November Theme: Attention

PEACE AND MEDITATION SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019, 9:00 AM

Please join us in the Chapel for a brief time of reflection and meditation on peace in a time of conflict and turmoil. All are welcome.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES
SUNDAYS, 11:00 AM

November 24, 2019
We Break Bread Together
The Rev. Jaye Brooks and
The Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore

Sharing a meal is a tradition as old as humanity. The attention we bring to one another when we break bread together forms bonds of connection, understanding, and love. This Sunday, we renew these bonds of loving religious community in an expression of awareness and gratitude. This family Service is a UUCSR Thanksgiving tradition. The Jazz Ensemble and the Young People’s Choir will both participate.

December 1, 2019
Awakening Awe
The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

In this season of magic and legend and marvelous miracles, we tell and re-tell the ancient stories of ordinary people and extraordinary happenings. We join together this morning to encourage one another in our search for awe and wonder, hope and possibility. Come, be part of our awesome community.

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TOUCHSTONES
The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

Over our years together, I have shared with you my warm memories of Thanksgivings long past, and how I grew into the role of offering the blessing over my family’s Thanksgiving meal.

I know that many of you will take on that role next week, too, and that it can be challenging to find the right words. Your ministry team is always glad to help you in developing your spiritual tool kit, so today I offer you a few table graces to get you started. Perhaps we will cultivate a regular practice of growing more mindful about, and thankful for, the food we—in this community—are so fortunate to have access to every day.

I offer you this Thanksgiving table grace that I have shared before.

For food in a world where many walk in hunger
For faith in a world where many walk in fear
For friends in a world where many walk alone
We give thanks.

The words of an unknown author
### Upcoming Worship Services

**December 7, 2019**

*Date and time to be confirmed.*

**Blue Holidays Service**  
*Angela Cesa and Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore*

It is not unusual to struggle during the holidays. We invite you to a service of candle lighting and sharing for those who feel “blue.” In the midst of celebrations of joy and happiness, the holidays can bring emotional triggers. We may find ourselves alone. We may be in the midst of challenging family dynamics. There may be grieving. The general nature of the winter with its darkness and cold may leave you sad and with low energy.

**December 8, 2019, 11:00 AM**

**Dance of the Spirit**  
*The Rev. Jaye Brooks*

Ours is a religion where people with different beliefs worship together as one faith. As we enter December, a time of awe for many, we honor one another’s individual beliefs as we look ahead to a variety of December religious holidays. Our UU roof of shared values shelters a variety of religious practices and theological beliefs. Today we explore the role of celebratory dance in two religious traditions, Christianity and Islam.

**December 13, 2019, Friday Evening**

**Soulful Sundown**  
*Friday, December 13, 2019*  
*Dinner 6:30 PM ($5), Social Hall*  
*Worship 7:30 PM, Worship Room*  
*The Rev. Jennifer Brower & The Cosmic Orchestra*  
*Free Coffee House with a Winter Holiday Theme*

**Simply Soulful Winter Holiday Service**  
*The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower and The Cosmic Orchestra (live!)*

Kids and adults with disabilities face many challenges. Participation in the religious community shouldn’t be one of them. Join us this morning for a special winter holiday service when we extend a warm welcome to people of all ages, and to all parents who have wondered, “What will happen if I bring my kid and he screams or she can’t sit still or they lie down on the floor?” Our answer to those and other anxious questions is this: “That’s A-okay.” Come, celebrate the holy days and holidays of the season with us.

**December 15, 2019, 11:00 AM**

**Family Service: Wonder from the Start, Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore, Worship Room**

Unitarian Universalists tell the Christmas Story with an understanding that each night is a holy night as each child is a holy child born as the light of the world. Our goal is to be aware of this wonder and to participate in the fulfillment of the potential of each life. Join us as we remember and celebrate. Our First Graders will present a Nativity Play. Children’s Holiday Decorating Party follows this Service. (See page 8 of this *Quest*)

**December 20, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**Winter Solstice: The Longest Night of the Year, A Spiritual Place, The Ministry Team and members of UUCSR, Chapel**

In anticipation of the Winter Solstice, we join together in honoring creation, meditating upon our life’s passage into another year, and celebrating the ritual of burning the Yule Log. Our service will be enriched by the singing of Willow directed by Farah Chandu.

**December 22, 2019, 11:00 AM**

**Light One Candle, The Rev. Jaye Brooks**

In this season of awe, we honor the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah (which begins at sunset December 22 and continues through December 30). The miracle of the oil that kept the Temple’s light burning for eight days, until a messenger could return with more, may be eclipsed by the awe-inspiring story of the Maccabees and how they reclaimed the Temple and the right to practice their religion. In North America, as solstice marks the darkest time of the year, this story of light (in many senses) is heartening for all.

**Tuesday Evening, December 24, 2019**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, The Ministry Team**

*5:00 PM, 7:00 PM*
The words of Elizabeth L. Greene  
Spirit who is all things to us;  
Presence in which we live and move and breathe and have our being:  

What a gift to be here together, sharing our food, our spirit, ourselves! We ask no blessing upon this food, nor upon ourselves, because the blessing is always here, if we but pay attention.

