



The Quest

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

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

-SHELTER ROCK VISION STATEMENT

June 6, 2017



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, June 9, 2017
Dinner - 6:30 PM, Worship - 7:30 PM
Free Coffee House
Soulful Sundown
The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower



Live band: The Cosmic Orchestra
Special guest performer
Bill Scozari

SOULFUL SUNDOWN
*Where music resides
at the heart of
religious experience*

Sunday, June 11, 2017 - 11:00 AM
"The Road to Reconciliation"
The Rev. Ned Wight

All of us have experienced saying hurtful things—or having hurtful things said about us. All of us have done things to alienate us from other people—sometimes people we care about a great deal—or had these things done to us. Must hurt and alienation signal the end of relationships, or is there a path we can take toward repairing tears in "the interdependent web" of relationships and community? Rev. Ned will explore "The Road to Reconciliation"—what the terrain looks like, what milestones mark the way, and what we might need to consider as we embark on the journey of reconciliation.

Sunday, June 18, 2017 - 11:00 AM
"What We've Learned from Our Kids"
The Rev. Ned Wight and members of the congregation

Being a father has always been a daunting challenge, and the second decade of the 21st Century in the United States of America is no exception. As we discovered from the testimony of mothers at a service in May, parents feel the burden of teaching and guiding their children, but also learn a great deal from them. At this service, fathers from the congregation will share their diverse perspectives about what each of them has learned from their children. Please join us to hear these personal accounts.

TOUCHSTONES

The Rev. Ned Wight



In the Interim--Continued...

On March 23, the Board of Trustees voted to extend the Interim Senior Minister's contract for an additional year. Consistent with this vote, I plan to continue serving as Interim Senior Ministry at UUCSR until August 2019.

The principal reason for this extension is that the Board of Trustees has been focused on Hadley House governance and the identification of an Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) over the past nine months, in addition to other matters, and has not been able to focus on clarifying other governance and leadership issues that have a direct bearing on the Board's charge to a ministerial search committee. If the Congregation anticipates choosing a new long-term senior minister no later than May of 2019, the search process for that minister should begin in January 2018 and continue for 18 months. That gives the Board and congregation the next seven months to undertake a process of clarifying leadership and governance.

Consistent with congregational polity, ultimate authority for the structure and functions of governance at UUCSR rests with the Congregation. Therefore, it is essential to involve the Congregation through regular presentations, reporting, interactive conversations and other opportunities for dialogue, questions and answers, and offering feedback. Whatever changes are proposed will eventually need to be voted on and approved by the Congregation before they can take effect.

Change is a fact of life for institutions as well as for individuals. Congregations are always "works in progress." So there's no assumption that all leadership and governance questions will be answered within the next seven months. But the Board will want to have enough clarity about possible changes to the current structure that they can advise the Ministerial Search Committee what the new minister's scope of responsibilities will be, and what specific skills and experience might be most relevant.

The priorities on which I will be working over the summer include:

• Detailed planning of thematic programming under the theme "Worth and Dignity for All," for which suggestions are

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due from committee chairs on June 5 and a draft plan will be presented to the Program Council on June 12

- Collaborating with the Board of Trustees and senior staff to clarify leadership and governance issues relevant to the search for a new minister
- Working with lay leaders to complete the FY18 pledge campaign and laying the foundation for a successful FY19 pledge campaign to be launched in March 2018
- Planning and beginning to implement more comprehensive leadership training for the Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs
- Continuing work with the Ministry Team to ensure that we are working together effectively
- Preparing for ministerial coverage during the Rev. Jennifer Brower's sabbatical (August 2017 through January 2018)
- Welcoming a new ministerial intern in August
- Assisting with the Sunday Service on July 2 and July 9 and preaching on August 13
- Participating in summer programming (Wednesday evenings and Sundays), including two COM Conversations (July 12 and August 16) and the concert on July 30

I welcome your input about my first year of interim leadership, and what you hope we might accomplish during the next two years. You can send me an e-mail at nwight@uucsr.org, call me at 516.472.2916, or set up a face-to-face meeting with me. I'm looking forward to a productive—and sometimes restful—summer and a great congregational year beginning with Homecoming next September.

Cheer and blessings, Ned

Transportation Assistance

UUCSR offers transportation assistance to Sunday Worship and Soulful Sundown services for members who are unable to travel due to physical or financial limitations. Contact Kimberly Rossiter, Assistant to the Ministers, at krossiter@uucsr.org or 516.472.2941 for an application.

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CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

Worship to remain at 11:00 AM all summer

Results of a poll about keeping services in July and August at 11:00 AM are in, and the results show a modest preference for staying at 11:00 AM (55 votes) rather than switching to 10:00 AM (49 votes) this summer. Based on this congregational feedback, the Worship Committee and the Ministry Team have decided to retain the 11:00 AM start time for worship throughout the summer of 2017.

