



**12/3/2017
CALENDAR EVENTS**

Sun. Dec. 3

By Our Own Hands
12:00 pm Hanging of
the Greens
12:45 pm Singles Lunch
at Roma's

Tues. Dec 5

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

Wed. Dec. 6

5:30 pm Vegetarian
Community Dinner
7:00 pm Worship
Committee

Thurs. Dec. 7

1:30 pm Book Club
6:30 pm Course in
Miracles – Darwin's Fish
Room
7:00 pm Chalice Singers

Fri. Dec. 8

Ministerial Search
Committee

Sat. Dec. 9

11:00 am Gingerbread
House Party

Sun. Dec. 10

9:30 am Lay Pastoral
Care Meeting
9:30 am SAJ Meeting
10:00 am By Our Own
Hands
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Letters to
Your Legislator



Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Worship Service

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

Last Tuesday someone distributed hateful flyers to mailboxes and driveways across many areas of Rappahannock County, where I serve the UUs of the Blue Ridge on the Sundays when I'm not here at UUCSV. The flyers denigrate Jews and blacks and urge people to join the KKK. I understand similar flyers have also been distributed recently in Winchester and other nearby areas.

All of us must stand up to such expressions of hate and exclusion. We are all children of God, all members of the human family. More than that, we are all equal members of the human family. Every faith tradition speaks its special truth to its followers. Now more than ever we are called to embody these truths in our lives and speech and actions.

That's what church is all about. See you there.

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!



UUCSV's annual holiday potluck, handmade sale, and decorating of our church today!

Friends of UUCSV!

Please join us for a day filled with community and holiday fun. After our service today, we will have a Finger Food potluck and a handmade sale. We will also decorate the sanctuary and Narthex with greens.

Handcrafts

We have a sale of donated items. Whether you like to bake, make pottery, knit, sew, or craft of any kind you are invited to share your talents. We have swags for your front door and bread for your table! Donated items will be sold at your suggested price (or we can price them) and funds will go to support our congregation. Please continue to drop your items off at the church before the Sunday service on December 10.

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.

Decorate!

We'll be making ornaments and decorations for the tree as well as hanging greens. You can help however you wish! We'll have a few experienced folks on hand to work with.

Shop!

Please plan to shop today. We have a large selection of hand crafted goods as well as tasty food items. We hope you brought your shopping list! Please contact Mary Haskins if you have any questions: 540-869-3795 or mehaskins@gmail.com

P.S. We will continue the sale on Sunday December 10 too. Don't be afraid to add something during the week if you like!



SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Vegetarian Dinner!



**Vegetarian Community Dinner
December 6, 2017**

Next Wednesday, December 6, we are having our second **Vegan/Vegetarian** Community Dinner! We will hold this dinner each month on the first Wednesday.

You don't have to be a vegetarian to come, just plan to share a meatless meal with your fellow congregants! This is the perfect time to invite a friend if you know someone who would enjoy a night out eating vegetarian! Please invite them! This dinner is open to all!

The Social Committee will provide **spinach lasagna!** Everyone else should bring a dish to share. Bring your feastware too so we can avoid using paper products as well as washing dishes.

Dinner runs from 5:30 to 6:30. Don't worry if you can't make it there at 5:30! Come when you can. Help setting up at 5 would be appreciated as well as clean up. Many hands make light work!

Please contact Mary Haskins at mehaskins@gmail.com

Gingerbread House Workshop!



December 9, 2017

As an auction item Mary Haskins offered a gingerbread house making workshop at UUCSV. There is still space if anyone would like to join in the fun. All supplies will be provided and she will provide a tasty lunch. Vegetarian upon request. Suitable for all ages; children need adult supervision.

Saturday, December 9. 11:00 am
\$20

Contact Mary by calling 540-869-3795 or email: mehaskins@gmail.com

Guest at Your Table

As always, we will be participating in the UUSC "Guest at Your Table" program. The UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) provides help and services to the many troubled areas of the world. This year in particular there is a need for us to help in this worthwhile effort. To participate see the SAJ table at the right side of the Narthex for details.

Letters to Your Legislators

Mark your calendars - On Sunday, December 10th at 12:30 SAJ will conduct our annual "Love Letters to Your Legislators" session. Information on current issues in both the state and federal legislatures will be provided as well as guidelines for communicating to your representative. Soup, bread and a dessert will be provided. See you there.

Social Action and Justice Narthex Collection for December



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.

This month we will collect (all sizes – child and adult):

- Scarves
- Hats
- Gloves/mittens

Thank you for previous and future donations to the Narthex collections.

"Calling on volunteers for a Habitat workday!"

UUCSV is on the calendar to furnish a work crew for the Winchester, Frederick, and Clark County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. We already have a group of four of us on board, but we could still use another four or so. Additionally, we'd like to have a group of you who might not be as comfortable with hammers, but are comfortable in the kitchen, to bring lunch for us and the other volunteers (about a dozen total).

The specific work and we'll be doing, and the exact address, will depend on the progress other crews have made between now and then. But the work will probably be indoors (insulation, drywall, or perhaps painting) in one of the three homes under construction now in the near north side of Winchester, where we have worked on several houses recently.

If you can help with this worthy work, please contact Bruce White at bruce.h.white@comcast.net. You can also call him at 540-635-0415. He'll sign you up and follow up with the specific details in the week before the 16th.