



10/15/2017
CALENDAR EVENTS



Sun. Oct. 15
12:30 pm Cottage Party - UUCSV
7:00 pm Cottage Party Winchester

Tues. Oct. 17
7:00 pm Mediation with Shell Fischer-Quarterly Q&A Session with Shell

Wed. October 18
2:00 pm Third Wednesday CG
5:30 pm Community Dinner
6:30 pm Board Meeting

Thurs. Oct. 19
6:30 pm Course in Miracles – Darwin’s Fish Room
7:00 pm UU Chalice Singers

Sat. Oct. 21
1:00 pm Soul Collage

Sun. Oct. 22
11:00 am Worship
12:30 pm Greeters Meeting



Oct. 28 MBSR
Retreat (Private)

November 11
Meditation Retreat (Public)



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

Recently I've had some concerns about driving the 83 miles from UUCSV to my home in Washington, DC late at night after dark. Members of my family and others have also questioned the wisdom of so much night driving for someone who is 77 years old.

I've discussed this with president Monica and we've agreed that I'm going to drive home during daylight from now on. This won't affect any of my daytime activities with UUCSV or in the community. It will mean minor adjustments in dealing with committee meetings and other evening events, but over the coming weeks we'll figure out how to do that.

See you in church.

Russ

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



MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Would you like to help the Ministerial Search Team? We are generating the list of questions we will be asking all our ministerial candidates and would love to have your input! Please send your proposed questions to Rachel at "rmhanks424@gmail.com". Alternatively, you can give them on paper to Sheryl in the church office and she will get them to Rachel. We cannot guarantee that we will use submitted questions, but we welcome your input!

Favorite Places

We need to give a prospective minister a good sense of what the Shenandoah Valley has to offer. We know everyone has their favorite event, location, activity or similar thing that they like about living in this area. Your ministerial search team needs those ideas! Please send them to Claire Henderson at clairehenderson321@ or give them on paper to Sheryl who will forward them along. We can't promise to use all of them, but every submission will be considered.

COTTAGE PARTIES

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.

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.

Ministerial Search Cottage Party Schedule					
Date	Time	Location	Host/Hostess	Facilitator	Note Taker
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

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 updated Friday, Sept. 29th and was generated from the new system. It is available on the church website. There are several hard copies located under the mailboxes. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

SoulCollage® - An Intro

Facilitators: Cory & Ashley Ness

Date: Saturday, October 21

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: UUCSV Narthex & Library

Cost: \$15/person includes all supplies

Originated by Seena Frost, SoulCollage® is a process for accessing your intuition and creating an incredible deck of cards with deep personal meaning that will help you with life's questions and transitions.

Looking for Coming of Age Mentors

Rites of passage marking the transition from childhood to youth run throughout history and occur in many cultures. Our UU tradition marks this transition with a program called Coming of Age (COA). This may be the UUCSV's first COA program, and I am excited to bring it to our community.

COA asks youth to reflect on what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist and how their beliefs and values intersect, all while providing a fun and safe environment in which doubt and questioning are encouraged. Our youth focus on themselves, their own spiritual journey, and how they may be involved in the greater community.

This program pairs youth with an adult mentor from the congregation, who acts on behalf of our community and guides their mentee on an inner journey of self-discovery, where one's unique gifts and insights can be claimed and brought forth into the world. The mentor will assist their mentee in crafting their own personal faith credo (credo, stems from Latin for 'I believe,' is a personal statement of faith. These credos may take the form of a written statement, original work of art, poetry, multi-media display, song, video, meditation, or any other worship element.) Ideally, in addition to helping the youth work through their credo, the mentor would also be available for general support and conversation, as well as some fun activities.

Mentors will be mature adult members from our congregation who possess a good understanding of UU'ism. They must be able to uphold appropriate sexual and emotional boundaries and be able to share their own stories and ideas in a way that youth can understand and help our youth develop their own stories and ideas. All mentors must adhere to the same standards as our RE teachers and volunteers. Mentorships will begin in November and include a two-hour mandatory training.

As you can imagine, serving as a mentor can be a very rewarding experience. If you have an interest in becoming a mentor contact Cory, our Director of Religious Education no later than October 15th.

The Traveling Chalice: Bringing the Light Home

The traveling chalice has begun

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.

How the Program Works

Each week a family/household (not just those with children) will take home

the **Traveling Chalice**, which will be inside a special **Chalice Box**. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Narthex at the Lifespan Faith Development counter.

You may want to use the Chalice during your meals, family meetings, or as a bedtime ritual. Choose a reading from the materials provided or make your own.

Take a photo of the chalice and post it on the UUCSV Facebook page or send it to me... (Is the Chalice on your dining room table, mantle, next to a bedside table?)

Record your experience in the included journal.

How did the chalice enrich your experience?

In what ways was the chalice used?

If you created your own reading, you may share it in the journal.

Bring the box and all of its contents back to church the following week so that the next family/household may use it.

The Box Includes

A handmade one-of-a-kind Chalice designed and created by our very own **Dan Houston**, specifically for this program; Special Cloth, Battery Operated Candle, Votive with Wax Candle, Pen, Journal, Chalice Lighting Readings, and a book titled **A Cup of Light: All About the Flaming Chalice** by Pamela Baxter.

Much gratitude goes to Dan Houston for his vision and his creation in our sacred symbol - our Chalice, which will serve our beloved community for generations to come. Thank you!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Community Dinner Wednesday, October 18

The Social Committee is organizing a potluck meal. The Community Dinners will be held on the evenings of the Council on Committees and the Board Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. We especially want this to be an easy evening for families. Let's come together and share a meal before we do the work of the church.

The Social Committee will provide an entree and asks that those that attend bring a dish to share. For October 18, it will be **Cottage Pie (Like Shepard's Pie but with beef instead of lamb)**!

You do not have to attend meetings to come to dinner. We do ask you to bring feastware* so we won't have to spend too much time in the kitchen cleaning up. Dinner will be at 5:30. If you'd like to help please contact Mary Haskins mehaskins@gmail.com

*Feastware is a place setting for each member of your family.

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Bright Futures

Please check out the list of needs of the local Bright Futures organization posted under the Black Lives Matter poster. This is a local organization that is doing worthwhile work for local in need students. We will continue this collection until the end of October.

'Standing on The Side of Love'

The sale of 'Standing on the Side of Love- tee shirts will continue until the end of October. Order forms are under the Standing on the Side of Love banner in the Narthex. This tee-shirt can stand as a public symbol of our commitment to our values.

Note from UUSC - (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)

The UUSC and the Immigration Coalition is urging all concerned about the current world refugee crisis to contact their senators at (800-961-4293) to advise that you strongly support refugee resettlement and are outraged that the current administration has set the refugee admissions goal at only 45,000.