



The Quest

December 12, 2017

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK

“Celebrating Worth and Dignity for All.”



[See the Shelter Rock Holiday Guide](#)

2017-2018 CONGREGATIONAL THEME

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Thursday, December 14, 2017 7:00 PM

“Service of Memory and Reflection on the Fifth Anniversary of the Shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School
The Rev. Natalie M. Fenimore

We will gather for readings, meditation and candle lighting in recognition of the fifth anniversary of Sandy Hook in the Worship Room at 7:00 PM. Led by The Rev. Natalie M. Fenimore.

Sunday, December 17, 2017 11:00 AM

Family Holiday Service
“Hanukkah & Christmas - Lights of the Season”
Nancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern

At this Holiday Family Service we will enjoy the Nativity Play presented annually by the First Grade Class, and a Hanukkah story that reminds us of our community.

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 7:30 PM

Winter Solstice Worship Service, Chapel (RE Wing)
“The Longest Night of the Year, A Spiritual Place”
Nancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern

WINTER SOLSTICE WORSHIP SERVICE

At this Solstice Service we will take time to honor the creation we are part of, meditate on our life’s passage into another year, and celebrate the ritual of burning the Yule Log together. Willow will be singing for this service.

Sunday, December 24, 2017 11:00 AM

“Welcoming the Winter Holiday Spirit”
The Rev. Natalie M. Fenimore

Today our youngest, and those young at heart, anxiously await the gifts of Christmas morning. And those not celebrating Christmas consider the delights of the winter season with the traditions of festive parties, shining lights, family and friends coming together. Come join us at our regular morning worship service as we hear stories and sing songs to usher in the winter holiday spirit. This is a Family Service. There are no religious education classes. Nursery care. UU Café after the worship service.

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TOUCHSTONES

The Rev. Ned Wight



Here are excerpts from “Awaiting the Messiah,” a sermon I preached on Sunday, December 10, 2017, focusing on expectations and hopes for UUCSR’s new ministerial leader.

This “interim” period is a time of transitional leadership. The past is fixed and known; the future is open and unknown. The “not knowing” can make us anxious—which means it’s time to put our faith into action. There is no reason not to trust that a new

leader will be a catalyst for an exciting and satisfying future—especially if you begin now to share with one another your hopes for what UUCSR can become over the next decade.

It’s rumored that some people are saying, “Keep Ned here and everything will be just fine.” Here is the truth: Under the agreement the Board of Trustees and I have with the UUA, an interim minister such as myself is not available for a long-term call. And even more important, I cannot provide the ministerial leadership this congregation needs for the next decade. To embrace a vital new future, this congregation is ready for a younger leader who can embrace the possibilities of the 21st century—outreach through social media, alternative modes of worship, new ways of framing the challenges that will emerge on Long Island and in American culture in 2020 and beyond.

I have told the Board that I am committed to doing what the Board and congregation determine to be best for the congregation’s long-term health and growth between now and the end of my service, whenever that might be—but in no case later than August 2019. There is no possibility that I will provide ministerial services here beyond August 2019, and it may be that the Board and the congregation decide that a different combination of ministerial skills would be best for the congregation even sooner.

What tasks lie ahead to prepare for a new minister? Share with one another what you want your congregation to be and do in the near future. Engage with the Board in determining what leadership gaps the congregation might have and how best to fill them. Decide on a search process for a new member of the ministry team. It will most likely involve choosing a search committee that has the trust and confidence of all members of the congregation.

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Sunday, December 24, 2017 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: "Las Posadas"
The Ministry Team

"Las Posadas" (the Inns) is a way of recollecting the first Christmas common among Spanish-speaking communities of the American Southwest. Seeking shelter for the night, Mary and Joseph visit a number of inns, and are turned away from each one. Finally they are offered a stable, which is where Mary gives birth to her first-born son Jesus. In narrative and song, the Ministry Team, choir and soloists will invite us all to participate in this journey to find welcome and hospitality—and a renewal of hope. (Jazz Ensemble will participate in the 5:00 PM Worship Service.)

Sunday, December 31, 2017 11:00 AM

New Year's Eve Service - "A New Year Message of Universal Love"
Nancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern

This New Year's Eve service will focus on our Universalist faith tradition, that says we are all loved. We will reflect on how this can be possible, what this means in terms of our worth, and how this message calls us to be in right relationship with each other.

TOUCHSTONES

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I would submit that as a congregation, nothing is more important over the next 12 months than focusing more attention on what you want your future to look like. What are your most vibrant hopes and dreams for UUCSR? What difference do you want this congregation to make . . . in your life, in your children's lives, on the North Shore of Long Island, in the world? What are the specific areas of your mission that are most important to you? What kind of leadership is most likely to help achieve that mission?

We all know how busy everyone is. Focusing attention may require temporarily cutting back on other programs. I know this is a radical idea—but I think it's worth considering.

I am not the Messiah. Your next minister will not be the Messiah. Neither of your current called ministers is the Messiah. The Messiah that appears here every December (in the form of the Community Sing of Handel's Messiah) is magnificent—but not one that will carry you into the new year . . . and into your new future.

I know you are up to the challenge of charting your course. I know you are up to the challenge of determining what leadership will serve you best. May you take up these challenges with enthusiasm, with faith and with love in your hearts.

The truth is this: You are the Messiah you have been awaiting.

So may it be. Shalom. Blessed be. Inshah'allah. Aho! Shanti. Amen.

Cheer and blessings,

Rev. Ned

CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

Adam Barshak, Congregational Operations Administrator



Recent external and internal events have led to renewed questions of security at the congregation by both members and staff. This topic has been reviewed by Buildings and Grounds over the last six years with the discussion centering on the balance between being a welcoming congregation and risk mitigation. Over the years, the scales have tipped heavily in favor of being a welcoming congregation with minimal barriers to congregation entrance. There now appears to a palpable change, where risk management is a priority. Security measures that have been implemented in the last six years are less overt, to include enhanced video surveillance, higher powered radios for communication with the facilities staff, more landline phones in meeting rooms and public spaces to reach emergency services if needed and an automated gate at the top of the driveway preventing access to the grounds at off hours.

Buildings and Grounds is engaged in discussions on more observable security measures that could prevent or respond to issues of safety. Additionally, Church Mutual, the congregation's insurance carrier offers a risk management program in conjunction with a 3rd party safety vendor. A presentation on this program is being scheduled for the Committee for after the New Year. In addition, Adrian Rivera, our Facilities Director, will be contacting local police community relations units to identify what services/recommendations can be offered to the congregation.

While these actions are occurring, we will be implementing a plan to control access points to the building effective December 11, 2017. That plan calls for the Veatch House, RE Wing, Social Hall/Kitchen, Brides Room to be locked. These spaces will be unlocked and available to members/guests at time of event "set up." The building/room will remain open after the event if another event is taking place in the same space within an hour of the event in which the room was opened for. If there is a longer lapse between events the space will be locked again and re-opened at next setup time. Spaces can be opened upon request from staff or member if there is an appropriate need i.e. food delivery for the kitchen. The buildings/rooms will be fully open on Sunday as normal given the amount of activities disbursed throughout the property on that day. In addition to these spaces being locked, the outside entrance door to the ministers' wing will be locked as well. Access can be gained with a key that the Ministers and other staff have.

