



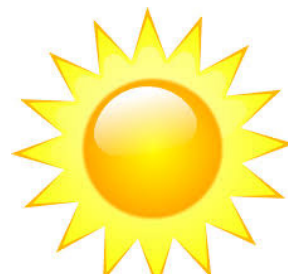
The Quest

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 20, 2017



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, June 25, 2017 - 11:00 AM

"Green Our Faith. Now."

Green Sanctuary Committee & Fletcher Harper, Episcopal Priest

Climate change and environmental degradation are accelerating, and the current administration and Congress are exacerbating a genuine crisis. It's time for faith groups to do what we do best – build local power and create transformative leadership - on behalf of the Earth, our common home. In this sermon, we'll imagine a future in which spiritual communities, in the US and globally, embody the change that's desperately needed, and we'll be invited, and challenged, to act. A special collection will benefit GreenFaith, an international interfaith environmental organization.

Sunday, July 2, 2017 - 11:00 AM

"The Good Earth"

Oscar Sinclair, Ministerial Intern

This week we will reflect back on the last two years of student ministry at UUCSR. What is it that allows a religious community to thrive? What does being part of this community ask of each of us individually and together?

Sunday, July 9, 2017 - 11:00 AM

"How Deadly Were the Seven Deadly Sins?"

Ben Bortin, Membership & Volunteer Coordinator

Seven infamous vices were first identified by the early "desert fathers" of the third century of the Common Era, and have been part of our religious lore and literature ever since. But how horrific are these behaviors? With this exploration, a brief, sweeping look at the seemingly limitless capacity of human beings for evil, and how such deep-seated tendencies might be prevented and transcended.

Friday, July 14, 2017

Dinner - 6:30 PM, Worship - 7:30 PM

Free Coffee House with Kenny White

Soulful Sundown

The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

Sunday, August 6, 2017 - 11:00 AM

Soulful Sunday Morning

Once each year, Soulful Sundown visits Sunday morning. Save the date for a very special Soulful Sunday Morning.

TOUCHSTONES

Oscar Sinclair, Ministerial Intern

This is my last newsletter at UUCSR.

In my previous column, I noted that my contract here at UUCSR as your ministerial intern concludes on June 30. One of the final tasks of a ministerial internship is departing a congregation with intention and (we hope) some grace.

Along with members of the congregation and ministry team of UUCSR, I am traveling to New Orleans next week to attend the Unitarian Universalist Association's annual General Assembly. I will be in the office for the last week of June, and will preach my final sermon here on Sunday, July 2.

It is important that once I leave on July 2, I will have little contact with UUCSR for several years. This is best practice in our association, and is in part to allow you to fully appreciate and develop a relationship with my successor as student minister.

I am also happy to write that last Sunday the Unitarian Church of Lincoln called me to be their next settled minister. Stacie and I will move out to Nebraska next month, and I will start there on August 1. The congregation in Lincoln is in an exciting place, thinking about who and how it wants to be in the next decade. Lincoln itself is both a college town and a state capital, so there are significant cultural opportunities outside of work.

I leaned heavily on the lessons I have learned here at Shelter Rock during my visits to Lincoln. Many of the projects that they are starting up are things that I have seen done well here. The last two years have been a remarkable learning experience. Thank you all for being a part of it.

I will be in the office the last week of June, and my door will be open. Otherwise, I will see you on July 2! Thanks for everything.



VEATCH NEWS

Molly Schultz Hafid, Assistant Director



FAITH IN ACTION

Veatch Board Approves \$1,568,093 in Grants at the June Meeting

The Veatch Board of Governors (VBOG) gathered on June 6, 2017 for the final meeting of the fiscal year. Outgoing Chair Katie Kurjakovic welcomed everyone and shared opening reflections on her time on

the Board and appreciation for the experience and the important work of the Veatch Program. The VBOG then turned their attention to the core business of the meeting: the review, discussion, and approval of 39 grants totaling \$1,568,093.

A few highlights from this final round of grants include three new grantees:

Transgender Law Center (TLC) – one of the country's most effective centers for impact litigation in support of transgender rights. Veatch Program support will help them to expand their use of legal services to build a base of constituents for their expanded organizing and advocacy campaigns.

