Strategic Possibilities

Way back in October, I preached about “Embracing Our Mission.” Members of the Transition Team with whom I’ve been meeting regularly over the past two-and-a-half years suggested that I outline in this column the suggestions I made in that sermon. I do so by way of “priming the pump”—to stimulate some energy around dynamic new ways for us to live out our mission as a UU congregation with talented and creative people, an extraordinary 100-acre campus, substantial financial assets, and a deep longing to leave the world better than we found it.

We’re now in the middle of January—seven-and-a-half months before I end my service as Interim Senior Minister. It is hoped that a Developmental Minister will join the Ministry Team after I leave, to help the congregation outline strategic priorities and work to fulfill them. Before I leave, I would like to promote discussion of some of the possibilities I put forth in October—as well as new ones others might suggest that are worth exploring with the Developmental Minister. Here are the five “mission-worthy” possibilities I put forward:

1. Building upon the asset of “beautiful grounds,” consider a Ministry of Ethical Stewardship of Our Land in the 21st Century. Just as the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood have developed a “Land Ethic” statement to guide the way they use their land as a sacred trust for future generations, we might actively manage our 100 acres under our own set of “land ethic” principles, instituting demonstration projects for sustainability, for ecological education for children and adults, for protecting our aquifer, and exploring partnership with our neighbors at the Greentree Foundation. In this time of growing concern about climate change and climate justice, this initiative could be transformative.

2. Building upon our assets of “spacious building” and “caring community,” consider a Special Ministry to Seniors. As we all grow older, some of us—members and non-members alike—are concerned about arresting physical or cognitive decline, about
loneliness, about retaining a sense of purpose. We could partner with community organizations with expertise in programming for seniors to create an array of services for members of our congregation and the wider community to address some of these concerns. There is an obvious need—and the potential of utilizing two of our major assets—buildings and caring community—to meet this need seems promising.

3. Building upon our assets of “commitment to UU ideals” and “community outreach,” let’s consider a Ministry of Restorative Practices. Suppose we were to draw upon UU Principles and theology to develop model programs and strategies of restorative justice as alternatives to the systems of retributive justice—punishment and isolation—that dominate in our larger culture. Could we not deal more effectively with conflict both within and outside the congregation?

4. Building upon our assets of “commitment to UU ideals,” “community outreach,” “social justice,” and “spacious buildings,” consider a Ministry of Racial Equity and Inclusion. The Racial Justice Task Force of the Social Justice Committee is actively deepening relationships with communities of color on Long Island. By reaching out to forge these relationships, we may discover new opportunities to advance our commitment to positive social change on Long Island—one of the most segregated areas in the country. Might we significantly expand our commitment to racial equity and inclusion?

5. And finally, building upon our “commitment to UU ideals” and “community outreach,” consider a Ministry of Solidarity and Partnership with other UUs. UUCSR already has strong relationships with leadership at the UUA and other UU institutions. Some in our congregation have long expressed concern about our fellow UU congregations on Long Island: today, only three of the 11 have full-time ministers, yet all have rich histories in their local communities. How might we ensure that there is a powerful UU presence across the island? How might we pool and leverage resources to ensure that UU outreach covers both Nassau and Suffolk counties?

Each of you has your own ideas about bold ways we might make a difference in people’s lives in the years ahead. Let’s take some time in the next six months—and beyond—to give voice to those ideas—to explore them through discussions in our committees, at UU Café, at small group meetings, and at congregational gatherings.

Today, more than ever, the world needs the values and the vitality that we embody as a community of faith. Let’s come together to chart a course for our future that will enable us to meet that need. Nothing we can do will be more important to our future than identifying possibilities that capture our imaginations, fire our hearts, and animate our spirits.
This year’s General Assembly (GA) will take place in Spokane, WA from Wednesday, June 19 through Sunday, June 23, 2019.

Applications to be a delegate are in the Lobby at the Welcome Desk, together with a lock box with the GA flyer for collecting applications. Please read over the General Information Packet. The application is due by February 1, 2019. In order to be considered to be a delegate, you must be a member of the Congregation for at least three years by June 2019. This is a new change.

