



8/27/2017
CALENDAR EVENTS

Tues. Aug. 29

7:00 pm Meditation with Shell Fischer – Cultivating Beginner’s Mind

Wed. Aug. 30

1:00 pm Last Wed CG
6:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting

Thurs. Aug. 31

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

Sat. Sept. 2

9:00 am Grounds Crew Workday

Sun. Sept. 3

UU Principles Quilts Due
11:00 am Worship
1:45 pm Singles Lunch at Roma’s



Sat. Sept. 9

Public Retreat

Sun. Sept. 10

Annual Picnic

Fri. Sept. 15

“Gerryrigged” movie

Sept. 17 & Oct. 15

Cottage Parties



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

So many times these days we see oppression, unkindness, and even hatred around us and wonder what we should do about it. One thing we can do is not keep silent, but join with others who gather to speak out for justice. Taking part in marches and demonstrations shows the world there are many people who feel as we do, and it puts us in touch with others who share our call to justice.

That is why I along with a number of others from UUCSV took part in the Valley Equality Project march last Thursday evening in Woodstock, as part of the 100th Anniversary Shenandoah County Fair Parade. The Valley Equality Project works to make Winchester, Frederick and adjacent counties safer for—and more inclusive of—LGBTQ+ persons. As a Welcoming Congregation, we have been leaders in this work in the Winchester area, and it is right that we join with others to show our solidarity with them.

Tomorrow, I will take part in the Ministers March for Justice in Washington, DC. Ministers of many faiths will gather at the MLK memorial and march to the US Department of Justice. This is a way for us to stand up and fight for both religious and racial justice in this crucial time in our history. We will be standing with our black and brown brothers and sisters as well as Jews, who continue to face hatred 54 years after Dr. King’s March on Washington.

See you at the next march!

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 planned for September 17 and October 15.
- 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...

- 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!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee is looking for a few good people to welcome and greet on the first Sunday morning in September, November, January, March, May and July. Currently, we're looking for just two good people to greet on those Sundays. Rewards are many—one gets to meet old timers and newcomers alike. Be the first to know the new folks coming to UUCSV. Please contact Sandy Lore (678-0963 or sandy477@comcast.net) if you would like to sign on. The

membership committee will be planning a "review for old and intro for new" get together for volunteers soon.

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 or 717-487-8036.

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Magic Lantern at UUCSV

Come join us for a filming of "Gerryrigged," the movie that will give you all you need to know about gerrymandering. The film, taking place at UUCSV at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 15, will be shown by our own Mark Lore, who runs The Magic Lantern series in and around greater Winchester. Blake Wheelock, associate director of OneVirginia2021 -- the statewide group that has been leading the fight to end gerrymandering -- will be with us to answer questions after the show. And our Social Action & Justice Committee will provide goodies, to go along with the wine Mark is bringing.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

GRATITUDE TO OUR UUCSV COMMUNITY

Some time ago I posted a request for help for Kailbeth, who was a Master's student at Shenandoah University. She was looking for a room to rent, and a used car to buy. I want to thank you for the outpouring of concern and offers to help her. Kailbeth is moving in with a friend who is a student. She also was able to purchase a car a couple of weeks ago. It is so wonderful and reassuring to know that our church community is there when help is needed. I am so PROUD to be a part of all of you.

Katie Mack