

The Quest

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

"Celebrating Worth and Dignity for All."



2017-2018 CONGREGATIONAL THEME

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, November 10, 2017 Soulful Sundown

Dinner (\$4) 6:30 PM, Worship 7:30 PM
The Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson
Live band: The Cosmic Orchestra
Free Coffee House with Andrew Fortier
Where music resides at the heart of religious experience

Sunday, November 12, 2017 8:30 AM

Facilitators, Cello and Ministerial Intern Nancy Reid-McKee. "Peace and Meditation Service," Chapel

Please join us for a time for meditation, reflection on peace and some simple singing that will last no longer than one hour.

Sunday, November 12, 2017 11:00 AM""The Source of Human Worth" The Rev. Natalie M . Fenimore

"How do we determine human "worth"? Our Unitarian Universalist First Principle states that "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: The inherent worth and dignity of every person." Do we really believe that human worth is "inherent"? Do we ask that our fellow human beings "earn" our concern? Are some more "worthy" than others? Can a person "lose" worth? Where does our value as human persons come from? Rev. Fenimore will consider the sources of our views on human worth.

Sunday, November 19, 2017 11:00 AM
"Give Us This Day: Annual Family Thanksgiving Service"
The Ministry Team

"Daily bread" is a universal human need to sustain life. At this season of gratitude, we acknowledge this gift from the earth and invite you to bring bread that represents your family traditions to share. Each family will be able to say a few words about the bread they have brought—reminding us all of the rich diversity of our congregation. Expanding our vision beyond our own walls, we will also introduce the UU Service Committee's Guest at Your Table boxes. Our Jazz Ensemble will provide prelude and postlude music. Please join us in celebrating the earth's bounty. (Note: There will be a congregational meeting following UU Café.)

TOUCHSTONESNancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern



"The whole world is the theater for our love.

We are made to love, both to satisfy this necessity within us And also to answer the love of creation around us.

By love our souls are joined and married to the world around

If we focus upon only one part of creation,

We are not loving it too much, but the other parts too little. Never was anything in this world loved too much.

What a treasure is a grain of sand when it is truly understood!

All infinite goodness and wisdom and power are in it. What a world this would be if everything were loved as it should be."

These words were written by Thomas Traherne in the seventeenth century. His poem is a reminder to us to love the earth and all of life that exists here. He says we can never love anything too much, we can only love too little.

This is a challenge to me. I was taught from an early age to be sparing with my love (as if there was a finite amount of it that I might run out of!) I was given a message that others had to be worth something or had to earn the love they would be given. This created a distance between me and any other person, because not only was I waiting to see if the others were "worth the effort," but I believed the corollary must be true; others must be waiting for me to prove I was worth their time, interest or love. It left me feeling insecure, fearful I would be found lacking.

This year as UUCSR focuses on the first principle, we are reminded that we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all. This means we believe there is some deep-rooted characteristic, an essential attribute that is contained in all people, making each of us worthy. In practical terms, this means we are proactively declaring each person has worth and can't be loved enough. We are not waiting for anyone to prove their worth, we are not waiting to love them. We are going to step into the belief that never was anyone in this world loved too much. The other side of this is that we need to recognize our selfworth, and embrace the idea that we can't ever receive enough love.

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Sunday, November 26, 2017 11:00 AM"UUs and White Supremacy" The Rev. Ned Wight

After last spring's hiring controversy and staff resignations at the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), some UU leaders organized a "UU White Supremacy Teachin" and urged UU congregations around the country to suspend their regular Sunday programming to participate. The phrase "White Supremacy" stirred up considerable feelings, doubts and questions. Rev. Wight will explore the implications of this phrase—why it was chosen and what realities it attempts to describe in our culture as a whole and, more specifically, within our UU congregations and the Association to which we belong. He will describe our shared commitment to dismantle racism and chart options for moving forward on our journey to fulfill that commitment.

Sunday, December 3, 2017 11:00 AM "General Assembly Sunday: Resist and Rejoice" UUCSR Delegates to GA 2017

Last June over 15 delegates from UUCSR represented the congregation at the General Assembly in New Orleans, LA. The GA 2017 theme, "Resist and Rejoice," was dedicated to awakening and deepening UUs' commitment to working in solidarity with people on the margins. Some delegates will share their insight and impressions of GA2017 as we look ahead to GA2018 next June in Kansas City, MO. Following UU Café, RE is sponsoring a Holiday Decorating Party in the Art Gallery and Social Hall.

