
SUNDAY WORSHIP

October Theme: Miracles
Sunday, Oct. 16, 10:00 a.m.
Miracle Sunday & 60th
Anniversary Celebrations
Happy Anniversary!

Rev. Lynn Strauss will lead us all in a celebration of our 60th Anniversary. Join in honoring our Founders and Charter Members, and introducing our youngest babies and toddlers! Together we will celebrate our ministry in Rockville and Montgomery County. We have woven a sacred story of Beloved Community. Bring a check or make a pledge to contribute to our Miracle Sunday Fund! Our goal is \$60,000, and the recommended range for gifts is \$155-\$600. Your gift will help make a miracle here at UUCR. There will be a special reception honoring our Founders after the service. The **Adult Choir** will sing, with **Justin Fumia** on piano.

First Fifteen - All ages will gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the service before going to classes. Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Building 3, Room 33.

At 3:00 p.m., please join in hosting our neighbors and community partners in a **Community-Wide Celebration** featuring an address by the **Reverend Dr. Rebecca Parker**, former president of Starr King School for the Ministry.

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A Welcoming Congregation*

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Weaving a sacred story of Beloved Community,
together we celebrate 60 years of ministry in
Rockville and in Montgomery County.

The Miracle Has Begun!

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Rev. Parker will speak on "Soul Repair: Healing Ourselves, Our Communities, and Our World".

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

Miracles at Walmart

In his song "Holy Now", UU musician Peter Mayer sings about when he was in Sunday School and learned about the miracles in the Bible. He says he remembers feeling sad because miracles don't still happen. But now he feels surrounded by them. What, then, are miracles, and where might they be found? In his sermon, our guest preacher **Rev. John Wright** will reflect on the everyday miracles that can be found in all sorts of places—including Walmart! **Sonaria** will sing, with **Justin Furnia** on piano.

First Fifteen - All ages will gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the service before going to classes. Nursery in Building 3, Room 33.

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

Seekers of Wisdom, Seekers of Life

One of our shared principles is the free and responsible search for truth and meaning as we grow in our understanding of faith and its responsibilities for justice in the world.

Rev. Rebekah Montgomery will share of her time spent on pilgrimage recently with fellow UU seekers in Bhutan, a closed Buddhist country in the Eastern Himalayas. The **Adult Choir** will sing, with **Justin Furnia** on piano.

Preschool - fifth grade will gather in Founders Hall for Children's Worship. Sixth grade - Senior High will go directly to classrooms in the lower level of Building 5. Nursery in Building 3, Room 33.

November Theme: Gratitude

Sunday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.

Don't Ask "Who Do You Vote For?," but "For Whom Do You Vote?"

On this Sunday before the Presidential Election in America, Rev. Strauss will consider *how* and *why* our vote matters. Voting Rights are being challenged in some states even now—let us not take our rights for granted. Let us consider how our vote will impact the future for generations to come. The **Adult Choir** will sing, with **Justin Furnia** on piano.

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DeLynneations



Rev. Lynn T. Strauss

“How Goes It With Your Spirit?”

During my first ministry in Knoxville, TN, I met regularly with a group of colleagues of other faiths. Around the circle we were Episcopal, Jewish, United Church of Christ, Catholic, Unitarian, and Metropolitan Community Church clergy. We shared Bible study and Social Justice activism for years. We supported and sustained one another personally and professionally.

We began our meeting check-ins with the question, “How goes it with your Spirit?” Rarely does anyone in UU circles ask me that question. I wish they did; it was, for me, a clarifying one. It always surprised me and stopped me in my tracks of mundane sharing.

At times I am brokenhearted that UUs are so private and protective of their life of spirit. Maybe we aren’t tuned in sufficiently to answer the question. Maybe we think no one cares about our spirit and how it is. Maybe we think someone will be offended if we put spirit front and center. Maybe we haven’t talked of it enough to know what we might mean by the question. I would love to ask you “How goes it with your spirit,” but how do I know if it’s ok to ask? Please let me know that it’s ok. Please let me know that you care about spirit. Please let’s talk more about the deep down spirit level part of our lives. Let’s begin now. For this is the day we have been given, let us give thanks and meet each other open to the spirit at the heart of life. Thus we will pass from hand to hand and heart to heart the amulet of hope.

In these weeks before our nation’s Presidential Election, we need to be ever more gentle with ourselves and with one another. We need to resist calls to fear or anger. We need to keep faith with all others who are keeping faith in the power of the people to do the right thing. Let us pause and create places of silence in our days. Let us listen to the still, small voice within and breathe into the holiness that grounds us and inspires our best selves.

