatch grantee, dedicated to building a global spiritual community, rooted in love and the courage to act for justice. Arif also brought his long experience in the Twin Cities to helping us reflect on our days together, all that we had learned and are eager to bring back to the congregation.

The site visit was a wonderful opportunity for us to learn, bond, and reflect on the world today.

UUCSR staff and congregants visiting Veatch grantee Land Stewardship Project.
The Quest

Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival

In May 1967, a year before his assassination, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. told his colleagues in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference:

“I think it is necessary for us to realize that we have moved from the era of civil rights to the era of human rights... When we see that there must be a radical redistribution of economic and political power... That after Selma and the Voting Rights Bill, we moved into a new era, which must be an era of revolution... In short, we have moved into an era where we are called upon to raise certain basic questions about the whole society.”

That same year, Rev. King called for a Poor People's March on Washington to demand that all poor people have better jobs, better housing, and better education. Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy, a civil rights leader, explained that the intention of the Poor People's Campaign of 1968 was to “dramatize the plight of America’s poor of all races and make very clear that they are sick and tired of waiting for a better life.”

Unfortunately, 50 years after the first Poor People's March, people who are poor are still waiting. The Souls of Poor Folk, an empirical study of today’s socio-economic conditions, reveals that “the complex relationships between and across systemic racism, persistent poverty, the war economy and its inevitable militarism, and the ecological devastation from which none can escape” persist. [https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/index.php/audit/]

In the face of such grinding poverty, dehumanizing discrimination, and devastating climate change, prophets of our time have arisen to lead us in a new Poor People's Campaign. These daring leaders, the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, a black minister, and the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, a white theologian, have announced a national call for a moral revolution.

In a recent letter, Unitarian Universalist president, Rev. Susan Fredrick Gray has called us to participate in this campaign: “You may have heard me say that this is no time for a casual faith and no time to go it alone. I mean it with every fiber of my being. And it's out of those convictions that I am joining the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival.”

This campaign calls for a season of 40 days of direct action, teach-ins, worship, arts and cultural events, from May 13-June 21 in over 30 states and the US capital, and a mass mobilization on June 23 in Washington, DC. These 40 days will usher in a multi-year campaign involving thousands upon thousands of people speaking with one voice: we need a moral revolution.

On Wednesday, May 30, you are invited to “Side with Love: A Call to Challenge Racism, Poverty, Militarism and the Climate Crisis,” at 7:30 PM in the Art Gallery, a program, facilitated by C. Nancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern, and Claire Deroche, Social Justice Coordinator. You will hear testimony from our own members, learn more about the breadth of this campaign, and have the opportunity to sign up to go to Albany on Monday, June 4, to participate in the campaign rally and support those doing civil disobedience. In the meantime, you can learn more about the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival at [https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org] and the NYS campaign at [https://www.facebook.com/NYSPPC/]. Please mark May 30 and June 4 on your calendars now!

Social Justice Announcements

Thursday, May 10, 2018


Saturday, May 12, 2018

Supper Time
Cooking for Veterans

Intergenerational Volunteer Event, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM Everyone is invited to take part in preparing a meal that will be delivered to the residents of United Veterans Beacon House in Freeport. Adults, youth, and children ages 8 and up are welcome to participate. Children between the ages of 8 and 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register online at [www.uucsr.org/supper]. For questions, please contact Sharyn Esposito at 516.472.2960 or India Harris at 516.472.2943. Co-sponsored by the Social Justice and Religious Education Committees.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Conference Call “Ending Prolonged Solitary Confinement,” Continued on page 7
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. (Click for flyer.)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LARGE GRANTS PROGRAM**

Eileen Jamison, Acting Assistant Director, Veatch Program

Join us on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 1:30 PM, in the Veatch Ballroom (in case of rain: Worship Room), for “Delivering Hope and Rebuilding Dignity for the Refugees in Greece,” a panel discussion and short film on refugee families who have been trapped in Greece in the worst refugee crisis since WWII. This special program is co-sponsored by the Large Grants Program and the Membership Committee.

Participating on the panel will be UUCSR members, Latifa and Colin Woodhouse; their daughter, Sophia; film director, Artemis Joukowsky; and film producer, Cray Novick. They will give an update on their recent humanitarian trips to Athens and LesVos, and share stories of refugees who are stranded in Greece. They will also talk about the impact of UUCSR’s Large Grant given to UNICEF, one of last year’s Large Grant’s recipients, about the organization’s work with refugee families in Greece.


If you have any questions about the UUCSR Large Grants Program, please contact Eileen Jamison at ejamison@uucsr.org.