Nebraska Appleseed – a community-based organization working with low-wage Latino workers in the dangerous meatpacking industry.

The Center for Innovation in Worker Organizing – a training center helping low-wage worker organizations create more effective campaigns, expand their membership base, and increase their fundraising success.

Other exciting renewal grants include:

Interfaith Organizing Initiative (IOI) – to help encourage denominations and organizing networks to continue collaborative work on police accountability and police reform.

Oakland Rising (OR) – a coalition of nine community organizing groups advancing progressive issues in the Bay Area.

The New York State Civic Engagement Table – a coalition of organizations working to increase the capacity of, and improve coordination between, organizations working in low-income communities and communities of color across New York state.

Solidaire Rapid Response Portal – a special one-time project grant to current grantee Solidaire to support the development of the Rapid Response Portal. This project will help Veatch Program grantees have access to new funders and expand the resources available for social change.

The VBOG was also excited to welcome visitor and new FY 18 VBOG member, Corrine Hayden. We also said a huge THANK YOU and bid a fond farewell to outgoing governors Katie Kurjakovic and Mark Hartman.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Adam Barshak



As the membership is aware, it takes a village to keep the congregation humming. The staff appreciates the opportunity to support the congregation, and we hope that you found the staff supportive in this congregation year. With that, June is the month in which staff receive their annual performance evaluation. If you would like to share your thoughts on any lay staff's performance over the 2017

fiscal year, please email them to me at abarshak@uucsr.org. The information will then be forwarded to the appropriate supervisor for consideration during the development of the staff's evaluation.

Please be specific as to the staff you are referencing. Listing of specific incidents of performance are most helpful, but general comments are welcome as well. Please note that supervisors are interested in performance concerns as well as positive experiences.

As I report to the Board of Trustees and they are responsible for my evaluation, please feel free to send any communications on my performance to president@uucsr.org.

Comments on any staff should be received no later than June 26, 2017. Thank you.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

India Harris, Youth and Young Adult Program Coordinator



Midnight Run is a great opportunity to provide direct community service to those that are affected by homelessness and hunger in New York City. We are currently collecting clothing and toiletry donations. On the evening of July 7, we will prepare food, sort clothing and compile toiletry kits for distribution later that night.

In order to serve those in need, we are asking for donations of male adult clothing (rain jackets, long pants, shorts, socks, underwear, short sleeve shirts, long sleeve shirts, hats, shoes and tote bags) and Toiletries (soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, combs and brushes). We will be collecting these donations in a bin in the Main Lobby until the day of the run. If you're interested in volunteering on July 7, please contact iharris@uucsr.org.



CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Rev. Ned Wight, Interim Senior Minister

REMINDER: Worship to remain at 11:00 AM all summer.

Based on 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 Services in July and August will begin at 11:00 AM.

Worship Training

Thursday, June 29, 2017

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).

“Share Your Story: COM Conversations”

Wednesday, July 12 and Sunday, August 13, 2017

The Committee on Ministry (COM) and the Ministry Team have planned two “COM Conversations” this summer for members and friends of the congregation to share their stories of being part of the UUCSR community and talk about making our congregation the kind of community we aspire for it to be. These sessions will take place in Room 6 of the Religious Education wing—a welcoming space where participants can freely share thoughts, feelings and suggestions. The first evening, Wednesday, 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 (scheduled for Sunday, August 13, 12:30 – 2:00 PM) 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).

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.

VEATCH HOUSE PARKING NOTICE

As part of a capital improvement project, the Veatch parking lot will be repaved beginning on Wednesday, June 28 and should be completed by Saturday, July 8. During this period, the entire parking lot will be closed with no accessibility. In addition, the main roadway will be closed at 4:00 PM on Saturday July 8. All events will end by 3:30 PM with the expectation the building will close at 4:00 PM. The Community Garden can be accessed through the Memorial Garden path.

June 20, 2017

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Dana Gumb, Chair

The declining and dead Callery pear trees (*Pyrus calleryana*)



The UUCSR parking lots have become a sight for sore eyes for congregants and visitors alike. The trees in small island-like tree pits, surrounded by a sea of pavement, are in particularly bad shape. The stress of having critical root zones under pavement is not the only reason for the pear trees' distress though, since the ones with more lawn around them look to be in poor condition, as well.