Worship Training on Thursday, June 29

On Thursday night, June 29, 7:00 – 9:30 PM, the Worship Committee and the Ministry Team will present a training workshop for persons in the congregation interested in assisting with worship leadership over the summer and into the fall. The workshop will take place in the Worship Room, and will cover the intent and structure of worship, ways to support guest preachers and the smooth flow of the service, how to create a climate of welcome in worship, and effectively using your voice and the sound system. To register for this program, please contact Worship Committee Liaison Lea Titza (ltitza@uucsr.org). Questions about this workshop may be directed to the Rev. Ned Wight (nwight@uucsr.org or 516.472.2916).

"COM Conversations" on July 12 and August 16

The Committee on Ministry (COM) and the Ministry Team have planned two Wednesday evening "COM Conversations" this summer for members and friends of the congregation to talk about making our congregation the kind of community we aspire for it to be. These sessions will take place in Room 10 of the Religious Education wing—a welcoming space where participants can freely share thoughts, feelings and suggestions. The first evening, July 12, 7:30 – 9:30 PM, will focus on "How We Want to Treat One Another at UUCSR." The focus for the August meeting will be determined at the July gathering. All are welcome. Questions may be directed to Amit Sur (amit.sur@gmail.com) or to the Rev. Ned Wight (nwight@uucsr.org).

MILESTONES

JIM KEY, UUA MODERATOR, died at age 77

The Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) Interim Co-Presidents, the Revs. Sofia Betancourt and William Sinkford and Dr. Leon Spencer, shared the following news of the death of UUA Moderator and Chief Governance Officer, Jim Key:

Jim Key, who served as Moderator of the UUA from 2013 until he recently was forced to step down for health reasons, died on June 2, 2017. Jim was many things: a leader, a warm and humble colleague, an advocate for justice with respect and love for people deep in his DNA, and an evangelist for our faith.

He offered warm friendship, hope and confidence through complex and challenging times. We will miss him deeply. We hold Jim and his family in our hearts and prayers. We hold the larger circle who knew and loved Jim. And we hold our entire community as we grieve his passing and remember the gift of his presence among us.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. Natalie M. Fenimore

Many thanks to all our Lifespan Religious Education Volunteers!

You are the heart and soul of our community – being with the children and adults as they learn and explore is a true gift to our community.

If you would like to share your time, your gifts and talents as a RE classroom leader, or as the leader of a program for adults at UUCSR or if you might want information about participating on one of the Lifespan Religious Education Committees, please contact the Religious Education Committee Chair or the Adult Programs Committee Chair – or anyone on the Lifespan RE staff. – Rev. Natalie Fenimore.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

At the end of our congregational year we celebrate our Religious Education Program in worship services. Many thanks to the parents and members of the Religious Education Committee who go the extra mile to make these child- and family-centered services – and the picnic and party associated with them – so wonderful.

On May 21, we had a wonderful Bridging Worship Service celebrating our grade 2, 6 and 12 RE classes in recognition of their transitions. A special blessing to our graduating high seniors:

Peter Frey	Allison Torff
Amie Bayardelle	Gavin Olsen
Kiri Bartels	Sara Iacono

On June 4, our eighth graders stood before the congregation to share their personal expressions of faith during the Coming of Age Worship Service, which celebrates their growth and learning over this year.

Thanks and appreciation to our Coming of Age participants, their families and their advisors: Frank Teltsch, Paul Drezner, Basia Kerr and our Ministerial Intern, Oscar Sinclair. If you would like a copy of the Coming of Age youth credos, please contact Carson Jones at cjones@uucsr.org.

Our 2017 Coming of Age Youth are:

Cedric Buschfrers	Scott Ernsberger
Daniel Grassie	Erik Lyngstad-Hughes
Carol Madden	Mia Martinez
Imogen Parker	Daniel Picarello
Jake Rieber	Natalie Smith

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF UNITARIANS AND UNIVERSALISTS

If you are interested in fellowship with Unitarians and Universalists from around the world, consider attending the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists Conference (ICUU) India February 11- 15, 2018. The conference will take place in India. Find information at www.ICUU.net.

NEIGHBORING FAITHS

In Islam, the Holy Month of Ramadan is celebrated with fasting, prayer and religious re-dedication. May 26 - June 24. Eid al Fitr, June 25 - June 28 is the feast and celebration following Ramadan. Pagan/Nature-based/Indigenous faiths celebrate Solstice, the mid-summer festival marking the longest day of the year on June 21.