If you are planning to attend the conference in any capacity other than as a delegate, we encourage you to fill out the application so that we know you are attending the conference. This way, we can include you in all of our GA hospitality endeavors. A subcommittee of DAC will be looking at applications. We hope to see many of you in Washington!

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**DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Congregational Meeting Notice**

RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER

Congregational Meeting for voting by eligible members

NEW DATE: Sunday, February 3, 2019, 12:45 PM, Worship Room

Committee Budget Meeting Notices

For Discussion of 2019-2020 Committee Budgets

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee encourages you to participate in the 2019/2020 congregational year nominating process for term trustees and officers of the Board of Trustees and subdivision governing board members.

Boxes have been set up in the Main Lobby and RE Lobby into which you may place your recommendations, or you may submit them electronically by emailing nominating@uucsr.org. The deadline for submissions is Monday, January 28, 2019. Nominees selected by the Nominating Committee will be voted upon at the annual congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 2019.

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**LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Carson Jones, Lifespan Religious Education (RE) Coordinator

Ripples in the Pond of Faith

On the first Sunday of the New Year, seven volunteer religious education teachers and I gathered in the Chapel before classes for centering and worship. I believe this to be important since our teachers can’t attend services regularly. We began with the reading, “We Arrive Out of Many Singular Rooms,” spoke our hopes for the New Year into meditative silence, and proceeded out singing, “Love Will Guide Us.” The whole worship lasted mere minutes, but for those in attendance, it was a meaningful pebble dropped into the pond of faith. The ripples carried RE teachers, Ruth O’Shea and Debbie Kahn, into their classrooms, where they shared the experience with our ten 7th Graders and 23 members of our Senior Seminar youth group respectively. More ripples sent Claudia Barbey, Bill Kahn, Judy Wylie-Rosett, Frank Teltsch, and Niha Malcomson through the RE hallway where they told fellow teachers of the profound moment. The ripples returned to the Chapel the following Sunday with a gathering of 12. I am so gratified that our new tradition of pre-RE centering is bringing together teachers from nursery through high school, and one day I hope to see the ripples bring our whole team of 73 through the Chapel doors.

Did you know it takes 73 fantastic volunteers, staff, and committee members to make the RE Program happen every Sunday? It is actually many more than that. 73 is the number of people who have honored us by serving in particular roles week-to-week. There are dozens more who support our program as needed, from the friendly faces you see at the RE Welcome Desk, to the helping hands who decorate and run activities at the Halloween and Holiday Decorations Parties, and the caring hearts who assist with big classroom projects like the Sukkah in Grade 3 and the Grade 1 snail parade!

Through their generosity of time and spirit, all of these wonderful people drop pebbles into our pond of faith, sending ripples of grace and giving through each other, through our children and youth, across our faith community, and beyond. The more pebbles we drop, the closer we get to creating a wave of love and commitment, a wave to transform our world in harmony. Won’t you drop a pebble into the pond of faith today? You may be surprised where the ripples lead.

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

Fun & Games

In congregational life, there are unique opportunities to bring everyone together in community. We have multigenerational worship services, a congregational retreat, member events, ceremonial rites of passage, and celebrations of rites of passage. While it probably isn’t possible to see every member of the congregation on Sunday mornings, gatherings held week and weekend nights and holiday weekends allow for us to have deeper connection beyond our family and peer groups.

This past summer, my neighborhood held a community game night. A friend suggested that we go, as she’d been before and had a great time. At first, I felt hesitant; I thought it might only be for families or young adolescents, but I decided to check it out.

We entered what was a community theater space, and as we were signing in upstairs, I heard loud party music playing downstairs. Downstairs, there were groups of adults, youth, and children jumping double dutch, dancing, and enthusiastically playing card as well as board games at every table. We joined right in; dancing and playing games until the event was over. This event provided a fun and safe space for neighbors to get to know one another while utilizing an important space in the neighborhood in a creative way.

Our institutions serve the purpose of bringing us together as a community in more innovative ways than they might have ever imagined. What are some creative approaches that you have for how we might use our congregational space?