There may be many factors that are adversely affecting the Callery pear trees. Some look like they may have been planted too deeply since the flare of the trunk where it meets the ground is not supposed to be visible. Soil up against the trunk of the tree can cause rot.

Another reason for the decline of the trees may be a fungus appearing in Long Island landscape pear trees called “Pear Trellis Rust.” The fungus causes unsightly leaf spots, premature defoliation and other physiological stress. Once the leaf spots appear there is not much to be done, according to a bulletin of the Bartlett Tree Experts. And once one specimen gets the fungus, it spreads to others of the same species nearby.

The fundamental mistake in our parking lot's urban forest is the planting of just one species, creating a monoculture. Botanically that amounts to putting all your eggs in one basket. When disaster hits one tree, the calamity tends to spread throughout the whole homogenous population. Just another example of strength in diversity. Certainly, we have learned our lesson that, when we replant the parking lot, we will plant a variety of species.

The UUCSR parking lot is not the only instance of the Callery pear tree being overplanted. When first brought to America from China by the US Department of Agriculture in 1960, the tree was thought to be the perfect urban tree. It was tolerant of urban conditions such as winter salting and compacted soil. People loved the abundant white flowers in spring and the beautiful purplish bronze hue to the leaves in the fall. Lady Bird Johnson planted one in downtown Washington, D.C. in 1966.

What was once so prized became an arborist's nightmare. The Callery pear trees, overplanted in housing developments, alongside streets and in parking lots like that at UUCSR, have shown their drawbacks. In addition to the fungus mentioned above, the branches tend to not be securely attached to the trunk, and the resulting weak crotches means that branches can easily break off. Again, the lesson learned is don't put all your botanical eggs in one basket. Diversity has the greatest resiliency.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR

Claire Deroche



Supporting our Sisters and Brothers in the Struggle

Over the last two weeks I had the opportunity to gather with members of two very important local organizations: ERASE Racism and the Islamic Center of Long Island (ICLI).

On Wednesday, June 7, along with Lisa Simon, outgoing chair of the Social Justice Committee and Robin Finnan-Jones, incoming chair, I attended the Annual Benefit

Reception of ERASE Racism. Over three hundred supporters of this vital organization gathered at the Garden City Hotel. Of course, the surroundings were beautiful, the food was delicious, and the company was engaging. Elaine Gross, Executive Director of EraseRacism, and the Board of Directors had chosen a slate of stellar awardees: Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III and Frederick K. Brewington, Esq. for their visionary civil rights work; Amy Maiello Hagedorn (posthumously) for her passionate funding of and fighting for justice and equity causes; and the Islamic Center of Long Island for its leadership in advocating for interfaith harmony and social justice. In lieu of traditional speeches, Rev. Butts and Mr. Brewington engaged in a conversation portraying how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X might comment on the social and political climate of 2017 were they alive today. Ms. Gross rounded out the evening with a presentation on some of the recent efforts of ERASE Racism, especially in the area of equity in education. The organization has produced an infographic on the lamentable state of education on Long Island, where today dramatically more black and Hispanic students attend segregated schools than 12 years ago! This publication will be a useful tool in efforts to do anti-racism education in our communities.

On Wednesday, June 14, I joined 8 members of UUCSR for the 14th Annual Interfaith Iftar at the Islamic Center of Long Island. Each day during the month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from sun rise to sun set, they gather at night to break the fast together at the Iftar. During this holy month, the members of ICLI invite friends and neighbors from the local community to join them in breaking the fast. To participate in this event is to witness the genius of the leadership of ICLI. As a minority religious community in a society that is often hostile to them, the Islamic Center of LI has found a way to become a valued member of the larger community. They have done this by carefully cultivating friendships in their neighborhood, with other religious communities and faith leaders, with local elected officials, and the local police. This was all evident as President Isma Chaudhry recognized representatives of these groups, called some to the podium so that they could share their insights, and generally made us feel that we were doing them a kindness by accepting their hospitality.

As I reflected on these events, it occurred to me that maybe the prescription for spreading the name of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in the local community is a larger dose of our members' participation in the events of other organizations that share our values. I know that I will be on the look-out for opportunities for the Social Justice Committee to do more of that!