Obon is the Festival of Souls commemorating ancestors in Shinto and Buddhist Japan, July 13 – 15.

Khordad Sal commemorates the birth of the Prophet Zarathustra for Zoroastrians on July 23.

July 24 is Pioneer Day for Mormons. It marks the date in 1847 when leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints entered Utah after being expelled from Illinois because of their faith.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

ORCHESTRA AT SHELTER ROCK

Stephen Michael Smith, Music Director/Conductor

Call For Musicians

THE ORCHESTRA AT SHELTER ROCK SUMMER CONCERT



REHEARSALS

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 - 9:30 PM
JULY 5, 12, 19, 26

PERFORMANCE

Sunday, July 30
CALL: 11:45 AM | PERFORMANCE 1:00 PM

REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE AT

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock
(Air-conditioned, free parking, stands and lights provided)

For further information, or to register to play, please
contact Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore, Orchestra Librarian:
uumusic@uucsr.org or 516.472.2978

VEATCH NEWS

Marjona Jones, Program Officer

From May 17-19, members of the Veatch Board of Governors (VBOG), a member of the Board of Trustees, and program staff travelled to California for our annual grantee site visit. The site visit is a wonderful opportunity for leaders from the congregation to see the amazing work of our grantees up close. This year we visited groups in Oakland and San Francisco. The site visit is a learning and leadership opportunity for VBOG members, and over three days we visited with ten organizations working on a range of issues including racial justice, environmental justice, and equitable community development.

As usual, the trip exceeded our expectations! We started with an overview of the history of social movements in California with long-time grantee Anthony Thigpen of California Calls. Some UUCSR members may remember Anthony's visit the congregation in 2015 where he spoke at an open meeting of the VBOG along with Veatch Program Officer and founder of the Working Families Party, Dan Cantor. Anthony reminded us that California has become more progressive through the intentional work and building power in communities over the last 20 years. In telling this history, Anthony offered valuable perspective on how change is a long-term endeavor. He also highlighted the importance of Veatch's long-term, general support grants to help shift a state as big as California from reactionary to progressive.

The organizations we visited shared highlights of their work that

have led to tremendous victories like: keeping neighborhoods affordable in the face of uncontained gentrification, and ensuring local hiring at a new warehouse that will employ hundreds of residents from the community. A final highlight of the trip was our closing breakfast with Evan Junker from our grantee Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry. Evan shared the positive impact they have had on the work of UU justice ministries in congregations throughout California. Evan spoke passionately about the need to live into our UU values and the need to push the boundaries of what that means. At times, it may cause discomfort, but that discomfort is a catalyst for long-term change.

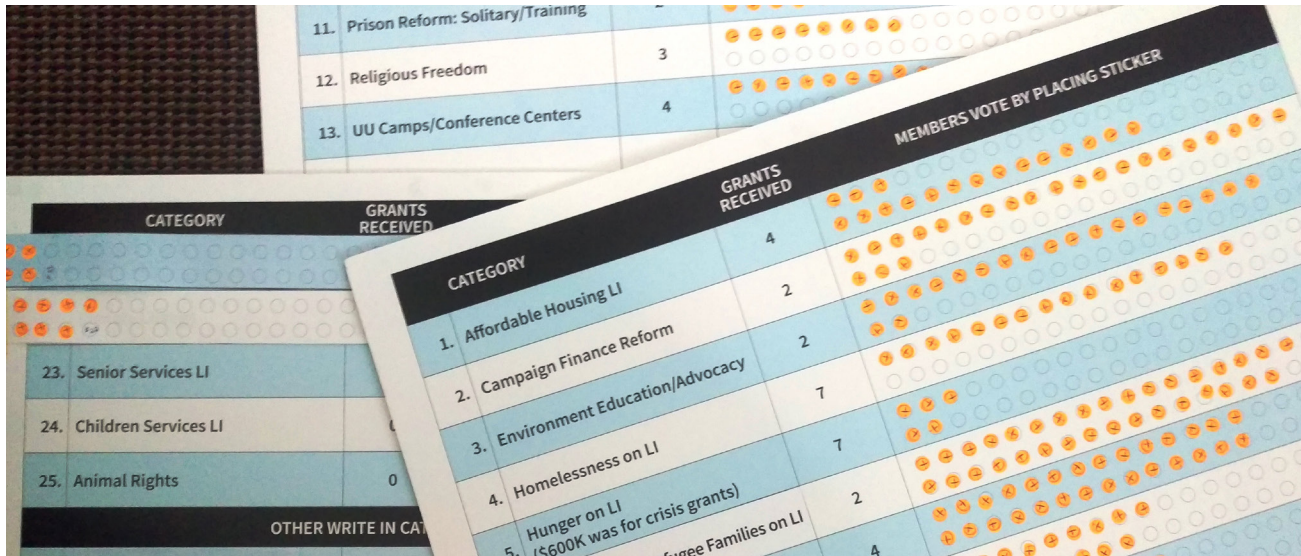
The work of our grantees to create social change is complicated, and we know it can be hard for us to see from our vantage point at UUCSR. But seeing our grantees in person serves as a wonderful and memorable way to directly connect with their work and see the congregation's amazing philanthropic mission in action.

