



6/11/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

**Sun. June 11**

Youth Bridging Ceremony  
Welcome New Members  
12:30 Congregational Meeting

**Tues. June 13**

6:30 pm CYREC  
7:00 pm Meditation with Shell Fischer:  
Suffering – Wise Discernment vs. Judgment

**Wed. June 14**

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

**Thurs. June 15**

6:30 pm Course in Miracles – Darwin's Fish Room

**Sun. June 18**

11:00 am Worship  
12:30 pm Adult OWL



**Sat. Aug. 12**

Yard Sale



The Narthex collection for June will be the Laurel Center for Victims of Domestic Violence.



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



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Regular Office Hours: Mon - Fri. 10:00 am-2:00 pm, 540.869.6965

**FROM THE MINISTER, REV. RUSS SAVAGE**

This Sunday we observe Gay Pride Sunday, the culmination of Gay Pride Week. The sign in front of UUCSV proclaims that we are a Welcoming Congregation, and we should be proud of that. The work to achieve that designation from the UUA was done some years ago. Today we must keep up our guard on this important subject.

The rights and issues of the LGBTQ community are in jeopardy at present in ways they have not been in recent years. Meanness and even violence now seem more acceptable and are happening more. It is up to us as people of faith to continue to promote and defend everyone regardless of their gender identity—and to proclaim this to the community, especially in this time when it is no longer the standard it once was. Let us keep up this important work together.

See you in church.

Russ

**Bridging Ceremony for our Graduating Seniors**

On **Sunday, June 11**, we will present our Bridging Ceremony where we will recognize **Peter Haskins** and **Malcolm Rose** into our Young Adult Community.

Peter Haskins has graduated from Sherando High School. Peter will be attending George Mason University where he plans to major in History

Malcolm Rose has graduated from John Handley High School. Malcolm will be attending the Virginia Commonwealth University where he was accepted into their School of Business.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ANNUAL MEETING - Don't Forget! The annual meeting will take place today, Sunday, June 11 at 12:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you.**



**Ministerial Search Update:**

Your Ministerial Search team has begun its work again! Thanks to exceeding our goal for the 2017 pledge drive, any prospective minister will see that the congregation has made the financial commitment required to support such an endeavor. So the search for a settled minister continues in earnest!

In the near term, your Search team will be working with the Board of Directors to draft the ministerial compensation package as well as the Ministerial Agreement. The team will also be working on preparing the Congregational Record and packet of information that goes to prospective ministers. Due to the fact that the congregation called a minister in the relatively recent past, the team can use much of the material developed by the previous ministerial search team.

In the upcoming several months, members and friends will be hearing more about (and hopefully participating in!) several upcoming events/activities to continue our process of calling a settled minister. One event is the "Beyond Categorical Thinking" workshop that is put on by the UUA. It is designed "to promote inclusive thinking and prevent unfair discrimination during a congregation's search for a settled minister" according to its description on the UUA web site. More information about the workshop is available here: <http://www.uua.org/careers/ministers/transitions/bct>

This event will take place this fall, in the September/October timeframe. Additional details will be forthcoming as we approach this date.

Another activity this fall will be Cottage Parties. These are small group meetings designed for members and friends to better understand the choices and issues surrounding the search for a new settled minister. This will be another opportunity to get your feedback directly to the Ministerial Search committee! Stay tuned as we approach the dates as details are finalized.

As always, we want your questions and/or feedback! Please contact one of your Ministerial Search team members at your convenience: Cal Allen, Bob Haskins, Rachel Hanks, Claire Henderson, Lana Hurt, Gail Vasta, and Bruce White

## 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 Sandy Lore, 540-678-0963.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

### Adult RE:

Save the Date: **Book Club**

**September - Evicted** by **Matthew Desmond**

**Facilitation:** Rotating

**Date:** Wednesday, September 27th @ 10:15 a.m.

– from iTunes Preview - **WINNER OF THE 2017 PULITZER PRIZE GENERAL NON-FICTION & NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

**From Harvard sociologist and MacArthur "Genius" Matthew Desmond, a landmark work of scholarship and reportage that will forever change the way we look at poverty in America.**

# HEALTH CARE REFORM

Beginning, **October 1, 2017** at **9 a.m.** our current **Healing the Heart of Democracy Group** has selected **Health Care Reform** as the topic of our next group discussion with **Bob Gettings** as our lead.

Health Care Reform sessions will take place monthly – the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of each month from **9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

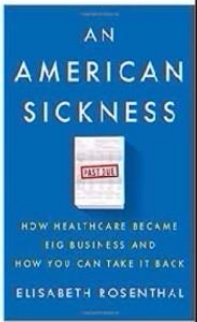
A recently published book, entitled "**An American Sickness**" by Elizabeth Rosenfeld will be the principal text around which the discussion sessions will be organized.