What we do ask is for the courage and wisdom to be mindful of thy great blessings.  
We ask, O Holy One, that we remember to cherish this food, savoring the tastes, the smells, the feel, the miracle of nourishment to our bodies, gifts of our lovely earth.

We ask, too, that we remember to cherish each other, to taste and savor our relationships, to understand that what we know of the sacred we know through these bodies and through these connections of friendship and love.

Grant us the wisdom to pay attention; grant us the generosity and the strength to open our hearts. So be it. Blessed be.

Amen.

The words of the Rev. Gary Kowalski
Loving Spirit,  
Be our guest,  
Dine with us,  
Share our bread,  
That our table  
Might be blessed  
And our souls be fed.

The words of Naomi King  
Let us join hands and hearts in gratitude on this wondrous day, where we have the abundance of our lives before us. We remember, on this day of bounty, all those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer. We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy.

For the labor, the love, the care that gave us the delights of this and every day, we say “thanks!” For the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends we have on the journey, we sing “thanks!” For all that is our lives, for these good gifts, we whisper, “thanks!” Overflowing with gratitude, let us shout, “thanks!”

Amen.

Death Café
Sunday, November 24, 2019  
1:00 PM • Art Gallery
Life is short...enjoy the time you have!

Admission is free, but you must register online at uucsr.org
Facilitated by Ami Bhalodkar and Billy Carew

Small Group Ministry
Marcelo da Silva, Chair

Covenant Groups are another name for Small Group Ministry, a vital part of our congregation. Groups of up to twelve people meet monthly to reflect upon and discuss significant life topics.

Small groups are great places to get to know other people, and to get to know yourself. Over time, participants build deep connections with one another, with the congregation, and with that which is sacred.

We invite you to join a small group. Please register at uucsr.org/sgm for the meeting of your choice, or contact Committee Liaison Lea Titza (Ltitza@uucsr.org or 516.472.2975).

Pastoral Care

Are you in need of emotional, social, or spiritual support? If you are in need of pastoral care, or you know of a fellow member who would benefit from care, please share that need with the Assistant to the Ministers, Kimberly Rossiter, at krossiter@uucsr.org, or at 516.472.2941. Our Ministry Team, Caring Committee, and/or congregational chaplains will follow up. Thank you.

With blessings upon you,  
Rev. Jennifer
The Quest

The first meeting of the Congregation for this year took place on Sunday afternoon, November 17. More than 70 members attended, which is a good thing because the quorum for that meeting was 58. There was one major action taken by the Congregation, as well as a number of reports presented.

**ACTION**

The major action was the adoption of a spending limit for the Operations Budget for the 2020/2021 Congregational Year. Lauren Furst, Chair of Stewardship, provided a detailed explanation regarding the development of the actual figure, drawing extensively on the two fireplace chats she led in October and her detailed report as Chair of the Stewardship Task Force to the Board of Trustees in November. (In fact, Lauren’s report to the Board is being included on the UUCSR website and should be read by anyone who is interested in the thinking behind the development of our endowment.)

The Overall Spending Limit recommendation was framed in a different manner than in the past. The Spending Limit for 20/21 will be no less than $20,177,078 and will be increased on a dollar-for-dollar basis for every dollar that is pledged no later than 12/31/2019, or otherwise contributed no later than 12/31/2019 (think “plate”) that exceeds $219,364.

To provide some context, the minimum Spending Limit of $20,177,078 is an increase from last year’s $230,078 or 1.15%. This compares very favorably with last year’s Spending Limit of $19,893,198 which was only $53,802 or .27% more than the Spending Limit for the 17/18 year.

But, as they say on late-night TV commercials, wait, there’s more. Until Sunday’s vote by the congregation, the only story that the Financial Development Committee could tell as it spoke to members about this year’s pledge drive was if membership at UUCSR is important to you, then pledge and make a payment to continue that membership. Today, there is a second chapter to that story. This second chapter is more complicated, but, at its most basic, it says your pledge will directly enable us to increase our spending next year and that is a new and significant development.

**REPORTS**

**Pledging**

Through November 15, 2019, almost $200,000 has been either pledged or otherwise received towards hitting the threshold of $219,364, at which point additional pledges and contributions will increase the Spending Limit.

On the membership side, there are 137 households consisting of 199 members who have yet to pledge and who are therefore at risk of losing their membership on December 31, 2019. FDC will continue to reach out to these members.

**Financial Statements**

Treasurer Brian Muellers presented the unaudited Financial Statements consisting of the Statement of Financial Position “Balance Sheet” and Statement of Activities (“Profit and Loss” Statement) for the recently concluded Fiscal Year and noted major issues.

**Donations to Meadville Lombard Theological School for the Lee Barker Professorship**

Brian noted that eight members of the Congregation made individual donations totaling $750 to Meadville Lombard. Last June, the Board agreed to match those donations at 2-to-1 ratio with funds from the 2019 Board Discretionary Fund. Under our Bylaws, the Congregation is to be notified whenever the Board Discretionary Fund is accessed.

