



7/30/2017  
CALENDAR EVENTS



**Tues, Aug. 1**  
7:00 pm Meditation  
with Shell Fischer: 20  
– minute Q & A  
Session

**Wed. Aug. 2**  
10:00 am SURJ 1.0

**Thurs. Aug. 3**  
6:30 pm Course in  
Miracles – Darwin’s  
Fish Room

**Sun. Aug. 6**  
11:00 am Worship  
1:45 pm Singles  
Lunch at Roma’s



**Sat. Aug. 12**  
Yard Sale

**Sat. Sept. 9**  
Public Retreat



Narthex Collection  
for August will be the  
Henry & William  
Evans Home for  
Children. 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

**THE BIG ONE !**

**Unitarian Universalist Church  
of the Shenandoah Valley**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017  
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Donation Drop-Off Times**

Wed. & Thurs. Aug 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - 3 – 7 p.m.  
Fri. Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 6 p.m.

**Friday Night Peek For UU's**

Join us from 6-8 p.m. and enjoy pulled chicken sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, and lemonade or ice tea for \$10.00 while shopping! (There will not be discounts on yard sale items during the "Friday Night Peek.")



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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!

## 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

## SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE



**Needed all bakers!** - As we have done in the past we are asking the bakers in the Congregation to donate their special goodies for the Aug 12th Yard Sale. The profits for the bake sale are used to pay the yearly fee for Distarbor, our child in Barr Children's Home in India. For our newer members, there is a poster with information on Distarbor in the hallway next to the library. I will also have updated information before the Yard Sale date. Please send a note to [gloriakelm@comcast.net](mailto:gloriakelm@comcast.net) if you will be contributing to the bake sale.

### Narthex Collection for August



Henry & William Evans  
Home for Children, Inc.

The Evans Home for Children first opened in 1949. It is a private, not-for-profit home for abused/neglected children ages 5 - 17. All children must attend school. In 2011, they opened their doors to local homeless children. The program believes that children have a right to have their basic needs met and to be protected from harm. It also aims to help children in process of recovery to live together and begin to trust and embrace their lives. The residential program provides access to counseling, socializing, academic support, independent living preparation and family support.

A few of the most needed items are:

- Essential Oil Diffusers (electric). Helps children fall to sleep.
- Shower radio
- Batteries (all kinds: AA, AAA, C, D)
- 100w, 75w LED soft white light bulbs (regular kind)
- Bath Towels and Washcloths

If you have any questions please email or call me, 540-903-9271. Thanks, Elaine

### Volunteers needed for August Habitat Build:

There will be an opportunity to participate in the current Habitat build for the Syrian refugee family on August 5th. Contact Bruce White ([bruce.h.white@comcast.net](mailto:bruce.h.white@comcast.net)) if you are available on that day. SAJ is also providing the lunch for workers for that day; contact Gloria Kelm ([gloriakelm@comcast.net](mailto:gloriakelm@comcast.net)) or Marilyn Gaven ([mdgaven@yahoo.com](mailto:mdgaven@yahoo.com)) if you would like to help with the lunch (be aware that the food we provide must follow Muslim dietary guidelines). For those who would like to volunteer as individuals you may go to [habitatwfc.org](http://habitatwfc.org) and click on "Volunteerism" or call Joan Fielding, the Volunteer Coordinator at 540-662-7066 or email to [info@habitatwfc.org](mailto:info@habitatwfc.org).

## 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.

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