This month, we’re having our first Game Night at UUCSR. I hope you’ll join us!

Friday, January 25, 2019
6:30 PM | Room 6

Game Night
Fun and Fellowship
for All Ages
Child care and pizza provided.
To register, please contact India Harris at iharris@uucsr.org or 516.472.2943

Thanks to everyone for supporting Midnight Run this Winter!
Let's Pass HALT This Year!

Why were eight UUCSR members and friends climbing into the congregational van in the pre-dawn chill of Tuesday, January 15? We were eager to get to Albany to join dozens of other advocates from across the state to continue to pressure legislators to pass the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. UUCSR advocates included Jim Ansel, Maria Ceraulo, Claire Deroche, Kathy de Vos, Chuck Fenimore, and Katie Schall, joined by Jayette Lansbury of NAMI, and Kim Eliano, Chaplain at Rikers Island.

Since 2013, members of the Social Justice Committee have been working to educate about the need to end prolonged solitary confinement and advocating for the passage of the Humane Alternatives to Long Term (HALT) Solitary Confinement. The bill passed the Assembly but never went to the floor of the Senate for a vote. With changes in the make-up of the Senate, 2019 may be the year that we see this legislation become law.

Our day in Albany began with a press conference at a replica solitary cell set up between the Legislative Office Building and the entrance to the Capitol Building. This cell was staffed all day by HALT supporters, including survivors of solitary confinement.

Meanwhile, other advocates travelled the halls for meetings with legislators. We gathered at 2:30 PM for a wrap up meeting to share our experiences and hear from campaign leaders about next steps.

The Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC) has plans for several more advocacy days in Albany, including times when we will join other groups calling for a full package of reforms to address problems with our NYS justice system. For more information about HALT Solitary go to www.nycaic.org If you'd like to join us on the next trip to Albany, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche.

Let's all work to end torture in New York State prisons and jails this year!
Veatch Visionaries: Ferguson Commission Leader Preaching on Veatch Sunday, January 27

The Reverend Starsky D. Wilson of St. Louis will speak on Veatch Sunday. In this time of so much division and fear, Rev. Starsky will remind us how we can build community. He will reflect on how the criminalization of marginalized people separates us from one another, and what we can do about it.

Rev. Starsky was the co-chair of the Ferguson Commission, formed by Missouri’s Governor in 2014 following the murder of Michael Brown. In 2015, the Ferguson Commission released the groundbreaking Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equity Report, calling for sweeping changes in policing, the courts, child well-being and economic mobility. Rev. Starsky is pastor of Saint John’s Church and President and CEO of Veatch grantee, the Deaconess Foundation. Rev. Starsky is also Chair of Veatch grantee, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy.

The Veatch Program has worked closely with Rev. Starsky in support of his vision of community marked by justice, peace and love. With Rev. Wilson’s leadership, the Deaconess Foundation is building a movement for child well-being through philanthropy, advocacy and organizing. Through Saint John’s, Wilson has led activism on: youth violence prevention, Medicaid expansion, public school accreditation, voter mobilization, capping payday lending and raising the minimum wage, while more than quadrupling worship attendance and annual giving.

We are honored to welcome Rev. Starsky Wilson, and very happy that the RE classes and the UUCSR Jazz Ensemble are participating in the Veatch Sunday Service with us this year.

Join us in the Social Hall from 12:45-2:30 PM after the Service to celebrate Veatch’s 60th year and hear from a stellar panel of grantees who are fighting for an inclusive democracy.
Natalie Johnsen

It’s a delight to welcome Natalie Johnsen as a Member of this congregation, as of this past November 4, 2018.

Natalie grew up in Dryden, NY, just outside of Ithaca. Since then, career pursuits have taken her all over the country, but particular favorite communities have been Salem, MA, and Weston, VT. In the latter community, she met her husband as they participated in the summer Weston Playhouse Theater. Happily for us, she moved to Long Island in 2012.