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 ministerast@uucsr.org or 516.472.2941 for an application.

VEATCH NEWS

Joan Minieri, Executive Director Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock,

Long Island UU Fund Supports Social Justice in Our Own Backyard



The Governors welcomed our colleagues from the Long Island Unitarian Universalist Fund (LIUU Fund) to our November Policy Meeting. We learned how UU congregants from throughout Long Island partner with the Long Island Community Foundation (LICF) to redistribute Veatch funding to organizations working for social change in our own backyard. David Okorn,

Executive Director of the LICF and Sol Marie Alfonso-Jones, Senior Program Officer described the issues facing Long Island and how systems of governance here can shape the ability of organizations to respond effectively. UUCSR representative to the LIUU Fund, Jana North, joined us as well.

Regranting Led by Neighboring Congregations

The Veatch Program established the LIUU Fund at the Long Island Community Foundation in 1993 with a grant of \$105,000, now grown to \$370,000. In addition to funding social justice organizations, it serves to promote a local public presence for Unitarian Universalism. A seven-member volunteer advisory committee from congregations across Long Island governs the fund.

The LIUU Fund has distributed over \$5.6 million to date. It has supported Gay Straight Alliances in over 120 Long Island schools; the development of the Long Island Haitian Support Funders Collaborative to help local Haitian communities affected by the 2010 earthquake; the creation of a racial equity council of black community leaders to advance policy changes to close racial equity gaps; and the ability of the Shinnecock Nation to receive federal recognition, opening the door to millions of dollars in federal grants for health care, housing, education and economic development. LIUU Funds have incubated organizations, such as Long Island Jobs with Justice, now a Veatch Program grantee receiving long-term core support to win better conditions and policies for workers and local immigrant communities.

Challenges to Broad-Based Change

Sol Marie and David described how there are significant challenges on Long Island to promoting equity and justice. The region is not adequately addressing racial segregation, growing poverty, and the needs of rising populations of immigrants and aging Long Islanders.

In 2015, the latest for which poverty data is available, the poverty rate for the Long Island region rose to 6.7%, the highest since 1959. Federal housing and banking policies have created a segregated region that persists today. Racial covenants and bank redlining practices (denial of financial services like loans) excluded black people from living in certain areas. While those practices are no longer legal, local laws and practices like exclusionary zoning and racial steering by real estate agents have perpetuated segregated

neighborhoods. The arrival of over 8,000 unaccompanied minors over the past 4 years, have also strained schools and communities without sufficient government support.

Layers of municipal government sustain inequity. Nassau County and Suffolk County each have their own governments, with a county executive, legislature, and police department. Counties are divided into towns, villages, hamlets and Native American reservations, each relying on its own system of governance. In addition, Nassau and Suffolk are home to 125 distinct public-school districts containing a total of 656 public schools. This intense fragmentation mirrors, and helps to perpetuate, the racial segregation and income disparities seen across the region. Our school system has some of the worst inequities in educational student outcomes in the country. The strongest schools are in mostly white, affluent communities.

Opportunities to Make a Difference

Funding from the LICF often aligns and compliments the LIUU Fund. There is much good news in this alignment, which has expanded affordable housing opportunities; prepared students for success in college and the workforce; improved healthcare for underserved communities; reduced hunger on Long Island; advanced the self-sufficiency of at risk youth; and strengthened the capacity of nonprofit organizations.

Importantly, our partnership is also building awareness of the needs and the political power of the suburbs among national foundations. We are helping LICF connect donors to social justice causes and sustaining the growing acknowledgement of the need to work across the entrenched divides on Long Island, in the name of equity and justice.

We deeply appreciate Sol Marie, David and Jana, and the UU congregants who are a part of the LIUU Fund, putting to work the congregation's commitment to faith in action, here at home.

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.

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

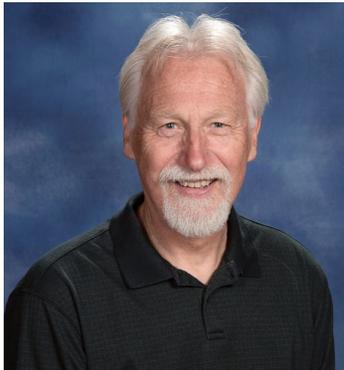


If you would like to have a poinsettia dedicated in memory of a loved one at Holiday Services, please send a check for \$25 and name(s) of the person memorialized to the office, attention "Ministers' Assistant" by Thursday, December 16, 2017. Please write "Poinsettia" in the memo. Contact Cindy Wilson, Ministers' Assistant, with questions ministerasst@uucsr.org.

CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

Klaus Masuch, President, UUCSR Board of Trustees

President's Report Congregational Meeting November 19, 2017



Welcome, I wanted to start by thanking the members of the Board of Trustees for volunteering to serve and for all their effort in conducting the work that needs to be done in steering this complex congregation.

In September the BOT held a two day retreat during which we worked on team building and setting our goals for the coming year. Five goals were agreed

upon to be the focus for this coming year:

1. OCIO selection, implementation and monitoring
2. Hadley House LLC formation, implementation and monitoring
3. Ministry: responsibilities, accountability, assessment, governance; timeline for ministerial discernment; congregational involvement in process
4. BOT leadership and relations with the congregation
5. Membership: recruitment; retention; review of institutional structures and responsibilities

The OCIO selection and HH were taken up first in that they were left over from the last church year and needed further attention. And, since most of the work had already been done it was felt that completing those goals was important and would allow for greater focus on the remaining three.

I am happy to report that the BOT approved the management and custodial agreement with SEI. Contract start date is January 2, 2018 and Graystone will be informed that they will no longer be engaged to provide investment consulting for us.

While this completes one of our established goals the BOT will certainly keep close tabs, along with the investment committee, on performance and compliance with our investment policy statement, IPS. During the initial hand off to SEI our existing IPS will remain in effect until modifications, as needed, can be made. The investment committee will be charged with taking the lead in this effort.

Work continues on moving the management of HH into an LLC as mandated in the Congregational vote in June. A task force was established and it hopes to have its last meeting on November 27. It is hoped that once the task force completes its work the Board will approve the operating agreement and our attorney can be given the go ahead to form the the LLC. This then would complete two of our major goals for this year.

At its two meetings this past week the Board spent significant

time discussing the Ministry at UUCSR, goal number 3. The basic questions that came up were what's next, what needs to be fixed, what does the Congregation want? The bylaws committee submitted a report on the FUTURE OF GOVERNANCE OF THE UUCSR, at Thursday's meeting, which helped provide insight into these questions. And we thank them for all their work.

I wish that I could report that we figured it all out. Instead we realized that this was too complex of a topic to digest and make decisions on, decisions that might effect the Congregation for years to come, in two late night board meetings. It was decided to form a subcommittee of board members to focus the topic and develop a specific time line to present at our December board meeting, hopefully resulting in focused and effective decisions.

This is also in keeping with an agreement that came out of the Board Retreat to end meetings by 9:30. I can report that we've only come close to that goal, but we continue to work on it.