We who are in need of hope...let us offer it again and again.

Blessings,

Lynn

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Musings from the Desk of the Assistant Minister

Rev. Rebekah Montgomery

Recently, I've been mulling over the life and work of David Foster Wallace for some time now. If you have 23 minutes free, check out his speech at the [Kenyon College Commencement](#).



David Foster Wallace was a brilliant luminary, insightful and gritty, bawdy and gifted. He offered his insights of the world and the hearts of people at great cost, because he lived in his head most of the time and ghosts of self-doubt, years of clinical depression and a crushing anxiety rocked his equilibrium. Tragically and before he could finish his last work, David Foster Wallace died by suicide, less than a year after his “This is Water” speech at commencement. His profound intellect and prolific words stand as a testament to the gifts he brought to our world in all of its raw and real beauty.

“Because here's something else that's weird but true: in the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship—be it JC or Allah, be it YHWH or the Wiccan Mother Goddess, or the Four Noble Truths, or some inviolable set of ethical principles—is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive. If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough. It's the truth. Worship your body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly. And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before they finally grieve you. On one level, we all know this stuff already. It's been codified as myths, proverbs, clichés, epigrams, parables; the skeleton of every great story. The whole trick is keeping the truth up front in daily consciousness.”

— David Foster Wallace, *This Is Water: Some Thoughts, Delivered on a Significant Occasion, about Living a Compassionate Life*

The wisdom of David Foster Wallace encourages us to keep our truth and our search for truth and meaning up front in our daily consciousness. In our first session of Build Your Own Theology: Exploration on October 5, we explored what TRUTHS and truths construct the meaning of our lives. As our discussion unfolded, we identified that many of the “religious truths” that we had rejected across the course of the understanding focused around messages of “do this, believe this ... Or ELSE” (thank you Gail), while our TRUTHS and truths of religious and spiritual truths that we held close to our hearts focused around messages of Oneness, Interconnectivity, and a grounding in the present. We invest in the present moment, the here and now with an eye to the past and a hope for a better future as a spiritual practice. While David Foster Wallace’s light has left this world, we carry on with his deep wrestling with truth and meaning for our spiritual walks. And, I would be remiss to not emphasize, that no matter the shadows that trouble our spirits, you are welcome here. You have a spiritual home and you are not alone.

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LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reflections

by Dayna Edwards

“At bedtime my kids turn into hungry, thirsty, philosophers who need a hug.” - Facebook meme



Whether you are a parent, a babysitter, aunty, uncle, grandparent, or trusted friend, if you have ever put a child to bed or been a child, you know the truth of the Facebook meme above. It seems that children live constantly in the present moment, except for when it’s time for bed, then they want to know how the universe was made, if God is a man or a woman, or why bad things happen to good people. Surprisingly, these questions and their possible answers, don’t only happen during the one hour of Sunday school. Children seem to know innately that “faith formation is all that we do,” and they will remind their caretakers – lest we forget.

If faith formation (for children, youth, AND adults) happens all the time, in any setting, we as a faith community can grow and deepen our faith intentionally all week long. In 2012, a UUA staff person and Fahs Fellow, Karen Bellavance-Grace started a conversation about how we can extend the inspiration we feel on Sundays to the rest of the week in a way that includes all generations. She wrote a report called, “[Full Week Faith: Re-thinking Religious Education and Faith Formation Ministries for 21st Century Unitarian Universalists](#)” In the four years since she presented this report, UU religious educators and the congregations they serve have experimented, discussed, and explored the best ways to live into the idea that, “faith formation is all that we do.” We are always learning new ways to implement “full week faith.”

Themed ministry is one way we can explore deeper theological and philosophical ideas as a multigenerational faith community. Rev. Lynn and Rev. Rebekah have carefully selected a theme for us to contemplate for each month of the church year. I will be curating online resources related to each theme that you can use in the comfort of your own home and with your children and youth to further the discussions that may start at bedtime, or on Sunday mornings, or in the car, or wherever. Each month, you can find curated inspirational videos for each theme at our [youtube channel](#). You can find inspirational quotes and supplemental activities and crafts for each theme on [Pinterest](#).

In the future, we may add more ways to interact and explore the themes. Do you want to collaborate with me to curate resources? These social media resources work best when multiple people are working together. Please [contact me by email](#) for more information.

