

2019-2020

# MEN'S GROUP OFFERINGS



Hand In Hand

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock

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## MEN'S GROUP COMMITTEE

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The company of Men, Good Fellowship, Barbecues and Parties, Explorations and Adventures.

One hundred years ago or more, the word Mankind meant everyone. And “Men” was synonymous with all—“Women” constituted an exceptional category. Today, women have been repeatedly successful in gaining parity with men to the overall advantage of both sexes.

And now, in 2019-2020, the company of men is more specific. In the Men's Group, we see men with whom we enjoy friendship. In the process we seek a series of activities, whether it be simple conversation, a party or an exploration or adventure. The Men's Group explores the special interests of its members.

In the 1990s, the group was known mainly for male bonding, check ins, and assisting members in distress over family troubles, or other issues. This changed:

Some examples, a kickoff planning meeting in September, a visit to the LI Ducks, Halloween Party, Country Hoedown, Holiday Sing-Along, a poetry-sharing event, and an end-of-year barbecue party with music.

The membership seems ambitious and it is likely we'll have found some other interesting things to do in the years to come.

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“*The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it's the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him with his friendship.*”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

# THE MEN'S GROUP MISSION STATEMENT

The Men's Group provides a forum for the men of our congregation to meet on a regular basis and discuss various topics of interest that are related to the search for meaning, essence, fellowship, caring, and joy. Activities and outings are held to better know ourselves, each other, our families and the diversity of life around us.

## COVENANT

1. Attend monthly meetings, as well as other activities of the Men's Group. We need your participation.
2. Share in the work of the Men's Group. This may include facilitating a session from time to time.
3. Allow others to remain silent if they wish, yet encourage participation without being intrusive.
4. Begin each meeting with a brief check-in.
5. Be honest, while respecting the feelings of others.
6. Welcome new members graciously.

## JOINING

How to join us? Just inform the Men's Group Chair that you would like to become a member, sign the Roster, and agree to follow the above Mission Statement and Covenant. Can it really be that simple? Yes!

*No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.*

- Charles Dickens

## UPCOMING MEN'S GROUP EVENTS

2019-2020

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Friday, September 20, 2019	Oktoberfest	6:30 PM	Social Hall
Sunday, September 29, 2019	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Sunday, October 20, 2019	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Friday, October 25, 2019	Rockin Halloween Party	7:00 PM	Social Hall
Sunday, November 24, 2019	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Sunday, December 15, 2019	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Sunday, December 22, 2019	Holiday Sing-Along/ Dessert Tasting Party	1:00 PM	Veatch Ballroom
Sunday, January 19, 2020	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Sunday, February 2, 2020	Super Bowl Feast	5:30 PM	Social Hall
Sunday, February 16, 2020	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Tuesday, March 17, 2020	St. Patrick's Day Party	6:30 PM	Social Hall
Sunday, March 22, 2020	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Friday, April 17, 2020	Country Hoedown	6:00 PM	Social Hall
Sunday, April 19, 2020	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Sunday, May 17, 2020	Men's Group Meeting	12:30 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Friday, May 29, 2020	Beer Tasting	7:00 PM	Social Hall
Thursday, June 11, 2020	Men's Group Meeting	7:00 PM	Veatch Conference Room
Sunday, June 21, 2020	Poetry Reading- Bring Your Own Poem	1:30 PM	Veatch Terrace Room
Friday, June 26, 2020	End of Year BBQ	6:00 PM	Veatch House

## Men's Group Meetings:

Men's Group members are responsible for attending monthly meetings Sunday afternoon after Worship Service (12:30 PM) to discuss current topics and plan activities both at UUCSR and off-site.

**We meet in the Veatch Conference Room on the following Sundays: September 29, October 20, November 24, December 15, 2019, January 19, February 16, March 22, April 19 and May 17, 2020.**

If you are interested in joining the Men's Group at one of these meeting times, please let us know. Or perhaps you and your friends would like to join in on some of our activities which are open to all of the congregation and the community.



## Oktoberfest

**Friday, September 20, 2019, 7:00 PM, Social Hall**

Delight in some delicious German Food, drink some specialty beers and dance to live Polka music and fellowship in getting to know more of your Congregation members! More information to come - look for flyers in the lobby.



## Rockin' Halloween Party

**Friday, October 25 2019, 7:00 PM, Social Hall**

Great Rockin' music, food, beverages and our annual costume contest – with prizes.



## Holiday Sing-Along Dessert Party

**Sunday, December 22 2019, 1:00 PM,  
Veatch Ballroom**

Come join us as we sing traditional and not so traditional holiday songs as we enjoy desserts and beverages together.

## Super Bowl Feast 2020

**Sunday, February 2, 2020, 5:30 PM, Social Hall**

What better way to watch the Super Bowl on one of the Largest Screens on Long Island! Come cheer on your team with the Men's Group and please think about bringing your friends and family members to join in watching the game while enjoying great food and beverages.

**To register for any of these events or for more information, please contact Men's Group Staff Liaison, Sharyn Esposito at 516.472.2960 or [sesposito@uucsr.org](mailto:sesposito@uucsr.org).**





## St. Patrick's Day Party

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 6:30 PM, Social Hall**

You don't need to be Irish to put on some green and come join the Men's Group as we drink some specially selected beer, eat some corned beef and shepherd's pie, enjoy some Irish Music and learn some Irish Step dancing.

## Country Hoedown – Square Dance

**Friday, April 17, 2020, 6:00 PM, Social Hall**

Come kick up your heels and join us for some Square Dancing, Line Dancing and Folk Dancing, while we eat Some great country-fare. (Food selections will be on the flyer)

## Beer Tasting

**Friday, May 29, 2020, 7:00 PM, Social Hall**

Join us for our 2nd Annual Beer Tasting – we will have different beers and ales to learn the history of beer and educating you on what you are tasting. We also have some great snack foods for you to try while you enjoy the companionship of the Men's Group and friends.

## Poetry Reading – Bring Your Own Poem

**Sunday, June 21, 2020, 1:30 PM,  
Veatch Terrace Room**

Come share a poem by you or your favorite poet while enjoying some light refreshments.



## End of Year BBQ

**Friday, June 26, 2020, 6:00 PM, Veatch Meadow and Ballroom**

What better way to end the fiscal year than a BBQ on the beautiful meadow lawn – while we listen to music and dance or sing-along. We encourage you to bring an instrument – if you wish to share your talents by joining our musical entertainment towards the end of the evening.



We will also be planning several off-site trips such as: LI Ducks Game, Gold Outing and more. We will list these in the Quest and have flyers available once we have these trips booked.

As you can see the Men's Group has a lot to offer and to great ways to get to know your fellow congregation members! We are open to your suggestions for activities and trips that we might be able to offer, so please feel free to contact me as chair of the Men's Group with your ideas.

I am looking forward to seeing you at all or some of our events.

Henry Smith – Men's Group Chair



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