The plan right now is to start the work on goal four and five in December and January respectively. I'll give updates on those at future meetings.

Another item of note is the formation of the Large Grants Program Review Task Force. The Large Grants program was extended through June of 2019 so it is now time to review the program and make a recommendation to the Board on whether the Large Grants Program should be continued after that date and any recommendation for modifications, should it be continued. Carol Garbarino has agreed to chair the task force and I would like to thank her and the entire task force for agreeing to do this work.

I also wanted to briefly mention that several members of the Congregation have expressed concerns about safety, given recent headline making incidents involving churches. There have been many conversations on how vigilant and proactive we might want to be. Suggestions on what we might do run the gamut. Currently we have begun a conversation with our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, on suggestions for risk management. Building and grounds is also discussing this. The ministers are involved and our custodial staff is instructed to be alert and vigilant for potential threats. This is a time where we are called to live our values, what does it mean to be a welcoming congregation that believes in the worth and dignity of all if we allow fear to close us off? Its a fine balance. There will be updates as our knowledge and thinking progress.

Just one more item for me to cover is the annual pledge. If you do not make a pledge by December, and a payment on that pledge, your membership will lapse. So I urge you to do it today, don't put it off.

SHELTER ROCK BOOKSTORE

Need a quick gift?

Stop by the bookstore after Worship Services

CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS

John Ryan, Secretary, UUCSR Board of Trustees



At the November 19, 2017 congregational meeting, a request was made to ascertain if an audio recording was made of the June 4, 2017 congregational meeting and if so, a transcript of the recording be made and have both the recording and transcript available to the congregation in order to confirm that the minutes of the June meeting are accurate. I am confirming that a digital audio recording of the June 4, 2017 congregational meeting was made

and that such audio file has been transcribed by a transcription company. Both the audio file and the transcript are available to members via the MYUUCSR section of the website and will be made available at the January 21, 2018 congregational meeting.

John Ryan, Secretary

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Help for New Year's Resolutions!

Have you once again wanted to explore your spiritual life and have deeper relationships? Small Group Ministry can help you—two hours a month can be just what you need.

Join a group and give yourself the gift of time...

There are openings in many of the groups...contact Lea Titza at ltitza@uucsr.org or 516.472.2975. If you want to talk to someone about SGM before you decide, call Betty Gold 718.805.6929 elizkgold@gmail.com

Soulful Small Group

December 15, 2017, 7:00 PM, Room 14.

Soulful Small Group brings together the music of Soulful Sundown and elements of Small Group Ministry. This month we'll explore the spiritual relevance and personal meaning found in Al Carmines' "Dummy Juggler," a song about the kinds of gifts we give, have, share, and take away. The song and lyrics (not available on the web) will be emailed to those who have registered with Lea Titza at ltitza@uucsr.org or 516.472.2975.

Newcomers who are most welcome, should be familiar with the Soulful Small Group Format and Covenant which Lea will send to you. Facilitators are Alice Giordano and Steve Marston. We start promptly at 7:00 PM. The rear parking lot near the chapel is closest, and will save you a long walk. Complete details can be found here.

Details can be found on the uucsr.org calendar.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. Natalie M. Fenimore

While the holiday season can be a time of great excitement and festive occasions – it is also a time when those among us who have experienced a recent (or even a distant) loss may find ourselves feeling it more deeply. With celebrations all around, it can be hard if you cannot participate because of lack of funds, or time or if you are no longer as mobile or your transportation options are limited. The holidays are also a hard time to be lonely or ill. It can be difficult to find a time and place to acknowledge loss and pain or sadness in this "Season of Joy", and time of miracles. Let us remember to be a comfort for one another.

I offer this edited version of a "Litany for a Blue Christmas" by Debra Faulk:

All around us are bright lights and merry messages.

Yet in our heart not all is joyful.

We know grief and pain.

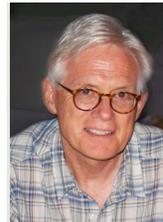
We know anger and regret.

We know hopelessness and loneliness.

...being alive is a courageous act in which we engage all our emotions and this season brings forth many feelings.

We find comfort in naming these feelings; we find some peace being together.

ADULT PROGRAMS



TRANSCENDENTALISM AND THE CULTIVATION OF THE SOUL

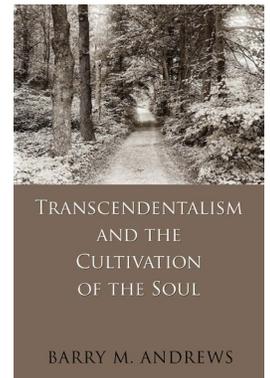
Author Book Reading with
The Rev. Dr. Barry Andrews

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

7:30 PM • Veatch House Ballroom

American Transcendentalism is often viewed as a literary movement—a flowering of works written by New England intellectuals who retreated from society and lived in nature.

In *Transcendentalism and the Cultivation of the Soul*, Barry M. Andrews focuses on a neglected aspect of this well-known group, showing how American Transcendentalists developed rich spiritual practices to nurture their souls and discover the divine.



RSVP Lea Titza at ltitza@uucsr.org or 516.472.2975

SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR

Claire Deroche



Our Responsibility to our Immigrant Neighbors

December is a time when many of us look forward to the happiness and joy of the celebrations of Hanukkah, Christmas, and the New Year with family and friends. In contrast, our 100,000 undocumented immigrant, Long Island neighbors can only look forward, fearfully, to an uncertain future.

In a recent conversation with a woman who is an immigration lawyer, I heard the following story. She had been working with a family to help them overcome the challenges they face to staying in the United States as a family. The father, who is Haitian, has Temporary Protected Status (TPS), a designation given to him because he was here when the 2010 earthquake struck his country. This status allowed him to stay and work without fear of deportation. (TPS for Haitians has recently been revoked by the administration, and individuals have until 2019 to leave the country or be deported.) His wife is a US citizen. He has three children, two who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, which will expire in March 2018 unless Congress passes the DREAM Act, and a young child who is a US citizen. As a family, they face an uncertain future, to say the least.

Recent political rhetoric has criminalized the presence of immigrants here without proper documentation and has led to the violent treatment and unconstitutional detention of them. This practice of demonizing these individuals does not take into account that our Constitution, in both its 4th and 14th Amendments, offers certain protections to any person living in this country. While it is certainly true that any individual guilty of a crime should be held accountable, being in the country without proper documentation is a civil offense, not a criminal one. However, anyone reading about the current actions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) would hardly know that was the case.

As people of faith with a commitment to promoting "The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all," what assistance can we offer to our neighbors facing this uncertainty. For several years, the Social Justice Committee has been collaborating with LI Jobs with Justice. We have participated in their trainings that have prepared some of us to accompany individuals to their court hearings and check-ins with ICE.

The next step in this process would be to join in the Sanctuary Movement. Participation in this movement offers congregations a variety of ways to support those in danger of deportation. While some houses of worship could offer physical living space, others in the network could support that congregation with meals and other necessities. Currently on Long Island one church, the Setauket Presbyterian Church, is offering sanctuary to those in danger of deportation. Recently the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island voted to become a Sanctuary Diocese. In the coming months, members of the diocese will be meeting to determine the details of that designation.