**Advocacy Volunteer Event in Albany.** The campaign to pass the HALT Solitary Confinement Act will go to Albany on May 16 to advocate with legislators to end the torture of solitary confinement. Please sign up to participate on May 16 here: https://goo.gl/forms/jkVdf0VXSraKz352 or at www.nycaic.org. For free transportation from UUCSR: contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche by Monday, May 14. We will leave at 6:00 AM and return by 8:00 PM. Sponorized by the Social Justice Committee.

**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 percent of engaged, impassioned citizens—those most concerned—to transform the situation. Come join us and help make the transformation a reality!

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**

**Volunteer Opportunity**

**Interfaith Volunteer Event,** 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. We will work together with skilled carpenters from Rebuilding Together, Long Island to build a ramp on the house of someone in need in Nassau County. In addition, we will do some small home repairs and yard work. No special skills needed. Volunteers 18 years of age and older are encouraged to join us. Please RSVP to Claire Deroche at (516) 472-2977 or cderoche@uucsr.org by May 16. Co-sponsored by the UUCSR Social Justice Committee and Board of Missions and Outreach of the Congregational Church of Manhasset. (Click for flyer.)

**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.

**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. Please click to see the flyer with complete details.
Between April 8 and 15, 2018, Andrea and I were in Mexico City along with twenty something other U.S. residents, part of the program known as “Road Scholar.” Being in Mexico opened up a world for me. It intrigues me, first of all, that, in my personal experience, our public education curricula, we learn about Europe, about ancient Mesopotamia, about ancient Greece — but virtually nothing about our neighbor to the south. That’s despite the presence of more than 34 and a half million Mexican American residents in the United States. Certainly, until last month, I have been a walking testament to unblissful ignorance about that great country and culture myself.

My first vivid take from this seven-day experience was sheer color. The purple of the Jacaranda flowering trees (pictured), the brilliant green needle-feathers of the mythical Aztec Quetzacoatl bird, the warm reds and ambers of Diego Rivera’s murals, the blocks of turquois and coral color on the little houses on the hillsides, and the costumes of the Ballet Folklorico — everywhere color seemed to shimmer.

Second, I was smitten with the talents of ancient peoples. The massive, brilliantly carved stone heads of the Olmecs (1500 – 400 BCE), the restored temple of the Aztecs, in downtown Mexico City, a city, in the 1500s when Cortes arrived, bigger and cleaner than any in Europe, and the ancient Mayan calendar, which was based on a 365-day year, the jade jewelry—all were inspirations.

And third, I was taken with the sheer hospitality and friendliness that we encountered repeatedly. Hostile and demeaning comments have been made about the Mexican people from persons in high places here --- (or did you notice) but that didn’t seem to produce any anger or antagonism toward us, as visitors, at least that I detected.

Looking through the prism of Unitarian Universalist values, I also saw various of our principles played out eloquently in today’s Mexico. Though at least an 80 percent Roman Catholic country, the Mexican Constitution for over 150 years has firmly separated church and state, something of which our tour leader, Rafael, himself a Catholic, was quite proud.

There is also freedom of speech, including the right of dissent. A teachers’ strike was in progress when we arrived.

And, though Mexico City is notoriously vulnerable to air pollution, the second biggest city in the world after Tokyo, and plagued with an environmental “inversion” condition, the population seems aware of our fragile interdependent web. Environmentally sensitive practices are encouraged. Mexico remains part of the Paris Climate accord.

So, while serious problems persist — like poverty, prejudice against the Indian population, and narco-trafficking, a great 10,000-year civilization also lurks south of our border, and I lift my glass to our “hermanos and hermanas" who carry its cultural banner.

Introducing Dalia Delghavi

It is a great pleasure introducing and welcoming Dalia Delghavi, along with her two daughters, Ava and Amina! Dalia joined the congregation this past November 12.

She has been a public school teacher for 13 years, and has taught elementary school as well as English as a second language at an adult learning center. With background encompassing Ecuador and Iran, she speaks both Spanish and Farsi. Her growing up was in Queens, and had religious diversity in her family, with a mother who is Catholic and a father who was an atheist.

Her main passions, understandably, are her children, but she also loves to paint and draw, when the opportunity presents itself, which nowadays, may not be often. She also loves to cook.

She is attracted to Unitarian Universalism and this congregation because of its inclusive and respectful atmosphere. One is not judged negatively for being “left of center.” She also loves the music, the art, and the beauty found here.

On behalf of all of us, a cordial welcome, Dalia!

EXPEDITION

A Visit to the Tenement Museum in Manhattan

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
2:00 PM

A guided tour through the “Hard Times,” as the tour is called, of the late 19th and early 20th century living in the lower east side.

$22.50 per person, payable by credit or debit card at the Tenement Museum web site, or contact Ben Bortin to pay by check (bbortin@uucsr.org or 516.472.2934).
**MILESTONES**

**We hope for the swift and steady healing of...** Patricia Houghton Rones who is recuperating from a fall in which she suffered a broken wrist. Cards may be sent to her home address.