Natalie had no particular formal religious upbringing, but in her high school years, developed an interest in earth-based spirituality and goddess religion. She joined the UU Society of Salem, MA, where she was a member for several years. Reading the Principles and Purposes of Unitarian Universalism for the first time, she realized they beautifully mirrored her own values. She heard of this congregation through friendly associations with people who were members here.

A major passion for Natalie is theater, and she is also an avid reader, especially of historical fiction and “speculative fiction” (science fiction and even fairy tales). She also knits and quilts, and is an enthusiastic mushroom “forager.”

I think you will really enjoy getting to know her. Welcome again, Natalie!

Chess Corner

Interested in playing chess?

A Chess Corner will be at the back of the UU Café on second Sundays, 12:15 PM. The next one will be on February 10, 2019.

Contact Ben Bortin, BBortin@uucsr.org or 516.472.2934 for details.

THANK YOUS

January 23, 2019

Thanks to all who returned Guest at Your Table boxes. We sent $1,775.59 to the UU Service Committee. This is more than double the $850 we sent last year. The Christmas Eve collections totaled $2,377.56. This donation was sent to the Interfaith Nutrition Network-INN. Thanks for your generosity.

Claire Deroche

What a wonderful feeling to have so many caring fellow congregants. Thank you all for the cards, notes, calls, and flowers. I feel truly blessed as I begin my healing process from open-heart surgery.

Richard Bock
With Nassau County Executive Laura Curran

The county executive will answer topical questions posed first by award-winning journalist and Blank Slate Media publisher Steven Blank and then in a question-and-answer period with members of the audience.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | 7:30-9 PM
UUCSR WORSHIP ROOM

ADMISSION IS FREE
Registration not required for UUCSR members.
Public registration open at:
www.theislandnow.com/communityforum

Refreshments will be served following the Forum.
Green Sanctuary Committee
Jim Peters, Chair

This article reflects our stewardship of the earth and our commitment to the Seventh Principle.

The Real Crisis: Climate

The proposed Border Wall between the United States and Mexico is viewed as a crisis by the current Trump administration. In our opinion, it is not, but will cause a real crisis in the United States as dealing with climate disasters becomes untenable. By taking funds from the Army Corps of Engineers, the fixers of climate disasters, as suggested, people's lives will be impacted by more suffering and hardships.

The Army Corps of Engineers is a Federal agency under the Department of Defense composed of 37,000 civilian and military personnel. Their job is to engineer, design, construct and manage oversight of water resources, safeguard and develop projects to foster sustainability, and restore navigation channels, levees, and beach barriers after storms. These efforts will be thwarted. A barrier, such as a Border Wall, would also alter the sustainability of animals that cross between the countries and hurt people who live there. Eminent domain used to acquire their property would abuse their rights of free access.

The undocumented immigration issue is one that should be solved politically by our Congress as well as the climate crisis. Currently, there is a growing grassroots climate mobilization movement. This means we have an advocacy working toward large-scale political action against global warming and the ensuing catastrophes. These activists believe that the crisis of climate change requires a national economic effort on the scale of the American mobilization of the home front during World War II. In other words, they predict a climate emergency that poses a risk to all life on earth.

The breakdown of our climate system means we should not divert funds for a Border Wall, but face the real crisis by investing funds in a safe-climate economy. This should be part of a Green New Deal proposed by newly elected members of Congress. We should start to support clean renewable energy over fossil fuels in order to get to zero emissions. Science indicates we need a drawdown by 2030, or this existential threat will be real. Climate mobilization organizers and chapters are beginning to grow in cities throughout the United States. They are planning for climate disasters and working to stop them. Therefore, we have a chance to get better environmental laws passed and put our money behind an issue that will have positive results. We hope there will be more advocates investing in the fight for our climate not in divisive canards.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

Interested in a CSA?

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) provides an opportunity to purchase a share of produce grown on a small local farm. If there is significant interest, full and half shares of produce would be delivered to UUCSR. Participants must be available to pick up on appointed day and time each week during the growing season.

The price will depend on what farm is chosen and what size share you choose. Please contact Sharyn Esposito (sesposito@uucsr.org or 516.472.2960) to express your possible interest by January 30, 2019. All members, staff, and surrounding community are welcome. Thank you.

