



04/09/2017
CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. April 9
Silent Auction
Continues

Mon. April 10
6:00 pm Learn "I
Can't Keep Quiet"

Tues. April 11
6:30 pm CYREC
7:00 pm Mindful
Meditation with Shell
Fischer – The Power
of the Sacred Pause

Wed. April 12
10:00 am Women's
Sacred Circle
12:00 pm ROMEO
Lunch Umberto's
5:30 pm Community
Dinner
6:30 pm Council on
Committees

Thurs. April 13
11:00 am David
Rohrer Memorial
Service
6:30 pm Course in
Miracles – Darwin's
Fish Room
6:30 pm SURJ
Reading Group
7:00 pm Chalice
Singers

Sat. April 15
9:00 am VACHIP,
Child ID

Sun. April 16
11:00 am Worship
Easter Canned Good
Hunt



April 22
Annual Auction

May 21
Town Hall
George Bowerman
Concert

June 11
Congregational
Meeting



April Donations
The Narthex
Collection will be
for the Blue Ridge
Wildlife Center in
Millwood.



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

Last month a senior level appointment was made at the UUA to fill in behind someone who had just retired. Both the retiree and the person appointed to take his place were white males. This occurred just as the UU Professionals of Color were holding their annual "Finding Our Way Home" retreat in Baltimore. They were of course not only disappointed but angry that a person of color hadn't been selected. One of the conferees, a Latina, announced to the group that she had been one of the candidates interviewed but had been told she was not a good fit for the job.

Soon an open letter came forth, signed by 121 UU ministers and other religious professionals. It was quickly followed by a similar letter from the staff of the Youth and Young Adult Ministries, signed by all six of them. The letters characterized the UUA hiring and staffing processes as "racist" and even "white supremacist." UUA President Peter Morales issued a statement seeking to calm matters down by agreeing that there was much more work to do but pointing out that the representation of people of color had gotten much better since he took office. The rumbling continued, however, and on March 30, Peter announced that he would resign from the presidency of the UUA on April 1. He had three months to go to complete his two-term tenure of eight years.

What happens now is unclear. The UUA board has the authority to appoint an interim president to fill out the unexpired term, but since there is only three months left perhaps they will not do that. In the meantime day-to-day management of the UUA will fall to the executive vice president. The senior staff members of the UUA have also issued an open letter conceding that there is much work to do around racism in the staffing and other aspects of the UUA and committing to step up to that work. No doubt these events will continue to swirl.

On top of that, a well-respected UU minister, Rev. Ron Robinson of Turley, Oklahoma, was arrested last month on federal charges of receiving child pornography over the Internet. He remains in custody and is very likely in a great deal of trouble. I have known Ron for many years and am shocked and saddened to learn of these charges.

Let us hold all these things in our hearts as we think about the wider UU world. See you in church.

Russ



David Rohrer has passed away. 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.

AUCTION COMMITTEE



Auction news:

New this year! A **Haskins Homemade BBQ** dinner for the entire family. Bring mom, dad, grandparents and kids from 5-6 pm for a pulled pork, vegetarian beans, coleslaw, potato salad, cornbread and beverages dinner. All for just \$15 per adult (alcoholic beverages extra) and children eat free. Enjoy the fare while you shop our fantastic silent auction offerings.

We are offering **Childcare by Amber** during the live auction (beginning at 6:30pm) in the RE wing. **PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Please contact **Rebecca Allen (reballen22@gmail.com)** by **Sunday April 15.** If no one pre-registers there will be no childcare that evening.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING, FOR EVERYONE

Adult RE:

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

A Public Safety Event - VACHIP

will be here at the UUCSV on **April 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

What Is 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. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS PROGRAM.** - For more information contact Michael Neese.

Book Club

APRIL - Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening: How I Learned the Unexpected Joy of a Green Thumb and an Open Heart by Carol Wall
Facilitator: TBD

Date: Wednesday, **April 26th @ 10:15 a.m.**

A true story of a unique friendship between two people who had nothing—and ultimately everything—in common

Carol Wall, living in a lily-white neighborhood in Middle America, is at a crossroads in her life. Her children are grown; she has successfully overcome illness; her beloved parents are getting older. One day she notices a dark-skinned African man tending her neighbor's yard. His name is Giles Owita. He bags groceries at the supermarket. He comes from Kenya. And he's very good at gardening.