Friday, December 8, 2017

Soulful Sundown

Dinner (\$4) 6:30 PM, Worship 7:30 PM
The Rev. Jude Geiger and Live band: The Cosmic Orchestra
Free Coffee House with Liz Langley
Where music resides at the heart of religious experience

Sunday, December 10, 2017 11:00 AM "Awaiting the Messiah" The Rev. Ned Wight

This time of transitional ministerial leadership at UUCSR invites all sorts of hopes and expectations for the new minister. It's easy to have these build up into a messianic vision of someone who will come and solve all our problems and fulfill all our dreams. How might the congregation prepare more realistically for its next ministerial leader, laying out areas of strength, areas of concern, and areas of opportunity? How might we strengthen the foundation upon which this new leadership can build? Ned will offer an assessment of where we are in our interim work and what tasks lie ahead. This year's Messiah Sing in the Worship Room follows UU Café today. Singers and listeners are most welcome.

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It helps me to see that there is a link between our worth, our dignity, and our loving regard for each other. I pray for us to enter this period between Samhain (All Hallow's Eve) and Winter Solstice reflecting on those whom we may have forgotten to value, those who have fallen out of our intension to love.

Blessed be Nancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern

CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

Save the date for the next Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 19, 2017 Following UU Cafe. All are welcome.



YOUR 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE TO PICK UP AT THE WELCOME DESK!

One per household, please.

The Handbook contains three parts: Member Directory, Bylaws, and Who's Who on Committees.

We welcome your proofreading and corrections! To make corrections to the Member Directory, please log in to MYUUCSR at uucsr.org using your first initial and last name. You may update your own records. Contact Sue Kimler at skimler@uucsr.org if you have any difficulty or comments about the new systems.

Changes to the Who's Who section may be made by contacting Jen Sappell (<u>jsappell@uucsr.org</u>, 516.472.2980) or Linda McCarthy (<u>lmccarthy@uucsr.org</u>, 516.472.2954). Thank you.

Updated documents are posted to the MYUUCSR Member Resources section of uucsr.org monthly. Current handbooks, directories and congregational documents are always available to members. Visit the Member Resources section of MYUUCSR on uucsr.org.



The UUCSR Nominating Committee is seeking members who are interested in applying for openings on the Housing Board and the Veatch Board of Governors. Please contact Toni Logue at 516.705.4152 or tlogue@live.com if you may be interested. These are excellent opportunities to live the values of Unitarian Universalism.

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 Cindy Wilson, Temporary Assistant to the Ministers, at ministerasst@uucsr.org or 516.472.2941 for an application.

VEATCH NEWS

Molly Schultz Hafid, Veatch Assistant Director



Veatch Board Approves \$1,375,000 in Grants at the October Meeting

The Veatch Board of Governors (VBOG) gathered on October 25, 2017 for the first grantmaking meeting of the fiscal year. After lighting the chalice and reading opening words, the meeting started with a short video of Veatch Program grantee Cristina Jimenez. She is the Executive

Director of United We Dream and as we reported in our last Quest column -- a recently announced MacArthur Foundation Genius Award winner! To view the short video of Cristina and learn more about her work visit: https://www.macfound.org/videos/555/

The VBOG then turned their attention to the core business of the meeting: the review, discussion, and approval of 32 grants totaling \$1,375,000. A few highlights from this round of grants include a few renewals in the New York Program Area:

- Make the Road New York (MRNY) which builds the power of the Latino community to achieve dignity and justice through organizing, policy innovation, transformative education and survival services. Recognizing that real and lasting improvements will be achieved only when all New Yorkers have sufficient power to enforce their legal rights, access educational and work opportunities, and achieve broadbased policy change, MRNY supports and enables residents' efforts to access education and legal services, and to shape the public policies that affect their lives.
- Long Island Civic Engagement Table (LICET) which work to transform the culture of civic participation and government accountability on Long Island by nurturing grassroots participation and leadership in working-class communities of color. LICET works with these communities to turn the tide of anti-immigrant and anti-worker politics and build a common platform of economic and racial justice on Long Island.

As well as a few other important groups working with communities facing enormous backlash in the current political environment:

- Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) is a coalition of immigrants, refugees and allies working to lift up fundamental American freedoms and human rights and build a strong, welcoming and inclusive Tennessee. They organize individual immigrants and refugees, as well as organizations that serve immigrant and refugee communities. TIRRC invests in public policy campaigns as a vehicle to build community power and to improve the lives of their members.
- American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute (AMCLI) was created in 2006 to address an ongoing crisis of leadership within Muslim communities across the country. AMCLI provides space for emerging and established Muslim community leaders across the country to discuss common

challenges and begin the process of developing community-led solutions. The program connects advocacy strategy with a community-organizing approach and provides an overarching perspective on the ongoing work in this field.

Congratulations to UUCSR for using your resources to demonstrate your Faith in Action!

Please remember to join us for Veatch Sunday on January 28, 2018 and hear directly from community-based groups working for social change.

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

Eileen Jamison, Large Grants Program Officer

Come and get your dots!! The Large Grants Category Selection process will take place on Sundays, November 12, and 19, 2017. Each member can select three categories by placing a dot next to the category of their choice. Please pick up your dots and make your selections at the Large Grants Advisory Group's table in the Social Hall. The categories that are most popular will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the January meeting.