How do you find inspiration throughout your week?

Yours in Faith,

[Dayna](#)

SHARING THE MINISTRY

The Art on Our Walls

by Sharrill Dittmann, Aesthetics Committee

Our current show features the colorful work of three local artists. Mexican artist [Gloria Valdes “Tarasca”](#) honors inspirational public figures who have made large contributions to the world in different fields by painting their portraits. Her vibrant colors and rhythm of linear motion create moving portraits that capture the soul and energy of her subjects. She has done many pieces inspired by social issues and causes that she champions, bringing awareness to environmental conservation, human trafficking, sexual abuse, and cultural anthropology relating to indigenous tribes and identity. Gloria’s personal inspiration is “to create something from nothing.” Owing to her natural curiosity and love of challenges, she has over time mastered several styles, among them the concrete, the abstract, surrealistic and Magic Realism.



[Carmen Torruella](#) says, “I love art! I love my art! I love to relive what I have seen at the end of a brush so that others may share in what I have seen. For me, creating art is a calling; it is a matter of producing something because I am obsessed with producing it.” Carmen derives the energy and inspiration for her work from her ability to look at the world as a reflection and then share it. She is a Dominican American raised in Washington, DC. In 2010, she accepted an invitation to study and paint at the internationally renowned Repin Academy Institute of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, Russia. This invitation was a great honor for her, a culmination of sorts, for the many years of study and practice. The purpose of Carmen’s art is to share with the visual audience a wider appreciation of the diversity of this world we call home. Welcome to Carmen’s world!

[Francisco Loza](#) creates *Arte de Estambre* or Pressed Yarn Art by working on wooden surfaces covered in special wax that serve as an adhesive base onto which he presses, thread-by-thread, colored yarn. Self-taught, Loza learned his technique from working closely with Huichol artists and Shamans who invited him to collaborate with them in their rural communities located in the Sierra Madre Mountains of central Mexico. He gained his first-hand knowledge of Huichol cultural traditions and spiritual beliefs based on his 22-years of collaboration with Huichol communities in Nayarit and Jalisco, Mexico. Loza’s artwork captures the traditions of Huichol communities and other Mexican traditions such as markets and Day of the Dead ceremonies, as well as reflecting contemporary abstract designs and powerful 3-D images.

Young Adults Group

by Lisa Fredin

The Young Adults Group is a spiritual and social group open to all young adults (18- to 35-year-olds). We are a welcoming community planning spiritual workshops and social events for each other. Those interested should email **Lisa Fredin**.

The YAG goes to brunch following service every 2nd Sunday (the next brunch is November 13). Meet us in the courtyard by 11:15 a.m. to head out!

AROUND THE BELTWAY

Immigration FilmFest Comes to Rockville

by Irene Eckstrand

There are over 1.5 million immigrants in the DC metropolitan area, many of whom live and work in Rockville, one of the most diverse cities in Maryland. The Immigration Film Festival showcases dramas and documentaries that highlight immigrants' experiences and plant the seeds for action at the local, state, federal, and international levels. This year's festival will be October 20-23 in 10 venues in the Metro area.



Rockville is the venue for a heartwarming family film, *Under the Same Moon*, portraying the parallel stories of nine-year-old Carlitos and his mother, Rosario. In the hopes of providing a better life for her son, Rosario works illegally in the U.S. while her mother cares for Carlitos back in Mexico. Adrian Alonso stars as Carlitos, with a supporting performance by America Ferrera of ABC's *Ugly Betty*. *Under the Same Moon* premiered at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival, where it received a standing ovation.

The feature film will be preceded by a short documentary film, *Para Los Niños*, which examines the lives of tomato workers in Alabama as they try to improve the lives of their children.

Rockville's FilmFest presentation this is year is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville, Community Ministries of Rockville, Montgomery College Rockville, Neighbors in Need, and The City of Rockville. The 7:30 p.m. October 21 showing of *Under the Same Moon* will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville at 100 Welsh Park Drive, and will be followed by a panel discussion. Tickets are \$6, and students may enter for free.

Interested but busy on October 21? There are many other movie offerings on other nights. You can even get a Festival Passport that is good for all of the events. See the list of 22 films and purchase tickets at <http://www.immigrationfilmfest.org/>.

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November 6 is **New Member Celebration Sunday**. There will be a reception after the service to meet and greet our newest UUCR members!

