



11/12/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. Nov 12

Share the Plate
12:30 Refugee Meeting

Tues. Nov 14

6:30 pm CYREC
7:00 pm Mediation with Shell Fischer-Overcoming Blame & Insult

Wed. Nov 15.

1:00 pm Covenant Group
2:00 pm Third Wednesday CG
5:30 pm Community Dinner
6:30 pm Board Meeting
6:30 pm Bystander Training

Thurs. Nov. 16

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

Fri. Nov. 17

5:00 pm Soup & Bread Dinner

Sat. Nov. 18

9:00 am UU Orientation

Sun. Nov. 19

9:30 am Teacher Connection
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Children’s Worship



Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church

Dec. 3 & 10 By Our Own Hands

Jan. 27 Chili Cookoff



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

Our hearts are broken again by another senseless mass shooting, this one in a house of worship. Twenty-six people were killed and 20 more injured at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, TX, a town with only 400 residents. Our leaders are urging us to lift up our thoughts and prayers for those who died, those who were injured, their grieving survivors, and even the church and the town itself. So many people are doing this I don't feel the need to do it myself.

I lift up my thoughts and prayers instead for our elected legislators, that they may at last find the backbone, the courage, the good sense, and the common decency to address the issue of guns in our country. Fine if you want to have a gun for hunting or target shooting or even self-defense (although the record on that is not so good). But there is no reason for a country with 320 million citizens to have more than 300 million guns—almost one for every man, woman, and child. There is no reason for civilians to have automatic weapons which were designed for warfare. I lift up my thoughts and prayers that our legislators will begin to address at least the most serious of these gun issues.

I invite you to lift up your thoughts and prayers for these things too. See you in church.
Russ

December 24, 2017 There will not be an 11:00 am Sunday service but there will be a Sunday Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm.

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". 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" 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

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.

UPCOMING AUCTION ITEM 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

Bystander Training

Facilitator: Cory Ness

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: UUCSV Library

Whether you are an introvert or an extrovert, bystander training empowers participants to intervene in (and prevent) potentially harmful situations. Stepping in to assist another person that is experiencing harm or abuse is an important part of helping and supporting people in our community. Join us for a two-hour training where we will discuss exactly what is a bystander, why people do not act, how to help if someone is being harassed and the 4'D's. Don't know the 4'D's, join us to find out!

Book Club - Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

Facilitator(s): Cory

NEW Date & Time: Thursday, December 7th @ 1:30 p.m. in UUCSV Library

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.

SoulCollage®

Facilitators: Cory & Ashley Ness

Date: Saturday, January 13, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: UUCSV Narthex & Library

Cost: \$10/person includes all supplies

SAFETY PIN BOX BOOTCAMP

Join **Cory Ness** and **Marie Francis** as we co-facilitate **SAFETY PIN BOX BOOTCAMP**.

We will begin the 6 sessions on **Sunday, February 4th – March 25th @ 9 a.m. at the UUCSV**. 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. *If you are 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.* **Sign up is in the Narthex on the LFD Counter. Last day for sign up is January 7.** You can write a check to UUCSV and mark it for SPB Bootcamp. *Registration will be refunded if we do not have enough interest for the program.*

Special Fiber Art Project

You are invited to discuss the beautification of the UUCSV Narthex through fiber art. If you have a love of **design, creation, and construction** with fiber art we want you to attend a meeting on Sunday, November 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Winter Holiday R.E.sources You are invited to pick up the **Winter Holiday R.E.sources** located in the Narthex on the LFD Counter and read the booklet Cory compiled. As our winter holiday season quickly unfolds, I hope you find these resources helpful in navigating our holidays with a joyful and peaceful heart. Cory tried to include something for everybody and hopes this resource will in some way add a deeper richness to the time you and your family spend together. Enjoy.



Community Dinner, Wednesday, November 15

This Wednesday the Social Committee will host a Community Dinner on Wednesday, November 15.

The Social Committee will provide an entree and asks that those that attend bring a dish to share. For November 15, we will serve **quiche!**

You do not have to attend meetings to come to dinner. We do ask you to bring feastware (a place setting for each attendee) 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. Set up is at 5!

Mary likes to make bread, and will also have fresh bread available for purchase. Half the proceeds go to UUCSV.



Thanksgiving Day at UUCSV, November 23, 3:00 pm

Join us at the church for our annual thanksgiving meal! Many thanks to MaryDale Jackson for stepping forward to be hostess for this year's dinner. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex on Sunday. Please be sure to list what you will bring and other details so we will be well prepared. Many hands make light work and there are many jobs to be filled. Set up and clean-up will go quickly with your help.

Next year: Please consider being host or hostess. This event will not take place if this role is not filled. The job requires that you be the point of contact, be present to supervise the day of, make sure the church is cleaned up and locked before leaving. Social Committee takes care of the signups!

December Holiday Gathering at UUCSV

Please place Sunday, December 3 on your calendar and plan to attend our annual holiday gathering. We will be decorating the church, sharing a potluck meal, and selling handmade items after the Sunday service.

Help is needed. If your group or committee would like to take on a job for the day please contact Mary Haskins. We need someone/group to:
supervise potluck
move chairs and set up tables in sanctuary
clean up after event



If you are an artisan, baker, or candlestick maker please consider donating your crafts to the By Our Own Hands Sale. This sale offers up handmade items for our community to purchase for gifts. It is a wonderful way to shop while supporting UUCSV.

In the past we have had pottery, sewn items, jewelry, tie dye, knits, rugs, art, cookies, jams, pickles, and much much more! We also have the regift table so if you have a gift quality item please bring it in. We would appreciate it.

There will be a box under the Social Table, by the kitchen, for donations. Social Committee questions can be sent to Mary Haskins: mehaskins@gmail.com

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!

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). 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

Share the Plate Today, (Nov 12th) we will have our monthly Share the Plate Collection. This month we will be supporting the Unidos Disaster Relief Fund to aid the victims of the recent hurricanes in Puerto Rico. This fund was established by the Latino nonprofit Hispanic Federation specifically to help on the ground efforts for the people of Puerto Rico. One hundred percent of the proceeds of this fund will be used in recovery efforts on the island. As a reminder, the offertory will be passed as usual and all non-pledge noted contributions will be split 50/50 with the recipient organization. If you do not wish your check to be shared with the recipient organization note in the memo portion of your check 'pledge only'.

Refugee Meeting at the UUCSV: Sunday, November 12 We're planning to meet at 12:30, today, November 12 in the sanctuary to develop further our plans, in collaboration with the First Presbyterian Church of Winchester (FPC), to help support a future refugee family in the Winchester area. This meeting, which should not take more than 30-45 minutes, will be primarily aimed at identifying functional assignments within our UUCSV team. There will also be a short review of the October 25 meeting we held at the UUCSV with the FPC and other local church reps and Jim Hershberger of Church World Services, Harrisonburg.

We currently have around 18 congregants who want to be involved – but there is always room for more! So, if you want to know more about this project and whether it might work for you, join us today. Feel free to contact me beforehand if you have a question: mslore1@comcast.net or 540/678-0963. Mark Lore

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) know if you're able to help on Friday, November 17.