



8/20/2017  
CALENDAR EVENTS

**Tues, Aug. 22**

6:30 pm CYREC  
7:00 pm Meditation  
with Shell Fischer –  
Conquering the Five  
Hindrances

**Wed. Aug. 23**

10:00 am Women's  
Sacred Circle  
10:15 am UUCSV  
Book Club

**Thurs. Aug. 24**

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

**Fri. Aug. 25**

10:00 Hats With  
Heart

**Sun. Aug. 27**

11:00 am Worship



**Sat. Sept. 9**

Public Retreat

**Sun. Sept. 10**

Annual Picnic



The Narthex  
Collection for August  
will be the Henry &  
William Evans Home  
for Children. Please  
place items listed in  
the Narthex in the  
basket.



Don't forget to buy  
your Food Lion,  
Martin's and Shop n'  
Save grocery cards.

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.



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**FROM THE MINISTER, REV. RUSS SAVAGE**

A self-described "nice white lady" I know went to Charlottesville last Saturday. She told me it was not like other actions she had been to. The Nazi groups didn't stay where they were supposed to; there were bands of them roving around the city with little or no intervention by the police. Nevertheless, there were good things going on which didn't get shown on television—people helping one another and doing acts of kindness. She said she met the outspoken theologian Dr. Cornel West on the street near the white supremacist rally.

Some anti-racist people went in affinity groups and wore Black Lives Matter t-shirts. The person I spoke to was there for a few hours, but decided to leave when white supremacists started throwing smoke bombs. Her group was gone just before the car rammed into the crowd. She said nothing personally traumatic happened to them, and she learned some important lessons.

Her advice is: don't go to an action like this by yourself; go with a group you trust, and have a plan. Know that black people and people of color are at disproportionate risk for violence and arrest in our system of white supremacy, this is also true during direct actions. Please be conscious that your actions don't put people at greater risk without their express consent.

If you are interested in engaging to dismantle white supremacy, you can join the ongoing SURJ reading groups that meet here, or join the Nice White Ladies online at <https://www.nicewhiteladies.com>. Nice white men, transgender people, non-binary people, and gender nonconforming folks are welcome. Nice white ladies refers to an attitude, not a gender.

See you in church!  
Russ



**Ministerial Search Update:**

Your ministerial search team has been very busy over the summer! Some of the things we are working on include:

- 1) **Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop** has been scheduled for Sunday, October 1. Carol Carter Walker, the facilitator for this workshop, will lead our worship service that day. After the service, lunch will be provided followed by the actual workshop from 1-4pm. This will be an opportunity for the whole congregation to learn how to approach the big decision of selecting our new settled minister with an open mind. Please mark your calendars and plan to spend the day with us. Childcare will be provided for the afternoon workshop as well as for the service.
- 2) **Congregational Record** -- This is a document written in a UUA specified format which asks us to answer a number of questions about various aspects of our congregation. This is the "official" information about the church, and likely the first information the prospective ministers will see about us.
- 3) **UUCSV prospective minister's web site** -- This is our opportunity to "sell" the church to prospective ministers. You can think of it as our "marketing" effort, separate and distinct from the congregational record (where the UUA dictates what we can include) and the church's "regular" web site.
- 4) **Cottage parties** are being planned for mid to late September and October. A schedule will be forthcoming shortly, so stay tuned!
- 5) **Ministerial Agreement** -- Your committee has been working closely with members of the BOD in drafting a ministerial agreement. The second draft is in process and has had major changes to several sections, including Supervision of Staff and Termination. Once the joint subcommittee is happy with the draft, it will go to the Board for final approval.

## MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE (cont'd.)

### THE MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We believe what will make our Congregational Record stand out is specifics, details that will bring our home to life. We want to provide more information than the prospective minister can find in travel books and online. To that end, please think about how you would complete these sentences, in a sentence or two. Be brief! I'm looking for pithy quotes not essays.

- The first thing I would show a visitor is....
- My favorite place in the Valley is....
- If I had an unexpected day off in the summer/ fall/ winter/ spring I would....
- The person/ place/ thing/ group, in the Valley, that touches my heart is....

Here are some examples:

The first thing I would show a visitor is...

- Winchester's old town pedestrian mall with all its street life.
- Handley Library, the building is so beautiful and the story of Judge Handley's bequest is interesting.

My favorite place in the Valley is...

- University of Virginia's Blandy Experimental Farm in Boyce, VA

If I had an unexpected day off...

- In the summer, I would rent a tube from Watermelon Park and float down the Shenandoah river for a couple hours.
- In the fall, I would stroll through the ginkgo grove at Blandy Arboretum.
- In the winter, I would drive to Reston and take the Metro into the Smithsonian. The museums are much less crowded than in the summer.

The thing that touches my heart is...

- The view of the mountains in spring when the redbuds and dogwoods are in bloom.

Please send these to Claire Henderson (clairehenderson321@gmail.com) by **September 7th**.

This fall is going to be a very busy time in the search for a new settled minister, and your participation is critical to finding the right settled minister!

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.

## BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

### SAVE THE DATE - IN-GATHERING PICNIC! Sunday, Sept 10

The Church Board hopes you are able to stay for the Annual Picnic on Sunday, Sept 10. We are providing grill food – hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, sausage, and chicken, along with all the desserts, ice water and lemonade. So, put on your bonnets and sunblock and join us on the church lawn after church. We promise lots of good food and camaraderie as we welcome each other back and wait for the coming of Autumn!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

### Book Club

**September - Evicted by Matthew Desmond**

**Facilitation:** Rotating

**Date:** Wednesday, September 27th @ 10:15 a.m.

– from iTunes Preview - **WINNER OF THE 2017 PULITZER PRIZE GENERAL NON-FICTION & NEW YORK 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.**

### Covenant Groups

Covenant groups begin in October! This offering is viewed in our denomination as "small group ministry". Many of you have participated in these monthly gatherings with other UUs as we explore our views in an atmosphere of trust and commitment to honor each other's personal experiences and confidences (hence the name covenant group.)

Each small group (6 to 10) people will meet on a variety of days/locations. Whether you are a first-time participant or a returning one, we encourage you to join a covenant group! Sign-ups have begun and will continue through **September 17**.

This year's topics include:

October: **Why attend church?**

November: **Call to Vision**

December: **Call to Vision**

January: **Call to Love**

February: **Call to Love**

March: **Call to Imagination**

April: **Call to Imagination**

May: **Saying Goodbye Well**

June: **Relationship in Action**

July: **Relationship in Action**

The first group meetings will begin in October. For more information, please contact Cory Ness, [corythedre@gmail.com](mailto:corythedre@gmail.com) or 717-487-8036.

## SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### Thank you! - Yard Sale Bake Sale

Huge thanks to all of the bakers and others who helped at the food and bake sale at the Yard Sale on Saturday. I don't want to name names because I am afraid I will leave someone out but you know who you are and thanks to you we were very successful. Made over \$600.00, enough to cover the fee for Distarbor for the year.

## YARD SALE COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

In spite of my First Time Fumbles, the Crawl was a huge success; my humble and grateful thanks to all who donated and helped out.

Anyone who has a critique, please call me or email so I can continue to promote improvement. The few things that I dared to change worked out: More hot dogs!!!

We cannot put away a wet tent and the weather has been very bad, so I propose we get it done Sunday with all hands-on deck. The Chinese Fire Drill we had putting it up will not happen again! There will be a diagram next year and nails in the ground for my detector to pick up, less talk, more action.

After consulting with you all I shall make a report similar to the one Joe has posted before.

Yours,  
Stocker