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:

People with mental health needs, even those who are managing their mental illness, cannot tolerate the stress of holding down a job.

Reality:

People with mental health problems are just as productive as other employees. Employers who hire people with mental health problems report good attendance and punctuality as well as motivation, good work, and job tenure on par with or greater than other employees.

When employees with mental health problems receive effective treatment, it can result in:

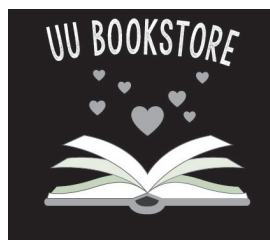
- Lower total medical costs
- Increased productivity
- Lower absenteeism
- Decreased disability costs

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK Supports



MENTAL HEALTH

SHELTER ROCK BOOKSTORE



The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan is a poignant work of non-fiction about a young Jewish woman living in a house given to her family by the Israeli government years ago when they first arrived under the "Right of Return" laws. They'd been told it had been abandoned by Palestinians in 1947. However, one day she learns the truth....a young

Palestinian and his cousins visit and she learns that the IDF had driven the former owners out and seized the property. The shock of their story, proven true, makes her question if she alone has the right to live there. What happens next is, as Big, Bad Bob Nuxoll commented, a beautiful story of non-violent compromise.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UUCSR Used Clothing Closet Now OPEN: Anyone needing clothing is invited to visit the congregational used clothing closet now located next to the congregational food pantry in the corridor outside the main kitchen. If there's something there that you need, please take it. As a courtesy to others, please rehang any items that you handle but decide not to take. Both the pantry and the clothing closet are managed by members of the Social Justice Committee. Please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at 516.472.2977 or cderoche@uucsr.org with any questions. Thank you!

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Cancellation: There will be NO Climate Justice Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, June 21.

Friday, June 23, 2017

Together to End Solitary Confinement, Friday, June 23. Vigil at 6:30 PM followed by a screening and discussion of *Life in Guantanamo Bay*. Advocates for ending prolonged solitary confinement gather on the 23rd of every month, remembering those who are in segregated confinement 23 hours a day. Since June is Torture Awareness Month, we will focus on the 41 detainees still held at the Guantanamo Bay Detention Center. After a vigil in the Worship Room for those experiencing the torture of solitary confinement, we will gather in the Art Gallery to view and discuss *Life in Guantanamo Bay*, a 37-minute film released in May 2017. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock.

Sunday, June 25, 2017

UUCSR Annual School Supplies Drive: From Sunday, June 18 through Sunday, August 20 the Social Justice Committee will be collecting donations of new school supplies. These supplies will benefit at risk children and youth in the Village of Hempstead and the children of the refugee families we are assisting. On the easel in the Main Lobby, you'll find a display with Post-its of needed supplies. Please take as many as you are able, make the purchases, and place the supplies in the bin designated for the collection. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Social Justice Mental Health Subcommittee Meeting, 9:00 AM in the Veatch House Conference Room. The members of the subcommittee will be planning events that help overcome the stigma of mental illness. New members are always welcome.

Sunday, July 2, 2017

UUCSR Annual School Supplies Drive will continue through Sunday, August 20. The Social Justice Committee will be collecting donations of new school supplies. These supplies will benefit at risk children and youth in the Village of Hempstead and the children of the refugee families we are assisting. On the easel in the main lobby, you'll find a display with post its of needed supplies. Please take as many as you are able, make the purchases, and place the supplies in the bin designated for the collection. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

CoUUrage to Defy Hate Task Force Meeting, Office Conference Room, 7:30 – 9:30 PM. Members will meet to continue planning our refugee resettlement work and events for the coming congregational year.

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 Donations: Please place gently used, clean items of clothing and shoes for children and adults (in well-secured bags) in the bin designated "Donations of Gently Used Clothing and Shoes." The clothing you donate benefits our congregational clothing closet and the United Veterans Beacon House. 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!

SEE THE CONCERT FOR REFUGEES

PATV Airs Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock "Refugee Benefit Concert"

PATV will air the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock "Refugee Benefit Concert" with Syrian singer Giada on Friday, June 23 at 3:30 PM and throughout July on Fridays at 3:30 PM and on Sundays at 7:30 PM. (EDT) on channels 20 (Optimum) and 37 (Verizon) streamed at patv.org/livestream.



