



9/17/2017

**CALENDAR EVENTS**

**Sun. Sept. 17**  
Last day to sign up for  
Covenant Groups!

12:30 pm Cottage  
Party - UUCSV

**Mon. Sept. 18**  
2:00 pm Cottage Party  
in Winchester

**Tues. Sept. 19**  
7:00 pm Meditation  
with Shell Fischer –  
The Gift of Gratitude

**Wed. Sept. 20**  
2:00 pm Third Wed.  
Covenant Group  
6:30 pm Board  
Meeting  
6:30 pm Beyond the  
Partisan Divide

**Thurs. Sept. 21**  
6:30 pm Course in  
Miracles – Darwin’s  
Fish Room  
7:00 pm Chalice  
Singers

**Fri. Sept. 22**  
10:00 am Hat’s With  
Heart  
7:00 pm Autumn  
Equinox

**Sat. Sept. 23**  
10:00 am Cottage  
Party in Front Royal

**Sun. Sept. 24**  
9:00 am Bystander  
Training  
11:00 am Worship  
12:15 pm Covenant  
Group “Point Person”  
Info Meeting



The Narthex Collection for Sept. is Bright Futures. 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.



**October 1** Beyond Critical Thinking Workshop (see insert)

**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**

As we look toward welcoming a new settled full-time minister less than a year from now, I am working to help get things ship-shape for that arrival. One of the places where we have occasionally been a little lax and disorganized is in the flow of our Sunday worship services. Lengthy—sometimes repetitive—announcements, and rambling joys and concerns recently stretched the service so that it was nearly noon when the visiting minister stepped up into the pulpit to deliver her sermon. We can do better!

The board has agreed to the following changes. Announcements will be made by the person doing the welcome that morning, not by others. I'll do the welcome on Sundays when I am here, and a board member will do it on other Sundays. If you or your organization has an announcement that needs to be made, please give it in writing to me or the board member. We'll be happy to make the announcement, and the service will flow a little more efficiently.

Likewise, if you have a joy or concern, we want to hear it. But remember that joys and concerns are about things which personally move us; it isn't a time for sports scores, announcements of community events, or political speeches. If we all keep these things in mind, we'll be presenting a more attractive position to our new minister when she or he arrives.

Thanks for your help, and see you in church!

Russ

**THE UUCSV CHALICE QUILTERS' FOURTH CHALLENGE**

We have illustrated our seven principles in both adult and child versions. This challenge, perhaps the most difficult yet, has required us to be both true to the essence of each principle, and creative in their visual representation.

Our goal is to give our congregants and visitors a memorable rendition of each principle. It is our hope that by presenting the principles in "quilted" form, they will be more easily remembered in our lives and in our future.



**Ministerial Search Update:**

**Save the Date! - October 1, 2017: "Beyond Critical Thinking Workshop" (See Insert)**

Your Ministerial Search team is very busy planning Cottage Parties which will be held at church and member homes starting in mid-September and going through October. Cottage Parties will be small (6-12) groups of members and friends who will have a facilitated discussion on the many aspects of a selecting settled minister. This will likely be your last opportunity to formally provide input to your Ministerial Search team so don't miss it! Light refreshments will be served.

Ministerial Search Cottage Party Schedule					
Date	Time	Location	Host/Hostess	Facilitator	Note Taker
9/17	12:30-2:30	UUCSV	Library	Gail Vasta	Rachel Hanks
9/17	12:30-2:30	UUCSV	Darwin's Fish Room	Claire Henderson	Lana Hurt
9/18	2:00-4:00	Winchester	Cal & Rebecca Allen	Cal Allen	Rebecca Allen
9/23	10:00-12:00	Front Royal	Atsuko Asada	Brue White	Cal Allen
9/28	7:00-9:00 pm	North Winchester	Lana Hurt	Claire Henderson	Lana Hurt
10/12	7:00-9:00 pm	Berryville	Monica Singh-Smith	Bruce White	Cal Allen
10/8	2:30-4:30	Westminster Canterbury	Amy Fielder	Rachel Hanks	Gail Vasta
10/15	12:30-2:30	UUCSV	Library	Gail Vasta	Rachel Hanks
10/15	12:30-2:30	UUCSV	Darwin's Fish Room	Claire Henderson	Lana Hurt
10/15	7:00-9:00	Winchester	Ticknor's	Lana Hurt	Rachel Hanks

Contact Rachel Hanks to sign up for a session. Rachel will have signup sheets available after service each Sunday in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact one of your Ministerial Search team members or Sheryl in the church office. Your Ministerial Search Team: Bruce White, Gail Vasta, Lana Hurt, Claire Henderson, Bob Haskins, Rachel Hanks, and Cal Allen.

## 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](mailto: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

### SEPTEMBER 17 - LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP FOR COVENANT GROUPS

Covenant groups begin in October! This offering is viewed in our denomination as "small group ministry". UU's across the nation have participated in these monthly gatherings with other UU's as participants explore varied 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 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!

This year's topics are from the UUA out of concern from people of faith who feel challenged by this moment in our nation's history. The actions of political leaders are raising large moral questions. Many of us feel compelled to explore what our faith commitments and values require of us. Information is coming from every direction. We have learned that it is crucial to stay informed, yet not all sources are reliable. Others ask us to contact legislators, attend meetings, join in protests, engage in political conversations with friends and acquaintances, and take public action, sometimes for the first time ever. Many turn to our congregations and faith communities for help to clarify how our values call us to respond and to strengthen us to act.

Sign-ups have begun and are located in the Narthex at the LFD Counter and will continue through **today**.

