



10/1/2017
CALENDAR EVENTS

- Sun. Oct. 1**
12:45 pm Singles
Lunch at Roma's
1:00 pm BCT
Workshop
- Tues. Oct. 3**
7:00 pm Meditation
with Shell Fischer –
Mini-Retreat Night
- Thurs. Oct. 5**
6:30 pm Course in
Miracles – Darwin's
Fish Room
7:00 pm Chalice
Singers
- Sat. Oct. 7**
10:00 am Cloth
Wrapping (Auction
Item)

- Sun. Oct. 8**
9:30 am Lay Pastoral
Care Meeting
9:30 am SAI
Committee Meeting
11:00 am Worship
12:30 pm CG
Reception Honoring
Katie Mack
12:30 pm Town Hall
Meeting
2:30 pm Cottage
Party – Westminster
Canterbury



October 14 Ground
Crew Workday

Oct 15 Cottage Party
UUCSV & Winchester



The Narthex
Collection for Oct. 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.

**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

The plight of refugees worldwide is more severe today than at any time since the end of World War II. A refugee is not like an immigrant. An immigrant goes TO a place in order to be with family who have moved there, or because there is a good job there, or a university to attend, or to establish a better future for the children. A refugee flees FROM a place because of war or famine or ethnic cleansing. Today there are about 65 million refugees worldwide. These are people who cannot go back to their country of origin. Resettling them is a major worldwide task—a task which must be done one family at a time.

Churches often play a major role in helping with refugee resettlement, especially when a refugee family arrives in a new country and must quickly find housing, employment, transportation, schools for the children, medical care, and many other necessities of daily life—all in a strange place where they probably do not speak the language. Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester recently sponsored a refugee family, and the family is now well settled there. It took a lot of work and care by many hands

UUSCV can be part of this important work. Because sponsoring a family is such a big job, we have been in conversation with First Presbyterian Church in Winchester to partner with them in sponsoring a family, spreading out the work among hands in both our congregations. Mark Lore and other members are taking the lead on this work. The governing boards of both churches have approved the concept; more details and opportunities to engage in it will be announced soon.

Let us hope we will be able to play our part in this humanitarian work of making a new home for a refugee family.

See you in church.
Russ

DEEDS WELL DONE

The Board of UUCSV recognizes and appreciates all the people who contributed so much to the success of our church in the past year. What an amazing church this is!

- This past year, we have managed to have wonderful Sunday services, more than half of which were provided by our Worship Committee.
- We have beautiful and well-maintained grounds, all achieved by our Grounds Committee and individual volunteers.
- We have had wonderful dinners which were prepared by our Social Committee and volunteers.
- We have maintained and improved our building, accomplished by our Building Committee and volunteers.
- We, again this year, held our Auction and Yard Sale which were well supported by volunteers.
- We gave financially and pledged our financial commitment, led by our Stewardship Committee and achieved by all of us.

Our church is a beautiful, spiritual, welcoming place because of all that you do.

For example, recently, Joyce Badanes and Bruce White hung all the "7 Principles" quilts which were created by --- you're right --- volunteers.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.
Dottie Cox for the Board of UUCSV

LAY PASTORAL CARE

In the coming months you will be learning more about our Lay Pastoral Care (LPC) team, which was formed in the Spring of 2016 as an outgrowth of the Caring Network to help fulfill UUCSV's mission to build a compassionate community. Our goal is to provide ongoing visits, a listening presence and spiritual support to congregants in time of need. All of our work is kept confidential. The team is guided, supported and supervised by our minister, Rev. Russ Savage and trained by our minister emeritus, Rev. Henry Ticknor.