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock provides support for efforts within the religious and spiritual mission of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock where their purposes are best served by outside agencies acting under the Veatch Program and the Congregation.



LARGE GRANTS

Carole Alexander, Chair Large Grants Advisory Group



Your DOTS have been connected!

This year the Large Grants program awarded \$1M to 10 organizations in the following categories: Climate Change, Gun Control, Prison Reform, Crisis in Haiti after Hurricane Matthew, and Crisis of Refugees in Greece and Europe. There was enthusiastic involvement from the congregation beginning in October with the new Dot Boards for selecting categories, to recommending organizations for RFPs and voting on grants through May. Thank you to all who participated for making this year a success.

My gratitude to the Large Grants Advisory Group for their dedication and congeniality: Mary Lardner, Katie Kurajovic, Nina Dobris, Ed Frank, Vic Weil, Janet Bendowitz, Thelma Fellows, and our consultant, Eileen Jamison. And special thanks to Barry Nobel, from the Board of Trustees, and his teAM, for managing the vote counting.

The specific organizations, each receiving \$100,000 were:

Food and Water Watch - to organize a grassroots advocacy campaign to stop new fossil fuel infrastructure projects, and conduct research to inform a renewable energy campaign.

People's Climate Movement - to carry out movement building and mobilization work following the 2017 People's Climate March

Citizen's Crime Commission of NYC - to support the expansion and enhancement of E-Responder.

Sandy Hook Promise - for the launch of the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System into middle- and high-schools across the country.

National Religious Campaign Against Torture - to provide funding for emerging state grassroots campaigns to end the torture of solitary confinement.

Urban Justice Center: Mental Health Project - for the Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement.

UNICEF - in Greece, to support relief efforts targeted at refugee children.

UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) - in Greece and the greater region, for its refugee relief work.

Doctors Without Borders - in Haiti, to distribute building materials, hygiene kits, water storage equipment and purification tablets to families in the remote mountain villages.

Partners in Health - in Haiti, to rehabilitate 3 of 300 schools damaged as a result of Hurricane Matthew.

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Join us! The Large Grants Advisory Group wants you!

We are seeking one at-large member of the congregation to serve on our committee starting this fall. Come be a part of the congregation's philanthropic mission. Join a great group of UUs as we make decisions about the direction of the Large Grants program for FY18. Please request an application from Tammy Weil at tw Weil@uucsr.org and submit it to the Board of Trustees at president@uucsr.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR

Claire Deroche



Why Torture Awareness Month?

On June 26, 1987, with the implementation of the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT, for short), the nations of the world took a major step against the immoral and abhorrent practice of torture. The United Nations later declared June 26 the "International Day in Support of Victims of Torture." In order

that we not lose sight of this important agreement, every year human rights and faith organizations join together to observe the month of June as Torture Awareness Month.

The banner at our front entrance during this month serves to remind us that we are committed to the struggle to eradicate torture. While we may think that cruel, degrading, and inhuman treatment is something that happens far from our shores, unfortunately, that is not true. The Mandela Rules adopted by the United Nations in 2015 prohibit indefinite solitary confinement and prolonged solitary confinement — defined as more than 15 consecutive days. Unfortunately, among the democratic nations of the world, the US is the outlier, making more use of prolonged solitary confinement than any other country. Each day across our country, prisons and jails violate the prohibition on torture by condemning 80,000 to 100,000 women, men, and sometimes children to solitary confinement.

On the international scene, Guantanamo Bay has become the symbol of our nation's use of torture. According to the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT), "As of January 20, 2017, 41 men are imprisoned at the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, including five who are cleared for transfer from the prison. It costs an estimated \$10.85 million dollars per detainee per year to maintain the prison." Furthermore, as of the end of President Obama's administration, "Ten of these detainees were in some stage of the military commissions process, 5 of them were cleared for release, and 26 were neither charged nor cleared for release – in other words, they have been detained for a decade or more without ever being charged with a crime, or having any real hope of release." In a state of persistent despair over their situation, many are on hunger strikes not reported in the press.

