



3/26/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. Mar. 26

12:30 pm Auction Planning Meeting  
12:30 pm Transition Team – Healing Conversations

Mon. March 27

6:30 pm Wired to Create

Tues. Mar. 28

7:00 pm Mindful Meditation with Shell Fischer – Open Hearted Living: Allowing Space for Sadness

Wed. Mar 29

1:00 pm Last Wed. Covenant Group

Thurs. Mar 30

6:00 pm Learn “I Can’t Keep Quiet”  
6:30 pm Course in Miracles – Darwin’s Fish Room  
7:00 pm Chalice Singers  
7:00 pm Ministerial Search Committee

Sat. April 1

9:30 am UU Orientation

Sun. April 2

Silent Auction and Raffles Begin!  
9:00 am Healing the Heart of Democracy  
11:00 am Worship  
12:30 pm Chalice Quilters Meeting  
1:45 pm Singles Lunch at Roma’s



April 13

Memorial Service for David Rohrer

April 15

VACHIP – Child ID

April 22

Annual Auction

May 21

George Bowerman Concert



March Donations

This month we are collecting new and gently used bras to aid victims of human trafficking. There is a designated, collection point in the Narthex.



Don't forget to buy your Food Lion, Martin's and Shop n' Save grocery cards.



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FROM THE MINISTER, REV. RUSS SAVAGE

Something is happening in our country. Where once we welcomed the visitor, the stranger, the immigrant, the refugee, we now seem to be closing our doors to those who would like to come here. Executive orders from the administration prohibiting entry to citizens of many Muslim-majority countries have been put on hold by the courts, but the administration vows to continue its efforts. Immigrants are still entering, but the flow of refugees has been stopped.

In recent years our country has welcomed tens of thousands of refugees, many from war-torn Syria, most of them families with children. One such family was welcomed in Winchester just last year and is now integrated into the community, with the children in school, father working, etc. But others in the pipeline are being held back, often in very difficult circumstances and with the prospect of their clearance documents expiring before they can get here.

Yesterday those who are concerned about this trend and see diversity as a strength rather than a threat gathered for the People’s Rally for Hope and Unity at the Taylor Pavilion at the Old Town Mall. I was one of a number of speakers. If you were there, thank you! If you weren’t able to be there, ask someone who was about this event and the issues that brought it about.

Russ



**David Rohrer has passed away.** At about 10 PM last Sunday evening, David Rohrer died peacefully in his sleep due to complications from Parkinson’s disease. David was a longtime friend of our church. For the past 3 years, he has lived in several assisted living facilities, the last of which was in Clifton Forge, VA. David was an only child and was never married. He has no living relatives, other than a second cousin, who has been notified. His memorial service will take place on Thursday, April 13 at 11:00 am.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Join UU Orientation  
Saturday, April 1  
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9:30 to 1:30  
In Our  
Church Library  
Sign Up on the  
Welcome Table  
Find out how our church is organized, learn UU History, share your spiritual journey, learn about membership, meet new people, get connected.  
Lunch Will Be Served!  
To Register Contact: Norma Riley, 540-868-2638, nriley8@gmail.com, or sign up on the Welcome Table.

AUCTION COMMITTEE

UUCSV  
SERVICE AUCTION 2017  
Let's Go Fly a Kite!  
Our most FUN fundraiser!  
SUNDAY, APRIL 2  
Silent Auction & Raffles Begin  
SATURDAY, APRIL 22  
5-6PM BBQ Dinner  
6:30PM Live Auction Begins  
7:30PM Silent Auction Closes

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

If you are a visitor, please fill out a yellow "Welcome Card," found on the Welcome Table in the Narthex and place it in the collection basket or in the basket on the Welcome Table. This way we can welcome you personally and provide information about future events. Questions: Contact Dixie Wiles, 540-955-2942 or Barbara Peters, 540-869-3722

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Over the last several weeks, Gina, Zelda and I have been informing everyone of various leadership training opportunities at [www.uuinstitute.org](http://www.uuinstitute.org) in the context of the three impending openings on the Board. Our Board members have successfully navigated very rough waters over the past few years, and it is time for others to help those continuing Board members steer us through the exciting few years to come, including the anticipated calling and arrival of a new settled minister and a growing congregation. We clearly have a tested core remaining on the Board who will benefit from new members' ideas, plans, goals and reflections while assisting those members to develop into their new leadership roles. In the wider world, some of our UU principles are being tested in ways that many of us did not imagine possible a short time ago, and a strong church with a soulful leadership is more necessary than ever. Please consider being a part of our leadership to help pilot us through these times that are difficult but rife with opportunities. Feel free to contact me by email or phone if you would like to share your plans ([drdeem@comcast.net](mailto:drdeem@comcast.net); 703-858-9749). Thanks for your consideration, Mike.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING, FOR EVERYONE

### Adult RE:

#### Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Reading Group 1.0

Join us for the 1.0 reading group forming now. Meetings will be monthly for 7 months with the first meeting taking place on April 6 at 6:30 pm in the UUCSV library. We will follow a curriculum available at [whiteawake.org](http://whiteawake.org).

