
WORSHIP SERVICES

June Theme: PRIDE

Sun, June 9, 10:00 a.m.

Flowers & Farewell: In Gratitude

A special service to celebrate **Rev. Lynn Strauss'** ministry. Special music; gifts shared; Rev. Strauss will preach a homily and offer hands-on blessings. Bring a flower, for this is also **FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY!**

Come early for this somewhat-longer-than-usual service, with reception following!

Special Programming—

Children ages 0-4 may go to the nursery in Building 3, Room 33. Children ages 5-10 will participate in the first fifteen minutes of service and then depart for childcare outdoors (weather permitting) or in Room 52. The children will return for special music at the close of the service. Children and youth ages 11 and up will remain in worship throughout the service.

Sun, June 16, 10:00 a.m.

Reflections on Fatherhood from UUCR Fathers

In this special lay-led service, fathers from our UUCR family will share reflections and readings about what the day means for them: the complexity, joy, and challenges of being a parent in today's world.

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by Rev. Lynn Strauss

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville is a faith community, a progressive institution, and an inclusive family of kindness and care. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your minister for 14 years. I am grateful placed in me, for the you have offered, for beauty and meaning have shared. We good ministry to-



Building a world of the deep core of my have come to under- ing and crafting must the world outside our the competing inter- our walls. I hope I have offered you a vision of unity within diversity. I hope you understand your call to “be a people”—to work toward a limited number of strategic goals with unified commitment of resources, both within UUCR and in the larger world.

I hope UUCR's spiritual and religious life remains rich and meaningful; that you continue to study theology and to celebrate life in worship, to find solace in prayer, and to create “Coming of Age” rituals for each of life's stages. A Living Faith is a faith that changes you. I have been changed in these years with you. I hope you have also. May your transformation to wholeness and depth continue. May you be well.

Know that you are beloved on this earth.

Know that I will carry you in my heart.

With Gratitude,

Lynn

for the trust you have freedom of the pulpit the collaboration in and caring that we have done much together.

love and justice is call to ministry. I stand that this build- be advanced both in walls and also among ests and silos within

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Led by **Michael Mignano, Curtis Winans, Matt Zembrzusi, Bryan Riley, Eric Strong, and André Enceneat.**

Special music by guest artist **Matthew Brem**, saxophone, with **Justin Furnia**, piano.

Summer RE begins today.

Sunday, June 23, 10:00 a.m.

Why the Caged Bird Sings

Rev. Anthony Jenkins will lead a service honoring the life of songbird Marian Anderson—and the many ways her voice was trusted to lift spirits and break through the cages of race, segregation, and class. Together we'll consider her historic Lincoln Memorial Concert in 1939, in the context of a rich life history of performances that helped to honor, harmonize, and revolutionize America.

Rev. Jenkins is currently serving as Assistant Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (MD). He also serves as a UU military chaplain in the Army. Anthony holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music (Performance) from Morgan State University, and a Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School. He has also previously served as a chaplain at Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital in Baltimore.

Sunday, June 30, 10:00 a.m.

Worthy of Honor

We often honor people—our loved ones, or a distinguished award winner. Sometimes we honor pain, remembering the past or breathing through the present moment. What other kinds of energies are worthy of honor?

Christin Green, MDiv, is a returning member of UUCR and a May 2019 graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary. She looks forward to sharing her time and talent as a musician, a poet, a life-long learning, and a UU minister in formation.

This service will feature congregational singing with UUCR Director of Music **Sarah Jebian** and guest artist **Roy Mueller**, drum.

July Theme: HONOR

Sun, July 7, 10:00 a.m.

Honoring Community

Audre Lorde wrote, “There is no liberation without community.” As people of faith, we are often guided by our fourth principle

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FAITH FORMATION

Reflections...

by Carla Miller, Director of Religious Education

Please Register Children and Youth for Faith Formation Classes

Parents, please take a moment to register your child for class. Just like soccer and swim team, we need to update our rosters and information each year; not only for administrative accuracy, but for your child's safety. Register at <https://www.uucr.org/faith-formation-registration-2019-2020>. Thank you!