As always, if you have further questions you can email me at ejamison@uucsr.org.

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



If you are reading this Quest online, you may notice subtle changes to the format. There are now "hotlinks" to email addresses and web addresses. You may now click directly to send an email with a prefilled subject line, or to a web address for additional information about a program or event. You may click on images to go directly to the UUCSR calendar. Online registration opportunities are increasingly available. Questions? Contact jsappell@uucsr.org or 516.472.2980.

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LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jeanne Nametz, RE Coordinator



There are so many opportunities for learning and growth here at UUCSR. Here is an upcoming program and a program enjoyed...

Upcoming Program

The <u>Music and Memory</u> program this coming Saturday evening will be led by Daniel Cohen, a nationally-recognized expert on the role of music on people with dementia and other memory-

impaired conditions. Part of the evening will include a showing of *Alive Inside*, the 2014 Best Documentary of the Sundance Festival. This inspiring film looks at the lives of the elderly and infirm and how their lives are enhanced through digital music technology. The program is Saturday, November 11 from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Art Gallery. There is a \$5 charge for members and \$7 for non-members.

Program Enjoyed

Last week, a group gathered on a rainy evening to explore the ancient art form and spiritual practice of haiku. The presenter was Mankh, author and editor of *Haiku One Breaths*. After hearing haiku both from the classical Japanese masters to contemporary American haiki poets, he encouraged the group to write their own haiku. A deep meditative silence fell over the group as they wrote haiku and shared it among themselves. The act of writing haiku can be an experience of being present in the moment, a central tenant of meditation.

Here is a haiku from Chigetsu, a female Japanese haiku master (mistress) who lived in the early 1700s.

The songbird's song-It stops what I am doing at the sink.

To receive daily haiku emails from Mankh, send an email to mankh@allbooks-books.com.

Many Blessings, Jeanne Nametz

Soulful Small Group

Soulful Small Group is a ministry that brings together the music of Soulful Sundown and elements of Small Group Ministry. We'll explore the spiritual relevance and personal meaning found in a song chosen for each month's reflection and discussion. Facilitators are Alice Giordano and Steve Marston. Please register with Lea Titza at Ltitza@uucsr.org or 516.472.2975. Newcomers will be sent the Soulful Small Group Format and Covenant. Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM, in Room 14 on the the third Friday of the month, the week after Soulful Sundown.

Earth-Centered Traditions

Ministerial Intern Nancy Reid-McKee will trace the roots of Unitarian and Universalist ideas of harmony with the natural world, respect for our place in the web of life on planet earth, and our obligations to celebrate, protect and care for the earth to neo-pagan thinkers and leaders who draw upon ancient and modern traditions of reverence and respect for the earth. RSVP cjones@uucsr.org.

THE CARING AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEES, MEN'S GROUP AND WOMEN'S GROUP

5@55 – The 5 Essential Documents You Need by Age 55

The time is now to focus on healthcare planning and decision making. Are you a procrastinator? No one likes to think about emergencies resulting from illness, death or disability, but these are issues in our lives.

- •Wills
- Health Care Proxies
- •Living Wills
- •Digital Diaries
- Powers of Attorney

Sunday, November 12, 2017 1:30 PM, Art Gallery

The author of a national educational campaign will guide you through a definitive step by step approach to putting the necessary documents in place for health and estate planning.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC, and MORE

SIGHT SINGING AND OTHER HELPFUL HINTS ON SINGING WITH LINDSAY OHSE



Thursday Evenings, November 9, 16, 30 and December 14 at 6:00 PM in the Choir Rehearsal Room. 4 Classes: Members \$4 each or 4 for \$15, Non-members \$5 each or 4 for \$18. Must register in advance. Contact Lea Titza (ltitza@uucsr.org or 516.472.2975).



Saturday, November 11, 2017 7:00 PM • Art Gallery

Speaker: Daniel Cohen, MSWFounding Executive Director of Music & Memory, Inc.

View "Alive Inside," the 2014 Best Documentary, Sundance Fesitival, and discuss the fascinating role of music with dementia and other impairments. \$5 UUCSR Members, \$7 Public. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HANDEL'S MESSIAH!

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 1:30 PM. A community holiday sing conducted by Stephen Michael Smith. Purchase tickets at the door. \$5/\$8 Members/Non-Members, Free/18 and under. Enjoy the music or sing along!.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Ben Bortin, Volunteer and Membership Coordinator



Membership Matters

If you were like me, when I arrived at this congregation over ten years ago, you might see the announcement of a program and wonder --- looks interesting, but am I welcome to attend?

The answer is yes, emphatically yes. You need not seek special permission, you need not be a member of the

congregation. With the exception of a few committees whose deliberations, are by their nature, privileged, our extraordinary array of speakers, book discussion groups, concerts, Social Justice programs, meetings, and fellowship events are open to the public. You are cordially invited, and urged to attend and participate.