To sign up please join the Shenandoah Valley Racial Justice Reading Group on Facebook and reply to the 1.0 sign up event. You may also email Marie Francis at [dragonflyshift@gmail.com](mailto:dragonflyshift@gmail.com), or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

#### SoulCollage® Workshop

Good News! Mark Your Calendars Now! - Introduction to SoulCollage® a Workshop - Unleash your Creativity and Feed Your Soul!

FACILITATOR: Sue Ann Hastings MA, Art Therapist, LGPAT  
HOST: Unitarian Universalist Church of the Shenandoah Valley  
6380 Valley Pike, Stephens City  
DATE: Saturday, April 8th, 2017  
TIME: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
COST: \$20/person includes all supplies, please bring a sack lunch. A light snack and hot tea and coffee will be provided  
For reservations call or email Cory: [corythedre@gmail.com](mailto:corythedre@gmail.com)

#### Chalice Quilters

Please join Joyce and Cory on April 2 after church at 12:30 for a meeting in the Library as we discuss our next quilt project for our sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you!

#### Visit to ADAMS Center – Adults Invited Too!

Cory is currently making arrangements for our youth to attend the Adams Center - **All Dulles Area Muslim Society** – the ADAMS Center is located on 46903 Sugarland Road in Sterling, VA on Good Friday, which is April 14th. We will be leaving the church around 9:45 a.m. to attend the 11:30 service. After the service and discussion, we will go out to lunch for discussion. **Adults are also invited to attend. Please contact Cory if you would like to attend or if you would like more information.**

#### VACHIP

Mark Your Calendars Now! A Public Safety Event - VACHIP will be here at the UUCSV on April 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

VACHIP - the Virginia Child Identification Program — is one of the most comprehensive Child Recovery, Identification, Safety, and Abduction Awareness programs ever to be offered to parents in the state of Virginia.

For more information contact Michael Neese.

#### Child Dedication Ceremony

Are you committed to UUCSV and do you feel like UUCSV is committed to you and your family? Would you like your child to be dedicated at UUCSV? In our Unitarian Universalist dedication ceremonies, our congregation pledges to support you and your child(ren) throughout your lives and to help you grow in mind, body and spirit both as individuals and as a family. This special child dedication ceremony will take place during the worship service in the near future. Please contact Rev. Russ or Cory to have your child(ren) included. April 23 is the next child dedication ceremony.

## TRANSITION COMMITTEE

**Opportunities for Healing Conversations** – Our church Transition Team was organized more than a year ago, to help us transition through this period of interim/part-time ministry and our search for a new settled minister. As part of our responsibilities, the Board has asked us to provide an opportunity for individual members of the congregation to meet with us in small groups to share feelings and concerns about the events in our church over the past few years. It is our hope that providing a safe place for expressing and validating these feelings will help to heal some of the wounds and, perhaps, provide some measure of closure. We offer one more opportunity to participate today, **March 26**. If you feel that your participation in this small group meeting would be beneficial, please attend.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Women's March Anthem Choirs are International! Check it Out!

Groups of women around the world are learning and performing this song! To see a few, just Google "I Can't Keep Quiet + any country." I started with Germany and went from there. Join our own UUCSV group to learn and sing this powerful song! Thank you, Cory, for making copies of the words to this song available on the cabinet in the Narthex! Lend us your voice and let's make a joyful sound! (No musical ability needed)  
Submitted: Katie Mack, at [kmack18477@iuno.com](mailto:kmack18477@iuno.com)

Date: **March 30, 2017**  
Where: **UUCSV Sanctuary**  
Time: **6:00-7:00 p.m.**

#### Make Love, Not Climate Change!

April 8, 2017

3 to 6 pm

#### UU Church of the Shenandoah Valley

Experience the beat of Universal Love as Drummers send out prayers for the protection of Virginia-- and the world -- from dangerous fossil fuel infrastructure, at this free event sponsored by Earth Allies Chapter of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and Spiral Grove, an Interpath Community of Nature Spirituality. Connect with others of like mind, or learn why we are so concerned about oil and gas pipelines and fracking, in the Action Workshop that will run concurrently in the Church Library. Join us in weaving a web of protection by standing in solidarity with all those who are fighting pipelines in Southern Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Standing Rock, Pennsylvania, and Florida. There will be information shared about renewable energy, petitions to sign, a kid's table, and space for conversation and connection. Also featured will be Kira Young of Revolution Radio who will be on air from 4 to 6. Be a part of co-creating a world in sync with the Heartbeat of our Mother. Stop the Insanity! Make Love not Climate Change!

## OTHER WAYS TO HELP THE CHURCH



Don't forget to buy your Food Lion, Martin's and Shop n' Save grocery cards. It is an easy way to support the church!



Printer/Toner Cartridges = \$\$\$

Please bring your empty toner cartridges to the Church! The most basic cartridges are worth \$0.75 to \$2.50 while laser printer cartridges are upwards of \$5. There is a bucket placed near the recycle bins for collection.



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