



7/9/2017  
CALENDAR EVENTS

**Sun. July 9**  
Worship  
Share the Plate – The  
Kids Clubs

**Tues. July 11**  
6:30 pm CYREC  
7:00 pm Meditation  
with Shell Fischer:  
The Zen of  
Meditation

**Wed. July 12**  
10:00 am Women's  
Sacred Circle  
12:00 pm ROMEO  
Lunch at Umberto's  
6:30 pm Board  
Meeting

**Thurs. July 13**  
6:30 pm Course in  
Miracles – Darwin's  
Fish Room  
6:30 pm SURJ-DC  
Reading Group

**Sun. July 16**  
11:00 am Worship



**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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**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

**Yard Sale, August 12!**



Dear friends, we have a new wrangler for the Route 11 Yard Crawl, please call, text or email Eric A. Stocker: 443 205 0034, [eastocker@gmail.com](mailto:eastocker@gmail.com)..... we want to put on a good show again, this is my first go at managing here, but not my first Rodeo!

**ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sheryl Wilhide, our administrative assistant, will be on vacation July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 19. Please provide information for the newsletter and the OOS by 10:00 on July 13 so your important information can be included. In case of an emergency, you may contact Cory Ness during her absence.

## 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

### Children & Youth RE

#### "Now Available" - Upgraded Fidgets!

We now have fidgets with new items available at the back of the sanctuary. Fidgets are self-regulation tools to help with focus, attention, calming, and active listening.

Children may take one bag at the beginning of the service and return the bag after use. Please make sure your child returns all fidgets to the bag and the bag to the basket so others may use them.

## 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 Sunday:

Today, Sunday (July 9th) is Share the Plate Sunday. The recipient organization is Kids Club in Winchester which is the successor organization of the previously named Boys and Girls Club. As a reminder, all non-pledge noted checks are shared 50/50 with the recipient organization. Note checks if you wish them designated as only pledge or share the plate. All cash donations are split 50/50. Note: The kids club is also the designated organization for the Narthex Collection. As noted above and in the poster in the Narthex their primary needs currently are: individually wrapped snack items, paper towels, toilet paper and cleaning supplies (Mr. Clean, Pine Sole etc.)

**Reminder** - SAJ is currently soliciting nominations for organizations for both STP and/or Narthex collection recipients. Nomination forms for STP are available in the Narthex. They can be filled out and given to any SAJ committee member or sent to [gloriakelm@comcast.net](mailto:gloriakelm@comcast.net).

### Volunteers needed for August Habitat Build:

Volunteers are needed for the current Habitat Build for the local Syrian refugees for **August 5th** for both workers and providing lunch for the builders. If you can volunteer to participate in the build please contact Bruce White at [bruce.h.white@comcast.net](mailto:bruce.h.white@comcast.net). If you would like to help provide the lunch please contact Gloria Kelm at [gloriakelm@comcast.net](mailto:gloriakelm@comcast.net).

## 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](http://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

**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](mailto:kmack18477@juno.com); Kai: [kailbethch@gmail.com](mailto: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](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