



12/24/2017  
CALENDAR EVENTS

**Sun. Dec 24**  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve  
Worship

**Tues. Dec 26**  
7:00 pm Ministerial  
Search Committee  
7:00 pm Mindful  
Meditation with Shell  
Fischer – no meeting

**Wed. Dec. 27**  
10:00 am Women's  
Sacred Circle

**Thurs. Dec. 28**  
6:30 pm Course in  
Miracles – Darwin's Fish  
Room

**Sun. Dec. 31**  
11:00 am Worship  
Service



**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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**Regular Office Hours: Mon - Fri. 10:00 am-2:00 pm, 540.869.6965**

**FROM THE MINISTER, REV. RUSS SAVAGE**

An O. Henry story tells of a young couple who had very little, yet each of them had one prized possession which they especially treasured. Hers was her hair, long and golden and spilling down even below her waistline to catch the sun in a beautiful way. He had often seen her admiring in a shop window a silver comb, with which she might sweep her golden hair up on top of her head and hold it there like a queen.

His was his golden pocket watch, given to him by his grandfather. Several times a day he proudly pulled it out of his pocket to check the time. She had often seen him admiring in a shop window a golden watch chain, with which he could elegantly pull the watch up from his vest pocket.

On Christmas morning, each received the gift they had admired, despite their meager resources. For she had sold her hair to buy him a golden watch chain, and he had sold his watch to buy a silver comb for her hair.

May such a tangle of love and blessings come to you and all those you love during this holiday season of the year.

Russ

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



The Congregational Record (CR) has been posted to the church's web site under the "Ministerial Search" item on the "About Us" tab. The CR is a document that the UUA (our governing body) requires us to complete in order to be part of their minister search process. This document is in a specific format with specific information so all prospective ministers in search receive the same information in the same format from all prospective churches. The CR has been available to prospective ministers since about December 1st.

Your search team is currently finalizing candidate interview questions as well as putting the finishing touches on the ministerial search web site. The ministerial web site is specifically tailored for prospective ministers separate and distinct from our "regular" church web site. It can be considered our "marketing" information to candidate ministers for them to learn all about us as a congregation.

In the first week of January, the committee will begin receiving names of ministers who are interested in becoming our next minister. This is the part of the process that must be done in total confidence as some (or all) minister's congregations may not know that their minister is searching for a new church. As a result of this, the team will not be providing updates as often as in the past because there isn't anything that can be said at this point in the process. Once the candidate accepts, then their name, profile and other information will be released to the congregation.

Many thanks to everyone who has provided photos, questions, favorite places and other feedback to your search team. It has been extremely useful!

Stay tuned to this space for future updates....

**GROCERY CARDS**



Grocery cards **will not** be sold in church on December 24 or December 31. Enjoy the holidays and have a Happy New Year!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ONGOING FOR EVERYONE

### Book Club

Join us Thursday, February 1st @ 1:30 p.m.

We meet in the UUCSV Library.

Questions about our book club may be directed to Cory, Director of Religious Education [corythedre@gmail.com](mailto:corythedre@gmail.com)

### *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving

#### OVERVIEW

Author Debby Irving's recollections of her own experiences of being an American white woman and coming to terms with the complexity of race in the United States.

For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing.

Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her and ultimately for all of us.

#### 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.

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 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=3AD3mGOVjho>  
or google/Safety Pin Box presents #SPBBootcamp - for Groups!  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QkEgAOgjtrQ>  
or google/Safety Pin Box presents Black Women Being.

## SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### Glove, Mitten, Hat and Scarf Tree

The Narthex glove, mitten, hat and scarf tree is ready for your contributions. 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.

## 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.