Summer "Prayground"

Choir member? Traveler? Can't commit (though you sometimes wish you could) to teaching RE? Come play at the Prayground with the children one Sunday this summer!

Choose one summer Sunday to lead or assist in our children's summer program! We provide all the materials you need for an easy time with the children. Choose an activity you would like from this list of Summer Prayground Activities: <https://tinyurl.com/prayground2019>, or bring your own. RE staff will provide all the materials and directions for our listed activities. The children will provide questions, observations, thoughtful reflections, creativity, and fun!

The Summer Sign-up Sheet for Leaders and Assistants is at tinyurl.com/prayground2019-signup. Here, you can indicate the date you are available. Talk to Carla Miller (cmiller@uucr.org) or Anne Chernikoff (achernikoff@uucr.org) for more information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Documentary Film: *Imprisoning a Generation*

by Steven Lapham, Peace Studies Group



A new documentary, *Imprisoning a Generation*, about Palestinian children who live under occupation, will be shown in Room 50 after the service on June 23. The film, which begins at 11:30 a.m., follows the stories of four young Palestinians who have been detained and imprisoned under the Israeli military and political systems. Their perspectives, along with the voices of their families, shine a light into the entangled structures of oppression that expand well beyond the prison walls.

Q&A after the film will include discussion of Rep. Betty McCollum's bill—H.B. 2407, Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act. Visit "No Way to Treat a Child": <https://nwtac.dci-palestine.org/>. Gaithersburg resident and Palestinian American Aref Ramadan will be our guest discussant.

Showings of this documentary film across the United States are by special arrangement of UUs for Justice in the Middle East (www.uujme.org) with Director-Producer Zelda Edmunds (www.anemoia.net). This event at UUCR is held in participation with the Film Partnering Program of Voices from the Holy Land Film Series (www.voicesfromtheholylan.org), now in its fifth season. VFHL has over 48 supporters: regional community and faith-based organizations. Questions? Contact me directly.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Manna Needs You—Food Collection to Continue through the Summer!

by Dolores Barnes, Hunger Task Force

As of the end of May, UUCR has generously donated over 1,100 pounds of food to Manna Food Center. As wonderful as this is, we are tracking well below our goal of 2,500 pounds (before September). The summer months are traditionally slower for food donations, even though thousands of families in our county are struggling to put food on their tables. Please bring your nonperishable food items to UUCR's collection buckets, located outside of Founders Hall and in the entrance corridor leading to the Sanctuary. Whether you attend summer services, or are just passing by UUCR, please continue to think of those less fortunate in our community.

Need some donation ideas?

- Grains:** instant oatmeal packets, brown rice (16 oz.), whole grain pasta (16 oz.)...
- Protein:** tuna, salmon, or chicken in water; dry or canned beans; natural nut butters...
- Fruits & Vegetables:** canned vegetables (low sodium), canned fruit in juice, fruit cups...
- Other:** shelf-stable individual milk boxes, cooking oils and spices, infant formula and baby food...

If you are interested in volunteering for one of Manna's many wonderful programs, please visit their website at www.mannafood.org. The Hunger Task Force thanks you for your support!



A Memorial for Robert White

by Steven Lapham and Alonzo Smith, Peace Studies Group

On Tuesday evening, June 11, the victim of a police shooting last year in Montgomery County will be remembered by his family, friends, and community. A service will be held to celebrate the life of Robert L. White at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Congregational Church, 9525 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901. A vigil at Three Oaks Drive (near the corner of Sligo Creek Parkway) and a processional will precede the service. The date, June 11, will be the one-year anniversary of Mr. White's death.

Learn more at the Silver Spring Justice Coalition Facebook page (facebook.com/ssjusticecoalition), or email silverspringjustice@gmail.com.



CONGREGATION WORKS

Summer Reading and Development of the Leadership Kind

by Terrie Barr, Leadership Development Team

The Leadership Development Team continues its work on a proposed leadership recruitment and development plan, including mentoring. We are working to get consensus on the elements of the proposal that we will transmit to the Board of Trustees for action in February 2020. This strategic plan objective will be implemented in 2020/21.

By the end of this fiscal year, we will propose a “Path to Membership and Leadership” with current UUCR workshops, a future storytelling workshop (coming in October), and a leadership curriculum to show how folks can advance along the spectrum.

