



11/26/2017
CALENDAR EVENTS

Tues. Nov 28
7:00 pm Mediation
with Shell Fischer-
The Heartwood Sutra

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

Sun. Dec. 3
9:00 am Health Care
Reform
10:00 am By Our Own
Hands
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Hanging of
the Greens
12:45 pm Singles
Lunch at Roma’s



Dec. 6 Vegetarian
Community Dinner

Dec. 10 By Our Own
Hands

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Worship Service

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

By the time you read this, your Thanksgiving turkey is probably already a carcass—or if it isn't, it soon will be. That means the holiday season is upon us full force. Get ready! The holidays can be a time of great excitement and fun, but they can also be filled with disappointment and even danger. Here are a few things to think about as you launch forth into this annual pageant of fun and frolic.

Don't expect too much—not of yourself, and not of others. Lay out your list of tasks, but give yourself a break once in a while. Don't expect to do everything in one day. And yes, even let something go undone that you were planning to do. Don't expect too much of others. They'll try to help, but they are just as stressed as you are. Everyone give everyone else a break!

Pause once in a while and remember what the season is really about. Remember what you're thankful for. Say Thank You to someone when they least expect it. It will make you feel good. Don't overdo it. Don't go to too many parties or eat and drink too much or drive too fast.

Enjoy the holidays, and I'll 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.



Your Ministerial Search committee is hard at work. We are approaching the time when we will be evaluating ministerial candidates so communications will be less over the next few months. Stay tuned to this space for updates!

Help the Church while shopping!



Do you shop Amazon during the holidays? You could help UUCSV by using Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and designating us as a recipient.

It's easy and costs you nothing to benefit the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

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.*



December Holiday Gathering at UUCSV



Sunday, December 3

We will celebrate the winter holidays by bringing in the greens and decorating the church, sharing a finger food 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 finger food potluck
- move chairs and set up tables in sanctuary and/or library
- clean up after event & reset chairs
- supervise a simple origami table for all ages (materials supplied)

Don't forget that everyone can bring a finger food to share! Sorry no soups or items that require more than a toothpick and napkin. :)



Artisans needed!

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.

Handmade items such as: pottery, sewn items, jewelry, tie dye, knits, rugs, art, cookies, breads, jams, pickles, and more would be deeply appreciated.

We also have the re-gift table so if you have a **gift quality** item to donate please bring it in. Pass forward those gifts that just didn't meet your needs. There is a box under the Social Table, by the kitchen, for donations.

Last year we raised over 1500 dollars through your generosity. The event is organized by the Social Committee but its success is made by all that participate! Thank you to all that lend a hand, donate, and attend. It really is a great day to get into the holiday spirit! - Mary

Social Committee chair is Mary Haskins. Questions can be emailed to: mehaskins@gmail.com

Vegetarian Dinners!



Vegetarian Dinners are being moved to the FIRST Wednesday of the month!

Scheduling around the holidays is problematic so we are moving the day rather than cancel it. Please join us on Wednesday, December 6, at 5:30 pm. Set up is at 5:00 if you'd like to help out! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Haskins. mehaskins@gmail.com

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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