I want to call your attention to two in which I'm personally involved, though I'm grateful to the labors of others for making them a reality.

The first is our Holiday Luncheon on December 7, 2017 at the Strathmore Vanderbilt Country Club, 260 Country Club Drive, not far from UUCSR. (Directions are at the Welcome Desk.) It's at 1:00 PM on that date, and the \$35 is all inclusive. My thanks to Carla and Paul Drezner, and Jerry Rudnick, for their Lunch Bunch leadership.

Second, we have an annual UUCSR expedition to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and are planning that for Friday, December 1. There may be van service available. More details will be forthcoming. If you wish to be join the Expeditions planning working group, let me know - BBortin@uucsr.org and 516.472.2934.

Blessings on the beautiful fall season, Ben Bortin

HOSPITALITY HINTS

Meg Cohen, Committee Member

Thoughts about mindfully living our truth:

- What if all members wore their name tags?
- What if while standing in the café line after Sunday service we say hello to the person behind us?
- What if we or our group sits at a table at the café where we don't know at least one person?

Our UUCSR Vision Statement

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

THANK YOU

TO THE CONGREGATION

Many thanks for the thriving plant (which my body and I find inspirational) and for the expressions of concern and wishes for recovery from members of the Shelter Rock Community. My body is healing steadily, and I have a followup visit with the surgeon the week of November 6, which will give me a better idea of what lies ahead. Stay tuned.

From Rev Ned

What a wonderful surprise when a beautiful handicraft from the Caring Committee arrived in my mailbox! And, a big thank you to the Women's Group members who brought much appreciated provisions to my home when I was too ill to go out. What a gratifying feeling to be supported by friends and surrounded by the love that prevails in our faith community. It makes me realize that there's a lot of grace in my life.

-Palma Torrisi

HADLEY HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Hadley House Residents' Council

HALLOWEEN AT HADLEY HOUSE

It was a dark and stormy night on Sunday, October 29. Hadley House residents gathered in our Lounge for our annual Halloween celebration. This year we called it the "Ghoulash Bash" with a decidedly Transylvanian theme. The guests included The Life of the Party, Mother Nature, as well as Banana Woman, a Bunny, a Hard Hat, Gypsies, Romanian Peasants, a Tarot Card Reader who read our fortunes throughout the evening, a HH Cheerleader, Indiana Jones, Bat Woman, a Wizard, a Cowgirl and a Doctor among others festively attired. After a delicious pot luck dinner including two different homemade goulash dishes with noodles and rice, lasagna and wonderful desserts, we enjoyed one another's talents. Seasonal poetry was read by Ben Bortin ("The Cremation of Sam McGee") and Jim Smith ("The Raven"), holiday songs were sung by Barbara Singer, jokes were shared, and word puzzles solved.

We did not see the Big Pumpkin, but we did hear a tap, tap, tapping of an unexpected guest-the "2,000,000 Year Old Man!"! Draped in ancient robes, he spoke with gravely voice—informing the residents this was his first visit to Hadley House. Though he had visited UUCSR before, he was unaware of Hadley House. He called it the best kept secret of UUCSR! A Jewel on the Hill!!

He was certainly the oldest one among us. He spoke of the secrets of his longevity. Aware of our two 99 year young "wonder women," he seemed to be wanting to hear theirs, though it is clear to all that their happy and active lifestyle at Hadley House contributes greatly. He stated that when asked by the newly elected Catholic Pope for advice on how to be a better Pope, he replied, "Lighten up. Be more tolerant. Be more like Unitarian Universalists."

The elderly gentleman admitted not everyone was always happy. He spoke of a lengthy sermon by the Rev. Johnson during which Jim Smith left for a haircut. Upon return, when asked why he didn't get a haircut before the sermon, Jim replied, "I didn't need it then!" Soon after, the 2,000,000 Year Old Man bid us adieu.

So we had some good laughs and fun. A showing of "Young Frankenstein" rounded out the evening. A very good time was had by all.

Another visitor of great age came to call on October 31: Martin Luther. We understand he is 500 plus years old. Bob Nuxoll has a way with his friend from the past, and we were both entertained and informed of the life of this transformative figure from the sixteenth century.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR

Claire Deroche



Keeping the DREAM Act Alive

Since 2001 there has been legislation in the US Congress that would confer legal status on individuals who were brought here as children from outside the country by parents who themselves were without documents. These individuals, who have come to be known as DREAMERs, were often unaware of their undocumented status until they became old enough to

apply for a job or a driver's license or college. Then they learned the painful truth that, through no fault of their own, they were without legal status in this country and that their options for living a "normal" life in the USA were limited.

Although over the years this legislation, known as the DREAM Act, has garnered bipartisan support in Congress, it has never passed. During his administration, President Obama offered these individuals some hope when he signed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Executive Act. Under this Act, some 800,000 DREAMERs who met certain requirements registered with the program. This offered them protection from deportation, the right to apply for work permits and drivers' licenses, and the opportunity to continue their education. The permit had to be renewed every two years.