In addition, we will propose core leadership qualities. Once they are approved by the Board of Trustees, these qualities will be used to form the basis of a UUCR Leadership Development Curriculum. A follow-on team, the Program Implementation Team, will outline the content of the curriculum and offer courses to aspiring and current leaders.

We seek your help in identifying good mentoring programs that could serve as models for ours. If you know of one, please pass it on to any of the team members below.

We have identified many UUA resources. One is a searchable leader lab library with over 100 free articles: <https://www.uua.org/leadership/blog/archive?tag%5b%5d=Leader%20Resource>.

Many are geared to members of Boards of Trustees, but many are good for general use and for leaders. Here is a sampling: Practicing Intercultural Agility, A Theology for Leaders, Anxiety and the Brain, Overcoming the Resistance to Change, and six articles on better meetings.

The UU Leadership Institute offers on-demand courses for \$15 each; these are older courses. To take one, go to: <https://www.uuinstitute.org/course-list/on-demand-courses/>.

There are also four basic leadership courses for \$30 each:
<https://www.uuinstitute.org/course-list/corecourses/>.

If you would like to learn more, please contact team members any time: Terrie Barr, Bonnie Bloomquist, Sherry Dittmann, Fran Lowe, and Michael Mignano.



CONGREGATION WORKS

UUCR Pledge Fulfillment

by Bruce Baskett, Canvass Team



We are extremely grateful for every pledge and contribution made to support UUCR! The most important source of funds for UUCR’s operating budget is the fulfillment of annual pledges and one-time donations by members and friends.

Whatever method of pledge fulfillment you use, it is important that you include a note or memo line indicating whether the funds are towards a pledge fulfillment or for a one-time donation, and for which fiscal year (FY) the funds are intended.

- 1) A pledge made last year would have been made to support UUCR from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, and funds to fulfill that pledge need to be noted as for FY 2018-2019.
- 2) Annual pledges and one-time donations made recently were for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and will need to be noted as for FY 2019-2020.

Pledge and donation fulfillments can be completed by a variety of means over time or at once:

- ◆ Personal checks—made payable to: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville (or UUCR)
 - ✓ Placed in the offering plate. **Be sure to note “pledge fulfillment…”** Otherwise, half of the funds may go to a partner plate recipient.
 - ✓ Mailed to 100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.
 - ✓ Dropped in the UUCR deposit box across from the work room in Building 1, within an envelope.
- ◆ Electronically through your bank’s bill paying systems, either one-time or ongoing.
- ◆ Electronically through Vanco, our automatic payment processing services.
Please see uucr.org/donate for more info and the link. This services includes credit and debit card payments to UUCR, as well as arrangements for one-time or ongoing direct deposits.
- ◆ Fulfillment is also possible by the gifting of stock, or by an arranged distribution from an IRA. *Do not take an IRA distribution for gifting to UUCR before contacting Eric Burch for details!*

Once again, **thank you** for making all that is UUCR possible!

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YES, it takes a VILLAGE to make the Action Auction Happen!

Thank you to all of these wonderful souls for leading: *Artwork; Auction Leadership; Auction Planning; Back Office Team; Beer Raffle; Beer Sales; Check-in; Childcare; Data Entry; Decorations; Food Prep, Serving, and Clean Up; Gift Cards; IT Guru; Kentucky Derby Raffle; Live Auction; Master of Ceremonies; Music; Setup; Sound; Table Monitor; Treasurer; Website; and the Wine Raffle.*

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*Thank
You*

CONGREGATION WORKS

Interim Senior Minister

by Niambi Powell, Interim Senior Minister Selection Committee

The Interim Selection Committee has concluded its search and made an offer to the candidate for an initial term of one year. The Interim Senior Minister may be offered a second year contract based on the needs of our congregation. The offer has been accepted, and a formal announcement will be made naming the Interim Minister until after Rev. Lynn's final day with UUCR. This decision has been made with Board and ministerial input in support of our congregation being fully present with our beloved Senior Minister during her remaining time with us.

There will be a "startup" with our Interim Minister in the fall, and some opportunities to meet in August. We are excited about this new chapter of ministerial leadership at UUCR!

