



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville Social Justice Committee

May 2021

Putting our religious principles into practice in the community.

We have many activities coming up during May. Here are some!

Social Justice Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 PM to 9 PM via Zoom

ArtsConnect Fundraiser

On Saturday, May 1st at 8pm, UUCR will livestream its first ever virtual ArtsConnect fundraiser! With 17 musicians, 15 poets and about 30 visual artists contributing, this promises to be one of the biggest and best ArtsConnect events to date! We'll be raising money for [IMPACT Silver Spring](#), a local non-profit whose mission is to advance racial equity and justice in Montgomery County. Our ArtsConnect social justice theme is Say Their Names: Ending Violence Against the BIPOC Community. You can learn more about the event, donate to the fund, peruse the art and poetry galleries and much more by visiting our website: <https://uucrmusic.weebly.com/about.html> We hope you'll join us for this powerful evening of music, art & poetry hosted by Niambi Powell and Elsa Strong.

Share-the-Plate Committee

Needs Members

The STP committee needs new members to keep the program going. Committee members receive suggestions for recipients from the congregation, review the suggestions, and recommend recipients to the entire Social Justice Committee for approval. For each recipient, the committee arranges for a writeup for the ENews and a speaker for the Sunday service. The committee also arranges for the contributions received to be sent to each recipient.

If you can help or would like more information, please contact Sean McCarthy: seanmccarthy@gmail.com.

UUCR Racial Justice

If you would like to receive periodic notices on Racial Justice programs and efforts, please email racialjustice@uucr.org.

For a list of resources such as books, movies and other information, see <https://bit.ly/UUCR-RJ-Resources>

For detailed information about the activities below, please go to: [RJ UUCR Racial Justice Events Calendar - Google Docs](#)





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June Share-the-Plate Recipients

June 6 & 13 Manna Food Center

Since its founding in 1983, Manna Food Center has worked to increase access to nutritious food for all those experiencing hunger and food insecurity in Montgomery County. It does this by directly distributing food to those in need; providing educational programs about nutrition, food preparation and healthy eating; and by connecting those in need with other resource providers. During the past year Manna distributed more than three million pounds of food and served more than 50,000 people.

June 20 & 27 – Housing Unlimited

Housing Unlimited provides affordable, independent housing for adults in mental health recovery in Montgomery County. It provides shared housing at below-market rental rates to qualified individuals. Rent is computed on a sliding scale based on income and is capped to encourage employment and maintain a sense a security. Tenants are responsible for their own health, finances, interpersonal

relationships, and maintaining a clean home. With the security of knowing that their housing is secure, these tenants can focus on becoming valued and integrated members of the community. Now in its 27th year, Housing Unlimited currently serves 225 tenants in 82 separate homes.

Future Share-the-Plate Nominations

If you would like to nominate an organization for the share-the-plate program, please send an email with a description of the organization and its work to Sean McCarthy. The organization must be a 501c organization and priority will be given to organizations with which UUCR members are personally involved. If the organization that you nominate is accepted, please be prepared to provide a brief description of it for the ENews and to for arranges a speaker for a Sunday service.

Notice:

Social Justice Newsletter will be on vacation over the summer. The next Social Justice Newsletter will be the September newsletter.