First Fifteen - All ages will gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the service before going to classes. Nursery in Building 3, Room 33.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Faithful Democracy—Vote

by Mary Lanigan

A UUA mailing encouraged us to keep heart and vote with love this election season. The General Election in Maryland is November 8 with Early Voting from October 27 – November 3. You can also vote absentee by mail. Additional information at Montgomery County Board of Elections – www.777vote.org.

In addition to choosing a President, we will elect a U.S. Senator, Congressional Representative, Board of Education Members, and Judges. There are also four ballot questions. They include a proposal to allow for a special election for Maryland Comptroller and Attorney General; special election for Montgomery County Executive; term limits for members of the County Council and County Executive; and definition of a partial term for members of the County Council and County Executive.

Take the time to learn about the candidates and the ballot questions before you vote. The League of Women Voters (LWV), a nonpartisan organization that promotes informed participation in government and does not support or oppose any political party or candidate, prepares a Voters' Guide that contains responses from the candidates in their own words to questions posed by the League. The Guide also contains more information on the ballot questions including arguments for and against each one. There are three ways to get your LWV Voters' Guide: 1) online interactive guide at vote411.org, 2) viewable/printable PDF copy at lwvmocomd.org, and 3) paper copy at public libraries, county recreation, community and senior centers, and at Giant Food stores.

Contact: **Mary Lanigan**.

Ending the Drone Wars

by Steve Lapham

An open discussion on Friday evening, October 28, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Founder Hall. Childcare available on request. This is the 3rd in the "Pivot Homeward" series. Suggested readings:

- [UU Chaplain Resigns Over Drones](#) (June 3, 2016)
- www.codepink.org/drone_fact_sheet
- www.democracynow.org/2013/10/31/too_scared_to_go_outside_family
- drones.pitchinteractive.com

Full schedule and contacts at www.tinyurl.com/PivotHomeward.

For the most current information on upcoming events, visit the UUCR calendar online at uucr.org. At the top of any page, click on the light blue box labeled "Calendar."

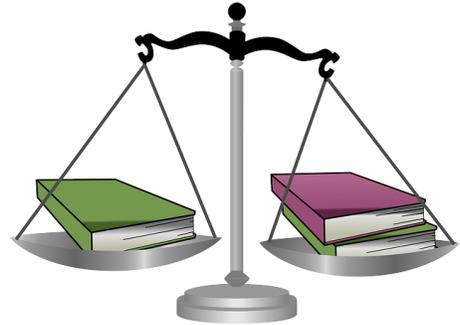


SOCIAL JUSTICE

Justice for Juniors: Hands-on Social Justice

by Shira Ehrlich

Justice for Juniors (J4J) is an interfaith effort to tutor at-risk youths at the D.C. Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS). Every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., members of various faith communities gather with these teens to read and discuss a story about an ethical dilemma. These readings and discussions teach the youths, who are awaiting trial, critical thinking and study skills. The ultimate goal for J4J is to reduce recidivism for juvenile custody.



Some UUCR individuals have accepted the offer of Baptist Chaplain J. Siafa Johnson, founder of J4J, to participate in the Monday evening tutoring. He invites others from UUCR to volunteer. Volunteering first involves an orientation session, at which Chaplain Johnson explains about J4J, about regulations at DYRS, and shares the experiences of other Monday evening tutors. After the orientation, volunteers arrive at DYRS on Monday evenings by 6:00 p.m. to receive the ethical dilemma lesson plan and a brief session with Chaplain Johnson. From 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., faith community members meet with the youths for reading and discussion. A debriefing for volunteers takes place from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to support the youths at DYRS, or for more information, contact **Shira Ehrlich**. We can carpool or take public transportation together. Come join this interfaith collaboration.

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“No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee.”

— John Donne, No man is an island. A selection from the prose.

May you be Light. May you know Love. May you radiate Peace this day and always.

With heart,

[Rebekah](#)

CONGREGATION WORKS

Share the Plate

by Bennett Rushkoff

Over the ten-month period of the Partner Plate Pilot Project, from October 2015 through July 2016, UUCR's Sunday service collections raised \$11,531.14 for UUCR's share-the-plate partners, and another \$9,584.12 for the congregation's own programs. Total Sunday collections for this period were \$21,115.26, 67% higher than the \$12,654.89 collected during the same ten-month period in 2014-2015.