Under the Trump Administration, Attorney General Sessions has rescinded this program. As of March 2018, all DACA permits will be cancelled and no new ones will be issued. Legislators have until the deadline to propose and pass legislation that would protect the DREAMERS.

There are several DREAM Act bills in Congress right now. The two that show the most promise for passage are 2017 DREAM Act introduced by Sens. Lindsey Graham (RSC) and Richard Durbin (DIL), and Recognizing America's Children Act (RAC Act) introduced by Rep. Carlos Curbelo (RFL). Both the 2017 DREAM Act and the RAC Act would allow individuals who meet specific requirements to stay without threat of deportation, and to work, study, and eventually apply for permanent legal residence. These bills differ in certain details, with the 2017 DREAM Act having the potential to allow more individuals protection than the RAC Act. (See study by the Migration Policy Institute at http://tinyurl.com/y9b88rrd)

Leaders of various faith denominations, including our own UU Association, are calling for the passage of a "clean" DREAM Act, one that does not tie protections of the Act to increases in Immigration and Customs Enforcement or border patrol agents, or to the construction of a wall on our southern border.

On Sunday, November 12 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM, communities of faith on Long Island will walk in pilgrimage from Grace Episcopal Church in Massapequa to the office of Representative Peter King, a distance of about 1 mile. (Vehicles will drive alongside the group in case anyone needs to rest.) We will march and rally in support of the DREAMERs, their families, and all immigrants facing deportation. Will you join us?

The UUCSR van will leave the front door at 1:15 PM. We will return to the congregation by 5:30 PM. To reserve your seat, please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche no later than Friday, November 10. Please include your mobile phone number when you respond.

The pilgrimage is being organized by LI Jobs with Justice and cosponsored by many groups, including the UUCSR Social Justice Committee.

If you cannot march on November 12, contact your US Senators and US Representative and ask them to pass the 2017 DREAM Act without conditions: House & Senate: 202.225.3121.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sundays November 5, 12 and 19, 2017

Donation Drive for Holiday Giving: The Social Justice Committee continues its annual holiday donation drive. Each Sunday members of the committee will be in the Main Lobby after worship to receive your donations so that we can provide turkeys for guests of the INN Soup Kitchen in Glen Cove and the families served by the AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC). For \$25 you can provide a turkey, but donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted. You can donate cash or by check made out to UUCSR with "Donation Drive" in the memo section.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Social Justice Committee Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Art Gallery. New members are always welcome.

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC) Orientation, 6:30 – 8:30 PM If you'd like to learn more about CAIC, tune into this livestream of an orientation session at http://tinyurl.com/y85ledll

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Rally at Nassau County Jail in Support of Incarcerated Veterans and all Individuals Held at the Jail: 12 noon, 100 Carman Ave, East Meadow, NY. Sponsored by the Nassau County Jail Advocates and LI Veterans for Peace. (The SJ Committee is a member of the Nassau County Jail Advocates.)

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Interfaith Pilgrimage to Support Immigrant Youth and Other Immigrants Facing Deportation, 2:00 – 4;00 PM, Rain or Shine, Massapequa, NY. We will congregate at Grace Episcopal Church and walk together to Cong. King's office (1 mile) where we will hold a vigil calling for an end to deportations and the passage of the federal DREAM Act that protects young immigrants and their families. The UUCSR van will leave the front door at 1:15 PM, returning to the congregation by 5:30 PM. To reserve your seat,

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please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche no later than Friday, November 10. Please include your mobile phone number when you respond. Organized by LI Jobs with Justice and cosponsored by the UUCSR Social Justice Committee.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Climate Justice Task Force Meeting: 7:00 PM in the Art Gallery. Religious leaders, scientists and activists all agree: we have reached a state of global warming emergency. There is still time to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. Realize that it only takes 34% of engaged, impassioned citizens—those most concerned—to transform the situation. Come join us and help make the transformation a reality!

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Cooking for Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) Guests, 9:00 AM 12:30 PM in the Main Kitchen. Meals cooked will be delivered to three shelters run by the INN. Contact John Ryan at 516.487.5571 for information.

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Transgender Day of Remembrance at 7:00 PM, Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ, 131 Middle Road, Sayville, NY. Please join us as we gather to honor the Transgender lives lost this past year to hate and violence. The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to antitransgender hatred or prejudice. For transportation to the event please contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche by November 15.

Monday, November 20, 2017

Together to End Solitary Confinement at 6:30 PM in the Worship Room. 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 Worship Room to remember those in solitary confinement, we will go to the art Gallery for a screening of *Structural Racism*, a video presentation by john a. powell, Professor of Law and Professor of African American Studies and Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. (We gather on November 20 instead of November 23 because of the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 23.)