The President does have the authority to address this situation. He could transfer overseas those who have been cleared. Others can be cleared by an existing system of "Periodic Review Boards" or tried for crimes in other countries. Those remaining could be charged and tried in US federal courts.

To make this happen, citizens must urge President Trump to do the right thing and close Guantanamo. Failing that, we can exert pressure on Congress to block or limit the President's ability to send more detainees to Guantanamo, making a bad situation worse.

What can you do to make a difference? You can start by signing the NRCAT petition at <http://tinyurl.com/yd8bt3vx> to President Trump and Members of Congress: "The prison at Guantanamo Bay is a symbol of torture and detention without trial. It is a violation of our country's deepest values. You are our leaders. Do the right thing. Close the prison now."

On Friday, June 23 at 6:30 PM in the Worship Room you can join members of the Social Justice Committee for the monthly vigil to end solitary confinement. This will be followed by a film in the Art Gallery on the prison at Guantanamo. This June let's each do something to stop our nation's use of torture.

MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Myth:

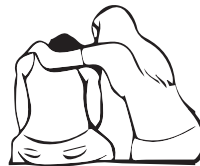
I can't do anything for a person with a mental health problem.

Reality:

Fact: Friends and loved ones can make a big difference. Only 44% of adults with diagnosable mental health problems and less than 20% of children and adolescents receive needed treatment. Friends and family can be important influences to help someone get the treatment and services they need by:

- Reaching out and letting them know you are available to help
- Helping them access mental health services
- Learning and sharing the facts about mental health, especially if you hear something that isn't true
- Treating them with respect, just as you would anyone else
- Refusing to define them by their diagnosis or using labels such as "crazy"

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MENTAL HEALTH

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*'Tis the Season for Teacher
and Graduation Gifts!*

*Stop by the bookstore for a great
assortment of terrific books and lots
of lovely jewelry and gifts. Have fun
choosing something perfect!*

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have a Heart! Help a Refugee Child! The SJ CoUUrage to Defy Hate Task Force invites you to participate in the UUCSR Refugee Resettlement Project. You will find a display in the Main Lobby with heart shaped clothing requests for the children in the Afghan and El Salvadoran families we are assisting. Please take a heart, purchase a new or donate a gently used item described on the heart, and return it the following Sunday to the designated basket. We are especially in need of items for an infant soon to be born: onesies, baby blankets, cotton hats, etc. Thank you!

Wednesday, June 14



The Social Justice Committee and the CoUUrage to Defy Hate Task Force urge members of UUCSR to attend the 14th Annual Interfaith Iftar (Break the Fast) & Dinner Celebration at 6:30 PM at the Islamic Center of Long Island, 835 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, NY 11590. Participation in this important event is a way to show support for our Muslim neighbors during this time of persecution and violence against their community. Please RSVP by June 11, 2017 to info@icliny.org or 516.333.3495.

Thursday, June 15 (Date change.)

The Social Justice Committee will meet on Thursday, June 15 at 7:30 PM in the Art Gallery. This will allow those who wish to attend the Iftar at the Islamic Center on June 14.

Saturday, June 17

Cooking for Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) Guests, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM in the Main Kitchen. Contact John Ryan at 516.487.5571 for information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING

Non-perishable food donations: Our donation drive continues and will next benefit the INN Soup Kitchen in Glen Cove. Suggested items: boxes of cold cereal; canned meats and fish with pop tops: tuna, chicken, salmon, sardines; peanut butter; and soups with pop tops. (Plastic jars, only, please!) Thank you!

UUCSR Used Clothing Bin and Clothing Closet: Please place items for children and adults (in well-secured bags) in the bin designated "Donations of Gently Used Clothing and Shoes," located in the entryway to the coatroom. Items hanging in the back corner of the coat room are available to all; you are welcome to take anything you need. The bulk of the clothing will continue to benefit the United Veterans Beacon House. Sometime soon we will be transferring items available to all to the new clothing rack in the hallway outside the main kitchen next to the congregational pantry. Watch these announcements for news of the move. If you have any questions about donations or how to donate other items, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at 516.472.2977 or cderoche@uucsr.org. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Ben Bortin, Membership/Volunteer Coordinator



We heartily welcome these new members, who were honored in a ceremony on May 7! Our wish is that they have a most rewarding and spiritually-sustaining experience in our free, religious community, the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock. They are as follows...