**Ministerial Intern**

In October, the Board received a report from the Ministerial Team regarding hiring a ministerial intern. The Board approved hiring an intern for the 20/21 Fiscal Year and requested the Finance Committee to include funding for the position in the 20/21 Operations Budget.

**Alcohol Policy**

As a result of a number of questions and incidents, a Committee of the Board is reviewing the Congregation’s alcohol policy and is likely to suggest clarifications. The Board Committee consists of Jana North, Terry Bain, Barry Nobel, Bob Nuxoll, and Brigitte Mueller. Any modifications recommended by the Committee are not expected to go into effect during the current Fiscal Year.

**Developmental Ministry Activities**

Two activities were reported:

Our Developmental Minister had arranged for roundtable discussions of two hours duration each on three separate days and times for members of the Congregation to voluntarily participate. Even though the roundtable was given the uninviting name of “Vision and Budget Roundtable,” approximately 75 members participated and were joined by other members who acted to facilitate and scriven.

On Saturday, November 16, approximately 30 members of the Congregation consisting of 9 Trustees, 2 Ministers, and over 20 Committee Chairs met for the entire day with a representative from the Central Eastern Region of the UUA as part of Jaye’s “New Minister Start Up Retreat.” This was an opportunity to discuss our history, oral tradition, and myths among ourselves and provide those insights to Jaye to assist with her work.

Mark thanked everyone who participated in these two workshops and said that this was strong evidence of the willingness of congregants to talk through some of the issues that the Congregation faces and which prompted the Board to hire a Developmental Minister.
No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

A new play by Gary Mitchell based on Clare Boothe Luce's life and her 1936 play, The Women

A script-in-hand staged reading in the Veatch Ballroom

CAST:
Clare
Rachel Zampino
Edna
Karin Lyngstad-Hughes
The Countess
Lilia Ramos-Dries
Miriam
Shakti Chris
Peggy
Tina Manko
Sylvia, Olga
Suzanne Viverito
With special guest appearance by Estelle Bajou

OPENING NIGHT PERFORMANCE
Friday, November 22, 2019, 7:30 PM
ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE
Sunday, November 24, 2019, 1:30 PM

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished is based on The Women, a commentary on the pampered lives and power struggles of various wealthy Manhattan socialites and up-and-comers, plus the gossip that propels and damages their relationships. While men are frequently the subject of their lively discussions, they are strictly characters mentioned but never seen.

The play is set in 1936 in the ostentatious Central Park East apartment of Clare Boothe Luce the evening before six women are about to depart for Nevada, the “Land of Broken Vows.” The group bonds over gossip, sorrows, and dark humor at Clare’s home.

Clare Booth Luce (1903-87) was an author, politician, and ambassador to Italy (the first woman appointed to a major ambassadorial post). She is one of several people credited with the phrase, “no good deed goes unpunished.”
Someone handed me a piece of paper with this saying today. I realize that this is what I’ve been trying to say in all my articles about making a financial pledge and maintaining membership in UUCSR. Our developmental minister, Rev. Jaye Brooks has articulated our vision as follows:

Create loving religious community  
Encourage spiritual growth  
Build a more just and joyful world

This is what UUCSR stands for and is striving for. By intention, we participate in something larger than ourselves. It’s about saying, “Your values speak to me.” If you feel connected to this community, I hope you’ll complete your pledge form, with a pledge of whatever amount your budget allows.

Annual Pledge Campaign

Pledge forms are on the Welcome Desk in the Main Lobby, and may be downloaded at MYUUCSR, under Member Resources.

Pledges may be made securely online. Visit uucsr.org/myuucsr.

Learning Together About Racial Injustice

“What is there anything you are uncomfortable with from what you are experiencing so far today?”

This was one of the questions the Governors explored when we attended the UUA Central Region Conference: “New Day Rising—Dismantling White Supremacy in our Communities,” on Saturday, October 26, at UUSCR. We decided to attend together in support of our leadership role in the congregation. We recognize the importance of this topic in Unitarian Universalism and we saw the conference as another way to connect to the work of Veatch grantees and to view their struggles through a more informed lens.

There were participants from many congregations in New York and beyond. We started with a worship service rooted in indigenous culture, as well as art and music. Afterwards, we attended workshops on topics such as: “Why do we use the words ‘White Supremacy’ anyway?” and “There is an Elephant in the Room—How to have Difficult Conversations at Church.”

These morning workshops allowed for exploration in small groups with an experienced moderator leading each one. In the afternoon, we heard TED-type talks, with members of a range of congregations describing their experiences doing racial justice work. It was clear that many congregation members have been struggling to understand how white supremacy culture has affected their sense of belonging, safety, and identity. The focus was on trying to build more just communities.

Some described the issues raised when displaying Black Lives Matter banners. Some spoke of accompanying undocumented immigrants to court. We heard of members organizing their own congregation as a sanctuary church or partnering with other faith communities for rapid response to ICE raids. We learned how people are becoming aware of their own micro-aggressions towards people of color. Claire Deroche spoke of the work of our congregation to end solitary confinement of prisoners, especially minors.

