September 4, 2018

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

“Strengthening the Interdependent Web”

2018-2019 Congregational Theme

See the Program and Event List Here

TOUCHSTONES
The Rev. Ned Wight

“What’s Ahead This Year? Final Year Priorities”

Since 2018-19 will be my final year as Interim Senior Minister at UUCSR, I want to make the most of it to ensure that the congregation is well prepared for the next chapter in its ministry to one another, to Long Island, and to the world. Here are the priorities that will be my focus for this year:

1. Worship: Worship is the central unifying activity of this and every other UU congregation—gathering regularly in community to replenish our spiritual reservoirs, to renew our commitment to shared UU values, and to expand the frontiers of our knowledge, understanding and vision of the world as it is and as we’d like it to be. I will continue to collaborate with the Ministry Team, with the Music Director, and with lay associates to plan an engaging schedule of Sunday and Friday worship, to preach provocative sermons, and to ensure that dynamic worship continues to be a magnet for members and newcomers alike.

2. Ministerial Transition: The Board’s Ministerial Transition Task Force has already reached out to the congregation with a survey about preferences for types of ministerial leadership after I leave next August. I expect their work of congregational engagement to continue with a reexamination of the congregation’s mission priorities, including worship, lifespan religious education, work for social justice, philanthropy, stewardship of resources, and governance. I am committed to serving as a resource to this Task Force in any ways that will be helpful.

3. Membership: Many members of the Board—and congregation as a whole—have expressed concern about membership at UUCSR—continuing to invite new members in, ensuring that they are engaged and satisfied as members, solving problems with the annual pledge campaign and members falling off the rolls every January 1, reaching out to parents and volunteers in the Religious Education program to encourage more engagement with other congregational activities, maximizing the success of the Volunteer and Membership Coordinator and the Membership Committee.

Currently, Sana is the Director of Youth Programs for the First Church in Belmont, MA. She is also working on her third graduate degree as a Master of Divinity candidate at Harvard Divinity School. Born in Manchester, UK she moved to the USA when she was sixteen. As a dual citizen, she grew up in a Pakistani home learning Urdu, Punjabi, as well as English. She’s been immersed in UU and Muslim communities and hopes to become one of the handful of UU Muslim ministers in the UU community today.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, September 9, 2018, 11:00 AM
“Being Both”
Sana Saeed, Guest Preacher

SOULFUL SUNDOWN
Friday, September 14, 2018, 7:30 PM
The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

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

HOMECOMING
Sunday, September 16, 2018, 11:00 AM
The Ministry Team

Explore this year’s congregational theme, “Strengthening the Interdependent Web,” in Worship, then enjoy the 30th Annual Homecoming Picnic, with food, games, music, and more. $5 pp.

HOMECOMING PICNIC

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in both deepening and enlarging membership. I plan to work with the Board, the Ministry Team, and relevant committees to make progress this year toward strengthening our membership recruitment and retention efforts.

4. Ministry Team: To help prepare for the congregation’s future, the Ministry Team has started to “map” the duties and tasks that we perform, to determine who takes the lead in each area, and to consider how we can work together most effectively. I will continue to work with Jennifer and Natalie to complete this mapping project and to propose structures of responsibility, authority and accountability that will enable us to carry out our mission and realize our dreams.

5. “Strengthening the Interdependent Web”: Just as we focused some of our programming on “Worth and Dignity for All” last, we’ll be focusing some of this year’s programming on “Strengthening the Interdependent Web.” Based on our seventh UU principle, this theme invites us to explore both the interdependence of human communities—nations, states, ethnic and racial groups, religions, etc.—and the interdependence of our planet—people, other animals, plants, ecosystems, our “blue boat home.”

6. Farewell and leave-taking: Finally, this being my final year after 10 years as Executive Director of the UU Veatch Program and three years as Interim Senior Minister, it will be particularly important to attend to how we say goodbye to one another. It is customary for interim ministers to absent themselves from the congregation for several years in order for succeeding ministerial leaders to establish solid relationships with the congregation and its individual members. I want to be sure that we have ample opportunities to affirm what we have given one another during my tenure at UUCSR, to celebrate our time together, and, when the times come next summer, to let go with a sense of gratitude and fulfillment.

I thank you for your good will and support of my ministry here at UUCSR, and look forward to a terrific final year.

Cheer and blessings,
Rev. Ned

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTERS

In times of pastoral crisis, whether your own, or that of a fellow member about whom you are concerned, you may need to reach out to a member of the Ministry Team. Please save and follow these instructions in a critical situation:

Monday-Friday during regular business hours, please contact the Assistant to the Ministers, Kimberly Rossiter, by phone or email: 516.472.2941 or krossiter@uucsr.org

On weekends and after regular business hours, please call the live answering service at 516.795.0329.

As we mark the beginning of our “new year,” it is time once again to plan for our 30th Homecoming Picnic. YES, it’s the 30th Anniversary gala 2018 Homecoming Picnic!

If you are a first timer, let me tell you about it! It’s the time we come together as a congregational family to share the tales of summer travel and vacations or just stay-at-home fun. Our Religious Education Program will start up again; and, after the Sunday Service, the air will be filled with the savory barbecue aroma of hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings! The lawns will be swarming with children of all ages playing favorite games! There will be music in the air with our ‘Any Given Sunday Band!’ So, if you’ve been away you get a special opportunity to meet and greet and welcome church friends you haven’t seen all summer!