If you would like to learn more about the current Sanctuary movement and how UUCSR might participate, please register now for "Offering Immigrants Accompaniment and Sanctuary Remembrance of Sandy Hook," 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Temple Beth El, 660 Park Avenue, Huntington. The workshop will be conducted by Rev. Donna Schaper, Pastor of Judson Memorial Church in NYC and a nationally-recognized expert on providing undocumented immigrants with accompaniment and sanctuary. UUCSR has reserved 6 spaces at this workshop. If you are interested, please respond immediately to Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche. Transportation will be provided.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

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

Saturday, December 16, 2017

Cooking for Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) Guests, from 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, December 17, 2017

Donation Drive for Holiday Giving: The Social Justice Committee continues its annual holiday donation drive. Members of the committee will be in the main lobby after worship to receive your donations so that we can provide roaster chickens 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 two roaster chickens, 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.



Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about UUSC's work to advance human rights around the globe. This year's theme, "Small Change is Big Change," reminds us that UUSC does a lot with just a little. (Charity Navigator gives UUSC its four-star, highest rating.) Through research, advocacy, and grassroots partnerships, UUSC advances human rights in the United States and around the globe. This year's GAYT's boxes are available in the lobby and will also be on tables at UU Café until Christmas for your donations. Please complete the form on the box and return it with your donation for "Big Change" by placing your boxes under the tree in the chancel at either of the Christmas services.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Monday, December 18, 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, we will go to the art gallery for a screening and discussion of *White Privilege*, a video presentation by Robin DiAngelo, PhD, Former Professor of Education and Author of *What Does It Mean to be White?* (We gather on December 18 instead of December 23 because of the Christmas Holiday.)

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Register Now: "Offering Immigrants Accompaniment and Sanctuary," 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Temple Beth El, 660 Park Avenue, Huntington. The workshop will be conducted by Rev. Donna Schaper, Pastor of Judson Memorial Church in NYC and a nationally-recognized expert on providing undocumented immigrants with accompaniment and sanctuary. Sponsored by Jobs with Justice. UUCSR has reserved six spaces at this workshop. If you are interested, please respond immediately to [Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche](#). We will travel in the UUCSR van.

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENTS (SRI)

Capital Good Fund

The Socially Responsible Investment Committee (SRI) provided Capital Good Fund with a \$100,000 loan in March 2015. All funds have been dispersed to support the initiatives of this certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Capital Good Fund supports families and individuals with loans at reasonable interest rates and with the help of financial coaching works to craft pathways out of poverty.

In 2015, Capital Good Fund embarked on a plan to offer 17,000 loans over five years, and now operates in four states.

In October, 2017, Capital Good Fund received its largest influx of capital with a \$466,000 grant through the U.S. Treasury's CDFI program to expand its lending and financial coaching.

Capital Good Fund now offers emergency loans for the purchase of propane in winter, to pay utility bills to avoid potential shutoffs, car loans to enable access to jobs and education are an important tranche of their initiatives. They also offer weatherization loans in collaboration with the local utility company in Rhode Island. The SRI Committee provided a loan to Capital Good Fund for consumer and auto loans during the formative years of this organization.

Our SRI loan program takes pride in funding organizations that chip away at the wealth and opportunity gaps in our society and provides support for pulling individuals and families out of the ring of poverty that engulfs many neighborhoods in our country.

*The SRI Sub-Committee of the Investment Committee is open to congregants who want to do good and do it right!
Please visit regular SRI meetings first Wednesdays monthly.*

December 12, 2017

SHELTER ROCK FORUM

SHELTER ROCK FORUM PRESENTS
A PERSON OF MORAL COURAGE

CHUCK COLLINS



BORN ON THIRD BASE

Growing Up Advantaged in a
Time of Extreme Inequality

Sunday, January 7, 2018

1:30 PM

Worship Room

\$5 Suggested Donation | Open to All | RSVP: uucsr.org/collins

Chuck Collins first gained public attention in 1985, when he gave an inheritance of \$500,000 to several foundations at the age of 26. He is the Director of the Institute for Policy Studies' Program on Inequality and the Common Good. His latest book is *Born on Third Base: A One Percenter Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common Good*.

Chuck Collins is co-founder of Wealth for the Common Good, a network of business leaders, high-income households and partners working together to promote shared prosperity and fair taxation. This network merged in 2015 with the Patriotic Millionaires. In 1995, he co-founded United for a Fair Economy (UFE) to raise the profile of the inequality issue and support popular education and organizing efforts to address inequality. He was Executive Director of UFE from 1995-2001 and Program Director until 2005.

SHELTER ROCK FORUM AIRS ON PATV

Saturdays and Sundays at 9:00 PM

Tuesdays at 3:00 PM

Richard Reeves is currently airing.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Ben Bortin, Volunteer and Membership Coordinator



Membership Matters

Add to the substantial list of new members listed in the last Quest, **Henry Smith, Maria Starace-Hiner, Daniel Ambrose, and Allyson Ambrose.** A most cordial welcome to them all, and hopes to each of them for a most rewarding, sustaining journey in a welcoming community of fellow seekers!

I also want to offer a personal expression of gratitude to all of you, for personal support in a very difficult time for me. Your expressions of sympathy mean more to me than words can say.

And I wish you much love on the holiday season.

Ben

MEMBER EVENTS

Possible Expedition to the Bronx Zoo at night, Thursday, December 28, 2017. Stay posted for details. Contact BBortin@uucsr.org or [516.472.2934](tel:516.472.2934).

MILESTONES

We mourn with... UUCSR members Ben Bortin and Andrea Starr following the unexpected death of Ben's son, Jonathan Bortin, on Monday, December 4, 2017. Condolences may be sent to:

*Ben Bortin and Andrea Starr
464 Main St., Apt. 207
Port Washington, NY 11050-3138*

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Caring Committee and everyone who sent condolences or otherwise expressed grief or concern regarding the passing of our cousin Phyllis. It was deeply appreciated.

Barry and Maija Nobel

I thank those who reached out to me with their cards and phone calls.

Happy New Year to All! Norma Hohenstein

CARING COMMITTEE

Rhonda Kessler, Chair



Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of appreciation to all who participated in our first ever Thanksgiving Celebration at UUCSR! What an event it turned out to be with over 70 guests in attendance!! I'm grateful to Reverend Jennifer Brower, Minister of Pastoral Care, who supported the Caring Committee in our endeavor to host the event. My dream became a reality and by all counts, it was really appreciated by those who attended.

So many individuals worked effectively to make this occasion possible including members, as well as, facilities and congregational staff. Kudos to you for this monumental task!! What an incredible feeling for me to experience the warmth and vitality of the crowd in the room. The music resonated! I had to get up and dance. How extraordinary to hear Suzanne Viverito perform, accompanied by her friend and professional pianist, Charles Henry. Listening to this combo was a rare and wonderful treat for all. How incredible it felt to receive many warm embraces, and expressions of appreciation that made the months of planning seem all worthwhile.