Joanna Cohen
Gail Cunningham
Wendy Keiser
John Meirs
Gary Mitchell
Chris Pellegrini
Jennifer Pellegrini
Lilia C. Ramos-Dries
Penelope Reid-Cleary
Grazia Rosenberg
Leo Rosenberg
Joan Schultz
Constance Selig
Anne Spero
Dolores Tibbets
Richard Tibbets
Elena Vesselinov
Samantha Winkler
Cathi Zillmann, and
Hugh Gallo

MEMBER EVENTS

Expedition to the Teddy Roosevelt home



All members and friends are invited to travel to Sagamore Hill, the home of Teddy Roosevelt, on Thursday, June 15. The van is available for twelve people, leaving UUCSR at 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow the visit to Sagamore Hill, at Canterbury Ales in Oyster Bay. Call Ben Bortin for details, 516.472.2934, or BBortin@uucsr.org. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Maria Ceraulo, Chair, Women's Issues

"What We Must do for One Another"

These words came from a poem written by Micah Fletcher, a student poet. He was one of three brave men who didn't stare down at their phones, who didn't pretend not to hear as a white man began shouting anti-Muslim insults at a black 16-year-old and her 17-year-old friend wearing a hijab on a train in Portland, Oregon. They stepped forward to protect the girls. They are our kinds of men.



I cannot count the number of times I wished that someone would step up! As a child, I watched taunts, tripping, and teasing of my older brother. Kids broke his glasses, stole his hat. These kids attended a religious school. Why didn't someone stop it? Why was it ok to tease and torment someone less able to defend himself? We've all seen and watched people being mistreated. Have we been silent? Have we looked away, have we joined in the attack, or did we intervene?

In this terrible incident in Oregon, three men decided to intervene. Even the other passengers helped the interveners by covering one as he waited for an ambulance, stanching the bleeding after the men were slashed by the attacker. Another passenger called a victim's mother to tell her to go to the hospital to meet her son. The recent Reed graduate, Taliesin Namkai-Meche's last words were: "I want everyone on the train to know, I love them".

Acts of courage and inspiration do coexist. It seems that not only have xenophobia, Islamophobia and all the other phobias been empowered, but the opposite as well. As Nicholas Kristoff, states: Islamophobia doesn't disparage just Muslims, racism doesn't demean blacks alone, misogyny hurts more than women, xenophobia insults more than immigrants. Rather, we are all diminished, so we all have a stake in confronting bigotry."

I hope these acts of men of courage will inspire more of us to stand up and intervene. Let's not be quiet in the face of bullying of any kind. Just think of all the pain that could be mitigated if more of us didn't look the other way when women are assaulted, when their rights are being challenged, when their health care is in jeopardy, when anyone is taunted, bullied or attacked.

The incident in Portland has renewed hope in the face of so much despair. The student poet, Fletcher, wrote:

"I am alive.
I spat in the eye of hate and lived.
This is what we must do for one another
We must live for one another"

As we hear on Sundays, may it be so.

WOMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL MEETING



**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017
12:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom**

Enjoy Lunch and a Special Planned Program
As we celebrate being together.
Special Guest Speaker Ann-Margaret Carrozza

FREE - Current Women's Group Members
\$10.00 - For new PAID 2017-2018
Women's Group Members
\$20.00 - Guests without reservations

Please RSVP to Sharyn by June 9
516.472.2960; sesposito@uucsr.org
Childcare available by request asap.

MEN'S GROUP



Saturday, June 17, 4 - 8:30 PM, Meadow and Ballroom
RSVP by June 14. \$10/\$15 Members/Non-Members
Contact Sharyn: sesposito@uucsr.org, 516.472.2960.
Open to all members and their guests!

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Microenterprise Grants and Public Lands

In an area within the central Adirondacks a recreation hub is being created. It is gaining much attention and traction because of The Nature Conservancy's Heart of the Adirondacks Project. Started in 2015, this is a two-pronged investment on their part. First is the protection of land and water: 300 lakes and ponds, 90 mountains and 425 rivers and streams. The second is growing towns and businesses around this beauty through microenterprise grants.

The areas covered in this investment are essentially in the North Hudson, Newcomb, Indian Lake, Long Lake and Minerva. By loaning money to newer entrepreneurs, they help them succeed when business is slow. However, because there are more year-round activities and opportunities, this is happening less and less. Every year there is more adventure and fun: snowmobiling, hiking, hunting, biking, fishing, and even paddling on rivers. Thus, as more visitors are attracted to the Adirondacks, they learn how public Forest Lands are being preserved.

This kind of stewardship indicates how people and nature are standing side by side. "The grants, aimed at small businesses that cater to the area's tourism industry, aren't just lifelines for business owners; they strengthen communities, too, making an indelible connection between protected lands and the people who live, work and visit here," according to The Nature Conservancy-backed Upper Recreation Hub Microenterprise Grant Program. Whether it's the opening of a Sunoco gas station and convenience store on Exit 29 on the Northway or a B & B-The Host Owl Lodge- located in Newcomb, this is an experience between the people and the land and how they are intertwined.