We spent part of the day caucusing together with other UUCSR members. We discussed questions such as: “How has being white led to surprise, discomfort or challenge for you recently?” and “Name one white person whose anti-racist leadership you admire.” On Veatch, we learn how the organizations we fund are fighting structural racism in all that they do. Last year, Saru Jayaraman
from the Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC), who organizes restaurant workers, came to the congregation to speak. She helped us understand how tipping in a restaurant actually has its origins in slavery. It began as the practice of employers who hired newly freed slaves but did not pay them for their work. Patrons would “tip” out of charity. Today, ROC is fighting against a practice that has kept a largely, people of color workforce vulnerable. They are winning higher, guaranteed minimum wages for restaurant workers and safe working conditions for the primarily female workers who are subject to harassment because of their dependence on tips.

Tipping is something many of us may do without even thinking about it. At the New Day Rising event, we learned about many aspects of racial justice that call us to open our minds and hearts to deeper understanding and to action.

Stop the Hate

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

Michelle “Tamika” Washington was a member of Philadelphia’s transgender community. She had studied nursing at the Community College of Philadelphia. According to her friends, she was known for her advocacy and mentorship. On May 19, 2019, she died as the result of multiple gun shot wounds. Tragically, she is one of 22 transgender individuals murdered thus far in 2019. However, because the murders of transgender individuals are seriously undercounted, undoubtedly many more have been murdered.

Work for justice and equality for transgender individuals is a hallmark of Unitarian Universalism’s commitment to promoting the worth and dignity of every person.

In 2016, the UU General Assembly passed the Action of Immediate Witness, “Stop the Hate: Protect and Support our Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Family,” to underscore for us the importance and necessity of our taking action.

According to “Injustice at Every Turn,” a 2011 nationwide survey of transgender and gender non-conforming people, they face “overwhelming discrimination across multiple major areas of their lives: education, employment, health, family life, housing, and public accommodations.” It is no surprise that “all of the discrimination, harassment, and increased risk of physical, sexual and psychological violence that transgender and gender non-conforming people suffer contribute to a shockingly high rate of attempted suicide—a rate ten times higher than the average for the general population.” Like so many injustices in our society, violence against transgender and gender non-conforming individuals strikes people of color, especially transwomen, in disproportionate numbers.

It is not easy to take in this situation of discrimination, hatred, and violence. That’s why, in doing some research for this piece, my spirit was renewed when I found this page on the NY Times website: “Transgender Lives, Your Stories.” http://tinyurl.com/pehgsky. Scrolling through, I saw photos and read stories of transgender individuals who have not only survived, but who in spite of a lot of self-doubt, misunderstanding, and struggle, have created happy and fulfilling lives for themselves. I invite you, too, to be inspired by their stories.

Social Justice Announcements

For further information, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche: cderoche@uucsr.org, 516.472.2977.

Saturday, November 23, 2019
Together to End Solitary Confinement, 10:00 AM, Chapel. Advocates for ending prolonged solitary confinement gather every month, remembering those who are in segregated confinement 23 hours a day. After a vigil in the Chapel to remember those in solitary, we will go to religious education room 15 for coffee and writing holiday cards to individuals in solitary confinement. If you have holiday cards to spare, please feel free to bring them. They should be free of glitter. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

Sunday, November 24, 2019
Holiday Donations Drive: Each year, members of the Social Justice Committee collect donations to purchase Thanksgiving Turkeys for the guests of the North Shore Soup Kitchen (NSSK) and the families served by the AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC). A donation of $25 (cash or check) will buy a turkey, but donations in any amount are welcome. Be sure to stop by the SJ table in the Lobby after Worship.

Thursday, December 5, 2019
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. Sponsored by the UUCSR Social Justice Committee

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Food and Clothing Donations: 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 see the flyer on the table in the Main Lobby for complete details.
The Both/And of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the beginning of a both/and season. Our holidays this winter will have both aspects of joy and remembrances of past hurts.

The celebration of Thanksgiving represents both the joy of family gatherings, the abundance of life around us which we hold with a sense of gratitude and appreciation—and a historical moment. There may also be sadness mixed in with the family gatherings and, for some, the bounty of the earth does not come easily to their tables or not at all.

The historical moment represented by the Thanksgiving Feast was the actual meeting of Pilgrim immigrants from England and the Native Wampanoag People of Massachusetts in 1621. The commemoration of this event became a national holiday in 1863—so we have been celebrating Thanksgiving in the US for a long time.

The historical moment, in 1621, came about during a time when the European immigrants to America did not recognize the sovereignty and land rights of the native peoples—often times the European settlers did not even recognize the humanity of the native peoples. Our Thanksgiving Feasts carry some of the shadows of these first meetings and cultural clashes. Native peoples can be stereotyped and left in the past during this season, even as we continue to load our Thanksgiving tables with the foods native peoples taught the Pilgrims to hunt, gather, and grow.