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Check out www.patv.org, Twitter: PATV Long Island, Instagram: [patvlongisland](https://www.instagram.com/patvlongisland), YouTube: PATV Long Island.



ORCHESTRA AT SHELTER ROCK SUMMER CONCERT

Stephen Michael Smith,
Music Director/Conductor



Sunday, July 30

1:00 PM

Summer Splendor

A Symphonic Afternoon
Under a Large Tent

Reception Following
For All Ages

COPLAND Lincoln Portrait
Robert Nuxoll, narrator

DE FALLA Nights in the Gardens
of Spain
Nathaniel LaNasa, piano

GINASTERA Dances for the Ballet
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A free & responsible
search for meaning

The right of conscience & democratic process

A world of liberty, peace & justice

The interdependent web of life

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Ben Bortin, Membership/Volunteer Coordinator



Grazia Rosenberg

Born in a town near Venice, Italy, Grazia was raised a strict Roman Catholic. She commented that "an Italian takes religion very seriously; it affects how one behaves, how one forms relationships, and how one thinks." She eventually found the super-conservatism of the church very constricting. (When a church official told her that birth control was "against nature," she asked, isn't taking aspirin also "against nature?")

She said that it was not common for those who were not wealthy in her Italian community to obtain a college education. Her parents found their way to send Grazia to college, and she later came to the United States on a Fulbright. Here she felt a sense of freedom which she compared to "the Red Sea's parting."

Gary Mitchell

Also raised Roman Catholic, Gary had a great grandmother who attended mass every day. When he began asking about certain dogmas, he was told not to ask. Veering toward an agnostic humanist point of view, Gary also had a phase of Tendai Buddhism. A few years ago, his children began attending the RE program at UUCSR. He couldn't help but notice how much they enjoyed their experience; He himself appreciates as well the non-creedal approach to religion that Unitarian Universalism offers, embraces the values on which it is founded, and appreciates the atmosphere of acceptance for people's individual spiritual journeys.

Gary has lived in a variety of places. He grew up in Poughkeepsie, moved to Canada, went to school in Boston, and was an undergraduate in Plattsburgh, NY. He led a knock-out workshop at Silver Bay this spring, on theatrical improvisation. He teaches drama at Hofstra, on top of other career involvements.

Anthony Bustamante

Anthony and his family began attending UUCSR a little over a year ago, and joined in the fall of 2016. He grew up in Astoria, and was an altar boy and then confirmed in the Catholic church. His religious doubts began in his teen years. They were reenforced when he joined the service, and met people of various backgrounds and persuasions.

Fortunately, he survived a scary mission during the first Gulf War. He met Amy, and together, they attended UU services in Brooklyn. Four years ago, they were married in the UU congregation in Flushing. In spite of the sense of great size of the building, they were favorably impressed with the hospitable reception they have received at UUCSR, as well as its message of acceptance, joy, and hope.

Tops on Anthony's list of passions is his daughter Arya. He also enjoys softball, baseball, and football. A warm welcome to him.

35 people joined this congregation this past year, and we heartily welcome them all. I have the privilege of interviewing many of them, and I feel we are all the more fortunate, knowing such discerning, stimulating, often creative, friendly people are adding themselves to our midst. Here are introductions of four.

Amy Bustamante

Amy grew up in Williston Park, Long Island, and later spent ten years in Brooklyn, where she met her husband-to-be, Anthony. She grew up Catholic, but later began her own religious exploration. She derives inspiration from natural beauty. She began sporadically to attend UU congregations.

Amy is interested in Tango, among other kinds of dance. She also has pursued yoga. She is most passionate about being a mother and wife. She is well travelled, having been, among other places, to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos. She works in the leadership of a Japanese bank.

As the solstice passes, a rewarding start to summer to you all.