I am SO proud of many from our Caring Committee including Riki Birk, Martha Chimienti,, Robin Finnan-Jones, Carol Rothbell, and Renee Silver, as well as the generosity of others from our larger UU community including Dorothy Andrews, Diane Heckman, Diane

Mansell, Steve Marston, Hugh Stephens, Frank Telsch , Heidi Warm, and Maryann Zapulla, Serving this large a crowd was no small feat and we certainly couldn't have done it without you!!



A huge thanks goes to our facilities staff: Michael Grannum and Michael Hiatt and Marta Servellon who worked so hard on the day of the event, as well as the day before in setting up the room and preparing china service for our guests.

It bears mentioning that the nuts and bolts of this whole undertaking were handled in large part by the assistance and cooperation of our office staff. We are blessed!

Reverend Ned was my mentor. Nancy Reid-McKee, Ministerial Intern encouraged the implementation of a charitable collection. The grand total raised for the Hurricane Maria Community Recovery Fund exceeded \$500!

Until next year, with gratitude and thanks,

Rhonda Kessler, Chair

HADLEY HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Hadley House Residents' Council

OUR ADULT COMMUNITY— LEE GEISEN

**Nancy Jacobson, Roz Levinson,
Lilyan Strassman, Jerry Galazo**



From Africa with the Peace Corps to the Kennedy household, then a PhD in Psychology and career in Clinical Psychology, the extraordinary life of Dr. Lee Geisen could be a Hollywood movie!

As a pre-med student at Middlebury College in the early 1960s, Lee was deeply inspired by Dr. William Sloan Coffin, visiting from Yale, and Eduardo Mondlane, Chairman of the Mozambique Liberation Front. Both spoke of the needs and possibilities of helping the African

people who were just emerging from colonization. Lee decided to switch majors and pursue African and Middle Eastern Studies.

After graduation, she was accepted by the Peace Corps for work in Africa. She learned Swahili during the three month Peace Corps training at Columbia University. Then off to Mbeya, Tanzania, a small town in the southern highlands. She taught English, history and biology in a regional high school to teens from local villages. Many spoke only their tribal dialect but were somewhat able to communicate in Swahili. Thus the work began. Lee used her newly learned Swahili to teach the students English. She expanded the restricted British curriculum to include African cultural studies and African history as well. Lee refused to teach by rote and introduced her students to more thoughtful learning methods. She is very proud that her school and her students achieved outstanding success on the British Overseas Exam at the end of term, which allowed them to continue their education at university!

Robert and Ethel Kennedy visited Mbeya as they toured the coast of East Africa. Imagine Lee's shock finding herself looking into the faces of the Kennedys as they introduced themselves to her while touring her school!

After two fulfilling years as a teacher, she decided to join a medical team, consisting of Peace Corps Volunteers and Tanzanian medical students, many of whom were shocked by life in the more primitive bush. Many tribal members had never seen a white face before. She traveled and camped in the open with a small group of fellow workers for six months teaching community health to many in the local villages and vaccinating for small pox, polio, and tuberculosis. She reports their efforts and those of other such groups eradicated small pox in Tanzania!

Once back in the states, Lee's unexpected encounter with the Kennedys led to her next job. Ethel Kennedy remembered her and hired her to work at Hickory Hill, the Kennedy estate in Virginia, as Business Secretary for the family. That entailed wearing several hats, including supervising staff to maintain smooth operation, managing expenses and helping the children when the governess was away. She travelled with the family on their trips to Sun Valley and Hyannisport. Her plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career in the foreign service were altered when Robert was killed. She stayed on at Hickory Hill to provide support to the household, the

children and to Ethel, who was in her seventh month of pregnancy.

Lee's next big step was her decision in 1973 to become a clinical psychologist. She studied at The Institute for Advanced Psychological Studies at Adelphi University. As a new graduate she worked as an intern at North Shore Hospital under Dr. Jean Schultz (Judd), Director of Inpatient Psychiatry, who became her first mentor. Subsequently, Lee was hired as a Staff Psychologist. Lee stayed on at North Shore for 38 years, retiring to part time private practice in 2015.

Lee and her one year old son Ben found a home at UUCSR in 1991. The "greatest joy" in her life was in raising her adopted son Ben. She was a single mother, and it was "tough, but infinitely worth it!". Lee is currently the UUCSR Coordinator of the Adoption Triad Ministry.

Hadley House is her home these days for which Lee feels very blessed. She especially appreciates the camaraderie and independent life style. She continues in private practice as a psychologist. In her free time she enjoys walking, reading British mysteries and keeping up with her friends at UUCSR.

RECENT and UPCOMING HADLEY HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Dr. Arthur Rifkin, an experienced Psychiatrist and long term UUCSR member, presented a lecture at Hadley House on "Transcendentalism." He brilliantly described its origins, its nay-sayers and its supporters by such notables as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Thoreau and Louisa May Alcott. The audience was deeply involved, participating in a Q & A, followed by refreshments and continued discussion.

Cabaret at Hadley House: 'Twas like a Festival of Talents celebrating their gifts with us all! Thank you Cabaret Cast of 2017, Richard Bock, Music Director and Suzanne Viverito, Choreographer.

Sponsored by the Adult Program Committee

Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM
at Hadley House

December 20, 2017 - January 17, 2018

A photograph of a green bamboo plant with several stalks and leaves. In the foreground, there are several smooth, black, rounded stones stacked on top of each other.

COST:
5-class package for students who want to attend all classes is \$50
Please pre-register to receive the 5-class package discount price.
\$12 a class for drop ins.

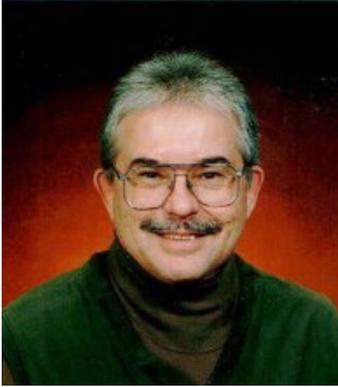
In these classes, we will explore some of the "Seven Static" breathing exercises, as well as a few dynamic movements to cultivate your center, improve balance and alignment, protect against falling, and build confidence in your body. Using the basic principles of Chinese Medicine theory, we will explore how to direct your Qi into a more balanced state to maintain quality of life as you age. Specific concerns, such as hypertension, stroke, arthritis, or weak joints, will be addressed, as needed. Private guidance and supplementary treatment, such as Qi Massage, may also be applied to support the process upon request.

Led by Ashley Baldwin, a Port Washington native who studied and taught yoga therapeutically over a span of 6 years. Wishing to extend her capacity to provide sustained holistic health, Ashley traveled to Thailand and met Qi Gong master and Chinese medicine doctor Ajarn Toh, creator of the Thai Qi Holistics system, with whom she has studied daily since February 2016.

Advance registration recommended, but not required.
Please contact Susan Bagnini at sbagnini@uucsr.org

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

Jim Smith, Chair



On behalf of the Publicity and Promotions Committee, I would like to thank all those that completed the Quest Survey. The response was overwhelming, with close to 250 members providing feedback, by far the largest response rate of any known survey of the congregation. Clearly the Quest is an important part of congregational life.