On most Sundays during the pilot project period, UUCR shared its cash collections 50-50 with a community service organization. The Social Justice Committee coordinated a congregational process for selecting the six recipient organizations, each of which "shared the plate" for a two-month period. The selected organizations were:

- Hospice Caring - nominated by the Pastoral Care Team (total UUCR donation in October-November 2015: \$2,766.87)
- UUSC-UUA Refugee Crisis Fund - nominated by the Social Justice Committee's Immigration Action Group (total UUCR donation in December 2015-January 2016: \$2,952.43)
- A Wider Circle - nominated by Mary Caroline Coletti and Valerie Haber (total UUCR donation in February-March 2016: \$2,580.85)
- Community Ministries of Rockville - nominated by the Social Justice Committee's Share-the-Plate Subcommittee (total UUCR donation in April-May 2016: \$1,426.19)
- Interfaith Power and Light (DC MD NoVA) - nominated by the Social Justice Committee's Green Team (total UUCR donation in June-July 2016: \$1,804.80)

The share the plate partner for September-October 2016 is the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, and the sharing partner for November-December 2016 will be the International Rescue Committee in Silver Spring. The Social Justice Committee has made no selections yet for 2017 and invites the congregation to nominate nonprofit organizations as prospective sharing partners.

Any congregant may nominate an organization to share the plate by submitting a recommendation through any committee chair or through any subcommittee, team, or action group of the Social Justice Committee. Each proposed partner should be a 501(c)(3) charity, or a tax-exempt religious organization, that engages in community service. In making its selections, the Social Justice Committee and its Share-the-Plate Subcommittee (**Bennett Rushkoff, Alberta Maschal, Ken Sandin**), in consultation with the ministers, considers the following factors (among others):

- Does the recommendation clearly state how the organization would use the funds to be shared by UUCR?
- Would the proposed use of funds help to positively transform our local, national, or world community?

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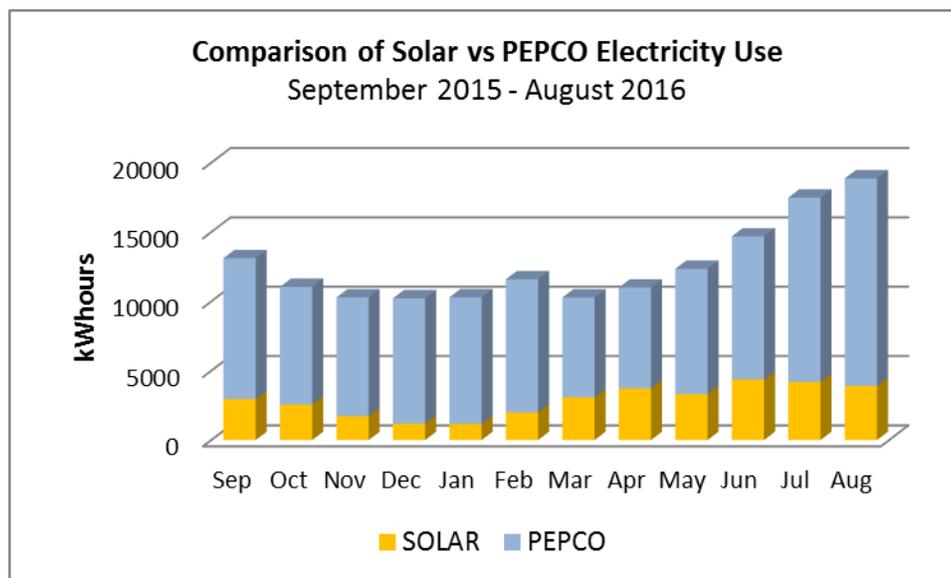
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- Does the proposed use of funds relate to a UUCR social justice priority, worship theme, or religious education topic?
- Has UUCR, its minister or staff, or a UUCR committee collaborated with the organization before?
- Is information about the organization's governance and finances publicly available, consistent with transparency and accountability?
- Are the organization's administrative and fund-raising costs in line with its expenses on programs and services?
- Does the organization have a documented record of effective community service?

Our First Year of Solar Electricity Generation at UUCR

by Barbara Harrison

The following table shows UUCR electricity generated by our solar panels alongside the PEPCO electricity we used each month during our first 12 months since going solar (September 2015 – August 2016). Our solar panels generated a total of 34,123 kiloWatt hours (kWhr) in their first year, about 22.6% of UUCR's total energy use. This ranged from a low of 1167 kWhr (January) to a high of 4361 kWhr (June).



