



9/3/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. Sept. 3

UU Principles Quilts Due
1:45 pm Singles
Lunch at Roma's

Tues. Sept. 5

7:00 pm Meditation with Shell Fischer - Taking Refuge

Wed. Sept. 6

10:00 pm SURJ 1.0

Thurs. Sept. 7

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

Sat. Sept. 9

9:30 am Public Retreat

Sun. Sept. 10

9:00 am Teacher Orientation
9:30 am Lay Pastoral Care Meeting
9:30 am SAJ Meeting
11:00 am Ingathering Service
12:30 pm Ingathering Picnic



Fri. Sept. 15

"Gerryrigged" movie

Sept. 17 & Oct. 15

Cottage Parties



The Narthex Collection for Sept. is Bright Futures, a non-profit organization that helps schools in Frederick County and Winchester connect student needs with Community resources. 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

There were supposed to be a thousand of us, but it turns out there were more than three thousand, and I was one of them. We wore collars, stoles, robes, yarmulkes, saffron sashes, turbans, you name it. We were black, white, brown, red, yellow, Christian, Jew, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Hindu, agnostic, and probably some I've missed. Many had come from distant locations, some as far away as California, just for this event. There were at least a dozen UU ministers there, many in yellow Standing on the Side of Love t-shirts, caps, and stoles. We gathered before the march and tried to stay together but in the press of the crowds sometimes got separated.

It was the Ministers March for Justice last Monday in Washington. We gathered at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on Independence Avenue and heard from a dozen or more speakers before the march began. They reminded us that it was the 54th anniversary—to the day—since the great march at which Dr. King delivered his I have a Dream speech. They told us that we must join together to resist the anti-Semitism and racism that is rising up around us and was especially visible in Charlottesville.

As we marched from the King Memorial to the Justice Department about a mile and a half away, we sang. We sang This Little Light of Mine and Amazing Grace and Wade in the Water. We sang the old hymn, "Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed on justice!"

Let your mind be stayed on justice! See you in church.

Russ

CHALICE SINGERS

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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 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!

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## 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

### DREAM Vigil, September 3

For 24 hours, Sunday September 3, UUs will be participating in a DREAM vigil to defend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (aka DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations for Haitians and other immigrants from troubled lands. The UUSC President and CEO Tom Andrews will join with other area UUs to show our solidarity with the immigrant community under the banner of the Love Resists campaign. UU clergy will share special prayers and reflections at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and we may have some surprise entertainment and activities at other times of the day. Bring a sign or church banner, some water and/or food to share and stay as long as you like. Bring a friend or family member too! Join the UU presence any time on September 3rd to show that Love Resists the criminalization and deportation of our communities and neighbors.

### Eid Al-Adha Al-Mubaran celebration, September 10

Along with other faith communities in this area we have received an invitation from the Islamic Society of Winchester for join them in their Eid Al-Adha Al-Mubaran celebration. This will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church at 308 North Braddock Street, Winchester on Sep 10th from 6:30PM to 10:30 PM. This celebration is based on the story of Abraham and his son; a story that is told both in the Quran and the Bible. The invitation was made in the hope of continuing the spirit of peace and love in the Winchester community. There will be food served so to help the planners we would like to be able to tell them how many will be attending from our church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or send a note to Gloria Kelm at [gloriakelm@comcast.net](mailto:gloriakelm@comcast.net) by Wednesday Sep 6th if you are planning to attend.

### Share the Plate

Next Sunday (Sep 10th) we will do our normal Share the Plate collection. The recipient will be the UUA/UUSC Recovery and Relief Fund. If you wish to send additional support you can access information at [giving.uus.org/Harvey-floods](http://giving.uus.org/Harvey-floods)

### Collection for those affected by Hurricane Harvey

It is obvious there will be a continuing need in the areas affected by Harvey for many things, one brought to the attention of our Committee by a member of the Congregation is .... diapers. We can help in this are by supporting an organization [texasdiaperbank.org](http://texasdiaperbank.org). SAJ will have a collection jar set up in the Narthex where you can donate your spare change or maybe a spare dollar or two for this effort.

### Addicted to Hope Rally, September 23

Mark your calendar for September 23, from 4PM to 8PM for the Addicted to Hope Rally which will be in front of Handley High School in Winchester. More information is available at [roadtorecovery.info](http://roadtorecovery.info)

### 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.



Bright Futures is a non-profit organization that helps schools in Frederick County and Winchester connect student needs with Community resources. The goal is to meet the basic needs of students within 24 hours of a request. Bright Futures provides food packs to go home on weekends (2 breakfasts and 2 lunches) to help families experiencing food insecurity, tutoring services, student mentors, school supplies and clothing.

Wish List:

- head phones/ear buds
- non-perishable food something a child 5 – 18 years of age would eat
- cans or single size containers/packages (i.e. canned meat - tuna, chicken, ham), cold cereal, granola bars, pop tarts, etc.

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