Tuesday, November 21

Conference Call "Ending Prolonged Solitary Confinement" from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Call in number: 1.855.392.2520. When prompted, enter code 5471845#. Speak with statewide advocates and share strategies for passing the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. We are gathering endorsements for the HALT Act from faith communities and faith leadership bodies. If you intend to participate, please email cderoche@uucsr.org to receive the agenda prior to the call.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

The Social Justice Committee of UUCSR sponsors several ways for members of the congregation to meet the needs of others for food and clothing. Members can participate in monthly cooking for guests of the shelters run by the Interfaith Nutrition Network. Members can donate nonperishable food for our own congregational pantry located in the Social Hall by the side entrance to the Main Kitchen and for local food pantries. Donations of gently used clothing benefit our own members through a clothing rack next to the congregational pantry, and men, women, and children served by United Veterans Beacon House. Visit the table in the Main Lobby for details.

MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



December 1, 2017

7:00 РМ • Art Gallery

SafeTALK is a two-and-a-half to three-hour training that prepares anyone over the age of 15 to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.

\$5 Suggested Donation • For further information contact Sharyn Esposito at 516.472.2960 or sesposito@uucsr.org

Myth:

Silver dental fillings increase risk of Alzheimer's disease.

Reality:

According to available scientific evidence, there is no relationship between silver dental fillings and Alzheimer's. The concern that there could be a link arose because "silver" fillings are made of an amalgam (mixture) that typically contains about 50 percent mercury, 35 percent silver and 15 percent tin. Mercury is a heavy metal that, in certain forms, is known to be toxic to the brain and other organs.

Many scientists believe that there is compelling evidence that dental amalgam is NOT a major risk factor for Alzheimer's. Public health agencies, including the FDA, the U.S. Public Health Service and the World Health Organization, endorse the continued use of amalgam as safe, strong, inexpensive material for dental restorations.

Source: Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org

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WOMEN'S GROUP

Maria Ceraulo, Chair, Women's Issues



Seneca Falls

Although I do it joyfully, I remember my students groaning when asked to write what they learned from a field trip. When I recall those days, I think of a 6th grader who feasted on more than ten "cheeeese" sandwiches on the "cheese" school bus. They were the ones the other kids wouldn't eat. The memory makes me smile even

Well, we brought snacks, much more sensible than the "Now and Later" candies and junk food my students brought. We also brought each other, delighted we could be together in the company of feminists on the way to Seneca Falls the hotbed for reformers of the mid 19th century. As part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the right to vote in New York State, we went where it happened.

There's something about being in the place where it began, the touchstone of the women's rights movement. We were there. The suffragists read the "Declaration of Sentiments" at Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in 1848, and it was signed by 100 people - 68 women and 32 men. We were reminded that, at that time, women couldn't own property, could not have custody of their children. They had to give wages to their husbands if they had a job. With some solemnity, we sat and each of us read one of the sentiments aloud before exploring the rest of the Visitors Center and the life-sized statues of the suffragists and Frederick Douglas. At the Women's Hall of Fame, we stood next to cardboard, life-sized likenesses of Sacajawea and Hillary Clinton for pictures.

The influence of Native Americans was of interest. We learned that Matilda Joslyn Gage and Elizabeth Cady Stanton lived in Iroquois territory and had contact with their neighbors. Lucretia Mott visited and saw native women actively participating in governmental decisions! Because newspapers reported on the practices of indigenous peoples at that time, suffragists learned some of their ways. Native American men and women lived in harmony. Male chiefs were put in place by Clan Mothers who nominate, counsel and remove them if necessary. Women were viewed as connected to the land, sacred beings from which all life originates. Children were born to their mother's clan. Violence against women was rare. The suffragists had access then to what many of us didn't know until today.

The last historical stop was at Harriet Tubman's home in Auburn. Although we couldn't go inside as it was closed, we saw the house in renovation, and another building that looked as if people were living there. When we investigated, we learned she established it as a home for aged and indigent African Americans. It was here that she was cared for when her own health deteriorated and where she died. In addition to guiding approximately 300 people to freedom as a leader in the Underground Railroad, the Moses of her people even became active in the women's rights movement. I wonder if my students remember the joy of being together, the fellowship I know I felt on their field trips. I appreciated the group of adventurous, brave feminists who made the 6 hour trip (give

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SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, November 16, 2017

League of Women Voters Post Election Supper, 6:30 - 9:30 PM in the Social Hall.

Friday, November 17, 2017

Women's Group Book Series, 7:30 PM in the Art Gallery. *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff will be topic of discussion led by Diane Mansell.

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Women's Group Holiday Sale, 12:00 - 3:00 PM in the Main Lobby. Jewelry, Trinkets, Gift Items and Baked Treats. Featuring items from UUCSR Quilting and Love & Stitches Groups. Please deliver new and gently used items for sale to the box behind Sharyn's desk. All proceeds support the Hempstead Boys & Girls Club.