It is important that part of our learning about Thanksgiving includes a recognition that native peoples survived the invasion of their lands—and to understand that they are still here; not as stereotypes of “remainders” but as whole people with a vibrant living culture.

The Winter 2019 issue of the UU World magazine offers these words:

Five hundred years ago, the vast continents of the Americas were home to vibrant Indigenous nations with distinct cultures and languages. Trading routes wove across the lands. Cultivated crops and expert hunting sustained the communities. Then, Europeans arrived. They began to take over the land and destroy Indigenous people. It is part of American history.

But it’s not just history. There are 573 federally recognized Indigenous nations in the US today. We honor the resilience and strength of America’s First Nations.

Please take a moment to read the “Families” pages in the Winter 2019 UU World (in paper or online at uuworld.org) to learn about contemporary Native American lives.

Also see the UUA Common Read for 2019–2020, An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States, by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States for Young People, adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese.

These are available at the UUCSR Bookstore.

O, Mitten Tree! O, Mitten Tree!

Thank you to everyone who has already selected a mitten! There are still several to choose from, so keep an eye out for the Mitten Tree in the Main Lobby when you come to the Congregation this week. The Mitten Tree provides holiday gifts for children of clients of the AIDS Center of Queens County. Please take a paper mitten and include your chosen recipient in your holiday shopping. Then tag your unwrapped present with the mitten and return it to the Mitten Tree by December 8. Thank you all for your generosity.

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The Religious Education Committee presents the annual

Children’s Holiday Decorations Party

Sunday, December 15
12:30 PM - Social Hall

$5 per person to make crafts

*Drop off cookies in Social Hall before Worship Service

Continued on next column
Our Whole Lives for Adults (OWL): A new journey into complete and affirming sexual education for adults.
Classes begin Sunday, November 24, 2019
1:00-3:00 PM in RE Room 4
Childcare available for all sessions

The program is designed to help participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. Using the values of self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity, this program explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages. Lessons are drawn from both OWL for Adults and OWL for Older Adults curricula, and are valuable for adults of any age.

Participants should try to commit to attending each session; a covenant of respect, responsibility, and relationship is planned.

November 24: Sexuality and Values
December 15: Sexuality and Communication
January 5: Sexuality and Spirituality
January 26, February 2, March 1, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 26, May 17, May 31 (topics to follow)

Facilitated by WinterFlower Robinson and Anne Van der Veer, with support from Giuseppina Iorfino, Stephen Foster, and Carson Jones. Please register with Jessica Pond at jpond@uucsr.org or 516.472.2914.

Soulful Songs & Stories

This month, we're going to wrap our thoughts and stories around Leonard Cohen's song “Anthem” (www.j.mp/uucsr34), described as “a message of hope in darkness.” The most well-known lines from the song, “There is a crack, a crack in everything / That's how the light gets in,” are drawn from the deepest well of kabbalistic text. While we can't predict where our personal stories might take us, we're going to head in the direction of whether holiday stories—sacred or secular, myth or fact, embellished or raw—provide light that gets through the crack in our spiritual lives.

If you'd like an email reminder along with the lyrics and related food for thought, register with Jessica Pond (jpond@uucsr.org) or 516.472.2914. Or just drop in. Newcomers are welcome. We start on time, so please come a few minutes early to get a nametag, tea or coffee, and to settle in. Alice Giordano and Steve Marston are your guides on this journey.

Midnight Run

I am overjoyed and sincerely appreciate when parents share stories of how their youth were impacted by participating in one of our community service-learning trips. Throughout the year, parents and youth alike, eagerly inquire where our next trip will be. “Right Here!” I respond just as eagerly! Service to others is an important part of Unitarian Universalist faith development for everyone and especially for youth. Youth are moving about in a world that will challenge their belief system while sorely wanting their generosity of spirit and desire to help those in need. Service-learning trips provide an immersive experience often in a neighboring or distant community. Immersion experiences often move us out of our comfort zones and require us to respond to societal inequities.

Donations needed for the winter season:
• Adult Male Clothing: Warm coats, Short sleeved shirts, Long sleeve shirts, Sweaters, Socks, Hats, Long pants, Jackets, Underwear, Tote bags
• Toiletries: Soap, Shampoo, Razors, Lotion, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Combs, Brushes, Feminine hygiene products

While service-learning trips offer so much to volunteers, they're also a reminder to consider those in need within our own communities. At least twice a year, everyone in the congregation is invited to volunteer on behalf of Midnight Run. New York based organization, Midnight Run, provides direct service to those that are affected by homelessness and hunger in New York City. At UUCSR, we prepare food, sort clothing, and compile toiletry kits for those in need. Later in the night, our youth and adult volunteers deliver the supplies at predesignated sites in Manhattan. Our next Midnight Run is Saturday, December 14, 2019. We're asking for donations as well as volunteers the evening of the Run. Please join us at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Donations are being accepted now until the night of December 14, in the Main Lobby collection bins.