Before long, Giles is transforming not only Carol's yard, but her life. Though they are seemingly quite different, a caring bond grows between them. But Carol and Giles both hold long-buried secrets that, when revealed, will cement their friendship forever.

Children & Youth:

Bring your Favorite Easter Egg and Share Its Story

Each of our favorite Easter Eggs has a story. You are welcome to bring your most-loved Easter Egg to our Easter Alter on Easter Sunday, **April 16th**. There will be a chance to present your egg during the church service. After the service, you are invited to take pictures and discuss the story of your egg with our beloved congregants.

Easter Canned Good Hunt



Our Children & Youth Religious Education program is collecting canned goods for our Annual Easter Canned Good Hunt from now, until Easter Day - **April 16th**.

Our Youth will hide the canned items we collect and children will go on an "egg hunt" after the Easter Service to find them. They will trade their found cans for a special Easter surprise to take home!

A collection box is in the narthex. Food donations will be donated to the Highland Food Pantry. Your donations are most appreciated!

Canned Goods Requested:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon)
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Canned and dried beans (pinto, navy, kidney, refried)
- Canned stew, chili, hearty soups and broth
- Cooking oil and olive oil
- Canned tomato products (whole, paste, spaghetti sauce)

Journey for the Planet - Volunteers Needed

Introducing - *Journey for the Planet: An Adventure to Create an Earth-Friendly Life* is fun and engaging for everyone who wants to make a difference for the world. This program will guide children through a series of action steps that can impact both climate change and the environment as a whole. The core message is one of empowerment. Taught by a series of animal characters, each of its actions illustrates in clear, accessible language exactly how a simple change can positively impact the environment

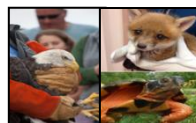
The pilot program, engaged 4,000 children in schools across the country, was praised by teachers, students and parents alike as an invaluable resource that empowers kids with the precious knowledge that they have the power to take the future in their own hands. Children are experiencing concern for what is happening to our environment. This program will help them translate that concern into concrete action, and feel the heroism of being part of the solution.

The Children & Youth RE Committee and Cory are looking for volunteers to lead one Sunday morning between **April 23 - May 23**. Your supplies will be provided, you are asked however to bring a volunteer with you to assist. Sign up is in the Narthex on the LFD bulletin board. Questions may be directed to Cory.

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 on **April 23**. Please contact Rev. Russ or Cory to have your child(ren) included.

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE



April's Share the Plate and Narthex collection reflects our concern for the environment and the creatures with whom we share this fragile world.

Narthex Collection for April

The Narthex Collection is the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center in Millwood. While they rehabilitate and care for all types of wildlife, the major portion of their work is with injured birds. Therefore, we are emphasizing supplies for birds in our list of suggested donations; all types of birdseed including finch and mixed bird seed; sunflower seeds; native nuts, i.e. acorns; sweet potato baby food; and, toilet paper (used to make songbird nests).

Share the Plate

The Share the Plate collected today will benefit The Northern Shenandoah Audubon Society. As always, a representative from that organization will provide information on the Society on the second Sunday in April.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Community Dinner

Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 pm

Each month the Social Committee puts together two community meals for anyone who would like to attend. While we hope everyone will come at some point we conveniently hold the dinners on the nights of COC and Board meetings. This lets us have a bit of community before the work of the church begins. You do not need to attend meetings! Please come as you can.

This coming week we will provide corn and potato chowder. The soup includes ham so we'll need some veggie options! If you plan to attend please bring a dish to share. Bring your feastware (place setting) so we won't have to spend too much time in the kitchen cleaning up or use paper products.

Help is always welcome. If you'd like to come early and set up tables at 5:00 or help clear up at 6:30, it would be appreciated. Contact Mary Haskins with your questions: mehaskins@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENT

REHEARSAL MONDAY, "I CANT BE QUIET" - 6 P.M.

The second, and last, rehearsal of this popular song that has gone viral internationally is this coming Monday, **April 10**, in the Sanctuary. All interested women are invited to join us! We will be discussing our future opportunities to share this song in our Community by joining other groups as well. Contact: Katie Mack, kmack18477@juno.com