And it’s also now time for you to come forth once again and be a part of the team that makes this magical afternoon happen! Once again we need all of you – sports and game supervisors and leaders, hamburger and hotdog cooks, table set-up and food servers, dessert servers and soda pourers, entertainers, story book tellers and face paint painters, kite flying fliers and anyone and everyone who is just plain interested in having “the best time ever!” By the way … got an idea for a Homecoming Picnic activity? Thought of a fun activity that we all can get into? Please call Elaine at the office at 516.472.2933 or Richard at 516.922.6052 (rbock@optonline.net) to tell us about it and, most important, to sign up to be a volunteer helper at the picnic.

JOIN THE TEAM! JOIN THE FUN! VOLUNTEER TODAY!

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.
Greetings on behalf of the entire UUCSR staff, and welcome back to another congregational year!

I would like to introduce Miles Doherty, the new Director of Finance. Mr. Doherty started with us in July and quickly rolled up his sleeves and began working with the Investment and Stewardship Committees on work related to the new Investment Policy and Stewardship Model. Miles is a CPA and comes to us with many years of experience in the investment industry. With this position filled, leadership is now working towards hiring the Religious Education Administrative Assistant, Veatch Program Operations Manager, Veatch Program Officer, and Facilities Technician (formerly titled Custodian). Each position is in a different stage of the hiring process, but my sense is that all will be filled by October.

Also new for this fiscal year are changes to two sections of the Membership Handbook 2018–2019, the Member Directory and Who’s Who: Committees. In the Directory section, member information has been restructured to more accurately reflect the household information in the membership database. In the Who’s Who section, committee charges, membership, and terms have been made clearer and more consistent.

Speaking of the database, members are strongly encouraged to keep current their congregational profile via the MYUUCSR section of the UUCSR website (www.uucsr.org), not only to ensure the accuracy of their information, but also to note what information may or may not be made public to other members. When we transitioned to a new membership database two years ago, it was with the intent that members could directly own their information (demographics, interests, willingness to receive information). I know some shy away from making their own online entries, and while staff can input this information as needed, administration greatly appreciates membership support in this more efficient electronic process.

Another area of enhancement for members is the development of a new Membership Lounge. Often when members are at the congregation, perhaps waiting for a committee meeting to start, they wait in the Main Lobby, the main office reception area, or in the staff kitchen. The former Recovery Room, located in the hallway leading to the Veatch foyer, will be converted to the Membership Lounge. It will be equipped with a TV and two computers for member use while awaiting the start (or end) of a congregational activity. It is anticipated that the Lounge will be ready by early October.

There are other exciting initiatives that the staff is working on to support the membership and the congregation’s purpose of promulgating Unitarian Universalism and I look forward to sharing them in upcoming editions of the Quest.

UUCSR Hours of Operation

In June 2018, the Congregation voted on the 2018-2019 budget that included cost-saving measures that curtailed some summer and some regular-year building hours of operation.

Routine programming at Shelter Rock will now take place as follows:

Weekdays:
- Mondays 8:30 AM-6:00 PM
- Tuesday-Friday 8:30 AM-10:00 PM

Weekends:
- Saturdays 8:30 AM-2:00 PM
- Sundays 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

These hours include any time needed for set-up or breakdown.

Exceptions are made for:

1. Board of Trustees and Congregational meetings, as needed.
2. Internal member-related program events dictated by external factors that may or will always run past 10:00 PM, such as New Year's Eve Celebration, Super Bowl viewing, Academy Awards, Midnight Run, etc.
3. Ceremonial events may (with permission) end no later than 11:00 PM.
4. Worship-related Services may require special hours at the discretion of the Ministry Team.
5. Religious Education overnight events
6. Other programs or events identified as exceptions by the Board of Trustees and Program Council at the June 2018 meeting.

The UUCSR property gate at the top of the driveway is electronically controlled and is programmed to operate according to the new building hours.

Ministerial Transition Survey

The Ministerial Transition Task Force is pleased to report receipt of over 200 responses to its survey of member opinions regarding the future of ministry at UUCSR. The opinions and comments were diverse. The Task Force is sending a second mailing to reach those who did not reply to the first survey.

In addition, a Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for discussion and conversation about survey results to date.

Please Save the Date:

Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, September 30, 2018
1:00 PM in the Art Gallery.

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in the work of the Ministerial Transition Task Force.
2018 Congregational Art Show Update

We have such a talented and artistic community! If you were unable to make it to the Artist Reception, I hope you will now take the opportunity to stroll through the Art Gallery to see the wonderful offerings we have been graced with this year.

Nearly every person who submitted art works was at the Reception, which by all accounts was a great success. A big thank you to the members of the Art Committee and Elaine Corrao, who worked so hard to make this happen. And a special thank you to all the artists who participated this year!

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN PICK-UP DATES FOR ARTWORK:
Sunday, September 16 (Homecoming Sunday)
from 10:00-11:00 AM and from 12:00-1:00 PM
Wednesday, September 19 from 12:00-2:00 PM
All artwork must be signed out by a committee member.

The fall season of musical activity gets back into full swing in September after our summer recess. This is an excellent time to join us!

UUCSR CHOIR

We are a group who love to sing and use music to express our commitment to what is important to us and to our community. While reading music is helpful, it is not requirement to sing with us. Anyone who can match a pitch and sing in tune is welcome to join the Choir.