MILESTONES

We mourn the death of... Max Cooperman, who died unexpectedly on Monday, June 5, 2017. He was 28 years of age. Max, who attended our Religious Education Program, was the younger son of long-time UUCSR member Allan Cooperman, and of Susan Freudenthal and step-son to Eric Freudenthal. Max is also survived by his older brother, David, David's fiancée, Elizabeth Gagel, and their extended family. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Allan's home address:

*80-35 Springfield Blvd. Apt 2B
Queens Village, NY 11427-7121*

We share the sad news of the death of... UUCSR member Patricia Leland Rudoff. Pat died on June 9, 2017. She was 84 years old. She is survived by her daughter Raia (Kevin) Gilmartin, Mark (Nancy) Rudoff, Deborah (Rainer) Ullreich and her grandchildren Gabriella, Timothy, Marina, Helena, Jackson, Ferdinand, and Antonia. A memorial service will be held at UUCSR. Details will be announced as soon as they are available. Condolences may be sent to Pat's family at:

*Raia Gilmartin and Family
10 Rhode Island Drive
Massapequa, NY 11758*

We extend heartfelt congratulations... On June 11, 2017, the members of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln in Nebraska voted overwhelmingly to call Oscar Sinclair, UUCSR ministerial intern, as their next settled minister! Oscar and his wife Stacie will start relocating to Lincoln this summer and begin official duties on August 1. Congratulations to Oscar and Stacie on this new chapter of their life together.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Cooperman and Freudenthal families, we would like to thank the Congregation and the Caring Committee for helping us to feel the joys and sadness in Max's life. At times, as a congregation, we can be contentious in our discussions. But in times like these, we are united in both love and caring.

Allan, Susan, and David

FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mary Lou Kluger, Chair

The UUCSR Pledge Campaign for 2017-18

Please support our wonderful, caring, open-minded, socially concerned, liberal religious community! Remember how important it is to receive cards and flowers when in the hospital. And how ours is one place where free expression, thinking, and questioning are honored. And a hub for inspiring services, programs, art exhibits, and concerts that occur in abundance.

If you have yet to make a pledge for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year, envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk in the Main Lobby, or can be mailed to you. Please contact Ben Bortin, 516.472.2934 and BBortin@uucsr.org if you would like a pledge envelope sent to your home.

Below is an illustration of progress to date, 153 pledges for a total of \$117,365 toward a goal of \$237,837.



"Community is a gift you give yourself"

WOMEN'S GROUP

Maria Ceraulo, Chair, Women's Issues

Welcome Back, Wonder Woman

As I told some friends the other evening, it was Wonder Woman who helped begin my 32-year career in Special Education. As a new Substitute in a class of emotionally disturbed children, I was terrified. I was returning to work after my children were born, unintentionally wearing my hair in a bun like the actress on the television show: Wonder Woman. As we were heading to class, the children smiled and called me: Wonder Woman. As they say, I was hooked and the rest is history.



She came back in the current movie that was directed by a woman: Patty Jenkins. At a time when 81% of characters in films are male and women fill only one third, it made me proud. She's not a super hero that rescues the helpless women, but she's a woman whose mission is to bring peace to the world.

She does have special powers. She can deflect bullets, find the truth with her Lasso of Truth, and has super-human strength. She's beautiful, strong and has a hard time understanding why people still need to fight. People continue to talk about her sword as she wore it tucked in the back of her gown -- a possible fashion statement?

A role model can inspire little girls and remind all of us of our inner strength. It can renew our resolve to confront the systematic loss of our rights with efforts to counter them. We can be inspired by the women from more than 40 countries who urged our President to defuse military tensions and negotiate peace on the Korean Peninsula. No special powers were at work when the wives of human rights lawyers who were detained in China in 2015 resisted with online appeals, visits to jails, prosecutors and courts. They carried red buckets and displayed a red slogan: "Leave the dressing table and take on the slugs". In Morocco, women demanded equal rights of land ownership with men. They are protesting two times a week.

One wonders whether we need special powers to overcome the many challenges women face. Let's take our power and resolve to address the health care bill's insults to women, the aging and disabled. Let's be a force that effects change by working to get the ERA passed in this country. Let's reduce violence against women, combat sex trafficking and advance women's rights.

Bring the little girls in your life to see the movie and enjoy a super hero that is a woman. Let them see that they can be strong, beautiful and take care of themselves. The Amazons were about love and peace. Although they were physically strong, Wonder Woman says that fighting doesn't make you a hero. Fight for those who can't fight for themselves. Celebrate Wonder Woman's mission and renew your own commitment to advance women's rights.