SENECA FALLS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

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According to Colin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation and CEO, "Conservation successes across our nation are often considered the envy of the world. Yet for every successful recovery from white-tailed deer, elk, and big-horn sheep to wild turkeys, wood ducks and bald eagles there are hundreds of species in trouble. Populations of songbirds, pollinators and amphibians, mammals from bats to moose and many aquatic species are plummeting. These are today's canaries in the coal mine, serving as harbingers of the emerging sixth extinction and calling us to act, not just for wildlife but for our own health, prosperity and ultimate survival."

For those on the Green Sanctuary Committee and in the Save the Earth movement, we heartily agree. We understand that the two significant challenges facing America's wildlife concern how fragmented wildlife corridors are and how the consumption of forests by wildfires contributes to this. Without healthy habitat corridors and forests, wildlife disappears. Today, many habitat corridors are bisected by roads, development or even walls that can impede the ability of animals to move over their domain. Thus, many animals cannot find food, mate, or diversify the gene pool. More importantly, they are stopped from making their seasonal migrations. We know that dams, for example, have stopped one food source-fish like salmon, from traveling to their spawning regions. Therefore, starting in 2001, the U. S fish and Wildlife Service engineered a more fish-friendly dam. Understanding that salmon needed to spawn upstream and were blocked by some dams in the Pacific Northwest an alternate path was devised to bypass the turbines. The turbines intake system was fitted with a screen that could guide the salmon away from the turbines toward the spill gates. For juvenile salmon, however, the approach was different: they must make their way to the ocean before spawning. To do this, they were caught and transported ocean bound. Therefore, these solutions served to mitigate some of the negative impacts on salmon.

Landscape connectivity is another matter, involving more complex solutions. The National Wildlife Federation is making this a program priority. They are working with diverse groups to understand the migration problems of species in various areas and offering solutions. Protecting our National Park System from further incursions by government and private interests from building business there is on the list. On the other hand, millions of acres of habitat are being destroyed by forest fires annually. What to do has become harder as these wildfires continue because of dry soil and unsavory conditions. What remains is smoke and

ash that humans and animals ingest, and charred forests of what was once beautiful and sacred. Formerly, natural fires used to rejuvenate forest habitats by clearing out old brush and thinning the tree canopy, permitting new growth. But today's fires that burn are hotter and longer and cover more territory. As Collin O'Meara notes, "These fires have been fueled by drier soils, dead trees from bark beetle infestations and a lack of habitat restoration to improve forest health."

Climate change and warming temperatures account for predictable species decline. Migratory problems for many species as they seek cooler elevations will not suffice to lower the risk of extinction for many. On the other side of the equation, warmer winters indicate that insects will be living longer: for example, the traditional die-off cycles of the hungry bark beetles are prevented. If there is any good news, it is that many of us are responding to what is happening to our climate, habitats and species. The Federation and other environmental organizations are building coalitions to implement specific actions to save America's wildlife. Stayed tuned to make this vision a reality in your area and elsewhere.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

THE GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE PRESENTS



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SILENT RUNNING Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:30 PM • Art Gallery



One of the best Sci-Fi movies of the 1970's, starring Bruce Dern as a a long-haired homicidal intergalactic tree-hugger.

It depicts the not very distant future where man has at last finished with Earth. The mountains are leveled and the valleys filled in, and there are no growing plants left to mess things up. Everything is nice and sterile!

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Tuesday, November 07, 2017

Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19 NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15 Housing Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

Wednesday, November 08, 2017

WFLI Meeting, 10:00 AM, Bride's Room Reach Out America, 12:30 PM, Social Hall Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom Expeditions Meeting, 2:00 PM, Veatch Library Library Bookstore Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Bride's Room Stewardship Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Veatch Library NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15 SGM Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride's Room INISFADA-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace SGM Second Wednesday meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Room 19 Food & Water Watch Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conf Rm Social Justice Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery UU Theological Diversity: Three Sources, 7:30 PM, Chapel The Lifeline, 7:30 PM, CANCELLED: RE Room 14 Emergency Preparedness Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conf.Room Greysheeters, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, November 09, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Sight Singing, 6:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Friday, November 10, 2017

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

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 9:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Trip to the Intrepid Air, Sea, Space Museum, 10:00 AM, NYC
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery
Honor Long Island's Veterans Behind Bars, 12:00 PM, NC Jail
I.N.N. Fundraiser, 1:00 PM, Social Hall
Music and Memory, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery

Sunday, November 12, 2017

SGM Second Sunday- Early AM Group, 8:30 AM, Office Conf Rm Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room Worship Committee Meeting, 9:15 AM, Bride's Room Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room Young People's Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Rm Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Music Committee Meeting, 12:45 PM, Bride's Room
SGM Facilitators Meeting, 1:00 PM, Office Conference Room
New Member Orientation, 1:00 PM, NEW ROOM: BALLROOM