First rehearsal (and pot luck dinner);
Thursday, September 13, 2018; 6:30 PM
Dinner in the Art Gallery with rehearsal to follow in the choir room.

First Sunday in Worship:
Sunday, September 16, 2018 (Homecoming Sunday)

If you are new to singing with the choir, please feel free to come to our first rehearsal. Don’t miss the pot luck dinner - our members sing but they also can COOK! Please contact Music Director Stephen Michael Smith at ssmith@uucsr.org with any questions.

UUCSR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Dan Pratt, celebrated musician and teaching artist from Lincoln Center Education, once again will lead our ensemble of instrumentalists of all ages in the exploration and performance of new and standard works from the jazz repertoire. This is an educational as well as a performance oriented group, and a wonderful opportunity to work with one of the most sought after players on the New York jazz scene today.

First rehearsal: Sunday, September 23, 2018, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the Ensemble Rehearsal Room.

Questions? Please contact Dan Pratt at danprattmusic@gmail.com or Stephen Michael Smith at ssmith@uucsr.org.

CABARET CAST CALL...

The first all-cast rehearsal will be in our Social Hall at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. This will be Cabaret XVI—our Sixteenth Edition raising funds for our Ed Miller Memorial Music Scholarship Fund! Our talented Cabaret Planning Team has been hard at work developing our new show and we are sending you this invitation to be a part of the upcoming cast! Our show date is November 3, 2018. Please contact Richard Bock, Cabaret Music Director, at rbock@optonline.net or 516.922.6052

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UUCSR AIRING ON PATV

Cablevision Channel 20 / Verizon Channel 37 - in the incorporated Villages of Great Neck/North Shore:

Live Stream same dates/times available on PATV for those who do not get their station.

PATV (Public Access TV) are currently airing Shelter Rock special events on Cablevision. See below for the program dates and times:

Restoring Hope and Dignity to Greece

- Saturdays and Sundays at 9:00 PM
- Tuesdays at 3:00 PM

Find previously shown programs on PATV’s On Demand Link
This year, our ministry team has chosen as our congregational theme, “Strengthening the Interdependent Web,” based on the seventh Unitarian Universalist Principle, “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

In considering this theme and how to apply it to our Lifespan Religious Education Program, I asked myself a series of wondering questions.

What is the Interdependent Web and why does it need to be strengthened? The Interdependent Web is our world, and more than that, it is our relationship to our world.

But, why does it need to be strengthened? Is it broken? If so, why is it broken? In trying to answer this, I asked myself, what do we have too much of in the world? The world has too much carelessness. The world has too many critics, too many naysayers.

What do we need more of in the world? The world needs more kindness. It needs more mindfulness and open-mindedness. Above all, the world needs more bravery.

What kind of people possess these qualities? Heroes. The world needs more heroes. With this, I arrived at a theme within a theme for this year in Religious Education: The Heroes Who Strengthen the Interdependent Web.

Each month in this space and in Children's Worship, modern-day heroes will be highlighted who shine a light on injustice and guide the world towards equality.

Heroes rarely set out to be such. When one of my biggest heroes, Malala Yousafzai, started writing at the age of 11 about life under Taliban rule, she wanted nothing more than the right for girls to attend school. When her voice grew more powerful and the Taliban tried to end her life, Malala wanted nothing more than to survive. And she did. And she could have stopped then out of self-preservation, but she would not be silenced. Malala's resolve continues to empower millions of children just like her to use their voices. Malala, and those she inspires, are heroes who strengthen the Interdependent Web.

In far too many parts of our world where oppressors have made it illegal for girls to attend school, access to education is a matter of life or death. There is no greater act of bravery in our world today than when millions of young women wake up every day and go to school, knowing it could be their last act on this Earth. These young women, these heroes, are why I am an educator. Every child must have education. Every child's voice must be heard. Every child can change the world.

What kind of people does the world need us to be? Mindful and kind. Open-minded and brave. The world needs heroes. The world needs us to be heroes. Be brave. Be kind. Be a hero.

As June Jordan wrote in her “Poem for South African Women”: We are the ones we have been waiting for.

Soulful Songs & Stories
September 21, 2018
7:00–8:30 PM, Room 14

This small group gathering meets from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on the third Friday of each month to consider the spiritual relevance and personal meaning found in a song chosen for each month.

“Music can name the unnameable and communicate the unknowable.” (Leonard Bernstein) This month we’re going to explore the tension between society and community, wants and needs, things and people, suggested by Eddie Vedder’s song, Society. (www.j.mp/uucsr18). Telling our stories can help us in that exploration by pouring the unlanguageable into the mold of speech. Alice Giordano and Steve Marston are your guides on this adventure. If we have your email address, because you’ve attended before or registered with the RE Administrative Assistant (516.472.2915), you’ll receive an email reminder, the song lyrics, and related food for thought. If you have difficulty walking (or don’t like long walks), please use the rear parking lot near the Chapel. Flyers with more information, all the dates, and the format are on the literature table. Newcomers welcome!
Join us: Congregation Bus Trip to the New York Taxi Workers Alliance

Every September, the Veatch Program launches a fresh, new year of activities. I hope you will join our staff and governors for our first event of this season on Saturday, November 3, 2018, when we will go to Long Island City, Queens to visit with Veatch grantee, the New York Taxi Workers Alliance. The trip is free and all congregation members are welcome and encouraged to sign up.