Therefore, as summer is approaching and if you are planning a vacation, North Hudson, N.Y. might be a good place to consider. When people and environmental organizations work together, they are stronger together, and nature is also rewarded. Microenterprise grants are just one way to preserve the land and water while helping people who live and work there. The vitality of places like the Adirondacks is a boon and any support given to them will be rewarded so they can thrive.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

Garden Plastic Recycling

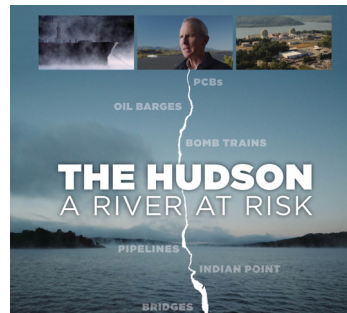


Hicks Nurseries has a recycling program running until July 15 for your used, virtually clean plastic garden pots, cell packs, and trays. (No clay pots accepted, or metal or wire pieces from pots.) The bin to put them in is located at the left of Hicks front door in Westbury. The store is located at 100 Jericho Turnpike in Westbury.

Green Sanctuary Committee

THE GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE
OF UUCSR AND FOOD & WATER WATCH
present film

THE HUDSON: A RIVER AT RISK



WITH GUEST

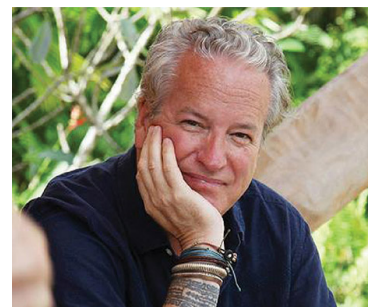
JON BOWERMASTER,
FILMMAKER

Tuesday

June 13

7:00 PM

Social Hall



Free to all • Refreshments served

This is a documentary film series, a composite of how the Hudson River in New York has become a toxic legacy, describing why the river has been degraded. It explains the negative effects on the surrounding population and environment, and what should be done to protect the Hudson River.

THANK YOU

We, the members of Defying The Hate Task Force and The Social Justice Committee, would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Claire Deroche, our Social Justice Coordinator, our dear ministers, the Rev. Ned White, who was with us from the beginning as we prepared for this amazing event during many meetings for the past three months to the end of the refugee Benefit Concert and welcomed and introduced the refugees families to the Congregation and to the Community at large on the night of the Concert and the Rev. Natalie Fenimore, who was not only with us to keep things quite and organized, but helped the refugee children with goody bags of coloring books and crayons and kept them busy and happy during part of the benefit concert.

Thanks to all of those wonderful members of the Congregation who volunteered to sell tickets, check in guests, welcome guests and guide guests to their seats and hand them programs for this great concert to benefit refugees.

Many thanks to our hard-working staff: AdAM, Jen, and Sharyn who were always there for us the entire three months of preparations. My sincere thanks to our custodial staff, especially Roberto who has always been there for me and will not let me forget my phone or glasses.

It was wonderful to see so many members of our own Congregation coming together on a Friday evening to support and benefit the great cause of refugees.

Our special and sincere thanks to Colin Woodhouse for bringing the initial idea of inviting the famous Syrian singer Gaida and having a benefit concert to support refugees through Catholic Charities on LI and through Church World Services to benefit the Refugees in New Jersey.

The coordination and hard work of many hours paid off by a great turnout of audience, an excellent Syrian Singer Gaida, and two beautiful refugee families from El Salvador and Afghanistan attending UUCSR.

Thank you all for being a wonderful collaborative community and for addressing this massive crisis of our time, The Refugee Crisis, by giving up your Friday evening and for your financial support.

Latifa Woodhouse, Member of The Board Of Trustees and
Member of Defying The Hate Task Force of UUCSR

My thanks to the UUCSR Ministers Ned Wight, who visited me in St. Francis Hospital and Natalie Fenimore, who called several times. To the Caring Committee and my fellow UUCSR members for their cards, thoughts and prayers. But most of all my gratitude goes to my Hadley House neighbors, Susan Bagnini, Social Worker and Joe Coradetti, Manager, who enveloped me with the utmost care, love and substitute family.

Aida Nema

Many thanks to our UUCSR Caring Committee, Ministerial Team and friends for your love and prayers after my car accident in April. I would like to thank you for your cards, phone calls and the beautiful plant from the Caring Committee that brightened my days of recovery. Thank you all.