The Quest was first issued in June 1946 and evolved from the Calendar of the North Shore Unitarian Society first produced by Rev. Gerald F. Weary in January of the same year. The original logo for the Quest, a sailboat heading to sea, was designed by member Ursula Bostick and reflected a passage from the Rev. Arthur Weatnerly, Rev. Weary's minister in Lincoln, Nebraska:

It is hard to leave a safe harbor and sail uncharted seas. This is however an adventure that gives zest and meaning to life. Life then can no longer be a humdrum affair. It has within it not only adventure but romance as well. The story of mankind is thrilling and is marked by those courageous souls who left beaten paths and did go venturing forth. It is this which makes the way of life called "liberal" appealing to those who are not content to rest in the arms of tradition and creed.

The first Quest was three pages, provided upcoming sermon titles for June, promoted a summer picnic and a church art exhibit, noted an upcoming Board meeting and annual meeting of the Metropolitan Conference of Free Churches, welcomed new members and supported a food relief campaign for starving victims of the aftermath of WWII in Europe and Asia. Over its five decades, the Quest has grown to upwards of 12 pages and recently as high as 20, promoting many of the same themes as the original Quest but to a much greater extent as membership and congregational

activities have grown. Recognizing the resources needed to produce the Quest coupled with alternative forms of information dissemination that did not exist in 1946, the Committee proposed a survey to help identify where the Quest remains relevant for today's membership.

Although the committee recognizes that the survey is not scientific, it does believe the results are meaningful and can help shape a Quest editorial and distribution policy and lead to dialogue on other ways congregational information and opinions can be communicated to members and the community. Almost all responders felt the Quest remains relevant and represents the congregation. Upcoming Sermons, Touchstones, Ministerial Announcements, Program Announcements and Promotions, Member Milestones and Social Justice Articles and Announcements were noted as "very Important" by a significant number of responders. All other content preferences lagged in comparison.

A distribution frequency of twice per month remains the overwhelming favorite while there is a close race between interest in receiving a paper vs. email version of the Quest. Additionally there was interest in web based access, while circulation through social media such as Facebook was almost universally rejected. Special Holiday editions and opinion pieces piqued the interest of a significant number of responders.

The full survey results are accessible through this link: <https://www.formstack.com/admin/submission/report/10179194?share=vjpFV8eh2x&view=charts>

The committee will be working with Jen Sappell, communications manager, and our congregation operations administrator, Adam Barshak, on reshaping the Quest and other forms of communication in the future based on the survey results. Additional surveys may be forthcoming to further define content and formatting.

Thank you for your support on this initiative. We hope everyone has a joyous holiday season.

THE QUEST



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June, 1946

GERALD F. WEARY
Minister

WOMEN'S GROUP

Maria Ceraulo, Chair, Women's Issues



And Yet, She Persisted

In a review of "Women & Power: A Manifesto" by Mary Beard, we are reminded that Aristotle believed women's voices were proof of their wickedness. Ms. Beard recounts many ancient myths where women were prevented from testifying to the violence they experienced. Way back when, their very tongues were torn out! She also reminds us that, in ancient myths, some women found ways to tell their stories. With her

tongue cut out after being raped, Philomena wove her story into a tapestry depicting the crime and her assailant.

My new bag from the Democratic Committee arrived the other day. The logo, "Nevertheless, she persisted," appears and covers the bag. The letters surround an insert of the Statue of Liberty. I just love it! The arrival of this bag reminded me of Senator Kamala Harris who was repeatedly interrupted during Senate hearings. In spite of being talked over and belittled, she persevered. When I sent away for the bag, I was celebrating her.

In light of the recent outpouring of abused women and some men, many of us express shock and outrage at the numbers of high powered male perpetrators. Why now? Have the victims simply had enough, or just too much? One wonders what gave them the courage to risk retaliation, not being believed, attacked, dismissed as gold diggers, or simply seeking attention and fame?

What about all those who knew and said or did nothing? David Leonhardt calls this a "conspiracy of inaction". As a reporter in high school, he ignored the biggest story at his school. He is still haunted thirty years later. There were the teachers at his school that made comments about girls' bodies, one suspiciously friendly with female students, the music teacher solicitous of male students. He ignored it. Not just the student reporters but even administrators looked the other way. Then it came out. People knew. People also knew about Roger Ailes, Bill O'Reilly, Harvey Weinstein and Kevin Spacey. They knew something, not everything, but something. And they didn't act.

What about the victims that did come forward, only to be dismissed?

Remember Anita Hill? She was vilified for dragging such a taboo subject into Congress. Twice as many Americans believed Justice Thomas, not her. Our current President was elected after admitting to groping women. His accusers were demeaned and feel forgotten. When Mia Kirschner reported Mr. Weinstein's behavior, she was told, "forget about it."

Then there were the people who aided and abetted. Some were fearful of losing their well paid jobs. They even arranged for hotel rooms and young women to be sacrificed. To add to these unthinkable events, it's recently come to light that the taxpayers have financed an out of court settlement of \$84,000.00 to settle a lurid sexual harassment case against Representative Blake Farenthold. The list gets longer with no end in sight.

Why so many male predators, one wonders? David Brooks suggests that men are raised and think in three different ways about sex. One way is that sex is something you do with someone you love. It is special, done in a giving frame of mind. He believes most men are raised this way. However in adolescence, males become prospectors, searching for a gold nugget, a pleasure. They're on the prowl, wanting to share the pleasure like a market transaction, racking up victories. But he also points to a minority, the predators, where pleasure and power mix. He calls it "hostile masculinity". These men get pleasure from punishing women who arouse them. They don't look for a relationship, have no idea of the pain they cause, and are unable to see their victim at all. Mr. Brooks believes that if men had a clearer concept of a beautiful relationship, of a positive vision of how sexuality fits into a richer life, they would distinguish it from predation and hopefully end it.

It's about power and money, a New York Times editorial tells us. It thrives in workplaces where women are kept out of power, paid less for equal work. Economic power is wielded in attempts to silence very vulnerable single mothers who cannot easily recover from losing their jobs. How much choice is there when offered silencing money or the loss of one's job? Certainly these women are not on equal economic footing with stars like Gwyneth Paltrow.

We need to focus on education and prevention, on how to make it easier to report, be fair, and be protected from retribution. More efforts like those at The University of Pennsylvania are needed. They mandate sexual violence prevention workshops for members of Greek organizations on campus. These efforts need to be expanded and multiplied.

We applaud all those who persisted, who spoke their truth to power. There will be less and less of this behavior when it's clear that women will not be quiet or dismissed, jobs of high powered and not so high powered will be lost, positions in government will be forfeited and there will no longer be a fund for out of court settlements due to improper, unlawful behavior of lawmakers. There will be even less if more young men are educated about sexual assault, what constitutes consent and learn to value love and its expression in intimate, giving relationships.

WOMEN'S GROUP TGIF



**#metoo
Speak Out**

Friday, January 5, 2018, 7:30 PM, Chapel

Fireside readings, candlelighting & sharing
Healing ritual & member-led readings & support
Moderated by Lilyan Strassman, LCSW-R

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Native Americans and Solar Energy

Native Americans have lived mainly on reservations throughout the United States and generally still do. They are a proud, neglected indigenous people living close to the land, land that was once more green and beautiful than it is today. Most of these tribes are also living simply, without modern conveniences that rely on electric power. This is too costly for them when it is generated from the fossil fuels we use, generally oil and gas and, of course, dirty coal. But fortunately, help has arrived. One man, Tim Willink, has brought them renewable energy.