Rev. Rebekah will handle ministerial leadership through July and will be available for any pastoral emergencies. She will continue in her role as Associate Minister through the transition year.

As you may know, it is best practice for our retiring minister to step back from all relationships and responsibilities within the UUCR community for the next few years. This is meant to allow the Interim Minister to build trust and connections with the congregation and also to allow Rev. Lynn to begin the next chapter of her life apart from UUCR.

Any questions can be directed either to me as Chair of the Interim Selection Committee, or to Mary Carvajal, Board President.

SHARING THE MINISTRY

Thinking of You

compiled by Judy Eisenhower on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team

Janet Buck's mother, **Sylvia Buck**, died on May 21 at age 92. Sylvia was from New Jersey but had lived with Janet for the last four years.

Joan Fox celebrated her 97th birthday on May 17.

Diane Baillie is recovering from surgery at her daughter's home.

The Pastoral Care Team hosted a "Gratitude Brunch" for the UUCR folks who are not team members but who have helped with outreach this past year in so many ways: making visits to members (in home, hospital, rehab), driving to appointments, making and delivering meals, supplying medical equipment... Attendees recognized were **Anne Byrd**, **Narcy Klag**, **See Lam**, **Jon Landenburger**, and **John McIlwaine**. We also recognized **Rev. Lynn Strauss** for her leadership and guidance in expanding the role of the Pastoral Care Team.



Please contact **Judy Eisenhower** with any joys, concerns, or accomplishments you would like to share in this column.

SHARING THE MINISTRY

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which emphasizes both the individual right of conscience and the use of the democratic process in the same ideal. How then can we move away from what justice leader Paula Cole Jones terms “toxic individualism” within UUism to our collective liberation? Led by **Rev. Rebekah Savage**.

Special music by **Laura Congdon** and **Cynthia Shires-Thurston**.

Sunday, July 14, 10:00 a.m.

Exploring Hope

When someone faces the end of their life, feeling hopeful can be difficult. Hope is part of the human condition. The opposite of hope is despair. Finding ways to help people remain hopeful at the end of their lives became Chaplain Laura’s quest in seminary. In her exploration, she discovered several dimensions of hope that can be cultivated, not only when a person faces the end of their life, but throughout a person’s lifetime. This sermon will explore these dimensions of hope and ways to cultivate them.

Laura Shay is a board certified hospice and hospital chaplain. She currently works for Montgomery Hospice and MedStar Montgomery Medical Center. After a thirty year career in nursing in the Navy and Public Health Service, she used her GI Bill to pursue a career in Healthcare Chaplaincy. She is a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary and has been a member of UUCR since 2018.

Special music by guest artist **Evelyn Yelm**, cello, with **Justin Furnia**, piano.

Sunday, July 21, 10:00 a.m.

Transmogrified

Sometimes, when our ideas, beliefs, and perspectives seem stuck, it’s helpful to take them apart, mix them up, and see what comes out. Let’s see what happens when we do this with our principles.

Rev. Kimberley Debus works as a community minister based in New York’s Capital Region, inspiring an artful and art-filled faith. She consults with congregations and religious professionals, and provides sabbatical ministry support throughout the denomination. Kimberly also hosts a podcast called *The Worship Whisperer*. She has previously served congregations on the North Fork of Long Island and Key West.

Sunday, July 28, 10:00 a.m.

Universal Values and Atheism

The world is a marvelously diverse place—but there are universal values and shared moralities that transcend countries, cultures, religions, or God. UUCR member **Dominic Russoli** will share his insights as a world traveler and invite you to explore atheism on your own.

Dominic spent twenty-two years in the active duty military as part of an aircrew, and traveled to over 120 countries. His time touring the world has given him insight into universal truths and shared values that are found in many countries and cultures. He’ll discuss how these observations lead him to atheism.

Special music by **Andy Zatman**, piano.

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As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

In addition to these Seven Principles drawn from the Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), we as a congregation have also elected to affirm and promote a proposed Eighth Principle:

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Our Mission and Vision

The mission and vision of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville is to
Practice Courageous Love.

Our Values

Lifelong Spiritual Discovery ~ Beloved Community ~ A Just World