You will get to meet organizers, taxi worker leaders and other amazing people who are making positive change happen for our country, from right here in our own backyard.

We will gather early in the Main Lobby for bagels and coffee, then board a coach bus to the New York Taxi Workers Alliance’s new offices in Long Island City. There, we will meet with staff and taxi-worker leaders to learn about their recent victories and the critical importance of organizing in this sector of workers. We’ll share a locally-prepared lunch and return to the Congregation by mid-afternoon.

Founded in 1998, The New York Taxi Workers Alliance, represents 18,000 drivers. As a member-led alliance of primarily immigrant workers, it has long been the catalyst for many improvements in the industry and is now on the forefront of organizing workers in the new gig economy.

Issues Faced By Taxi Workers

Many of us have come to rely on the availability of Uber and other apps-based driving services. From the perspective of drivers who are all in competition for the same pool of passengers, these services do offer some benefits, but they have been completely unregulated and have flooded the taxi market. By the end of 2016, the number of cars affiliated with app companies reached 48,000 vehicles, up from 18,000 vehicles in June 2015, according to one analysis. As Uber and others have become powerhouses in the global economy, many worker protections have eroded. Drivers have had to fight to receive a fair share of the massive revenue their work generates. They have also needed to push for higher environmental standards to manage the proliferation of so many more cars on the streets.

Groundbreaking Victory For Workers And The Environment

The good news is that on Wednesday August 8, 2018, the New York Taxi Workers Alliance succeeded in moving the New York City Council to pass a groundbreaking legislative package that aims to reduce traffic congestion and pollution and will improve the economic wellbeing of drivers. The reforms include a minimum pay standard for for-hire drivers—a major victory. It includes a cap on the number of for-hire vehicles that can operate in the city, decreased fines for illegal hails, reduced licensing fees and the creation of a new corporate license and rulebook for app-based companies.

Worker advocates have hailed this as a pivotal step in ensuring that app-based companies are accountable to their workers and the public at large. It comes amidst a high-profile string of taxi driver suicides due to excessive financial pressures. Over the next year, the city will conduct a study to assess the impact of the legislation. In addition, several other bills have been introduced for September hearings.

Join Us!

I hope you will sign up and join us for the bus trip to Long Island City on November 3, 2018. You can email rsvp@veatch.org to join us for the event and if you have any questions you can contact Veatch Senior Program Officer Marjona Jones at 516.472.2930. All are welcome!
A Soul Generated by Love

On August 21, I delivered the school supplies donated by UUCSR congregants to Rev. Reginald Benjamin of ABBA Fellowship in Hempstead. Every year, he collects enough backpacks and supplies for close to 1,000 students in need.

As I was driving back to the Congregation, a question popped into my mind: Why do we have to do this year after year? It reminded me of the story of the babies floating down the river. One day, villagers noticed a baby in the river. They immediately jumped in and rescued it. The next day there were several more babies. They rescued them. By the end of the week, they had rescued close to a hundred babies. They just kept coming! The villagers organized committees for food, clothing, and care for the children. Finally, one wise villager said, “I’m going upstream to see why these babies keep coming!” Wise woman! She went to the source of the problem.

Although it is incumbent upon us as people of conscience to give what we can to those in need, like the wise villager, we must also look for the cause of the need, and what we can do to make change. On Long Island, that means working with organizations that are seeking to make systemic change. Two such groups come to mind: ERASE Racism and the Long Island Progressive Coalition.

ERASE Racism is known to many of you. Recently, the Congregation awarded the organization, led by Executive Director Elaine Gross, a Large Grant for an innovative program, Changing the Narrative Around Race and Racial Dynamics on Long Island. This series of public forums will engage local communities through storytelling, educational activities, and calls to action to address systemic racism and social inequality on Long Island. “Myths, fears, and stereotypes fester and harden when residents are isolated from one another,” said ERASE Racism President Elaine Gross. “What we need right now are informed champions for change in their own communities and in the region.” To stay informed about this program and other efforts to bring about change, become a member of the Partnership for Racial Equality. As a Partner, you will receive updates on ERASE Racism’s work and events, and invitations to special “Partner Only” forums that will provide opportunities for you to engage in dialogue and take action. Sign up here: http://www.eraseracismny.org/take-action/join-the-partnership-for-racial-equity.

Another organization addressing economic and educational inequality is the Long Island Progressive Coalition (LIPC). As a member of the statewide Alliance for Quality Education, LIPC “works with the community to build people power and create a public demand for a high-quality, public school education for all of New York’s students.” This work is especially urgent because New York has the highest rate of inequality and per pupil expenditure gap between high-need and low-need school districts. For more information about how you can join this effort, contact Blanca Villanueva at blanca@ageny.org or at 516.541.1006 ext. 20. You can also sign up for LIPC’s action alerts: http://lipc.org/get-involved-with-lipc/join-email-action-alerts.

In this new Congregational year, let these words of Martin Luther King Jr. be our call to action: Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.
SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Thursday, September 6, 2018
Cooking for the Guests of the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Main Kitchen. Meals cooked will be delivered to three shelters run by the INN. For further information, contact Verna Livingston, 516.883.7999.

