



12/10/2017

CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 10

By Our Own Hands
12:30 pm Letters to
Your Legislator

Tues. Dec 12

6:30 pm CYREC
7:00 pm Ministerial
Search Committee
7:00 pm Mediation with
Shell Fischer- The 5
Remembrances

Wed. Dec. 13

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

Thurs. Dec. 14

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

Fri. Dec. 15

7:00 pm Ministerial
Search Committee

Sun. Dec. 17

11:00 am Worship



Dec. 21 Winter Solstice

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Worship Service 7 pm

Jan. 20 Public Retreat

Jan. 27 Chili Cookoff



The Narthex Collection
for Dec. 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

Recently the Settled Minister Search Committee asked me to write a letter of welcome to ministers who might be interested in serving this church, to include in the packet of materials they send to candidates. Naturally I wanted to mention good things, and there are so many of them I hardly knew where to start.

One of the strongest things about this church is the staff who are already here. Our RE Director Cory Ness leads an excellent RE program for children and youth and also for adults. Administrator Sheryl Wilhide manages our office with efficiency and grace. Our pianist Elaine Wright and our choir director Pam Keim provide inspiring music for our worship services. We are fortunate to have them all here.

The next time you see Cory, Sheryl, Elaine, or Pam, stop and say thanks for the good work they do for us. The new minister who comes in next year will be fortunate to work with them.

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.

(NOTE: The church office will be closed December 25 and 26.)



We Need Your Photos!

The team is looking for any and all church related photos that you may have! These are for the web site that potential ministers will see to market our church to them. You don't need to review the pics you submit; our web designer will select the best ones. They can be of any timeframe and format (negatives and prints are fine). You will get credit for using any photos we use.

Send a note to Bob Haskins at robert.haskins@gmail.com and arrangements will be made to get access to your pictures. Your Ministerial Search Team thanks you for your help and support!

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!



**Today!
Join us at UUCSV's Handmade Sale**

Friends of UUCSV!

After our service we will have a handmade sale.

Handcrafts

We have a sale of donated items. We have swags for your front door and bread for your table!

Gift Worthy Sale Table

This table is what you would consider a white elephant table but a bit upscale. Items for this table are limited to New or Like New items that are worthy of being given as a gift.

Shop!

Please plan to shop today. We will have a large selection of hand crafted goods. We hope you brought your shopping list!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

Winter Solstice Service, Thursday, December 21 @ 6:30 pm

There will be a Winter Solstice "A Yule Candle Ritual" by Cory Ness, Director of Religious Education - This ritual honors the strengths and qualities that nourish us through the dark and cold of this season. As we are nourished we are able to name the beginnings that may be composting throughout the quiet of our winter. This ritual also allows us to greet our aging with grace and wisdom.

SoulCollage®

Facilitators: Cory & Ashley Ness

DATE CHANGE

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2018 @ 1 pm - 5 pm

Location: UUCSV Narthex & Library

Cost: \$10/person includes all supplies

Originated by Seena Frost, SoulCollage® is a process for accessing your intuition and creating an incredible deck of cards with deep personal meaning that will help you with life's questions and transitions.

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 **Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m.** during the Wednesday community dinner.

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.

Below are links to informative videos about the **SPB Bootcamp** and **Black Women Being:**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3AD3mG0Vjho>

or google/Safety Pin Box presents #SPBBootcamp - for Groups!

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

or google/Safety Pin Box presents Black Women Being

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Social Action and Justice Meeting, December 10

Reminder: Social Action and Justice meets this Sunday at 9:15 in the church library. Come and join us, we need all the help and energy you can provide.

Glove, Mitten, Hat and Scarf Tree

The Narthex glove, mitten, hat and scarf tree which was announced for last Sunday will be ready for your contributions today. Thank you to Gina and Evan for their creativity and ingenuity in creating the tree for our annual December collection.

Guest at Your Table

Also, Guest at your Table boxes and contribution forms will be available at the SAJ table. The theme for this year is 'Small Change is Big Change' so as you have in the past, fill those boxes with change to help UUCSV make some positive changes in this troubled world.

Share the Plate Sunday, December 10

Today is also our Share the Plate Sunday. This month we look internally for our contributions. The recipient will be our Minister's Discretionary Fund. This enables our minister to respond to those in our community who need immediate help. As always unmarked checks and cash collected are split 50/50 with the designated organization.

Letters to Your Legislators

As though all that were not enough - today after the service at 12:30 will be our annual 'love letters to your legislators' session. SAJ will provide names and contact information for Virginia State Senators and Representatives along with fact sheets on specific issues and some general guidelines. We will also have soup, bread and a desert available for participants. Citizen participation in our fragile democracy has never been more important than now. We need to make sure our voices are heard both in Richmond and Washington and this is a good time and place to start.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Social Action and Justice Committee is still looking for additional volunteers to help with a Habitat for Humanity work day on Saturday, December 16. We need 3 or 4 more people with modest carpentry skills to help with the work, and another 2 or 3 to help prepare and serve a lunch to approximately a dozen workers. Work will begin at 8:00 a.m. somewhere in the vicinity of 502 N. Highland in Winchester. Habitat is working on three homes in that neighborhood (one of which is for a Syrian refugee family), and the exact location and the work we will be doing can only be determined after work is done this weekend and early next week. If you can help with either the work crew or lunch crew for this worthy project, please call or email Bruce White at 540-635-0415, or bruce.h.white@comcast.net.



**Community Dinner
December 13, 2017**

The Social Committee is organizing a potluck meal next week which 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 December 13, it will be ***Ham and Bean Soup with Bread!*** 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

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