



6/18/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. June 18



12:30 Adult OWL

Tues. June 20

7:00 pm Meditation with Shell Fischer: Suffering – What is a Retreat Like?

Wed. June 21

2:00 pm Rachel CG  
6:30 pm Board Meeting

Thurs. June 22

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

Fri. June 23

10:00 am Hat's With Heart

Sun. June 25

11:00 am Worship



Sat. July 1

MBSR Retreat (Private)

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

We're entering that summer time of year when the tempo of church life changes and things slow down a little. Last Sunday was my final service until September; for the summer we'll have lay-led services and visiting speakers. Though I won't be in the pulpit on Sundays, I'll still be on duty as your minister. I'll be in the office occasionally, and will be available for pastoral concerns if you need me. Best ways to reach me are by e-mail at [savage403@comcast.net](mailto:savage403@comcast.net) or phone or text to 202-577-9805.

I'll be off on Monday to New Orleans for the UUMA Ministry Days and the UUA General Assembly. I've gone nearly every year for about 30 years; this year is going to be the most unusual! Controversies and resignations in both the UUA and the UUMA will fuel much conversation. I'm going with an open mind and will bring back a report.

Have a good summer, and I'll see you in September.  
Russ



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.

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**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.**

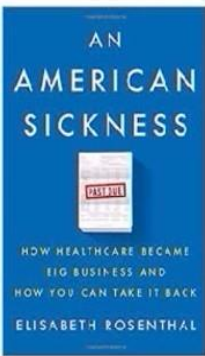
A recently published book, entitled "**An American Sickness**" by Elizabeth Rosenfeld will be the principal text around which the discussion sessions will be organized.

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.



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

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

## SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

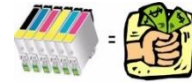
**Share the Plate Nominating Forms:**

For those who requested forms there will be a supply of forms at the table in the Narthex below the Black Lives Matter banner starting this Sunday.

## 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.



Do you shop Amazon? You could help UUCSV by using Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and designating us as a recipient. It's easy and costs you nothing to benefit the church.

This link will take you directly to our entry on the Amazon Smile page:

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## 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