Green Sanctuary Committee

The Green Sanctuary Committee and Social Justice Committee at UUCSR Present

Michael Moore’s Fahrenheit 11/9

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
7:30 PM • Social Hall

Michael Moore’s “Fahrenheit 11/9” is a provocative and comedic look at the times in which we live. It will explore the two most important questions facing us today:

• How did we get here?
• How do we get out?

FREE TO ALL • REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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Green Sanctuary Committee
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Program Committee Information Tables
Committee Sundays

From now through April, the Program Council will sponsor information tables in the Lobby on many Sundays after Worship Services. This will provide an opportunity for members to become more informed about the activities of UUCSR’s Program Committees and for committees to invite the participation of new members. On Sunday, February 17, 2019, the All Congregation Retreat, Caring Committee, and Member Events Committee will be available for conversation. Please stop by.

LGBTQ Affairs

For several years, the Social Justice Committee has had a LGBTQ Subcommittee. Due to lack of capacity, it has been largely inactive. Committee Chair Diane Haney and Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche would be happy to hear from members about what needs this subcommittee could meet or activities it could provide. Please contact Diane at haneydhd@gmail.com or Claire at cderoche@uucsr.org with your thoughts and suggestions.

ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
WinterFlower Regla Robinson, Chair

Dramatic Readings
Chinglish by David Henry Hwang
Friday, January 25, 2019 | Art Gallery
6:00 PM Potluck Dinner | 7:00 PM Play Reading

Join us in our continuing venture in reading plays: some old, some new, comedy, drama, farce. Copies are distributed and parts are chosen by participants at the event, so no need for preparation. After the reading, we will discuss the play, the author, relevance and interpretation. If you don't want to be an actor, come anyway to share in the discussion.

Suggested donation is $10 per person per session and that includes a pot luck dinner and beverages. If you bring food to share suggested donation is $5. Registration is required for planning purposes. Maximum number of participants is 20.

For questions or RSVPs please contact Jessica Pond at jpond@uucsr.org or call 516.472.2914.

ART COMMITTEE
Shirley Arlt, chair

We are looking forward to the next Art Exhibit, featuring artists Roya Shamsdiba and Majid Khorovshahian. The Artist Reception will be Sunday, February 17 from 1:00-3:00 PM. If you can't make the reception, we hope you will take the opportunity to visit the Gallery and enjoy the exhibit the next time you are in the building.

We are always hoping to entice members to join the Art Committee—you don't need to be an artist, just be a lover of the arts! We meet the second Tuesday of each month, at 4:00 PM in the Office Conference Room. Drop by a meeting and introduce yourself!

The Art Committee will be discussing our upcoming Budget on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. If you have questions or concerns, please join us then.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (DAC)
Robin Finnan-Jones, Chair

Explore the UU World Outside Our Congregation’s Walls

The Denominational Affairs Committee (DAC) is in need of congregants to partner with Unitarian Universalist affiliates such as LIAC (Long Island Area Council); CER (Central East Region); UU-UNO (Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office); or Partner Church in Csiksereda, Transylvania. You would serve as DAC liaisons to these interesting and important affiliates. This could be a meaningful way of serving UUCSR while expanding your horizons on Unitarian Universalism in the larger world.

For further information, please contact Robin Finnan-Jones, DAC chair at docfinnanjones@aol.com or attend a future DAC meeting on Tuesdays, February 5, March 5, May 7 and June 4, 2019 at 7:30 PM.
CARING COMMITTEE
Diane Lombardy, Chair

The Caring Committee works with the Ministry Team to provide support to our community and address needs of individuals as they arise. Members attend monthly meetings and vote when indicated. Volunteers participate in a variety of activities (quilting groups, Thanksgiving, Memorial Services, etc.). All congregants are welcome to attend all meetings.

The Caring Committee provides meals for congregants during illnesses and other periods of need. We are in the process of developing a group called Caring Chefs. The hope is that this group will cook at UUCSR on a regular basis, much like those cooking for the INN, so we can store food in our freezer and have it ready for whenever it is needed.

