

# November

11/5/2017

## CALENDAR EVENTS

### Sun. Nov. 5

12:30 pm Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup  
12:45 Singles Lunch at Roma's

### Tues. Nov. 7

7:00 pm Mediation with Shell Fischer-Mini-Retreat Night

### Wed. Nov 8.

10:00 am Women's Sacred Circle  
12:00 pm ROMEO Lunch at Umberto's  
5:30 pm Community Dinner  
6:30 pm Council on Committees

### Thurs. Nov. 9

6:30 pm Course in Miracles – Darwin's Fish Room  
6:30 pm SURJ-DC Reading Group  
7:00 pm UU Chalice Singers

### Sat. Nov. 11

9:30 am Public Retreat

### Sun. Nov. 12

9:30 am Lay Pastoral Care Meeting  
9:30 am SAJ Committee Meeting  
11:00 am Worship  
12:30 Refugee Meeting



Nov. 17 Soup and Bread Dinner

Nov. 18 UU Orientation



The Narthex Collection for Nov. is C-CAP. 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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### FROM THE MINISTER, REV. RUSS SAVAGE

I've long believed that it's my duty as a responsible citizen to stay informed about what is going on in the country and the world. That way I can understand, respond, and participate in the way that a responsible citizen should. So, each morning I scan the Washington Post and each evening I watch a little TV news before going to bed. Throughout the day as I'm in the car or elsewhere where there's a radio available (and I'm in the car a lot!) I stay tuned to NPR to keep abreast of what's going on.

Although I've followed this pattern for years, in recent months I've been finding it increasingly oppressive. The unfolding daily news is just too much—constant revelations of ineptitude, racism and sexism, outright lying by public officials, taunts and insults of every kind thrown about. And so, I've decided that it's my duty as a responsible citizen to know generally about what is going on, but it isn't my responsibility to immerse myself in it 24/7.

And so, I've changed my pattern. I still scan through the Post each morning. I still watch at least a few minutes of TV news before going to bed. But throughout the day instead of listening constantly to NPR, I'm limiting myself to tuning in to the 5-minute newscast at the beginning of each hour once or at most twice a day. The rest of the time I listen to quiet, relaxing music.

I'm still an informed citizen, and I feel a lot better. Try it! See you in church.

Russ

### UU CHALICE SINGERS

**Special Nov. 19 Sunday Service:** The Chalice Singers and the Cranberry Chamber Music Ensemble will present Bach's Cantata No. 140 "Sleepers Wake" on Sunday, November 19 at 11am. The cantata will feature new environmental text and poems written by Claudia Martin expressing thanks and concern for our planet earth. Don't miss this special day! Special cakes will be offered for refreshments and Claudia Martin's Christmas books will be sold as a benefit for the church. Bring your friends!



### 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](mailto: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@gmail.com](mailto:clairehenderson321@gmail.com)" 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 today. We'll have lunch first. The junior youth is stepping up to assist with this. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. Jane Laura Doyle

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**UU Orientation November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:dixwil65@gmail.com) or contact Rev. Russ Savage at 540-869-6965 with any questions.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



**Community Dinner  
Wednesday, November 8**

The Social Committee is organizing a potluck meal this month. The Community Dinner will be held on the evening of the Council on Committees. 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 November 8, we will serve **beans and hot dogs!** Mary will also have fresh Challah bread available to purchase.

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](mailto:mehaskins@gmail.com)

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

### 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](mailto: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

### **Blue Ridge Area Food Bank**

On Friday, November 17, we will be volunteering to help the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank "stuff the truck" with food donations in front of the Pleasant Valley Walmart. Many of us from UUCSV have done this before and the Food Bank is counting on us again this year. We will be passing out leaflets and asking shoppers to purchase and donate food for those

in our area who do not have sufficient food. We especially need more volunteers for two shifts: 11:30 am to 2 pm, and 2 pm to 4 pm. Please let Dick Dugan ([rdugan@frontiernet.net](mailto:rdugan@frontiernet.net)) know if you're able to help on Friday, November 17.

## Social Action and Justice Narthex Collection for November



### Congregational Community Action Project

C-CAP maintains a food pantry, clothing center with all sizes and also offers assistance in rent, utilities and prescription drugs.

Currently they are in need of:

- adult:** disposable diapers, and/or disposable briefs and underwear
- baby and toddler:** disposable diapers (all sizes) and individual packages of baby wipes

**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 17<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto: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.