



7/2/2017
CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. July 2
12:30 pm Ministerial Search Committee
1:45 pm Singles
Lunch at Roma's

Tues. July 4
7:00 pm Meditation with Shell Fischer: 40-minute Q & A Session

Wed. July 5
10:00 am SURJ 1.0

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

Sat. July 8
9:00 am Grounds Crew Workday

Sun. July 9
9:30 am Lay Pastoral Care Meeting
9:30 am Social Action/Justice Committee Meeting
11:00 am Worship – "Exploring Covenant"



Sat. Aug. 12
Yard Sale



Narthex Collection for July will continue to support the Kids Clubs. Please place items listed on the back 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

Last week I attended Ministry Days of the UU Ministers' Association and the annual General Assembly of the UUA, both held in New Orleans, LA. (No jealousy is called for; it rained most of the time.) I've attended at least 25 of these events, and this year's were the most focused and intense in my experience.

The overwhelming theme of both events was *white supremacy*, by which is meant that we live in a culture which is tilted in favor of white people and against the needs, interests, and cultural values of people of color. As you can imagine, conversation was sometimes difficult.

The events were marked by the absence of numerous officials who had recently resigned because of perceived white supremacy in their organizations: the Rev. Peter Morales, president of the UUA; and the Rev. Don Southworth, executive director of the UUMA; as well as by the recent death of UUA moderator Jim Key. The Assembly elected the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray to serve as president of the UUA.

Let me know if you'd like to know more about these gatherings. I'm grateful for the support of UUCSV in attending them.

Enjoy the summer!

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

STEWARDSHIP

IF...

...you increased your pledge for FY17-18 and **if** you pay your pledge through automatic bank transfer, **don't forget to go to your bank's web site and adjust the periodic amount withheld accordingly and inform the office of the change so you will be credited against your pledge.** Thanks!

Mark Lore
Stewardship Chair (Outgoing)

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:

SURJ 1.0 July Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, July 5, 10am
UUCSV Youth Room

Month #4: How, when, and why did our families become White?

Assignment: Everyone seek out info about your family's "coming-to-America" story (including adoption, if applicable), and be prepared to share about it in the meeting.

Reading: "How Did Jews Become White Folks", by Karen Brodtkin

- <http://nelsonssociology101.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/1/6/26165328/jews.pdf>

Reading: How the Irish Became White, by Noel Ignatiev

- <http://racetractor.org/zmagazineinterview.pdf> (interview the author)

Discussion Prompts:

- How does your story relate to the reading material?
- How do you feel about what you have shared? If you don't know this story, how does that feel?
- How do the different stories people in the group have shared relate to one another? What is the same, or different, about your experiences?
- How does your knowledge of the arbitrary nature of who is or is not white (and
- when) affect how you view race in America?

Supplementary reading: The entire manuscript of How the Irish Became White can be found here: <http://jroan.com/HtIBWhite.pdf>

ADD This [2016 Video](#)

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 COMMITTEE

There will not be any community dinners in the month of July. We will start up again in August.

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE



Narthex Collection for July will continue to support the Kids Clubs

In July we will be collecting items for the 'Kids Club' which is now located at 2400 Roosevelt Blvd in Winchester. The Kids Club was formerly known as and associated with the Boys and Girls Club of America. They have moved from their former Kent St. location and now function as a local stand-alone organization but provide the same programs and opportunities for children from low income families who need low cost child care and programs. Because they offer an all-day summer program they currently have a great need for:

- individually wrapped snack items e.g. fruit cups, granola bars etc.
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- cleaning supplies (Mr. Clean, Clorox, Pine Sol etc.)

This organization will also be the Share the Plate recipient for July (9th) and their Director will be available that Sunday

Share the Plate Nominating Forms:

The Social Action and Justice Committee is currently soliciting for worthwhile organizations for Sept., Oct. and Nov. Application forms are available in the Narthex under the Black Lives Matter banner.

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: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/search?ie=UTF8&orig=%2F&q=Unitarian%20Universalist%20Church%20of%20the%20Shenandoah%20Valley&ref=smi_se_ssryc_srch_stsr

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED TO BUY: Used car in good running condition for our guest violinist, Kai Chacin (living with Katie Mack) and a friend of UUCSV. Kai has graduated with Master's from SU and desperately needs a car for job opportunities. Katie: kmack18477@juno.com; Kai: kailbethch@gmail.com.

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) Phone 571-839-6583 or Katie (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 or 413-519-7511