UUCSR Welcomes You

Becoming A Member

If you believe in principles like the worth and dignity of every person, freedom of inquiry, truth seeking, and an outlook founded on loving deeds, rather than creeds, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock (UUCSR) welcomes you!

We rejoice when people decide to join their religious quests with ours. However, it should be a considered decision, one that may involve soul searching and the understanding of Unitarian Universalist (UU) Principles and values.

To assist with this, three Newcomer Orientation classes are offered. (Childcare provided.) These meetings qualify attendees for UUCSR membership. The Orientations provide information on UU roots and values, the congregation’s approach to lifespan religious education, its commitment to social justice, and its programs and governance. Classes are offered in the fall and spring. Date, time, and location information will appear in the congregation’s newsletter, The Quest, and in publicity flyers. For more information, please contact Meg Cohen, Membership Committee Chair, at megco722.com, or at 631.456.8761.

After attendance at Orientation classes, if you feel in accord with UU Principles and wish to become a member of UUCSR, you will sign the congregational Membership Book and make a financial pledge and initial payment to support UUCSR’s programs and ministries. (Waivers are available in cases of financial hardship.) A welcoming New Member Breakfast and ceremony is held twice a year.

Membership Committee Programs

Fellowship Through Expeditions

Among the many diverse and stimulating programs offered at this congregation, the Membership Committee offers trips to museums, restaurant, concerts, parks, and other places of interest. These events provide opportunities to get to know one another better, as well as fostering a sense of fellowship and community. All members and guests of the congregation are welcome to participate.

In addition, Lunch Bunch meets regularly at local area restaurants, at 1:00 PM. All members and friends of Shelter Rock are invited.

Participants pays their own costs for expeditions and Lunch Bunch.

For specific information about expeditions and luncheons, look for announcements in The Quest, and through other avenues of communication.
Member Events Committee Programs

UUCSR Members and Non-Members Are Welcome at All Events

All-Congregation Retreat
The annual All-Congregation Retreat, a multigenerational event, is attended by nearly 150 adults, youth, and children. Programs include workshops, games, talent show, karaoke, campfire sing-a-long, club night, choir, worship services, and lots more. (Fee)

Annual Lobster Fest
A great fun time is had by all at the Annual Lobster Fest. This is a big social event of the summer. Participants are asked to bring hors d’oeuvres for eight and a nutcracker. Partake of a lobster dinner or a non-lobster dinner while enjoying great company and live music. (Fee)

New Year’s Eve Party
Ring in the New Year with dinner, music, dancing, and games. Party hats and prizes for all. Childcare available upon request. (Fee)

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

UUCSR Member Bridge Group and Bridge Games & Lessons
Bridge is played twice a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Bridge lessons taught on Friday afternoons for members. Registration required. (Free)

Information & Registration
For more information, and to register for all Member Events Committee programs, please contact Sharyn Esposito, Committee Liaison, at 516.472.2960, or at sesposito@uucsr.org.
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES

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

UUCSR VISION STATEMENT

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

UUCSR MISSION STATEMENT

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

MINISTERIAL & CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Rev. Jaye Brooks, Developmental Minister
Rev. Jennifer L. Brower, Minister for Pastoral Care
Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore, Minister of Lifespan Religious Education
Adam Barshak, Congregation Operation Administrator
Joan Minieri, Veatch Program Executive Director
Stephen Michael Smith, Music Director

UUCSR OFFICERS

Mark Hartman, President
John Ryan, Secretary
Jana North, Vice President
Brian Muellers, Treasurer

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