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Chamber of Commerce's Real Interests

The Chamber of Commerce is an organization designed to protect small business interests which can include their environmental needs. However, in recent years, it has put forward an agenda that promotes profits over people by supporting corporate rights and executives no matter what public wrong they commit. Therefore, environmental protections that are warranted are being fought against. The victims of corporate wrongdoing are not being supported by the Chamber, but are being denied the right to sue those companies that injure them. As a result, many unconscionable and notorious lawsuits have resulted.

"Profits Before People: U.S Chamber of Litigation" from PublicCitizen News*

In a groundbreaking report, Public Citizen's U.S. Chamber Watch program recently examined a few dozen of the most egregious cases the Chamber has litigated in the past few years and took a deep dive into the anti-public interest litigation choices of the Chamber.

The Chamber is the country's largest business lobby, spending \$104 million on federal lobbying and \$30 million on congressional elections just last year, all while pretending to be a voice for small business when in actuality it represents the interests of giant corporations.

One way the Chamber advances the corporate agenda is in the courts. For example, the Chamber supported British Petroleum four times in litigation related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. In one of those cases, the Chamber sided with the British oil giant over thousands of American small businesses harmed by the disaster.

The Chamber also sided with the Canadian energy giant behind the Keystone XL pipeline over American ranchers and farmers who didn't want the pipeline routed through their land.

And the Chamber fought to strike down municipal zoning ordinances to prevent fracking and sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to block the Clean Power Plan, President Barack Obama's signature initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at power plants.

"Time and again, the Chamber has opposed any and all means of holding corporations and their executives accountable for wrongdoing," said Dan Dudis, director of Public Citizen's Chamber Watch program. "Whether trying to make it more difficult for consumers and small businesses harmed by corporate malfeasance to go to court, or arguing for more limited corporate prosecutions, the Chamber's ultimate goal is to minimize or eliminate corporate accountability for wrongdoing. We are highlighting this to make people aware that the Chamber is not the benevolent small business it claims to be."

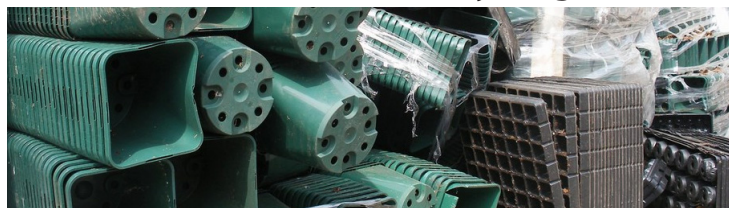
What is evident is that the Chamber of Commerce's litigation is at odds with its initial mission. To date, it has fought against environmental protections asked for workers, consumers, and

small businesses. What they support is the Big Guy over the little guy. It is in the public's interest to continue to fight them in courts so we can stop their harm and malfeasance.

*Aylmer, Grace. "Profits Before People: U.S Chamber of Litigation." PublicCitizen News [Washington, DC] May/June 2017: pp. 1, 13. Print.

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

ART COMMITTEE

The Art Committee is proud to announce that the next Art Show, beginning July 16, will be a Retrospective, featuring a selection of art from many of the wonderful artists we have been gratified to host over the years. In lieu of the usual artist reception, the artists have been invited to attend our Orchestral Concert Event on July 30. Refreshments will be served in the Veatch House following the Concert.

Be a part of the 2017 Congressional Art Show!

Calling all artists, poets, sculptures, photographers, and other creative people of UUCSR! The Art Committee is inviting you to share your artistic vision with the Congregation.

Drop off artwork: Sunday, August 13 from 12:00-1:30 PM
Thursday, August 17 from 2:00-6:00 PM
Installation: Friday, August 18 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Reception: Sunday, August 20 from 12:00-2:00 PM,
Pick up artwork: Wednesday, September 20 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

We will be displaying in two categories: Adult, and Children, ages 6-18. Your artwork must be ready to hang or of a size to fit in our glass display case in the Art Gallery. Complete details will be included in the registration information sheet that is being mailed to the Congregation. If you have any further questions, please contact Elaine at 516.472.2933 or ecorao@uucsr.org or Shirley Arlt at 516.697.4576. We look forward to seeing your work!