Early sessions will focus on problems associated with various components of the nation's existing health care system (e.g., hospital care; insurance; physicians and other health care practitioners; medical devices and supplies; etc.).

Later we'll explore steps that we can take as individual consumers to improve our own interactions with the health care system; and, still later, we'll discuss public policy changes aimed at improving the quality, accessibility and affordability of health care services for all Americans.

We also discussed the possibility of preparing a document summarizing the points of agreement within the group following each session, although this is a topic that will require further discussion before any final decisions are made. Participation in the new discussion group will be open to all members of the congregation. Individuals who participated in the HHD discussion group can choose to join the new discussion group or not.

Space is limited. Sign up in the Narthex.



### Children's RE:



### Summer RE Teachers Needed for "Our Summer with Dr. Seuss"

June 4 began our summer Religious Education program which introduces the Dr. Seuss curriculum to our children in K through the 5th grades.

Youth entering the middle grades and above are invited to attend the service with their families.

Why use the stories of Dr. Seuss in UU congregations? These stories are fun and engaging. But even more important, they are based on life situations and experiences and give us a way to reflect, and to talk about things that are part of our lives.

- we all sleep,
- we all get lost,
- we all are afraid sometimes,
- we all meet people who are on -- and sometimes in -- our way,
- we all like adventure in various ways,
- we all struggle with what is right and what is not.

**It's easy!** Just sign up in the Narthex at the LFD Counter, pick up the envelope with the corresponding date. Each envelope includes the book you will be reading, lesson plan and guidelines, along with most of the materials you will need to implement your class. Other materials may be

found in the RE Hallway. You will need to find an assistant which can be your spouse, friend, or older teen. Please review the lesson and if you have any questions Cory will be glad to assist.

**Cory will be out of town from June 16 - July 5.**

Emails/correspondence will be addressed upon her return. In the case of an emergency you may contact Sheryl Wilhide our Office Administrator.

## SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### Share the Plate Sunday

Today, June 11, is Share the Plate Sunday. This month's recipient organization is "Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River". In particular to help this organization in their summer children's program to teach the importance of stream science and water quality.

### SAJ to support "Declaration of Conscience"

At the SAJ meeting on Sunday, May 14th, the committee voted unanimously to ask for an addition to the Agenda for our Annual Meeting today. We will be asking the congregation to sign on, both as individuals and as a congregation, to the "Declaration of Conscience", issued jointly by the Unitarian-Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee earlier year. In February or March, the Unitarian-Universalists for a Just Economic Community also endorsed the document. For those of you who were not able to attend the Town Hall Meeting this past Sunday, we introduced the idea there and read the Declaration, and the Board and those present were favorably disposed to adding it to the June 11 agenda. You can find the full text of the Declaration at [www.uua.org/action/show-love/declaration-conscience](http://www.uua.org/action/show-love/declaration-conscience). Please take a look at it and, if you agree with it, sign it on the web site as an individual. Then we encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting today, June 11, and vote in favor of UUCSV signing the Declaration as a congregation."

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



### Community Dinner Wednesday, June 14 at 5:30 pm

For the month of June there will only be a community dinner the night of the Council on Committees on June 14. This lets us have a bit of community before the work of the church begins. You do not need to attend the meeting! Please come as you can.

**This coming week we will provide French toast!** 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](mailto:mehaskins@gmail.com)

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REACHING OUT FOR HELP - ROOM FOR RENT FOR THE COMING YEAR?

Kailbeth Chacin, who has treated us at UUCSV to several violin concerts, is seeking a room to rent for the coming year. She has been living with our member, Katie Mack, for the past three years. Because Katie is moving soon, perhaps our membership can help her find another room to rent, beginning August 2017 for the coming school year. She will be working in our area at various musical venues. She comes with excellent references from Katie and her Shenandoah University contacts.

Please share this information. Contact Kailbeth ([kailbethch@gmail.com](mailto:kailbethch@gmail.com)) Phone 571-839-6583 or Katie ([kmack18477@juno.com](mailto:kmack18477@juno.com)) Phone: 540-247-2323 THANK YOU!



### Piano lessons available beginning in August!

As he begins his Master's Program at Shenandoah, George Bowerman will be offering weekly piano lessons (30, 45, or 60 minutes in length) to interested congregants of any age and any level of experience. Lessons can be given at UUCSV or in your home. For further details, please contact George at: [bowermang@gmail.com](mailto:bowermang@gmail.com) or 413-519-7511