The members of the team are Carol Wimberley, Judy Sperka, Jim Peters, Amy Fielder, Stewart Brown, Rebecca Allen (chair) and Justine Rose (Caring Network chair). After this year of learning, questioning and growing we are ready to have more of a public presence in the congregation and in the life of the church. The church service on October 22nd will provide additional introduction about this new program. In the meantime, please contact Rev. Russ, me or any member of the team if you have any questions or requests. Thank you, Rebecca Allen

UU CHALICE SINGERS

The UU Chalice Singers plan a special Thanksgiving musical service for November 19, together with the Cranberry Chamber Music Ensemble. It will feature Bach's Cantata # 140, "Sleepers Wake", with new environmental texts and poems expressing thanks and concerns for our Planet Earth. There is room for some additional singers to join us for this special event. We will rehearse the Bach beginning in October on Thursdays from 7-7:45pm. Come experience this beautiful music with us! Please contact Pam Keim for more information at choirdirector@uushenandoah.org

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Save the Date, October 8 - Town Hall Meeting

We had our annual retreat to discuss our vision and goals for this upcoming year. We'd like to share some of these ideas with you. This is a good time to chat informally as well as share your thoughts with the Board. Please join us for a Town Hall on Oct. 8 at 12:30 sharp! Hope to see you there!

In gratitude, Monica Singh-Smith, President, Board of Directors, UUCSV

MINISTERIAL SEARCH UPDATE

The Search Box

Ministerial Search Update:

Your Ministerial Search team is very busy planning Cottage Parties which will be held at church and member homes 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
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

Today, there will be a sign-up sheet for cottage parties in the Narthex before and after church for anyone who hasn't signed up so far. An additional cottage party will be scheduled at the church after service on a date to be determined. 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.

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BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING

Will the new minister hear me? Will my concerns and needs be met? Will the minister understand what I'm living with? How will the community respond to our minister?'

In answering these questions, a picture of the "ideal minister" (categorized by age, gender, gender identity, nationality, physical ability, race, and sexual orientation) comes to mind. With this picture in place, it can be easy to unintentionally exclude ministers who fall into certain categories. At times, as we get caught up in comparing candidates to our "picture," we can even forget what it is we hoped for in a minister.

Today, October 1, The Unitarian-Universalist Church of the Shenandoah Valley (UUCSV) will participate in the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The UUCSV Ministerial Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop.

The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a Sunday morning service led by Carol Carter Walker from UUA, followed by a soup and bread lunch hosted by our Social Committee, with pot-luck deserts. After lunch, Ms. Walker and members of the Search Committee will facilitate the afternoon workshop. In the workshop, UUCSV members will:

- Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns they have for a new minister
- Learn more about the ministerial search process, and
- Explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

Come today, October 1, and stay for lunch and the afternoon to participate in this UUA-sponsored workshop, led by Carol Carter Walker, assisted by your Ministerial Search Committee.

The selection of a new full-time minister for UUCSV is important. The Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop is another opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be a part of that process. This experience will provide guidance for the search committee in our work, and will help us collectively understand who we are as a congregation!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Have you been coming to church and are now thinking about becoming a member, but would like to have more information or discuss this decision with someone? Or maybe you have visited several times and think this might be a good church home and want to become more involved with the many activities we have to offer, but are not sure how to get started.

If either of these situations resonates with you please contact Dixie Wiles at dixwil65@gmail.com or feel free to set up an appointment with our minister by calling 540-869-6965. We would love to meet with you! Also feel free to stop by the visitor table in the Narthex and pick up a path to membership packet.

In addition, the Membership Committee will be offering a new UU orientation session on Nov. 18th at the church. More information will be forthcoming on that session.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

UUCSV has implemented a new software church management system called Breeze. The latest directory was sent out on Friday, Sept. 29th and was generated from the new system. We would like everyone to please look at your directory information and if there are any changes needed please contact the administrator at 540-869-6965 or send an email to administrator@uushenandoah.org.

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.

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Share the Plate and Narthex Collections

As announced earlier Social Action and Justice has changed our Share the Plate schedule for October. The Share the Plate collection will be this Sunday (Oct 1) instead of the second Sunday of the month. We are partnering with Winchester First Presbyterian Church and other area churches to collect and send cleaning and hygiene kits to the victims of recent disasters. The money collected this Sunday will contribute to the shipping charges for this effort and to purchase additional supplies. If you wish to contribute items for the kits or to complete an entire kit lists are available at <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/#buckets>. All items must be delivered to The First Presbyterian Church by Oct 3 so this Sunday is our last opportunity to help in this effort.

"Standing on the Side of Love" T-Shirts

We are continuing to take orders for the Standing on the Side of Love tee-shirts. Order forms are available in the Narthex