Tim came from a Navajo Nation community. It is called the Pueblo Pintado, which is located in New Mexico. He was lucky enough to have electricity in his home: his parents were school teachers. However, his grandparents did not. They lived in an isolated region of the reservation, so visiting them was quite an experience for him. There he lived a simple life from going to bed earlier at sunset and experiencing the quiet of the land, as well as helping them chop wood or herd sheep. For light, they used kerosene lamps, which many Americans and citizens relied on in earlier days. So when he returned home and later went off to college, he became even more aware of disparities between those on reservations and those who lived elsewhere..

In Washington, DC, he landed a job with the Navajo Nation and learned much about public policy. Renewable energy and solar, in particular, struck a chord within him. His background with wide-open spaces and beautiful, strong sunlight led him to becoming a solar installer. This involved putting panels on businesses, medical centers and schools. Therefore, when he returned home, he realized the solar lessons he'd learned could be applied to reservations. He asked, "Why can't we do this here?" Grid Alternatives, an organization that partners with Native American tribes in the United States, was the answer.

Currently, Tim Willink leads the National Tribal Solar Program at Grid Alternatives. Already over 500 residential solar installations with tribes have been managed. This is life changing for the Indians that live there. They can now refrigerate medicines. This is particularly vital because of the high number of adult Native Americans and Alaskan Natives that are 2x more likely to have diabetes than non-Hispanic whites. In fact, from 1994-2004 this rate has doubled for those under the age of 30. Whether this is due to heredity, sociological, economic and other factors is not clearly established, but a house with solar panels affords Native Americans refrigeration which we often take for granted. Also, they can now use cell phones because they have power to charge them, a very handy device for emergencies and every day connectivity. Finally, the solar installations can help with existing energy costs by lowering them. For Native Americans this is much needed money saved.

Grid's outreach extends far beyond solar installation. Workforce development is a large component. Native Americans and others can get hands-on-training in solar installation. They can also help tribal college students get the opportunity to study system maintenance and enroll in construction-education programs. What is amazing is, "According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, tribes currently have 2 percent of the land in the United States, and those lands represent 5% of the renewable energy potential." With Tim Willink at the helm, he is not only

bringing solar power to many communities on reservations throughout the U.S., but also working with AmeriCorps. With the three-year grant they gave, more Native Americans are becoming involved in these projects. As those in the solar industry know, this is the future for all of us. We can eliminate pollution and the cost of fossil fuel energy as we create thousands of new jobs every year as the demand increases and combat global warming as well.

Elaine Peters for the Green Sanctuary Committee

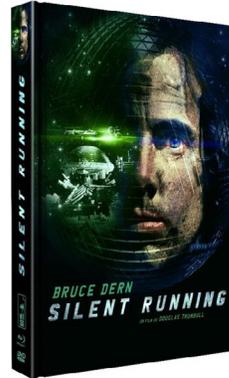
GREEN SANCTUARY FILM

THE GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

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 finished with Earth.

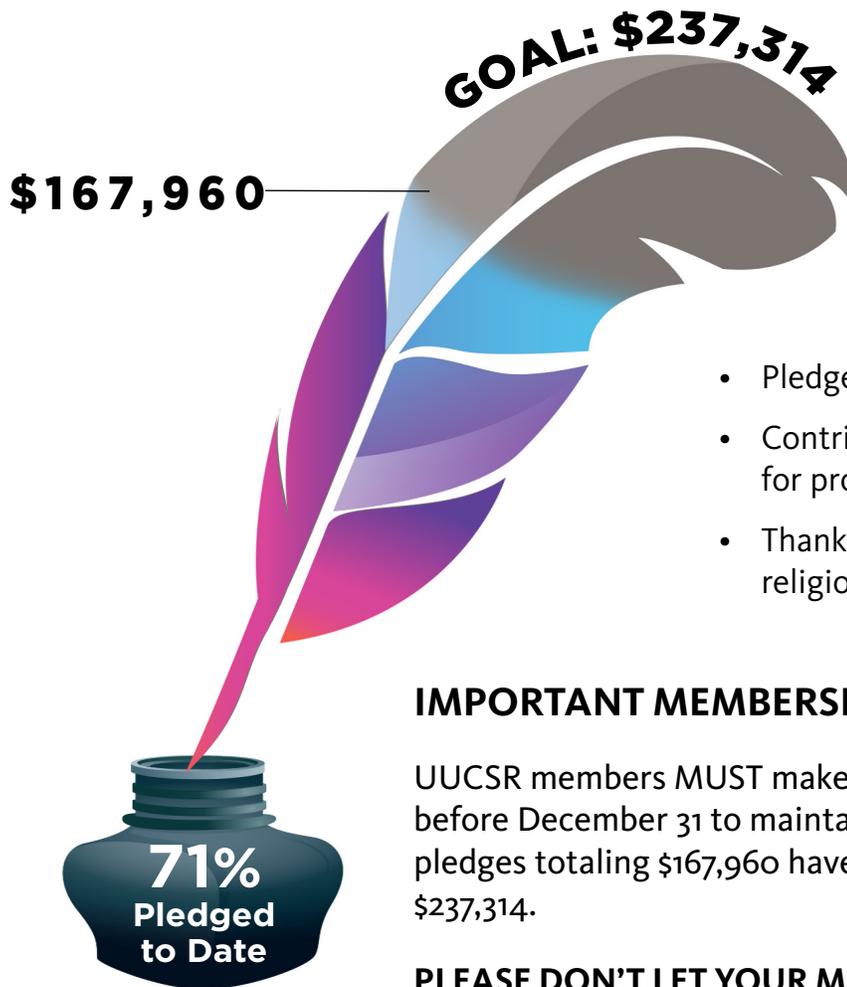
The mountains are leveled and valleys filled in; there are no plants left to mess things up.

Everything is nice and sterile!

FREE. All are welcome.

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The UUCSR Pledge Campaign for 2017-18

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- Contributions are the ONLY funding for programs.
- Thank you for supporting your religious home.

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UUCSR members **MUST** make an annual pledge AND a payment before December 31 to maintain membership. To date, only 252 pledges totaling \$167,960 have been received toward a goal of \$237,314.

PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE.

Reinstatement policies will apply.