**We offer our hearty congratulations to...** Marvin Brown, who was presented, on April 21, 2018, with the “good guys” award by the Women’s Center for New York, a center founded by UUCSR congregant Ann Jawin.

**We celebrate with...** the Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore who received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary on May 7, 2018. Her degree work was in the area of Narrative Theology. We will celebrate with a cake after Worship Service on May 20, 2018.

**THANK YOU**

We would like to extend our deepest thanks for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock’s recent donation of $992.28 and your continued support of the Music & Memory program.

It is estimated that one in three seniors are diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. With your support, we are closer to our goal of making Music & Memory a standard in healthcare, and continuing to improve the quality of life for all people affected by Alzheimer’s, dementia, and other cognitive challenges. The success of our programs is due to donors, who, like you, believe wholeheartedly in the power of music to help others. We could not reach so many people if not for your dedication.

Thank you for your commitment to the Music & Memory community. Your impact is felt everyday by those we serve, and your continued support means the world to us!

With gratitude,

Dan Cohen, Executive Director
Music & Memory

**WOMEN’S GROUP**
Judith Wylie-Rosett, President

**You Can Help Victims of Domestic Violence!**

**Donate Your Old Cell Phones**

Your old cell phone can be reprogrammed to help safeguard those at risk. Please put old cell phones in the Safe Center cell phone box in the UUSCR Main Lobby.

The Safe Center will reprogram the phone to be a 911 emergency call phone that will be distributed to domestic violence victims.

Last year, 200+ people attended the All-Congregation Retreat at Silver Bay. This year’s retreat is at the beautiful Stony Point Center located in Stony Point, New York, at the base of Bear Mountain, less than 90 minutes from Long Island. The Stony Point Center grows all their own vegetables on campus, shares our Unitarian Universalist ideals, and offers an amazing arts and crafts facility, and much more.

We hope that you will join us in our member-led workshops; ball games; lawn chats; two special worship services; our own Stony Point Choir led by Stephen Michael Smith; wine/beer, cheese, jokes and more at the Adult Club night (UUCSR Family Feud 2); ice cream social and dance; fresh delicious meals with farm grown vegetables & locally sourced food; karaoke and bingo nights; bridge & other games, coloring, and so much more, including the amazing Starry Night Talent Show—you don’t want to miss it. There will also be new programs coordinated by the great Stony Point Center staff.

The Lodge rooms with semi-private bathrooms – private depending on how many rooms your family are assigned) are comfortable with your own A/C and your own sink in the room.

Day rates are available if you can’t stay for the entire weekend although you probably do not want to miss any of the exciting events and getting to know our beautiful congregants. Please remember that refunds are available if you can’t attend.

Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Main Lobby or with Sharyn in the lower level Staff Office. For registration information, please visit Stony Point Center online at [stonypointcenter.org](http://stonypointcenter.org)

Paul Drezner and the Retreat Planning Committee

Martha & Vince Chimienti
May Choi-Steele
Barbara Dilsner
Maria & Frank Doyle
Carla Drezner
Robin Finnman-Jones
Leyla Hoell

Taylor Kerr
Gary Mitchell
Rebecca Muellers
Audrey & Tom Murphy
Claire & Richard Paccione
Laura Torff

May 8, 2018
**13TH ANNUAL ORCHESTRA AT SHELTER ROCK SUMMER CONCERT**

**Stephen Michael Smith, Music Director/Conductor**

**Sunday, August 5**

**1:00 PM**

All Are Welcome

**TUESDAY, MAY 08, 2018**

Advocacy Institute Training, 9:30 AM, RE Rm 15, 17

Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces

Art Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Office Conference Room

FDC Meeting, 6:00 PM, Bride’s Room

Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Rm 19

Veatch BOG May Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room

BOT Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 09, 2018**

Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces

Advocacy Institute Training, 9:30 AM, RE Rm 15, 17

Reach Out America, 12:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

Summer Concert Planning Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride’s Room

Member Resource Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Office Conference Room

NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Rm 15

Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace

SGM Second Wednesday meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Rm 19

Social Justice Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Food & Water Watch Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

Budget Hearing, 7:30 PM, RE Rm 17

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018**

Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom

AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Rm 206, 207

NAMI Spirituality, 6:30 PM, RE Rm 15

Green Sanctuary Meeting, 6:30 PM, Staff Lunchroom

Recovering the History of the Black Panther Party in the Era of #BlackLivesMatter with Robyn Spencer, 7:30 PM, Veatch House

**FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018**

Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces

Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Veatch Ballroom

Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch House

Soulful Sundown, Supper: 6:30 PM, Social Hall, Service: 7:30 PM, Worship Room

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018**

Caring Hearts Quilters, 10:00 AM, Rm 204, 205

Cooking for Veterans, 10:00 AM, Main Kitchen

Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Frank Colantuono Memorial, 1:00 PM, Worship Room