Saturday, September 8, 2018
“Cuomo: Move New York Off Fossil Fuels” Rally, 11:00 AM, Long Beach Boardwalk Across from Allegria Hotel, 80 West Broadway Long Beach, NY 11561. Register at https://peoplesclimate.org/takeaction/ for the march. To register for transportation from UUCSR, contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at cderoche@uucsr.org, or 516.472-2977. See the flyer.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Social Justice Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM in the Art Gallery. New members are always welcome.

Saturday, September 15, 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, September 18, 2018
Racial Justice Task Force Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Meeting. We plan educational events and advocacy activities to address racism, white privilege, and white supremacy. New members are always welcome. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Bed Linens Needed for the INN: The Interfaith Nutrition Network- (INN) in Hempstead needs clean, gently used sheets, pillow cases, blankets, quilts, and duvets. This collection will be ongoing until further notice. Please put your donations in the small, blue bin marked “INN Linens Donations” in the entrance to the coat room. Please put only the items listed in this bin. Thank you.

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 visit UUCSR.org for complete suggestions or see the flyer on the Main Lobby table.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR THE INN BOUTIQUE

The INN Boutique receives a good number of donations of clothes and shoes that are the primary items that our guests need. Unfortunately, we are chronically short of men’s pants and shirts so... if you have any gently used casual/sport pants (jeans, khakis or similar) or shirts (short or long sleeve) that are trying to flee your closet, please consider donating them to the INN Boutique. You can place your donations in the same blue bin in the lobby marked “INN Linens.” Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Peter Koos, UUCSR congregant and INN volunteer

YOUR GENEROSITY

School Supplies Drive: Thank you for your generous participation in our annual school supplies drive. We delivered 20 bags of supplies, including a record 32 backpacks to ABBA ministries for distribution to children in Hempstead. A big thank you to all!

Mary Lou Kluger, Molly Kluger, Mary Lardner, and Katherine and David Miller helped pack the supplies into Claire’s car for delivery to Rev. Benjamin in Hempstead.

INN Serving Hungry and Homeless Long Islanders

Jean Kelly, Executive Director of the INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) thanks the members of UUCSR for their “remarkable generous support.” Two recent acknowledgements referenced a journal ad for the INNkeepers Ball, and a collection taken during a Worship Service. “Your generous gift(s) come at a time when there is much that needs to be done to assist the growing number of Long Islanders who are in need of basic necessities.”
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
Ben Bortin, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator

As the sultry days of August yield to September, and the curtain rises on the school year, the Jewish New Year, and blessedly milder temperatures, I bid all of you welcome back, even those who have been to the rewarding summer services. We are on the verge of the great celebration known as Homecoming Sunday. All generations are back in force, the uplifting ushering in of a new congregational year exuberantly announces itself, and a barbecue, music, and children's activities follow the service.

Those of you interested in exploring Unitarian Universalism, and this congregation in particular, I invite and urge you to enroll in the four Orientations, taking place on Sundays, October, 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1-2:30 PM. The first three are in the Art Gallery, the final one in the Office Conference Room. Child care is available upon request. Please be in touch with me, at 516.472.2934, or BBortin@uucsr.org if you are interested in participating. These sessions are a requirement for congregational membership.

Meanwhile, I urge any of you who are new to feel welcome at any activities and programs that may interest you, and with the past as a cue, such programs abound. That includes expeditions in which, with a group of members, I'm personally involved.

EXPEDITIONS

Blessings, as we move toward Act One of our fall season.

**UUCSR Expedition to the play, Desperate Measures**

Saturday, September 22, 2018, 2:00 PM
New World Stages - 340 W. 50th St., New York, NY

*This witty and wild new musical comedy takes the Bard's Measure for Measure and shakes things up with a toe tappin' score by award-winning composer David Friedman.*

The first ten to buy are guaranteed, but more seats may be possible, although the price may change. ASAP, please send a check for $55, payable to UUCSR, arriving at congregational offices no later than September 13, 2018, or give it to Ben Bortin. For more information, contact Ben at 516.472.2934, or BBortin@uucsr.org. Lunch at a place TBD at noon, near the theater. The theater is a block and a half from the 50th St. #1 subway station.

Save the Dates:
- Tuesday, October 9, 2018—Trip to the New York Botanical Garden—leave UUCSR at 10:00 AM. UUCSR van possibly available. (rain or van date, Wednesday, October 10, 2018)
- Wednesday, October 31, 2018 - An expedition to the Nassau County Museum of Art. Last chance to see the widely praised exhibit, “Colors.” Lunch to follow.

MILESTONES

**We hold in our hearts…** Sandra Bonfeld, who was recently hospitalized after a sudden medical issue. Sandra is showing signs of improvement, but may have a long road of healing ahead of her. Notes of encouragement to her and her husband, Max, are welcome at their home: 16 Lincoln Road, Great Neck, NY 11021.

**We send healing wishes to…** Jim Ansel who is home recovering from surgery. Cards can be sent to his home address: 69 Fairview Ave, Port Washington, NY 11050.

**We offer encouragement and strength to…** Barbara Dilsner as she is on the mend after some recent health issues. Messages of ongoing encouragement can be sent to her at home: 79 Sagamore Rd, Island Park, NY 11558.

**We hope for the steady and swift healing of…** Shyamali Sur, who is recuperating at home following a procedure. She welcomes cards at her home: 141-34 73rd Terrace, Flushing, NY 11367.

**We offer our caring to…** Jean Heacock who continues to recover from a recent hospitalization. Expressions of encouragement can be sent to her at home: 464 Main Street, Apt 309, Port Washington, NY 11050.