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Thanksgiving Dinner at UUCSR
Thursday, November 28, 2019
12:00–3:00 PM • Social Hall

Full course dinner and non-alcoholic beverages included
All are welcome to bring a dessert item to share & Non-perishable food donations for the Food Pantry

Please note: Payments must be made in advance. No walk-ins.
$15 per person/$10 children 12 and younger
Register online at uucsr.org/thanksgiving2019 or pick up a registration form in the UUCSR Main Lobby
Info: Kimberly Rossiter: krossiter@uucsr.org or 516.472.2941

Call for Artists
Shelter Rock Art Gallery is always looking for new artists. If you would like to have your work considered for an exhibit, please contact Elaine Corrao (ecorrao@uucsr.org, 516.472.2933).

Holiday Luncheon
Strathmore Vanderbilt Country Club
260 Country Club Drive
Manhasset, New York 11030
Friday, December 6, 2019
1:00 PM

$35 payable at the door
All inclusive

Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Lobby
For more information, please contact Sharyn Esposito sesposito@uucsr.org or 516.472.2960

All members and friends of UUCSR are invited!

2019–2020 Membership Handbooks
Handbooks are available to UUCSR members at the Welcome Desk in the Main Lobby and in the Office during business hours. Please stop by for your copy (one per household, please). Visit MYUUCSR to update your information. Thank you.
**Milestones**

**We mourn with...** UUCSR member Gerry Laytin as he grieves the death of his mother, Ellie Laytin. Ellie died on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. She was 97 years old. Ellie is survived by her son Gerry and his daughter Roni, and other loving family members. Although a date has not yet been set, a memorial service will be held at UUCSR. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:  
*Gerry Laytin*  
126 Patton Blvd  
New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

**We share the sad news...** of the death of UUCSR member Jim Ansel. With family present, Jim died on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at St. Francis Hospital. He is survived by his wife AnneMarie, and daughters, Jessica, Jana, and Arielle. Plans for a memorial service have not been made at this time. Condolences may be sent to:  
*The Ansel Family*  
69 Fairview Avenue  
Port Washington, NY 11050

**We mourn with...** UUCSR member Dena Vigilis and her family as they grieve the death of Dena's father, Bob Hsieh. Bob died on Saturday, November 9, 2019, from pancreatic cancer. Condolences may be set to:  
*The Vigilis Family*  
66 Highland Avenue  
Port Washington, NY 11050

**We mourn with...** UUCSR member Florence Zaragoza as she grieves the death of her sister, Phyllis Bohrer. Phyllis died on Friday, November 8, 2019, after a brief struggle with pancreatic cancer. A private funeral was held on November 10, 2019. Cards of condolence may be sent to:  
*Florence Zaragoza*  
24931 60th Avenue  
Little Neck, NY 11362-2031

**We offer care to...** Jean Lucarelli as she recovers from a fall. Cards of encouragement can be sent to:  
*Jean Lucarelli*  
14 Linden Street  
Great Neck, NY 11021

**We hope for swift and smooth healing for...** Charlie Weinstein as he recovers from heart surgery. Cards of encouragement can be sent to:  
*Charlie Weinstein*  
30 Bay Avenue  
Sea Cliff, NY 11579

**Thank You**

I want to give my heartfelt thanks for the very beautiful flowers sent to me by the Caring Committee on behalf of the members and the ministers. I love them, and they are truly appreciated.  
—Florence Zaragoza

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**Congregational Affairs**

**Call for Participants:**  
Developmental Ministry  
Transition Team

Are you interested in having a role in the future of UUCSR? Consider a position on the new Transition Team. Visit uucsr.org/myuucsr for characteristics of an optimal team, plus roles and responsibilities of team members. Please contact Tammy Weil by December 9 to express your interest (tweil@uucsr.org or 516.472.2913).

**Phishing: Don’t take the bait!**

Phishing is a form of “social engineering,” whereby a hacker with bad intentions sends an email (or text or phone call) pretending to be someone the recipient trusts and asks the recipient to take an action which can have adverse effects. Sometimes, they request money. Other times, they invite the recipient to click a link or open an attachment that can trigger malicious code. A gift card scam has been making the rounds of many religious organizations; some UUCSR members have reported receipt.

A good rule of thumb with emails you’re not expecting is to: (1) reach out to the sender through another channel (call, text, visit website) and (2) not click on a link (or send money, gift cards, etc.) without clarifying from the trusted source.

If you have been the recipient of a phishing email: (1) delete the email, and (2) take the opportunity to change your password immediately. Changing your password is something you should do regularly, whether or not you’ve received a phishing attempt.

Please be reassured that the UUCSR database and website (uucsr.org) are both fully secure. If you have any questions, please contact Communications Manager Jennifer Sappell (jsappell@uucsr.org, 516.472.2980). Thank you.

**Lost and Found**

Please check the “For Member Pick-Up” area for items you may be missing. It is located on the lower level opposite the Reception Desk. We hope to see you and your belongings reunited soon!
Women and Children, Jails and Hope

So who cares about incarcerated women and their children? Our Women’s Group, Social Justice, and Caring Committees, as well as the Congregational Church of Manhasset, do. In what has become an annual event, we partner to bake cookies with the children and their caregivers. We provide lunch, a gift, a craft activity and a game to brighten the holidays.