Love and Peace, Latifa Woodhouse

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, June 06, 2017,

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Veatch BOG Meeting, 5:30 PM, Art Gallery
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
RE Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Rm

Wednesday, June 07, 2017

WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
SRI Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Med., 4-7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
Greysheeters, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, June 08, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
Family to Family Class, 10:00 AM, RE Room 15
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Men's Group Annual Dinner, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Committee on Ministry, 7:30 PM, RE Room 19

Friday, June 09, 2017

Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Ballrm, Terrace Rm.
Soulful Sundown Worship Service, 7:30 PM, Worship Room
Soulful Sundown, Coffee House, 6:30 PM, Social Hall
Soulful Sundown, Supper, 6:30 PM, Art Gallery

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Adult Programs Committee Retreat, 9:00 AM, RE Room 15
Quilting, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
RE Volunteer Year End Dinner, 6:30 PM, Veatch House

Sunday, June 11, 2017

2nd Sunday SGM - Early AM Group, 8:30 AM, Office Conf. Room
Worship Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, Bride's Room
Childcare, 9:30 AM, Multiple Rooms
Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 AM, Worship Room
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
UU Cafe, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15
WG Annual Meeting Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Veatch House
1st Sunday SGM Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride's Room
General Assembly Meetup, 1:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
Sumi-E. Com - Artists' Reception, 1:00 PM, Gallery

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see UUCSR.org for additional details on all programs. See LIACUU.org for other area congregations.

Monday, June 12, 2017

I.N.N. Workshops, 8:30 AM, RE Room 14, 15
Sabbatical Planning Committee, 12:00 PM, Office Conf. Rm
Shelter Rock Forum Meeting, 1:30 PM, Bride's Room
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Greysheeters, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
Building & Grounds Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Rm
Program Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

I.N.N. Workshops, 8:30 AM, RE Room 14, 15
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
UUMA - Long Island Chapter, 11:00 AM, Veatch House
UUMA - LI Chapter Lunch, 12:30 PM, Veatch House
Art Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Art Gallery
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Executive Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM, Veatch Library
Caring Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Art Gallery
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
GS Jon Bowermaster - Film - The Hudson...a River at Risk, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
Board of Trustee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Housing Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Reach Out America, 12:30 PM, Veatch House
Generation Rx, 1:00 PM, Social Hall
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
LIAC Meeting, 7:00 PM, RE Room 16
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
2nd Wednesday SGM meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Room 19
Bylaws Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library
Food & Water Watch Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conf. Room
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Med., 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Rm.
Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
Greysheeters, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
Family to Family Class, 10:00 AM, RE Room 15
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Housing Board Subsidy, 3:15 PM, Office Conference Room
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Green Sanctuary Committee Mtg, 7:00 PM, Staff Lunchroom
Board of Trustee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Monthly Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Friday, June 16, 2017

Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Ballrm, Terrace Rm.

Soulful Small Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
WG - Book Series, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Inn Cooking, 9:00 AM, Main Kitchen
Quilting, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
MG End of Year BBQ, 4:00 PM, Veatch House
SGM Annual Dinner, 6:00 PM, Art Gallery

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Childcare, 9:30 AM, Teacher's Resource Center
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
UU Cafe, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
3rd Sunday SGM Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride's Room

Monday, June 19, 2017

Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Greysheeters, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
Adult Programs Meeting, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
DAC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room
Interim Minister's Transition TeAM, 7:30 PM, Bride's Room
Large Grants Advisory Grp Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Library/Bookstore Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Bride's Rm
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Climate Justice Taskforce Meeting, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch House
Greysheeters, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
Family to Family Class, 10:00 AM, RE Room 15
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Personal Meditation, 4-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Friday, June 23, 2017

Planned Parenthood Nassau County, 9:00 AM, Social Hall
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Ballrm, Terrace Rm.
Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 PM, Art Gallery

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**Friday, June 9
 Coffee House Featured
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Free childcare provided.



Dinner (\$4) 6:30 p.m.
 Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Coffee House 8:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

A Prevention Education Initiative
 For Senior Citizens

Generation Rx Safe Medication Practices in Today's Prescription Drug Epidemic

A Panel Discussion featuring

- **Reisa Berg, LMSW**
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- **Howard Jacobson, R.Ph.**
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- **Richard Koffler LCSW-R, CASAC-G**
It's Never too Late: Nationally Recognized
 Older Adults Chemical Dependency Outreach Program
- **Paulette Phillippe**
 Advisory Committee Member
 Families in Support of Treatment (F.I.S.T.)
 Senior Citizen who lost her grandchild to opioid overdose



According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, as of 2014, prescription drug misuse or abuse is increasing among people in their fifties. Older adults are likely to experience more problems with relatively small amounts of medications because of increased medication sensitivity, and slower metabolism and elimination. Older adults are at higher risk for medication misuse than the general population because of their elevated rates of pain, sleep disorders/insomnia, and anxiety.

This program is sponsored by the Caring Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock
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