The Caring Committee will have an information table in the Lobby after Service on February 17. There you can learn about our activities and how to get involved. Some of our members have compiled information about services for seniors in Queens and Nassau counties. There is much more available than we had imagined prior to investigating this!

All are welcome to attend our budget meeting on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30 in the Bride’s Room. Anyone interested in volunteering or participating, please contact me, or any committee member.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

UUCSR Social Justice Committee
and
Gender Equality New York present

Everything You Wanted To Know About Transgender, Non-Binary, & Intersex People

...but were afraid to ask!

Tuesday, January 29, 2019
UU Congregation at Shelter Rock
Art Gallery
48 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset, NY 11030
7:00 - 9:30 PM
Doors open at 6:30 PM Program starts at 7:00 PM

This FREE and fact-filled forum will put an end to misinformation, confusion, and fear!

CARING COMMITTEE
Diane Lombardy, Chair

MEN’S GROUP
Gerry Matusiewicz, Chair

2019
SUPER BOWL

Super Bowl Sunday Feast

Watch the Super Bowl on a HUGE Screen

Sunday, February 3, 2019
5:30 - 10:00 PM Social Hall

HOT FOOD, SALAD, SANDWICHES, SNACKS
DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES

*-$20/members  *-$25/non-member guests

Open to all adult UUCSR members and their guests.
21 years of age and older, please

*Buy your ticket online at www.uucsr.org/superbowl
or
RSVP Sharyn at sesposito@uucsr.org: 516.472.2960

Bridge, Mah Jongg & other table games available for those who are attending but are not watching the game.

Men’s Group Presents
Facilitator Gerry Matusiewicz

Everything You Wanted to Know About Transgender, Non-binary & Intersex People...

But Were Afraid To Ask!!

Have you ever wondered what the term “transgender” actually means?

What does it mean to live as a gender-expansive person?

This fact-filled Forum will put an end to misinformation, confusion and fear!

Our panel of transgender, non-binary, and intersex community members will talk openly about navigating in a world that is locked in the notion of only two genders.

Significant time will be allotted for audience questions!

Our panel is prepared to help clear up any confusion regarding questions or issues you might have!

Join us: Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Doors Open at 6:30 PM Program starts at 7:00 PM
This event is free and reservations are not required. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served!

At: Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock
48 Shelter Rock Road
Manhasset, NY 11030

This program is brought to you by Gender Equality New York

For more information, go to GENY's facebook page:
www.facebook.com/GenderEqualityNY
We Need Your Talent!
Do you sing, dance, mime or tell (good) jokes? We need you on stage for MUSIC AMONG US 2019!

MUSIC AMONG US
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019
1:00 PM Social Hall

All levels of musicians, musical groups and singers are invited to perform...especially youth! Please register by: February 3, 2019

Advance registration is required to perform at Music Among Us. Please email the following information to Music Liaison, Lea Titza at Ltitza@uucsr.org or complete and return this form to the Music Among Us box located in the lobby by the February 3, 2019 deadline.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Information __________________________________________________________________________________________________

E-mail: _____________________________________________Phone: _____________________________________________________________

Are you under 18 years old? ___ YES     ___ NO  If YES, please supply parent name and contact information:
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Act or selection to be performed: ____________________________________________________________

(Please note, performer must secure their own pianist if one is needed for their performance)

Length of performance: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Will you need AV assistance (will you need a CD or video played as part of your performance): ________________

Other pertinent information: _________________________________________________________________________________________
The Worship Committee is completing its review of summer Worship Services and is seeking recommendations. In recent years, we have included a cross section of UU ministers from other congregations, UU interns and seminarians, and speakers from other religious traditions. Guest preachers have been recommended by the UUCSR ministers, Worship Committee members, and members of UUCSR. If in your travels to conferences, retreats, or other congregations you have encountered preachers you admired, please forward your recommendations to Worship Committee chair Betty Nuxoll (bettynuxoll@aol.com) or to committee liaison Lea Titza (ltitza@uucsr.org). Nominations are needed by Tuesday, February 4, 2019.