If we had had to buy the 34,123 kWhr generated by our solar panels from PEPCO, we would have paid \$4,942. However, our cost under the solar contract was only \$3,071 – a savings of \$1871.

A comparison of our total electricity usage during the 12 months above versus the previous 12 months showed a small decrease (4%) in our overall electricity usage, despite the awful heat of July and August. We thank our congregation for thinking green and keeping our utility bills as low as practicable!

HARVEST BAZAAR



HARVEST BAZAAR

FLEA MARKET, FOOD, & CARNIVAL GAMES!
SATURDAY, OCT. 29 from 9 to 2
100 WELSH PARK DRIVE - ROCKVILLE

Donation Guidelines

Where to donate items?

1. Outside Founders hall - Before and after each Sunday service (look for the sign)
2. In the Sanctuary - October 24-28 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
3. Email organizers for other times if necessary: harvestbazaar@uucr.org

What to donate:

Book/DVD/CD/Vinyl

Wanted: Books and media, including audio books in any format; CDs, DVDs and vinyl records, Kindles or other e-readers

NOT Accepted: Video tapes, cassette music tapes, text books, magazines, maps, and other ephemera. Damaged, broken or moldy books also not accepted. If it stinks, toss it!

White Elephant (Flea Market Items)

Wanted: “Good Stuff” - *Would you pay more than \$10 for it?* (Electrical appliances, household goods, small furnishings, quilt sets, wheeled luggage). **Pre-owned artwork** in good condition (clean, undamaged) **Pre-owned Christmas and other holiday decorations** of any value.

NOT Accepted: Items generally worth less than \$10 (such as sheets, mugs, baskets, vases, obsolete printers/computers, bric-a-brac, broken frames, rolled up posters, large furniture).

Toy Sales

Wanted: Toys (in working order), puzzles, games, video games, tricycles, swings

NOT Accepted: Clothing

Jewelry Sales

Wanted: Jewelry (any value) and watches. Broken jewelry of **real gold and silver** accepted.

NOT Accepted: Women’s or men’s clothing and shoes

Bike Sales

Wanted: Bicycles – **donate early if you can**, so we can clean and refurbish!

NOT Accepted: Sports and exercise equipment (other than bikes)

Bake Sale

Wanted: Baked Goods that meet MD County guidelines. Let us know what you will be bringing here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faea62ca0fa7-volunteer>

NOT Accepted: Pickled or canned goods. Cooked goods other than bake sale.

If you have questions about what is acceptable and not acceptable, please ask us after services in Fellowship Hall, or email us at harvestbazaar@uucr.org

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

A Community-Wide Celebration of Our 60th Anniversary

featuring

10:00 a.m. Special Worship Service Honoring our Founders and Charter Members

11:15 a.m. Special Reception & Fellowship

3:00 p.m. 60th Anniversary Celebration, with an address by:

Reverend Dr. Rebecca Parker

Unitarian Universalist Theologian & Author

"SOUL REPAIR: HEALING OURSELVES, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND OUR WORLD"

Bring your friends and neighbors - 100 Welsh Park Drive

Can't make the celebration? Donate to our Miracle Sunday Fund online!

Visit: tinyurl.com/UUCRmiracle60

THINKING OF YOU

Thinking of You

compiled by Judy Eisenhauer on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team

Rachel Shaw and **John Dickson** are mourning the death of Rachel's beloved mother, **Lois Banfil Shaw**, who died September 10 in Bethesda at the age of 92. A memorial service will be held at UUCR on November 12 at 11:00 a.m. Donations in her memory may be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The Rev. **Mark Edmiston-Lange**, Co-Minister of Emerson Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church, 64, died suddenly on September 21 from aggressive lung cancer. Mark was Interim Minister at UUCR from 1997 to 1999. In 1999, he and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Becky Edmiston-Lange, were called to a co-ministry at Emerson UU Church. Mark was an avid gardener and was known for his wonderful sense of humor and his love of dancing. Donations in his memory may be sent to Emerson UU Church, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, or Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast.



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

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Our Vision

The vision of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville is a strong, vibrant, and loving religious community actively engaged in nurturing spiritual freedom and working for social justice.

Our Mission

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville is to engage one another in a free and inclusive religious community that encourages lives of integrity, service and joy. We aim to:

- Nurture, sustain and challenge people to grow spiritually and find meaning in their lives through worship, religious education, social and creative opportunities;
- Grow together as a multi-generational, diverse and inclusive community;
- Lead social justice, community service and outreach activities to positively transform our community.