



10/29/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

Tues. Oct. 31

7:00 pm Mediation with Shell Fischer-Walking Meditation

Wed. Nov 1.

7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Thurs. Nov. 2

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

Sun. Nov. 5

9:00 am Health Care Reform
11:00 am Worship
12:45 pm Singles Lunch at Roma’s



Nov. 11 Meditation Retreat (Public)

Nov. 17 Soup and Bread Dinner

Nov. 18 UU Orientation



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.



Your purchase of eggs helps UUCSV as all funds from sales go to the church. The eggs are in a small fridge in the kitchen.

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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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 provided 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

JJ 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.

GREEN SANCTUARY



Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup will be after the church service on November 5. We'll have lunch first. The junior youth is stepping up to assist with this. **We need more adults, too!**

Please add your name and contact info to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Many hands make light work! Questions? contact Jane by emailing witchdoc222@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

UU Orientation November 18th, 2017 9:00-12:30PM Church Library

Please join us for an opportunity to learn more about our church. Rev. Russ Savage will review our UU history and we will explore our own personal spiritual journeys as well as looking at the organization of our church board and committee support system. We will answer questions about the Path to Membership and share what other UU resources are available to you such as the "The World" a UU magazine, and our own brochures and programs. Also, we will take a tour of our facility and grounds.

We will serve coffee, juice, bagels and fruit at 9:00AM. Please contact Dixie Wiles at dixwil65@gmail.com or contact Rev. Russ Savage at 540-869-6965 with any questions.

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=3AD3mG0Vjho>

<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 brinkmanship—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

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

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.

OTHER CHURCH EVENT



Soup and Bread Dinner on Friday, November 17th

**Come anytime between 5-7:00 p.m.
The dinner will take place in the UUCSV Narthex.**

This is a 2017 auction item but everyone is welcome. You may pay at the door. \$15.00/person (Children are welcome, please just make a donation.)

This year Marilyn Dugan is donating a variety of her hand-made pottery: bowls, mugs and sponge holders. These will be on sale at the door.

R.S.V.P. Ann Cross – crossann5@gmail.com if you did not buy this dinner as an auction item.

If you bought this item at the auction, there is no need to RSVP.