**We send our well wishes and support to…** Maryann Zappulla as she cares for her son Gary Jacobelli, who was hospitalized following an accident. He is home now and receiving physical therapy for injuries to his hand.

**We hold in our hearts…** Ed Frank as he continues to recover from a recent hospitalization. Ed and his wife Sandra appreciate receiving cards at their home address: 190 1st Street, Apt 1K, Mineola, NY 11501.

**We offer our congratulations to…** Carol Rothbell, who welcomed her first great-grandchild, Matzen Mason Tierney, on August 20, 2018. He is the child of Carol’s granddaughter, Chelsea Tierney, and her husband, Tim Tierney. Welcome, Matzen, to our world!

THANK YOU

**We thank…** the ministers, caring committee, staff, and everyone in the congregation at UUCSR (and particularly the wonderful quilters!) for the beautiful flowers and hand-made bag sent to Emma a few weeks ago. We all appreciate these gestures of care and concern while she is dealing with some medical challenges.

Thanks again to all, Emma, Gail and Jim Koeln

**It is now…** two months since I first placed an ad in the Quest requesting linen donations for distribution to those in need through the INN Boutique. I’m still in awe of your response. Thanks to Shelter Rock congregants filling the hamper in the lobby to overflowing, you have filled the five shelves of the Boutique’s linen section eight weeks in a row. On behalf of all The INN clients who have been the recipients of your generosity, thank you.

Peter Koos, Shelter Rock Congregant and INN Volunteer
Interested in Unitarian Universalism or Membership at the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock?

Orientations to UUism and this congregation are on the following Sundays.

These are required for UUCSR membership.
(Attend all four)

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018  1:00-2:30 PM  Art Gallery
Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018  1:00-2:30 PM  Art Gallery
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018  1:00-2:30 PM  Art Gallery
Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018  1:00-2:30 PM  Office Conference Room

For more information contact Ben Bortin, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator, at BBortin@uucsr.org or 516.472.2934
Fighting Methane Emissions

Methane emissions are worse than carbon dioxide emissions. They are the primary component of natural gas. If they go into the atmosphere, they become 30 times more potent as a heat-trapping global gas than carbon dioxide. As the earth warms degree by degree, so too do the methane emissions that are found in many of our ecosystems: lakes, sediment, freshwater wetlands, etc. They are the natural primary sources of methane. But leaks from fossil fuel development are the other reason for this dangerous baddie, the worst of all the greenhouse gases. So what can we do to slow down global warming and fight against the methane problem?

One of the problems is that 42 percent of oil and gas companies don’t report any information concerning methane and their leakage. It is about 60 percent higher than anything stated by the Environmental Protection Agency’s estimates as compared to the research done by scientists for the Environmental Defense Fund. They assess that this accounts for about a quarter of our current global warming problem. They propose a way to monitor and slow the rate of warming. This can be done by a new innovative global method. If we send low-orbit satellites into space, finding methane at their sources and locating leaks with precision, will help. What will do this is a new satellite called MethaneSAT. It will show refineries and pipelines as well as oil and gas fields where leakage is occurring. MethaneSAT will be able to track 80 percent of global production. This satellite is the brainchild of collaboration between Harvard and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

The benefits of data on global methane are a “win-win.” The International Energy Agency (IEA) has estimated that half of the gas leaks could be stopped at no net cost because energy companies could sell the extra gas captured. The difficulty that current scrutiny of leaks faces is an atmosphere of denial or that it is either unwelcome or virtually near-absent in many areas. However, with the ability to give more detailed information via MethaneSAT, companies will have the data before them to remedy this situation. They will be able to identify and plug leaks. Governments will be able to start to develop policies that promote real reduction in the fight against climate change. All this data will be made available by the Environmental Defense Fund.

We hope as the MethaneSAT program fine tunes this amazing new satellite other actions will be taken. Policy makers, regulators, and companies will see why it deserves support. MethaneSAT’s goal is to achieve a 45 percent reduction in oil and gas methane emissions by 2025. This is equal to closing one-third of the world’s coal-fired plants. Using the power of space, we can fight against global warming and drive methane emissions down. Once launched by 2021, there will be a new level of precision in monitoring the major oil and gas regions of global production. The reward of this technology is to curb global warming as we hopefully stop the oil and gas industries from untethered methane pollution and start to transition to renewable energy sources.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee
Equal Rights Amendment – Current, Relevant, Possible

I thought the ERA had died. Then there was the news in May. Little fanfare accompanied it. Illinois became the 37th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. That leaves only one more state to go! Fanfare may indeed be in order.

Some background may be helpful. The Equal Rights amendment was written by Alice Paul in 1923. The main clause reads: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.”

In 1972, Congress approved it, and set a seven-year deadline for three-fourths of the states to ratify it. Later the deadline was extended to 1982 when 35 of the needed 38 states ratified it. Last year, Nevada ratified it. That became 36. We never needed or should have had this deadline imposed on us. As pointed out in the New York Times, one of James Madison’s amendments to the constitution took 200 years!

Why do we still need it? Discrimination is NOT outlawed in the Constitution. Gender equality is NOT in the constitution. Although some protections do exist, the only way to ensure them is in the U.S. Constitution. As Jennifer Boylan, Professor at Barnard College points out, “we lose when our rights are considered debatable.” As we know, our last principle relates to the interdependent web of which we are a part. Therefore, I submit that all of us lose when women’s rights are denied. Martin Luther King’s statement remains relevant: “Justice denied anywhere diminishes justice everywhere.”