Sometimes... we need to be explicit with our permission and encourage the sharing of milestones.

In Worship and through our Quest newsletter, we mark the milestones in the lives of our members. Milestones include the celebration of rites of passage: ceremonies of naming & dedication for infants and children, coming of age, weddings, and memorial and funeral services. But there are many other meaningful moments that can be shared and honored within the religious community. Milestones include the events that bring us joy, call forth our prayers, challenge us, bring sorrow, and inspire hope. They are everything from getting a first driver’s license, to a first or next job, from moving into a home, as well as the need for support when facing the loss of a job or having to move from a beloved home.

We hope you’ll want to share your joy at welcoming a child or grandchild, your hopes when moving into retirement, your pride when marking an anniversary of recovery from addiction, and more. We hope you will choose to share your milestones with the members and ministry team here at the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock.

Milestones should be directed to the Assistant to the Ministers, at ministry@uucsr.org, 516.472.2941.

We aspire to be a loving religious community where we can grow spiritually and build a more just and joyful world.
PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please see UUCSR.org for additional details on all programs. See LIACUU.org for other area congregations.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019**
Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 PM, Worship Room
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
Investment Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Social Hall, Bride’s Room
Program Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019**
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019**
Veatch Weekend Meeting, 11:00 AM, Office Conference Room
Members’ Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Dramatic Readings, 6:00 PM, Art Gallery
Game Night, 6:30 PM, RE Wing

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019**
Saturday INN Cooking, 9:00 AM, Main Kitchen
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Worship Assistant Training meeting, 10:00 AM, Office Conference Room, Worship Room
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**
Peace and Meditation Service, 9:00 AM, Chapel
Great Books-Modern American Poetry & Consuming Interests, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Worship Room
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 Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Veatch Sunday (incl. Veatch Annual Meeting) [open to all], 12:45 PM, Social Hall
Men’s Group Meeting, 12:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Music and Performing Arts Committee, 12:45 PM, CANCELLED
SGM Facilitators Meeting, 1:00 PM, Office Conference Room

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019**
Mental Health SJC Sub-Committee Monthly Meetings, 4:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019**
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019**
Members’ Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Nominating Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Bride’s Room

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019**
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2019**
Members’ Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
T.G.I.F. - Meaningful Collage, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
Inisfada-Zen Retreat, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2019**
Inisfada-Zen Retreat, 9:00 AM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
Senior Seminar Sleepover, 6:30 PM, RE Wing

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2019**
Women’s Group Board Meeting, 8:45 AM, Veatch Conference Room
Great Books-Modern American Poetry & Consuming Interests, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
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SGM Facilitators Meeting, 1:00 PM, Office Conference Room

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2019**
Caring Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Bride’s Room
Denominational Affairs Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2019**
Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
Members’ Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
SJC Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Membership Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2019**
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
SJC INN Cooking - Thursday, 9:30 AM, Main Kitchen
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
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, FEBRUARY 08, 2019**
Members’ Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Soulful Sundown-Supper, 6:30 PM, Art Gallery
Soulful Sundown-Service, followed by Coffee House, 7:30 PM, Social Hall

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2019**
Love and Stitches, 8:30 AM, RE Room 15
Caring Hearts - Quilters, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Music Among Us - Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019**
SGM Second Sunday- Early AM Meeting, 8:30 AM, Office Conference Room
Great Books-Modern American Poetry & Consuming Interests, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Worship Committee Meeting, 9:15 AM, Bride’s Room
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Community Service Learning Session, 12:45 PM, RE Room 6, 10, 15
Congregational Meeting (RESCHEDULED), 12:45 PM, Worship Room
Super Bowl Feast, 5:30 PM, Social Hall

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2019**
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Racial Justice Task Force Meeting, 6:15 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2019**
Women’s Group Board Meeting, 8:45 AM, Veatch Conference Room
Great Books-Modern American Poetry & Consuming Interests, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
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Music Among Us, 1:00 PM, Social Hall
Membership Orientation, 1:00 PM, Art Gallery
GA Delegate Review Meeting, 1:15 PM, Office Conference Room

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