According to the ACLU, numbers of incarcerated women are the fastest growing since 1985. In one state, 92 percent of all incarcerated women were victims of domestic violence. Two thirds are mothers of a minor child. More than 8 million children have an incarcerated parent. The Vera Institute of Justice reports that women have been overlooked at this time of criminal justice reform. The US Department of Justice reports that while the number of men in city jails has decreased about 3 percent, the number of women have increased by 18 percent.

When considering the impact of separating women from their children, one cannot overstate. In addition to the initial trauma, in addition to children growing without their mothers, there remains the difficulty of reuniting after release.

Two groups on Long Island address these needs and provide hope. The Women's Opportunity and Rehabilitation Center is a community correction program that offers an alternative to incarceration program for female offenders in Nassau County. It offers a six-month effective program utilized by judges. This program includes court advocacy, education and vocational assistance, counseling and life skills. New Hour for Women and Children’s mission is to provide pre- and post-release services to promote successful reentry and family reunification. Women can participate in a twelve-week leadership and advocacy program called EMERGE (Empowering Methods for Effective Reentry, Growth and Engagement).

We look forward to spending holiday time with families from both organizations. We care and we really enjoy it. Join us on Saturday, December 14, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM, Social Hall and Main Kitchen. Thanks to both groups for providing needed services and hope for these families and thanks to all who help make this happen.

Maria Ceraulo, Women’s Issue Chair

Women's Group Board Meeting
Sunday, November 24, 2019
8:45 AM • Veatch Conference Room
All are welcome

Women’s Group Holiday Sale
Sunday, December 1, 2019
12:00 PM • Main Lobby
You have an opportunity to help the Circle of Dance Repertory Company by decluttering and regifting to the UUCSR Women's Group Holiday Sale! The Circle of Dance is a non-for-profit dance company devoted to Bringing Arts in Education to schools to diverse and often underprivileged populations in Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens Counties for over 30 years. Please donate holiday decorations, gift, or home items that are either new or gently used to the Holiday Sale blue bin in the Main Lobby by Friday, November 29. To help sort in advance or sell, please contact Leona Handelman (516.627.0024). We look forward to shopping that makes difference this season!

TGIF
Friday, December 6, 2019
7:00 PM–9:00 PM • Art Gallery
Make Your Life Stress Free:
Your Gift to Yourself for the Holidays
Join us to explore ways to ease stress, transform your life experiences, and free yourself to experience the joy of a stress-free life. Facilitated by Carmen Palmer of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization. We will accept donations of new games, toys, and puzzles as gifts for the children of New Hour and WORC.

Cookie Baking with New Hour and WORC
Co-sponsored by the Women's Group, Caring Committee, and Social Just Committee
Sunday, December 14, 2019
10:00 AM–2:00 PM • Social Hall and Main Kitchen
Join us in spreading joy to families this holiday season. RSVP to Maria Ceraulo (516.313.0169, mceraulo0116@gmail.com)

Women’s Group Book Series
Friday, December 20, 2019
3:30 PM • Veatch Ballroom
Where the Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens, led by Renée Silver
This article reflects our stewardship of the earth and our commitment to the Seventh Principle.

Stormwater Runoff: Problems and Solutions

Most people do not know that the single largest contributor of non-point source pollution to many waterways is stormwater runoff. On Long Island, it has become a dire concern polluting our bays, estuaries, wells, and Long Island Sound. We can build sanitary sewers separate from storm sewers as done in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but overflow of raw or partially treated sewage on Long Island needs other solutions.

Contributors to stormwater's pollution are everywhere. Rain and snow, for example, carry motor oil from vehicles from driveways, lawns, parking lots, roofs, and gray infrastructure. These are the roads, sidewalks, and buildings we construct covering up the earth and vegetation and trees which would absorb the water and filter out impurities. Our heavy rainfalls, causing overflows, are carrying the oils, anti-freeze, fertilizers, dog feces, and other harmful chemicals into our lakes, rivers, and streams. They are huge contributors to our toxic algae blooms. Other contaminants are picked up by the storm water after it falls on our roads, parks, homes, and parking lots. They merge into our ground water and become our drinking water.

Long Island’s stormwater runoff is collected in almost 1,000 groundwater recharge basins directed into the Long Island Sound via 3,720 storm water outfalls or 60 miles of open stream corridors. The pollutants are varied: silt, sediment, pathogens, oil/grease, metals, debris, litter, and nutrients. They increase as they replace our land with gray infrastructure.