With only one more vote necessary, is it possible? Recent events in Virginia offer some encouragement. Just a few days ago, hundreds attended an event to ratify it. Virginia could be the 38th state. Although a similar effort was unsuccessful last session, the national discourse about sexual harassment, gender equity and #MeToo has heightened awareness and galvanized activists. With renewed hope, we stand in solidarity with them.

The Women’s Group of the UUCSR is an Honoree at the “KIDS HELPING KIDS” COPAY’S Annual Fall Luncheon.

Friday, October 19, 2018 at 1:00 PM
Marbella Restaurant
220-33 Northern Boulevard, Bayside, NY 11361.
There will be a musical performance by Raffi Caballero.

Tickets may be purchased at 516.466.2509, mail COPAY Inc., 21 North Station Plaza, Great Neck, NY 11021, or email: copayluncheon@gmail.com.

The Quest
Happy 100th Birthday Evelyn!

Evelyn Napolin, one of the “wonder women” who live at Hadley House, joyfully celebrated her 100th birthday this August with her friends at Hadley House. Evelyn loves to share stories from her life experience. Here is one that tells how a childhood hurt and sense of exclusion built in her a strong sense of empathy and social justice which led her from her Jewish upbringing to Unitarian Universalism.

“During the 1920s, in the small Connecticut town where I grew up, I learned an important value that enhanced my life.

“It seemed to me, during my childhood, that the Christmas holidays were celebrated in every home except mine. The brightly decorated trees could be seen from parlor windows and hand-crafted wreaths tied with large red ribbons adorned the front doors. By the end of December, the roads were covered with a foot of snow. The lighted trees, the wreaths, the singing of carols all added to the perfect Christmas in which I could not participate.

“I became the minority, left out of the festivities that my friends were enjoying. It was only at this time of the year that I became a stranger, viewing the exciting activities but not partaking of them.

“I realize now that from these early experiences I gained this positive value because it is one facet that contributes to the development of a mature adult, which, in turn, may contribute to the welfare of our society.”

“Unitarian Universalism is alway where I belonged.”

The first day of school is September 4 or 5 for most school districts. Despite new clothes, shoes, haircuts, backpacks, and supplies, there is tension with the return of structure, loss of freedom, and fun. Older children have experienced this before and, hopefully, have learned to accept and deal with this annual occurrence. Younger ones still like to be read to and two books that we have in our UUCSR Bookstore just for them are:

_Wangari’s Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa_
_by Jeanette Winter_

This is a story for children ages 3-7 of Wangari Maathai who was born and grew up in Kenya, Africa. She loves the lush, green trees that surround her. However, as a young adult when she returns from six year’s study in America she finds, to her dismay, that the trees have been cut down and only stumps remain, leaving a dry wasteland. She begins a movement to plant seeds in her own backyard and then to expand with the help of many others and more seedlings. Enduring beatings and a jail sentence, she persists and eventually millions of trees are planted and she receives the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her efforts in protecting the environment. Illustrated with colorful pictures that engage young children.

_Unitarian Universalism Is a Really Long Name_
_by Jennifer Dant_

This is a unique picture book for children, ages five to nine. It introduces Unitarian Universalism in simple terms and inviting pictures. Who wouldn’t like the answers to frequent questions: What do we believe? Do we read the Bible? Who leads us? Do we pray? What is Sunday School? How do we celebrate? This book offers a bedtime ritual that enlightens both parent and child.

UUCSR Bookstore is located just off the Main Lobby and is open for one hour following the Sunday Service. Please come in and look around.

Lois Wolfson

Nancy Jacobson, Lilyan Strassman, Roz Levinson, Jerry Jalazo
PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2018
Cornell Cooperative Extension Classes, 9:00 AM, Social Hall
Board Task Force Meeting, 6:00 PM, Bride's Room
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
BOT Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library
DAC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2018
Board Task Force Meeting, 10:00 AM, Bride's Room
Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Board Task Force Meeting, 6:00 PM, Bride's Room
Socially Responsible Investment Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room
INISFADA-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Terrace, Ballroom
Membership Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
Stewardship Task Force, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2018
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
SJC INN Cooking - Thursday, 9:30 AM, Main Kitchen
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Personnel Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Bride's Room
Caring Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room
Transition Team Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2018
Stewardship Task Force, 10:00 AM, Office Conference Room
Staff Appreciation BBQ, 12:00 PM, Veatch Patio
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Art Gallery
Herstory Workshop, 3:00 PM, Bride's Room, Ofc Conf Rm
RE Volunteer Welcome Back Dinner, 6:30 PM, Veatch House

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2018
RE Volunteer Orientation, 8:30 AM, Multiple Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Climate Rally - Cuomo: Move New York Off Fossil Fuels, 11:00 AM, Off Site
James Beshers Memorial Service, 3:00 PM, Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2018
Worship Committee Meeting, 9:15 AM, Bride's Room
Childcare, 9:30 AM, RE Room 1
RE Volunteer Classroom Prep, 9:30 AM, RE Wing
Music Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room

Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
UU Cafe, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Men's Group Meeting, 12:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
Finance Staff Meeting, 12:30 PM, Office Conference Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Art Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Office Conference Room
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Publicity and Promotions Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride's Room
Housing Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
Reach Out America, 12:30 PM, Social Hall
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Bookstore Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Bride's Room
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
INISFADA-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Terrace, plus add'l spaces
Social Justice Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
RE Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library
Food & Water Watch Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
Cornell Cooperative Extension Classes, 9:00 AM, Social Hall
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Music Committee Pot Luck Dinner, 6:30 PM, Social Hall
Investment Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Shelter Rock Forum Committee Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Oval Room
SGM - Facilitators Training, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Herstory Workshop, 3:00 PM, Bride's Room, Ofc Conf Rm
Soulful Sundown, 6:30 PM, Social Hall
Veatch BOG Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
Veatch BOG Policy Retreat, 8:30 AM, Veatch Conference Room

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Worship Assistant meeting, 10:00 AM, Office Conference Room
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
Women's Group Board Meeting, 8:45 AM, Veatch Conference Room
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Great Books-Modern American Poetry & Consuming Interests, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Young People's Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Room
RE Classes, 11:20 AM, RE Wing
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
Homecoming Picnic, 12:30 PM, Entire Campus

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 3:00 PM, Social Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Racial Justice Task Force Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Meeting, 6:00 PM, RE Room 16
Climate Justice Taskforce, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
INISFADA-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Terrace, plus add'l spaces

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
Safe Center LI -Team Retreat, 8:00 AM, Art Gallery
Cornell Cooperative Extension Classes, 9:00 AM, Social Hall
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
LI New York ReLeaf Committee Meetings, 10:00 AM, RE Room 15
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Shelter Rock Forum: The End of White Christian America Robert P. Jones, 7:30 PM, Worship Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Herstory Workshop, 3:00 PM, Bride's Room, Ofc Conf Rm
Soulful Songs & Stories, 7:00 PM, RE Room 14
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OWL Parent Orientation, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15, 18
Caring Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Office Conference Room
Women's Group Book Series, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
Saturday INN Cooking, 9:00 AM, Main Kitchen
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Climate Workshop - Combating the Climate Crisis, 10:00 AM, Off Site
Expedition to Desperate Measures, 10:30 AM, New York, NY
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
Building & Grounds Meeting, 8:30 AM, Office Conference Room
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Great Books-Modern American Poetry & Consuming Interests, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Young People's Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Room
RE Classes, 11:00 AM, RE Wing
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
Committee Sunday, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
UU Cafe, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15
Beth Vendryes Williams - Reception, 1:00 PM, Art Gallery
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Social Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 3:00 PM, Social Hall
Mental Health SJC Sub-Committee Monthly Meetings, 4:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
Cornell Cooperative Extension Classes, 9:00 AM, Social Hall
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Peer-to-Peer Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Committee on Ministry Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Adult Programs Meeting, 5:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Spiritual Exploration and Practice, 7:00 PM, RE Room 14
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15

Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Terrace, plus add'l spaces
Program Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
UU Humanism, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018
Tai Chi/Qigong, 10:15 AM, Art Gallery
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Herstory Workshop, 3:00 PM, Bride's Room, Ofc Conf Rm
Dramatic Readings, 5:00 PM, Art Gallery

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Ethical Eating Cooking Prep, 10:00 AM, Veatch Conference Room
Ethical Eating Cooking Prep, 10:00 AM, Veatch Kitchen
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Peace and Meditation Service, 9:00 AM, Chapel
Great Books-Modern American Poetry & Consuming Interests, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Membership Breakfast, 9:15 AM, Art Gallery
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Young People's Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Room
RE Classes, 11:00 AM, RE Wing
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
UU Cafe, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15
Beth Vendryes Williams - Reception, 1:00 PM, Art Gallery
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Social Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2018
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 3:00 PM, Social Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2018
Cornell Cooperative Extension Classes, 9:00 AM, Social Hall
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Peer-to-Peer Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15

Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
RE Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
BOT Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library
DAC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2018
Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Spiritual Exploration and Practice, 7:00 PM, RE Room 14
Cabaret XVI Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Terrace, plus add'l spaces
Membership Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2018
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
SJC INN Cooking - Thursday, 9:30 AM, Main Kitchen
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
YoFit Seniors, 6:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
NAMI Meet Your Legislators, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Spiritual Exploration and Practice, 7:00 PM, RE Room 14
Shelter Rock Forum Committee Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Oval Room
Transition Team Meeting, 7:30 PM, Bride's Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2018
Literacy Nassau Bridge Tournament, 9:00 AM, Social Hall
Tai Chi/Qigong, 10:15 AM, Art Gallery
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Herstory Workshop, 3:00 PM, Bride's Room, Ofc Conf Rm
Women's Group Annual Fall Membership Dinner, 7:30 PM, Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2018
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Veatch Ballroom

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2018
Women's Group Board Meeting, 8:45 AM, Veatch Conference Room
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Great Books-Modern American Poetry & Consuming Interests, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Young People's Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Room
RE Classes, 11:00 AM, RE Wing
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Volunteers are needed, please contact
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SHELTER ROCK FORUM PRESENTS

ROBERT P. JONES

Robert P. Jones, author of The End of White Christian America, will talk about how changes in America’s racial and religious demographics have made questions about pluralism and American identity the new hot-button issues. Dr. Jones will explain how the shift toward ethno-religious divides resulted in the election of President Donald Trump and now represent challenges for political parties, religious groups, and the health of American democracy itself.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
7:30 PM • Worship Room
$5 Suggested Donation
Open to All | RSVP: uucsr.org/jones

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