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CALENDAR EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 7

12:20 pm CoA Mentor/Mentee Meeting 12:45 pm Singles Lunch at Roma's

Tues. Jan. 9

6:30 pm CYREC 7:00 pm Ministerial Search Committee 7:00 pm Mindful Meditation with Shell Fischer - Being True to Your Heart

Wed. Jan. 10

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

Thurs. Jan. 11

6:30 pm Course in Miracles - Darwin's Fish Room 7:00 pm Chalice Singers

Sun. Jan. 14

9:30 am Lay Pastoral Care Meeting 9:30 SAJ Committee 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 Auction Planning Meeting



Jan. 20 Public Retreat

Jan. 27 Chili Cookoff

April 14 Service Auction



The Narthex Collection for Jan. is the Highland Food Pantry. 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

Garrison Keillor often starts off by saying, "Well, it's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegone." It sure hasn't been a quiet week at UUCSV! Early in the week there was no hot water in the kitchen, probably because of the extremely cold weather. No big deal, we thought. By Tuesday morning, there was no hot water in the restrooms. Then a little later, no cold water in the restrooms. Things were getting serious.

Sheryl called Shell Fisher to warn her about this, and Shell decided to cancel her Tuesday evening meditation session since the restrooms would be unusable. Then about 11 AM I was standing by the mailboxes in the hall when I heard dripping above my head. I asked Sheryl to come out and listen, and by that time the drips had started to come through the ceiling, faster and faster. We put buckets out to catch the water, but soon water was gushing out, ceiling tiles collapsed, and gobs of sodden insulation were falling on us along with the rushing water. Water poured down the hall, into the offices and kitchen.

Sheryl found a ladder and I climbed up in the water heater closet and turned off all the valves I could find. Cory found some valves in the kitchen and turned them off, and at last the water stopped gushing. We tried sopping up the flood with towels. Sheryl called Willy Hayes, who immediately came over. Willy had experienced a burst pipe at home just a few days earlier, so he knew exactly what plumber and damage restoration company to call.

In a few hours we were pretty much back to normal, but it certainly wasn't a quiet week at UUCSV. I hope it's been a quiet week at your house. See you in church.

Russ



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...

2018 ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION PLANNING

It's coming...April 14! Mark your calendars for our annual service auction - our most fun fundraiser. Each year we offer services, social events and goods up for bidding during an evening of food and festivities. There will be a silent auction, live auction, raffles, food, beverages and more.

We need to get started with planning now and I need your help. I'm hosting auction planning meetings on January 14, February 11 and March 11 after church in the sanctuary. Please come if you are willing to help in any way. I've already enlisted the help of seasoned veterans for many big jobs, but we still need lots of worker bees! I hope one of them is you.

Looking forward to seeing you January 14, Rebecca Allen (reballen22@gmail.com)

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The January 17th Board meeting has been rescheduled for January 24.

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

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

From the Nominating Committee – MIKE, Gina and Mary Dale.

It's that time of year again when we need to begin to think about replacing those on the Board and Nominating Committee who will complete their three-year terms in June. To those departing, thank you for leading out church community through (and out of) some difficult times. We trust that the experience was fulfilling and personally rewarding.

This year should be a particularly exciting time to take on a leadership role with the expected arrival of a settled minister. We will need to find two new Board members and one new member of the Nominating Committee. Over the next several weeks, we will be approaching members to consider taking on one of these important roles; however, do not hesitate to come talk to one of us if you are interested in serving or just to learn about leadership opportunities more generally. We are always open to hearing about your ideas, plans and goals.

If you are interested but uncertain about taking on a Board position, you can always go to www.uuinstitute.org to explore a variety of themes related to leadership roles in a UU congregation. We would love to hear about your thoughts and experiences with the institute website.

SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Guest at Your Table

We will continue to support the long-standing tradition of support for the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) and their work for social justice around the world by collecting donations for Guest at Your Table. Note your contribution with GAYT on the check or fill the boxes available at the SAJ table. You will also find more information in the Narthex on UUSC and their programs.