What should be done? The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Nassau County are trying to eliminate six of the most destructive pollutants. They are: nitrogen, oxygen demand, pathogens, phosphorus, polychlorinated biphenyls, silt, and sediment. Many of them are found in products we use, such as fertilizers, construction materials, and home products. Through Nassau County Stormwater Management Program (NCSWMP), the County's role includes public education, public involvement, illicit discharge, and detection and elimination; we need implementation of a green infrastructure or our potable water and healthy Long Island Sound are doomed. Municipalities should create better stormwater facilities. We need upgrades and investment in our existing systems. Homeowners should pay fees or have them eliminated when they invest in green infrastructure, such as rain gardens, and reduce or eliminate chemical pesticides/herbicides on their lawns. We need a reduction in the salt and sand used for deicing in the winter. We need education and incentives to begin advocating for non-chemical practices and products for stormwater pollution prevention.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019**
LLS Myeloma Support Group Meeting, 6:00 PM, RE Room 16
Ukulele At Shelter Rock, 6:30 PM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Investment Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room
Member Resource Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019**
Worship Fire Safety Team Meeting, 5:00 PM, Bride’s Room

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019**
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Caring Chefs, 11:30 AM, Main Kitchen
Organ Rehearsal for Messiah, 1:15 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
Dining Room Staff Meeting, 5:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
Dance Rehearsal for Messiah Sing, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
Small Group Ministry Facilitators Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Brainstorming Group, 6:30 PM, RE Room 20

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019**
Caring Hearts Quilters, 11:00 AM, Rooms 204 & 205
Together to End Solitary Confinement, 10:00 AM, Chapel, RE Room 15
Yoga, 11:00 AM, RE Room 6
Bob Hsieh Memorial Service, 11:30 AM, Worship Room

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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, Worship Room
Peace and Meditation Service, 9:00 AM, Chapel
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Young People’s Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Room
Choir Rehearsal, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
Thanksgiving Family Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
U.U. Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15
Men’s Group Meeting, 12:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019**
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
U.U. Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Women’s Group Holiday Sale, 1:00 PM, Main Lobby
Holiday Comedy Improv, 1:00 PM, Social Hall
Small Group Ministry First Sunday Meeting, 11:15 PM, Bride’s Room
Baby Dedication, 1:30 PM, Chapel

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
CSA Drop Off and Pick Up, 10:30 AM, RE Lobby
Bookstore Meeting, 6:00 PM, Bride’s Room
Nar-Anon Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Family to Family Classes I, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019**
Medical Qigong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM, Hadley House Community Room
Women Talk Daytime, 1:00 PM, Bride’s Room
Racial Justice Task Force Meeting, 5:45 PM, Office Conference Room
SRI Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room
Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Bride’s Room

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019**
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Rooma 206 & 207
Meditation Thursday, 6:00 PM, Chapel
NAMI Family to Family Classes II, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
NAMI COD Support Group, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
Stretch and Balance, 6:45 PM, Social Hall
Green Sanctuary Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride’s Room
President’s Operations Taskforce Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room
Shelter Rock Forum Committee Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019**
Tai Chi/Qigong, 10:15 AM, Art Gallery
Members’ Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Grade 6 Retreat, 7:00 PM, RE Wing
Opening - Play by Gary Mitchell, No Good Deed Goes Unpunished, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019**
Caring Hearts Quilters, 10:00 AM, Rooms 204 & 205
Together to End Solitary Confinement, 10:00 AM, Chapel, RE Room 15
Yoga, 11:00 AM, RE Room 6
Bob Hsieh Memorial Service, 11:30 AM, Worship Room

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019**
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
U.U. Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Women’s Group Holiday Sale, 1:00 PM, Main Lobby
Holiday Comedy Improv, 1:00 PM, Social Hall
Small Group Ministry First Sunday Meeting, 11:15 PM, Bride’s Room
Baby Dedication, 1:30 PM, Chapel

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
CSA Drop Off and Pick Up, 10:30 AM, RE Lobby
Bookstore Meeting, 6:00 PM, Bride’s Room
Nar-Anon Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Family to Family Classes I, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15

**BOT Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Library**
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
RE Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, RE Room 4
Small Group Ministry First Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
DAC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019**
Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
SJC INN Cooking, Thursday, 9:30 AM, Main Kitchen
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Rooma 206 & 207
Organ Rehearsal for Messiah, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
Members’ Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
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NAMI COD Support Group, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
Dress Rehearsal for Messiah Sing, 7:00 PM, Worship Room
Personnel Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Library
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

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SING-ALONG DESSERT TASTING PARTY!

Friday, December 20, 7:00 PM
Art Gallery, $5 donation
Bring a dessert to share!
Caroling • Holiday Beverages • Dessert Tasting
RSVP at uucsr.org/singalong
Questions? Contact Sharyn (516.472.2960, sesposito@uucsr.org)

UUCSR NEW YEAR’S EVE Bash
Rock into the New Decade with Our UUCSR Family!

Tuesday
December 31, 2019
7:30 PM – 12:30 AM
Social Hall

Scrumptious, Catered Buffet & Dessert
Fine Wine Selection
$65 p/p for members
$70 p/p for non-members

Music with great dinner and dance tunes

- Fabulous New Confetti Drop - “Year in Review” Video Game
- Wacky Prop Photo Booth - Prizes, surprises and more...

Cocktail Hour in the Gallery with Bruce Torff on Piano
Pop & Rock with His Boy Elroy to bring in the New Year

Adult Reservations and Payment Required by December 27, 2019
Please fill out table assignment form with Sharyn
Register by mail or with Sharyn at 516.472.2960 or sesposito@uucsr.org