October: **Why attend church?**

Nov & Dec: **Call to Vision**

Jan & Feb: **Call to Love**

March & April: **Call to Imagination**

May: **Saying Goodbye Well**

June & July: **Relationship in Action**

### Adult Education Fall '17

Many adult RE classes are being offered. Please see the dates listed in the E-newsletter and the LFD bulletin board in the Narthex.

### Kindness Rocks

Last Sunday after church during the Ingathering Picnic, we make Kindness Rocks. If you did not have the chance to make a rock or you want to make more, Cory has set up an area in the Contemplation Room for you to make a rock as you feel the need. The Contemplation Room is located in the RE Wing, second door on the right.

What is a "Kindness Rock" - The Kindness Rocks Project (TKRP) encourages people to create inspirational rocks and leave them for others to find. The Kindness Rocks Project, a pay-it-forward service project created by life coach Megan Murphy in hopes of sparking joy in people's everyday lives, for more information go to <http://thekindnessrocksproject.com/home>. Her story reminds us that one message at the right moment can change someone's entire life. To make a kindness rock you may want to draw a picture on a rock or write a special message to the future receiver.

You are then invited to place the rock in our rock garden or take a rock with you for as long as you need it. Later you may want to place the rock at another location, or bring it back to the UUCSV rock garden, for another person to use.

TKRP shares with us that peace, love and understanding can only be achieved when we seek to create for the common good. We must be mindful to the needs and opinions of others to become an agent for peace. It is the mission of TKRP to bring light to that process. The main purpose is to promote kindness, whether with Kindness rocks or in other cool and unexpected random ways. If you do choose to participate in placing Kindness Rocks, it is IMPORTANT to be mindful of that process. Consider taking a picture of your rock and placing it on our UUCSV Facebook page.

### The Traveling Chalice: Bringing the Light Home PROGRAM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24

#### Purpose

The Purpose of the **Traveling Chalice Program** is to deepen our understanding of one of our most familiar Unitarian Universalist

symbols. The light of the Chalice connects us all together and is a sacred element of our beloved community. The Chalice may also be used as a symbol of hope when one is feeling or experiencing a sense of darkness. We will learn about its history and how it brings people together through learning and love.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Welcome back to our regularly scheduled programming.

Our Community Dinners return in full force in October.

We have offered a community dinner pot luck on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays for nearly 2 years. It is a fun way to get out and enjoy time with our UUCSV friends. Dinners are held at 5:30 pm in hopes that families with children will join us but also so there is time for other things.

**NEW** this year we are adding a **third dinner** opportunity. On the 4th Wednesday of the month we will have a Vegan/Vegetarian Community Dinner! Social Committee will still offer a main dish and everyone who attends should plan to bring a vegan or vegetarian dish to share. This is a great way to expand your meatless meal repertoire. We have many vegetarians in our congregation who are already excited to participate! We can't wait to see what new recipes we'll see.

The Social Committee is looking for helpers. If you are willing to help set up, tear down, or do dishes please let Mary know. Your half hour of help can make a big difference.

Our next meal is on Wednesday, October 11, please put it on your calendar.

Thank you to all the folks that show up and lend a hand!

For more information, you may contact Mary Haskins via email:

[mehaskins@gmail.com](mailto:mehaskins@gmail.com)

## SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### SAJ Meeting Results

At our meeting this past Sunday, the SAJ Committee voted unanimously to make some adjustments to our September and October Share the Plate and Narthex collections, due to our desire to get help to the victims of the recent hurricanes Harvey and Irma as quickly as possible. To that end, we will be partnering with Winchester First Presbyterian Church (which has a standing Disaster Assistance organization), and other area churches to provide cleanup buckets and personal hygiene kits to the victims of hurricane flooding. Detailed lists of the contents and instructions for assembling the Cleaning Buckets and Hygiene Kits can be found at <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/#bucket>.

### Narthex Collection

The current Narthex collection will continue for September thru the end of October. In addition, however, starting this Sunday (September 17th) we will begin collecting the hygiene kits and cleaning supplies. A sample bucket and kit will be in the Narthex, along with posters listing the contents needed for each. If possible, we would like you to bring completed buckets and/or kits; but we will also gladly accept whatever contents for them that you can contribute. We will continue that collection until October 1st. We also will be changing Share the Plate from our usual second Sunday of the month to the first Sunday in October (October 1st) and that collection will be to help complete the buckets and kits, and with shipping charges for the items sent to Texas, Florida, or where they are most needed. For questions or further information, please contact Bruce White, [bruce.h.white@comcast.net](mailto:bruce.h.white@comcast.net), or Carolyn Thalman (Winchester First Presbyterian Church) at [cjthelman@comcast.net](mailto:cjthelman@comcast.net).

### "Standing on the Side of Love" T-Shirts

The Social Action and Justice Committee recognizes that now more than ever we need to show that we "Stand on the Side of Love". To that end we will be taking orders for the iconic, very recognizable, gold colored "Standing on the Side of Love" tee shirts starting this Friday night at the Magic Lantern film on Gerrymandering and continuing at least to the end of September. The cost is \$25.00 per t-shirt and the new shirts will be the same but with the bonus of the inclusion of the UU Chalice on the shirt. We have seen during recent activities (rallies, marches, parades) that the tee shirts really give us the opportunity to publicly brand ourselves and our values. How uplifting would it be at the next Pride Sunday or other event that we see a sea of gold. Order forms will be available in the Narthex or you can email [gloriakelm@comcast.net](mailto:gloriakelm@comcast.net).

### 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).