



6/4/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. June 4

12:30 pm
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Training
1:45 pm Singles
Lunch at Roma's

Tues. June 6

7:00 pm Meditation
with Shell Fischer:
Suffering – 40 Min
Q&A session

Wed. June 7

7:00 pm Worship
Committee

Thurs. June 8

6:30 pm Course in
Miracles – Darwin's
Fish Room
6:30 pm SURJ-DC
7:00 pm Chalice
Singers

Sat. June 10

9:30 am Public
Retreat

Sun. June 11

9:30 am Lay Pastoral
Care Meeting
9:30 am Social Action
& Justice Committee
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Bridging
Ceremony
11:00 am New
Member Welcome
12:30 pm
Congregational
Meeting



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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FROM THE MINISTER, REV. RUSS SAVAGE

Last Friday and Saturday the Town of Stephens City held its annual Newtown Heritage Festival. There were fireworks, balloons, a parade, food, and lots of fun. To make its contribution to the festivities, Trinity Lutheran Church—located right at the main intersection in town—decided to put on a car show.

About 40 cars were on display in the church parking lot and across Fairfax Street in a field. Some were old, some almost brand new, some were heavily modified, some all original. Rev. Cameron Keyser, minister of the Lutheran church, invited the ministers in town to be the judges of the car show. There were three of us besides Rev. Keyser: Rev. Rob Schoeman, minister of the Stephens City Methodist Church; Rev. Rose Wayland, interim minister of the Sherando Presbyterian Church; and me. (Someone commented that we had the theological bases fairly well covered!)

So the four of us strolled around the cars, talked with their owners, made some notes, and finally decided on a winner. We kept it a secret during the parade, and afterwards Mayor Mike Grim announced the winning vehicle to the waiting crowd: a 1948 Studebaker pickup truck. It was so well kept, looking at it made me feel like I was back in 1948.

Thanks for the fun! See you in church.

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

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE



Our congregation often speaks of personal events, sometimes joyfully and sometimes sadly, sometimes simply with awe. When so moved, we may choose to memorialize these events with a small donation to the Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund is a means to help ensure the long-term survival and relevance of the UUCSV. A portion of the Fund's income provides grants to support activities of the church and the larger community. We can only get there with the continuing cooperation and support of the congregation.

When making your Celebration of Life Donation please write COL in the memo space on your check or on your envelope.

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.

MEMORIAL GARDEN



Each spring, the Memorial Garden Committee likes to invite all Church members to visit the Garden and to remember its offerings and purpose.

There are three benches for quiet contemplation, the stone center for focusing your thoughts, the inspiring statue donated by Roshan Chandra, and the graceful plantings to enhance these experiences. The garden was conceived by one of our original members, Naomi Pidgeon, and she was a prime mover in the campaign to fund the garden, in 2006. Garden operations were under the direction of Mary Dyke for many years.

A prime feature of the garden, and its true purpose, is contained in the bricks along the intersecting pathways. Members of the Church can purchase inscribed bricks to commemorate a birth, a death, an anniversary, or other special thought or inspiration they wish to share with our church community. Upon death, your ashes can be scattered on the church grounds or laid under your bricks. The garden is, in effect, our Church's cemetery, if you so desire.

So we encourage all members to visit the Memorial Garden, read the messages on the bricks, remember our friends, and consider whether you might like to purchase a brick and have your ashes consigned to the UUCSV. Pamphlets are available in the Narthex, and application forms for ordering the bricks are available from Michele Worthing, from the Church office, and on the Church website.

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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 on June 11. 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. 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 on June 11 and vote in favor of UUCSV signing the Declaration as a congregation."

Narthex Collection for June will continue to support the Laurel Center
The Narthex Collection in June will continue to support the Laurel Center for Victims of Domestic Violence. Their current primary needs are for:

- twin sheet sets
- paper towels
- bottled water
- laundry detergent and bleach

Nominations open for organizations for future Share the Plate and Narthex collections

See a Social Action and Justice Committee member or for Share the Plate applications a form is available in the Narthex.



For those who have agreed to distribute anti-gerrymandering information on June 13 at the primaries, there will be a brief training meeting in the Library at 12:30 pm today, June 4. Ed Jaffee will lead the meeting.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Facebook Friday's are Cancelled!

With great regret, Facebook Fridays have been cancelled until further notice due to a conflict with the facilitator's new work schedule!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



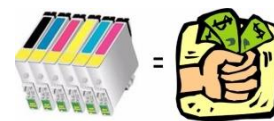
Piano lessons available beginning in August!

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 or 413-519-7511

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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