



10/22/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

- Sun. Oct. 22**
12:30 pm Greeters Meeting
- Mon. Oct. 23**
6:30 pm Wired to Create
- Tues. Oct. 24**
7:00 pm Mediation with Shell Fischer-Listening from the Heart
- Wed. October 25**
10:00 am Women's Circle
1:00 pm Last Wednesday CG
4:00 pm Meeting with FPC and CWS
5:30 pm Vegetarian Community Dinner
- Thurs. Oct. 26**
6:30 pm Course in Miracles – Darwin's Fish Room
7:00 pm UU Chalice Singers
- Fri. Oct. 27**
10:00 am Hat's With Heart (Knitting & Crocheting Group)
- Sat. Oct. 28**
9:30 am MBSR Retreat (Private)
- Sun. Oct. 29**
11:00 am Multigenerational Worship



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

This past week Trish and I have been in Massachusetts visiting friends. One day in Hingham I toured the town cemetery, which dates to 1672. Recently a conference I attended took a side trip to Providence, RI, where we visited the town cemetery, which similarly is hundreds of years old. Visiting these ancient burying grounds is restful and informative.

The first lesson is about the basic unfairness of life. Some who were born into it died as infants, their lives marked by a tiny headstone if by anything at all. Others lived a hundred years or more, and their memories are preserved by elaborate headstones, obelisks, and even mausoleums.

The second lesson is that while we can do nothing about the basic unfairness of the length of life, we are called to do all we can about its other unfairness. As people of faith we must work to see that no person is deemed illegal or unworthy. We must work to see that all people have access to food, clean water, health care, decent housing, work, education for their children, and dignity.

Let us never cease being about these basic human tasks. 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 UPDATE

Since we had less than 6 people sign up for an additional party, we are not scheduling any further events. Our apologies to those who signed up for a cottage party but were not able to attend.

The cottage parties were a huge success! Thanks to all of our hosts as well participants, we were able to validate the results from the survey we took last year at this time. We received a lot of additional feedback as well. A summary of the results will be posted once they are available.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

Safety Pin Box

Cory Ness and Marie Francis would like to co-facilitate Safety Pin Box Bootcamp at UUCSV. We would start in November or possibly later for 6 sessions before Sunday services. If you are definitely interested and can commit to register and/or pay a scholarship for another individual to attend, that will help us in planning and purchasing the curriculum.

The cost is \$54 per attendee for the entire 6 sessions. The money supports Black Women Being, which pays out scholarships to assist Black women in community leadership roles. Attached are links to an informative video about SPB Bootcamp and Black Women Being. Please let me know if you want to pre-register to help with purchasing the program. You can write a check to UUCSV and mark it for SPB Bootcamp. Registration will be refunded if we do not get enough interest for the program.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3AD3mGOVjho>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QkEGAOgjrQ>

UUCSV BOOK CLUB -

NEW DAY of the WEEK & TIME!

Join us **Thursday, December 7th @ 1:30 p.m.** We meet in the UUCSV Library.

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson - A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

New this Month!



This Wednesday, October 25, we are having our first **Vegan/Vegetarian Community Dinner!** We will hold this dinner each month on the 4th Wednesday.

You don't have to be a vegetarian to come just plan to share a meatless meal with your fellow congregants! This is the perfect time to invite a friend if you know someone who would enjoy a night out eating vegetarian! Please invite them! This dinner is open to all!

The Social Committee will provide an entree. Everyone else should bring a dish to share. Bring your feastware* too so we can avoid using paper products as well as washing dishes.

For our inaugural meal we will have make your own burrito bowls. Dinner runs from 5:30 to 6:30. Don't worry if you can't make it there at 5:30!

Help setting up at 5 would be appreciated as well as clean up. Many hands make light work!

Please contact Mary Haskins at mehaskins@gmail.com
**feastware is a place setting for each member of your family that is attending.*

Sharing Suppers

Sign up for Sharing Suppers online!

What is Sharing Suppers?

Get together with UUCSV friends and get to know one another over a meal. This monthly commitment begins in the fall. Once a month your group will get together and connect while enjoying a nice meal. Some groups choose to eat out and some choose to host meals in their homes. Meals in homes are planned as a group. The meals may be potluck, the host may offer the entree, or the host may do the whole meal. Each group will work out these details before getting started. Those who choose to eat out may use the same restaurant every month or may change from month to month.

While each group makes its own decisions, we do try to create groups around your requests. Your answers will help to match you with others of similar choices. If you are more interested in breakfast, make sure you let us know. If it is more important that you eat in homes rather than eat out, just let us know. Give us first, second, and third choices!

The form below will tell us what you are interested in. Lunch after church? What about breakfast midweek? Or before church? How about Dinner on Friday night? You tell us what works for you and we try to create a group that works for you. The key is to do your best in filling out the form. We will try to give you your first choice but it doesn't always work out that way.

You may add notes at the bottom if you have special requests (like we have kids and would like an afternoon playdate, or we'd like to eat out in the Woodstock area). Again, we will do the best we can and it is up to groups to work out the details. Please email your questions to Mary Haskins: mehaskins@gmail.com. Use this link to fill out the form. <http://tinyurl.com/UucsvSharingsuppers2017>. *The asterisk means an answer is required.

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Public Comment The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is taking new steps to monitor and criminalize immigrant communities: they're pro-actively gathering and recording social media information of all immigrants to the United States – including new immigrants, permanent residents, and naturalized citizens.

This data could be used to prosecute, deny benefits to, limit due process of, and even deport people. It may also affect those who communicate with immigrants on social media by including their conversations in government surveillance.

We have until Wednesday to submit public comments on this far-reaching regulation and need to speak out right away.

[Please take three minutes to join UUCS in submitting a public comment to oppose surveillance and defend the privacy and safety of immigrants.](#)

Immigrants have the same rights to free speech and privacy as everyone. No one should feel they are the targets of profiling, monitoring, and unreasonable suspicion by the state.

We must raise our collective voices against this far-reaching rule. [Tell the government: Respect the privacy and safety of immigrants by keeping out of their social media.](#)

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 UUCS - (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)

The UUCS 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.