Verna Herman Memorial Service, 4:00 PM, Worship Room

Dramatic Readings, 5:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

**SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018**

Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room

Great Books-Even Deadlier, 9:00 AM, RE Rm 4

Coming of Age Meets Small Group Ministry, 9:00 AM, Chapel, Rm 15, 19

Worship Committee Meeting, 9:15 AM, Bride’s Room

New Member Sunday, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery

Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room

Young People’s Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall

Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room

RE Classes, 11:00 AM, RE Wing

UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall

Mother’s Day Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Veatch House

**MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018**

Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces

Adult Programs Meeting, 5:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room

NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Rm 15

Program Council Retreat/Meeting, 6:30 PM, Veatch House

Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery

Large Grants Advisory Group Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018**

Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom

Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Rm 19

SGM Third Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride’s Room

Housing Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

Publicity and Promotions Meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Rm 15

Emergency Preparedness Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018**

Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces

WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery

Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch House

Bookstore Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Office Conference Room

Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Meeting, 6:00 PM, RE Rm 16

Member Resource Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Bride’s Room

Investment Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

NAMI FaithNet, 6:30 PM, Social Hall

Climate Justice Taskforce, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery

Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace

Emerson and Thoreau: Two Aspects of Transcendentalism, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

**THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018**

Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please see UUCSR.org for additional details on all programs. See LIACUU.org for other area congregations.

AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Rm 206, 207
Look Book Photo Session, 11:00 AM, Veatch House
Literacy Nassau Recognition Night, 7:00 PM, Main Building
Stewardship/Finance Taskforce Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018
Manhasset HS Testing, All Day, Multiple Spaces
Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Art Gallery
SGM Third Friday, 1:00 PM, Hadley House
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Social Hall
Look Book - Picture Day, 2:00 PM, Veatch House
Soulful Small Group, 7:00 PM, RE Rm 14
6th Grade Retreat, 7:00 PM, RE Wing
Women’s Group Book Series, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
SJC Volunteer Activity - Rebuilding Together LI, 9:00 AM,
Saturday INN Cooking, 9:00 AM, Main Kitchen
Caring Hearts Quilters, 10:00 AM, Rm 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
Here to Help Military and Families Educational Seminar, 11:00 AM, Veatch House
Men’s Group Meeting, 6:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018
RESCHEDULED-SGM Second Sunday- Early AM Group,
8:30 AM, Office Conference Room
Bridging Service Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, Main Building
Great Books-Even Deadlier, 9:00 AM, RE Rm 4
Child Care, 9:30 AM, RE Rm 2
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Young People’s Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Room
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
Bridging Picnic, 12:00 PM, Indoors and Outdoors
Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Rm 15
Adoption Triad Ministry Potluck, 12:30 PM, RE Rm 16
Third Sunday SGM Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride’s Room
Update on the Refugee Crisis, 2:00 PM, Worship Room

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018
NAMI Criminal Justice Committee, 3:00 PM, RE Rm 15
Mental Health SJC Sub-Committee Monthly Meetings, 4:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Rm 15
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
DAC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room
Building and Grounds Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Oval Room
Transition Team Meeting, 7:30 PM, Bride’s Room

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Student Activity Fund Workshop, 6:00 PM, Art Gallery
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Rm 19
SGM Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch House
Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 PM, Worship Room
Screening of Strong Island, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Rm 15
Insafada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Rm 206, 207
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018
All Congregation Retreat, Stony Point Center
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch House

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018
All Congregation Retreat, Stony Point Center
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Rm 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018
All Congregation Retreat, Stony Point Center
Child Care, 9:30 AM, RE Rm 2
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
Annual Congregational Brunch, 12:30 PM, Social Hall
Artist Reception, 1:00 PM, Art Gallery
Annual Congregational Meeting, 2:00 PM, Worship Room

MONDAY, JUNE 04, 2018
SJC I.N.N. Staff Training, 8:30 AM, RE Rm 14, 15
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Rm 15
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

TUESDAY, JUNE 05, 2018
SJC I.N.N. Staff Training, 8:30 AM, RE Rm 14, 15
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Ballroom
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Rm 19
RE Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 06, 2018
Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM, Hadley House Community Room
WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Insafada Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Membership Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Visit UUCSR.org for additional calendar programs and events.
Next Quest: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 | Deadline for Content: Thursday, May 17, 2018

SHELTER ROCK FORUM
Presents Persons of Moral Courage

“Recovering the History of the Black Panther Party in the Era of #BlackLivesMatter”

Thursday, May 10, 2018 • 7:30 PM

Discussion with
ROBYN C. SPENCER
uucsr.org/Spencer

Screening of the Academy Award-nominated film
Strong Island

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 • 7:00 PM

Q&A with director
YANCE FORD*
uucsr.org/StrongIsland

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