Interfaith Pilgrimage to Support Immigrants, 2:00 PM, Off Site 1

BOT/Stewardship Royalties Update, 1:30 PM, Veatch Conf Room

Monday, November 13, 2017

5 @55, 1:30 PM, Art Gallery

RE Classes, 11:00 AM, RE Wing

Adult Programs Meeting, 5:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room Greysheeters, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17 Experience Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery Introduction to Transcendentalism, 7:00 PM, Community Room Program Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom Large Grants Advisory Group Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Art Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Office Conference Room
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
Caring Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Office Conference Room
Veatch BOG Meeting (Meeting), 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Green Sanctuary Film - A Plastic Ocean, 7:00 PM, Social Hall
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
RE Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Meeting, 6:00 PM, RE Room 16 Climate Justice Taskforce, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery INISFADA-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace Emerson and Thoreau, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library Publicity and Promotions Meeting, 7:30 PM, Bride's Room Greysheeters, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Manhasset School Retirees, 10:30 AM, Bride's Room
Sight Singing, 6:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room
League of Women Voters Post Election Supper, 6:30 PM, Gallery
NAMI Spirituality, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15
Green Sanctuary Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Staff Lunchroom
NAMI Substance Abuse Dual Diagnosis, 7:00 PM, RE Room 17
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

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Friday, November 17, 2017

Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Art Gallery

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

Soulful Small Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 14

6th Grade Retreat, 7:00 PM, RE Wing

Women's Group Book Series, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 9:00 AM, Room 204, 205

Saturday INN Cooking, 9:00 AM, Main Kitchen

Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Book Discussion Love God Heal Earth, 11:00 AM, RE Room 15

Dramatic Readings, 5:00 PM, Art Gallery

Sunday, November 19, 2017

 $Mental\ Health\ Sub-Comm. Meetings,\ 8:45\ AM,\ Veatch\ Conf\ Rm$

Great Books-Short Story Omnibus, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4

Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room

Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall

Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room

Young People's Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Rm

Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room

RE Classes, 11:00 AM, RE Wing

Congregational Meeting, 12:45 PM, Worship Room

Monday, November 20, 2017

B&G Meeting, 6:00 PM, Art Gallery

Greysheeters, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17

Together to End Solitary Confinement, 6:30 PM, Chapel, Rm. 4

Experience Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

DAC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom

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

NAMI Family to Family Classes, 6:30 PM, RE Room 15

Investment Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Veatch Conf Room

New -SGM Third Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride's Room

INISFADA-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

Greysheeters, 7:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, November 23, 2017

BUILDING CLOSED-Thanksgiving Day Holiday, except Dinner

Thanksgiving Celebration, 12:00 PM, Social Hall

Saturday, November 25, 2017

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 9:00 AM, Room 204, 205

Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Peace and Meditation Service, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room

Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall

Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room

Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room

UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall

Men's Group Meeting, 12:15 PM, Veatch Conference Room

3rd Sunday SGM Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride's Room

Monday, November 27, 2017

Greysheeters, 6:30 PM, RE Room 17

Experience Kundalini Yoqa, 7:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

Transition Team Meeting, 7:30 PM, Bride's Room

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Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom

Veatch BOG Meeting (Dinner), 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

SGM Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room

 $Committee \ on \ Ministry \ Meeting, 7:30 \ PM, \ Office \ Conf. \ Room$

20th Century Totalitarianism, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom

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

INISFADA-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace

Common Read: Daring Democracy, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

The Lifeline, 7:30 PM, RE Room 14

Greysheeters, 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, November 30, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery

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

Sight Singing, 6:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Library

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Friday, December 01, 2017

Expedition to Metropolitan Museum of Art, 10:00 AM, NYC Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Social Hall

SHELTER ROCK PROGRAMS AT HADLEY HOUSE

Introduction to Transcendentalism

Monday, November 13, 2017, 7:00 PM, Community Room

Small Group Ministry Meeting (Third Friday Group)

Friday, November 17, 1:00 PM Hadley House Community Room

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November 7, 2017

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

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CARING COMMITTEE

Rhonda Kessler, Chair

In the spirit of unity and fellowship, the Caring Committee sponsors its first

Thanksgiving Dinner at UUCSR

Come join our community in gratitude and celebration!

Thursday, November 23, 2017 12:00 3:00 PM

\$15 per person | \$10 Children Social Hall

You will be treated to a full course dinner and beverages.

Please provide an appetizer or dessert.

Kindly RSVP by November 10

To register for this event, please RSVP by form available in the Lobby, or access the form in "Happenings."

(Payment cannot be accepted at the door.)

FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mary Lou Kluger, Chair

"Community is a gift you give yourself"

GOAL: \$237,37

As of
October 31, 2017
222 pledges toward
the Program Budget for
2017/2018 have been
received with a combined
total of \$159,888 toward
a goal of \$237,314.

Have you pledged?