Martin Luther King Day

There will be a vigil in Richmond on Martin Luther King Day (Jan 15) to honor his memory and those of all those Virginians killed by gun violence and lobby the Legislature for common sense gun laws. For more information contact Gloria Kelm at gloriakelm@comcast.net.

WATTS

UUCSV will again be providing meals and company for the guests at WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter). This will occur on Wednesday February 21 (dinner) and Thursday February 22 (breakfast) at the Bethel Lutheran Church on Rt. 522. We've done this in cooperation with Bethel Lutheran for several years and everyone who has participated has found it to be a very rewarding experience.

We will need about 6-7 cooks and kitchen helpers for the evening meal to feed approximately 50 people (including the volunteers), and another 3 or 4 volunteers to help with "intake" and visit or play games with the guests later in the evening. Also, in the morning, we will need another 4 or 5 people to cook and serve breakfast. We will organize the meals and coordinate the cooking as a group. Marilyn Dugan will organize the evening meal and Gloria Kelm will be in charge of organizing the breakfast. If you can assist in this effort, please contact Dick Dugan at

rdugan@frontiernet.net, or Marilyn at mdugan@frontiernet.net, or Gloria at gloriakelm@comcast.net. Please let us know if you have a preference for the evening meal or early morning breakfast, and whether you will help cook. For the evening meal, we will begin preparing at about 5 pm for dinner served at 7 pm. Some volunteers may stay as late as 10 pm to socialize with the guests. For breakfast, preparation should begin about 5:30 am and everyone will be finished by 8 am.

Please consider helping in this project to provide shelter and food for the many homeless in our area. If you are unable to be present for the evening meal or breakfast, please consider volunteering to make a casserole or cookies or provide other needed food items. Thanks

In January We Are Collecting For

The Highland Food Pantry

You can help by donating any of the following items:

Diapers - all sizes
(Infant Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, Big)

Men's and Women's personal hygiene products

Please place items in the basket in the Narthex.

Thank you in advance for your contributions!
- Social Action & Justice Committee
& Highland Food Pantry



Star Island Community Dinner January 10, 2018

Have you heard about Star Island? The UU retreat center off the coast of New Hampshire? For the past few years UUCSV has had a good-sized contingent attend the annual Arts Conference. It is a creative and restful atmosphere where you are surrounded by people who embrace the same principles. The beauty is amazing and there is plenty to do, or not, depending on your interests. A week here will heal your soul.

Come next Wednesday, January 10, for the Community Dinner if you want to learn more. Several other members who have attended SI will be present and we'll have a slide show. Questions will be answered too!

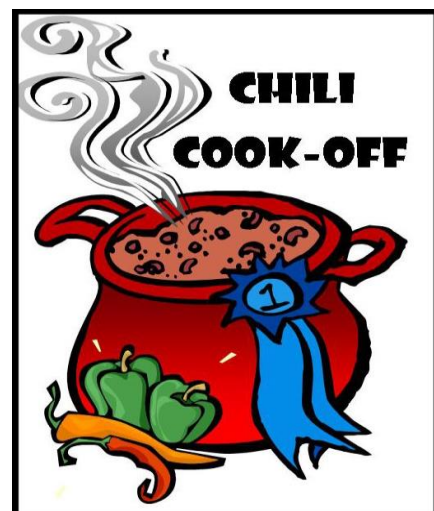
Dinner will begin with a large vegetable salad, a Star Island tradition, and follow with cream of tomato soup. Fresh bread will be available too.

Bring a dish to share and your own place setting (feastware) so dishes will be minimal. Dinner starts at 5:30 and is open to one and all. Bring the family, or bring a friend, and enjoy a simple meal with friends. If you'd like to help set up we put tables up at 5pm.

Thank you! Please refer your questions to Mary Haskins, Chair of Social Committee: mehaskins@gmail.com

For more information go to: starisland.org

The Chili Cook-Off is almost here! Mark your calendars!!!



Saturday, January 27, 6:00 PM!