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

NAMI Criminal Justice Committee, 1:00 PM, RE Room 15
Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 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

Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Library/Bookstore Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Bride's Room
Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Meeting, 6:00 PM, RE Room 15
Inisfada Zen 20th Anniversary Celebration, 7:00 PM, Veatch House, Art Gallery, Terrace
Greysheetter - Wednesday, 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, Rooms 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, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room
Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 PM, Art Gallery

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Quilting, 10:00 AM, Rooms 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Sunday, June 25, 2017

MH Monthly Meeting, 9:00 AM, Veatch Conference Room
Childcare, 9:30 AM, Multiple
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Music Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Babysitting Training Program, 11:00 AM, RE Room 14
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
Q & A with Rev. Harper following the Green Sanctuary Worship, 1:00 PM, Art Gallery
UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15

Monday, June 26, 2017

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Greysheetters - Monday, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
Publicity and Promotions Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Family to Family Class, 10:00 AM, RE Room 15
Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
4th Tuesday SGM Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Manhasset School Retirees, 10:00 AM, Veatch Library
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Investment Committee, 6:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Bylaws Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room
Music - Summer Concert Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room
Greysheetter - Wednesday, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, June 29, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Expeditions Meeting, 2:00 PM, Bride's Room
Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Worship Training Ministry team & Worship Committee, 7:00 PM, Worship Room

Friday, June 30, 2017

Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room
Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Saturday, July 01, 2017

Quilting, 10:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Sunday, July 02, 2017

Childcare, 9:30 AM, Multiple
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Music Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall

Monday, July 03, 2017

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Greysheetters - Monday, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17

Tuesday, July 04, 2017

BUILDING CLOSED-Independence Day Holiday, Entire Campus

Wednesday, July 05, 2017

Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
Orchestra at Shelter Rock Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Social Hall

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CoUUrage to Defy Hate Task Force, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room

Greysheeteer - Wednesday, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, July 06, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery

Family to Family Class, 10:00 AM, RE Room 15

AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Rooms 206, 207

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Friday, July 07, 2017

Midnight Run Sleepover, 2:30 AM, RE Rooms 5, 6

Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Midnight Run Preparation, 6:30 PM, Multiple

Saturday, July 08, 2017

Women's Group Retreat, 10:00 AM, Veatch House

Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Sunday, July 09, 2017

Childcare, 9:30 AM, Multiple

Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall

Music Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room

Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room

UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall

Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15

Monday, July 10, 2017

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Greysheeters - Monday's, 5:00 PM, RE Room 17

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom

Sandy Hook Promise Meeting, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery

Art Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Office Conference Room

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Student Activity Fund Workshop, 6:00 PM, Art Gallery

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19

Green Sanctuary Retreat, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery

NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15

Orchestra at Shelter Rock Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Social Hall

Congregational Conversation - Jointly sponsored by COM and the Ministry Team, 7:30 PM, RE Rooms 6 & 1

Food & Water Watch Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room

Music - Summer Concert Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

Greysheeteer - Wednesday, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery

Family to Family Class, 10:00 AM, RE Room 15

AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Rooms 206, 207

Housing Board Subsidy, 3:15 PM, Office Conference Room

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Friday, July 14, 2017

Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room

Soulful Sundown, 6:30 PM, Main Building

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Yoga, 11:00 AM, Veatch Ballroom

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall

Music Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room

RE Summer Program, 11:00 AM, Multiple

Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room

Artist Retrospective - Reception, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery

UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall

Monday, July 17, 2017

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Greysheeters - Monday's, 5:00 PM, RE Room 17

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom

Personal Meditation, 4:00-7:15 PM, Worship Room

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Meeting, 6:00 PM, RE Room 16

Orchestra at Shelter Rock Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Social Hall

Committee on Ministry, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

Expeditions: Louis Kahn Documentary Viewing, 7:30 PM, Chapel

Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace Room

Greysheeteer - Wednesday, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Save the Date....

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Boatride and Lunch. Join members and friends for a beautiful boat tour followed by lunch, co-sponsored by Susan Bagnini and Ben Bortin. Details TBA. Contact BBortin@uucsr.org, or 516.472.2934 for more information.

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Friday, July 14
Coffee House Featured
Artist Kenny White

Free childcare provided.

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



ALL ARE WELCOME!