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

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Art Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Office Conference Room
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
Nominating Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Conf.Rm
Veatch BOG Meeting (Meeting), 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Caring Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Office Conference Room
Member Resource Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride's Room
Housing Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library
Silent Running Film, 7:30 PM, Social Hall
Committee on Ministry Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Terrace

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Reach Out America, 12:30 PM, Social Hall
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Bookstore Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Bride's Room
Investment Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Veatch Conf. Room
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace
SGM Second Wednesday meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Room 19
Social Justice Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
The Lifeline, 7:30 PM, CANCELLED: RE Room 14
Emerson and Thoreau: Transcendentalism, 7:30 PM, Veatch Lib.
Publicity and Promotions Meeting, 7:30 PM, Bride's Room
Greysheeters , 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Sight Singing with Lindsay Ohse, 6:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal Rm
NAMI Substance Abuse Dual Diagnosis Grp, 7:00 PM, RE Rm 17
Food and Water Watch Holiday Party, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Friday, December 15, 2017

Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Art Gallery
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Small Group Ministry Third Friday mtg, 1:00 PM, Hadley House
Soulful Small Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 14
Transcendentalism - Rev. Barry Andrews, 7:00 PM, Ballroom
Women's Group Book Series, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Saturday, December 16, 2017

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 9:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Midnight Run Preparation, 6:30 PM, Social Hall
Holiday Sing-A-Long Dessert Tasting Party, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Mental Health SJC Sub-Committee, 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
UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Holiday Meal Drive, 12:00 PM, Main Lobby Men's Group

Meeting, 12:15 PM, Veatch Conference Room
3rd Sunday SGM Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride's Room
Ministry Task Force Meeting, 1:00 PM, Veatch Library

Monday, December 18, 2017

Building and Grounds Meeting, 6:00 PM, Bride's Room
Greysheeters , 6:30 PM, RE Room 17
Together to End Solitary, 6:30 PM, Gallery & Worship Room
DAC Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conference Room
Large Grants Advisory Grp, 7:30 PM, Library & Office Conf. Rm

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Overeaters Anonymous, 10:30 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Nar-ANON Meeting, 6:30 PM, RE Room 19
New -SGM Third Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride's Room
SGM Fourth Tuesday Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Terrace Room
Offering Immigrants Accmpnmnt/Sanctuary, 7:00 PM, Off Site
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Committee on Ministry Meeting, 7:30 PM, Office Conf. Rm

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM, Hadley House
WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Meeting, 6:00 PM, RE Room 15
Climate Justice Taskforce, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Zen Holiday Party, 7:30 PM, Veatch House
Winter Solstice Worship Service, 7:30 PM, Chapel
Greysheeters , 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
NAMI Spirituality, 6:30 PM, RE Room 4
Green Sanctuary Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Staff Lunchroom
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Friday, December 22, 2017

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

Saturday, December 23, 2017

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 9:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Saturday INN Cooking, 9:00 AM, Main Kitchen
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Sunday, December 24, 2017

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 Family Friendly, 11:00 AM, Worship Room
UU Café, 12:00 PM, Social Hall
Christmas Eve - Worship Service, 5:00 PM, Worship Room
Christmas Eve - Worship service, 7:00 PM, Worship Room

Monday, December 25, 2017

Christmas Day Holiday, CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Christmas Eve Holiday, Building Closed

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM, Hadley House
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
NAMI Family Support Group, 7:00 PM, RE Room 15
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace
Greysheeters , 8:00 PM, RE Room 17

Thursday, December 28, 2017

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
NAMI Substance Abuse Dual Diagnosis Grp, 7:00 PM, RE Rm 17
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Friday, December 29, 2017

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

Saturday, December 30, 2017

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 9:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Peace and Meditation Service, 8:30 AM, Chapel
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, CANCELLED
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
New Year's Eve Party, 8:00 PM, Main Building

Monday, January 01, 2018

New Year's Day Holiday, CLOSED

Tuesday, January 02, 2018

BOT Agenda Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Library

Wednesday, January 03, 2018

Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM, Hadley House
WG - Women Talk Daytime, 12:00 PM, Art Gallery
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace
Membership Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery

Thursday, January 04, 2018

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
Thursday INN Cooking, 9:30 AM, Main Kitchen
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Literacy Nassau New Volunteer Orientation 1:00 PM, RE Rm 15
Personnel Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bride's Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room
Shelter Rock Forum Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Rm 4
Friday, January 05, 2018, Tai Chi/Qi Gong, 10:15 AM, Art Gallery
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Midnight Run Preparation, 6:30 PM, Social Hall

Saturday, January 06, 2018

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 9:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Memorial - Phyllis Borsky, 1:00 PM, Worship Room

Sunday, January 07, 2018

Side by Side, 8:30 AM, RE Room 15
Women's Group Board Meetings, 8:45 AM, Veatch Conf. Rm
Women's Group Board Meetings, 8:45 AM, Veatch Kitchen

Great Books-Short Story Omnibus, 9:00 AM, RE Room 4
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
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
Love and Stitches, 12:30 PM, RE Room 15
Small Group Mtg First Sunday Meeting, 1:00 PM, Bride's Room
SRF Presents Chuck Collins, 1:30 PM, Worship Room

Monday, January 08, 2018

Adult Programs Meeting, 5:00 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Kundalini Yoga, 7:00 PM, Art Gallery
Program Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Ballroom

Tuesday, January 09, 2018

Literacy Nassau Tutor Training Workshop, 9:30 AM, RE Room 15
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
Caring Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Office Conference Room
RE Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conference Room
Housing Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Library

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Medical Qi Gong for Senior Health, 11:00 AM, Hadley House
Reach Out America, 12:30 PM, Social Hall
Bridge Group, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Bookstore Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, Bride's Room
Inisfada-Zen Sitting Meditation, 7:30 PM, Ballroom, Terrace
SGM Second Wednesday meeting, 7:30 PM, RE Room 19
Social Justice Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
Food & Water Watch Meeting, 7:30 PM, Veatch Conf.Rm

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Yoga, 9:30 AM, Art Gallery
AA Meeting, 10:30 AM, Room 206, 207
Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Veatch Library
NAMI Substance Abuse Dual Diagnosis Grp, 7:00 PM, RE Rm 17
Close Guantanamo, 7:30 PM, Art Gallery
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal Room

Friday, January 12, 2018

Tai Chi/Qi Gong (make-up session), 10:15 AM, Veatch Ballroom
Bridge Lessons & Game Play, 1:00 PM, Veatch Ballroom, Terrace
Soulful Sundown, 6:30 PM, Social Hall, Worship Rm, SH

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Caring Hearts - Quilters, 9:00 AM, Room 204, 205
Yoga, 11:00 AM, Art Gallery

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Small Group Ministry Second Sun. Early, 8:30 AM, Ofc. Conf. Rm
Side by Side, 8:30 AM, RE Room 15
Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal, 9:00 AM, Ensemble Rehearsal Room
Worship Committee Meeting, 9:15 AM, Bride's Room
Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Worship Room
Young People's Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM, Choir Rehearsal Rm
Bagel Breakfast, 10:00 AM, Social Hall
Worship Service, 11:00 AM, Worship Room

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MEN'S GROUP

UUCSR MEN'S GROUP
PRESENTS

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**DESSERT
TASTING**

PARTY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7-9:30 PM

ART GALLERY, \$5 DONATION

BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!

Caroling • Holiday Beverages • Dessert Tasting

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MEMBER EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Bash

ROCK INTO 2018 WITH OUR UUCSR FAMILY!

Saturday,
December 31
8:30 PM – 1:00 AM
Social Hall

All are Welcome!
FREE
fun-filled children
and youth program

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

- Balloon and Confetti Drop (with kids!)
- "Year in Review" Video Game
- Crazy Prop Photo Booth
- Prizes, surprises and more...

Adult Reservations and Payment Required by December 29
Childcare/Youth Party Reservations Required by December 26

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