
SUNDAY SERVICES

April Theme: SURPRISE

**Sunday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.
Easter**

*Revolutionary Love: The
Ministry of Jesus*

Rev. Lynn Strauss will explore the question, “What was the foundational support of Jesus’ ministry?”

The **Adult Choir** will sing, with **Barbara Weis**, soprano; **Susan Brandt**, flute; **Julie Graf**, trumpet; **Justin Fumia** on piano.

First Fifteen—All ages will gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the service. Children and Youth are welcome in Founders Hall during regular RE time for special Easter activities. Nursery in Bldg 3, Room 33.

**Sunday, April 16, 4:00 p.m.
Passover**

Join us in Founders Hall for our family-friendly Seder! Please find details and RSVP at tinyurl.com/UUCRSeder2017

**Sunday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.
The God of the Unexpected**

In intercultural communication, we reflect often about how the intent of our words or actions doesn’t always match the impact felt and perceived by another.

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Don’t Miss the Action Auction Fiesta Cruise on May 6!

by Marsha Luce

Breaking News – the Donation deadline is extended to **April 14.**

You have the chance to bid on over 100 services and events offered by members and friends of UUCR, including a Balinese Dinner, Ashton Afternoon Jazz, Martini Day Dinner, or Chinese Dim Sum Fiesta.



This year you again have the opportunity to donate “on the spot” through the new *Help Wanted* category. Congregants describe a need for skilled or unskilled assistance and the price they are willing to pay. You can donate your services, and the person needing the help pays the fixed price to UUCR.

Bid on delicious items offered by your fellow congregants – wonderful baked goods, gourmet food items, and brunches/lunches/dinners with friends in members’ homes. How about a ‘Wild Game Dinner,’ ‘Family Game Night,’ or an ‘Elegant Afternoon with Grace & Justin.’

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These moments of mismatch between intent and impact become opportunities for deep conversation or reflection—moments of grace. As some share, “When does God laugh the loudest? When we think we are in charge and then the world unfolds in surprising ways.” How do we encircle new experiences into our spiritual path? What do surprises teach us? Led by **Rev. Rebekah Montgomery**.

Women of the Adult Choir will sing, as will the **Children’s Choir**; **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 Bldg 3, Room 33.

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 a.m

Hope: Where to Find It?

Today, like always, we search for signs of hope. Where do *you* look for it? Led by **Rev. Strauss**.

The **Adult Choir** will sing; **Justin Furnia** on piano.

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



May Theme: LETTING GO

Sunday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.

Racism in Our UU House

In the wake of resignations at the highest levels of the UUA and the pain and anger of many UUs of color, **Rev. Strauss** will speak to the crisis of leadership at the UUA and how Unitarian Universalism reflects the racial disparities of the larger culture. Where do we go from here? How do we speak truth to ourselves as UUs?

Wildberry Jam will sing, accompanied by **Dick Gilbert** on piano.

Our Religious Education program will offer a “teach-in” on these issues under the leadership of **Dayna Edwards**, our DRE.

DeLynnations

by Rev. Lynn T. Strauss

Our Unitarian Universalist Association and our entire liberal religious movement is scarred by systemic racism and white privilege. Each one of us carries visible or invisible scars, for we have failed to fully live our values and our principals. In this we are like every other faith community, every other institution that has grown within the America of “a dream deferred”.

And now we struggle in the dialectic between staying the same or changing. It is not an easy or comfortable place to be. But here we must remain, at least for a while. (If you're not sure what I'm talking about, please google *UUWorld*, magazine of the UUA, and read about Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, and about the recent appointment of three respected UU leaders who will lead our movement during the next three months.)

This is a critical time and none of us ought look away, none of us ought to feel self-righteous, all of us ought be humble and open-hearted. We have much to learn from one another. I encourage all of us to pay attention and stay engaged. I encourage all of us to support one another in listening well and doing the soul work required to keep our faith strong and vital.

Know that I and Rev. Rebekah, our entire staff, and our lay ministers will lead us through the space between, before, and after to the best of our ability, caring for our congregation and all who are a part of UUCR, with courage and tender mercy.

May It Be So,

Reverend Lynn

CONGREGATION WORKS

May 7 is Legacy Sunday

by Sharrill Dittmann, Planned Giving Committee

This has been an unsettling time for many of us, leaving us with a feeling that our beliefs and values are under attack. In our search for support, community, actions to take, and spiritual guidance, we have turned to UUCR. And our church has responded wonderfully to meet our many needs. I feel enormously blessed to have such a strong community to help me and to urge me to put my feelings into action.

But let's take one step back and wonder how our church and congregation were able to respond so quickly and effectively. It certainly wasn't a fluke! We have an amazing staff, a welcoming worship space, and an active membership. We have sermons to help us think about broader issues instead of reacting wildly, and numerous small groups in which to share our feelings and learn about other's needs and experiences. In other words, we were ready for the challenge. It wasn't a matter of scrambling for resources to put the right response into place, it was a question of mobilizing what we already have.

What challenges (welcome or unwelcome) will we face in the future? Will we be ready? Your gift or bequest to the UUCR Endowment Fund will help guarantee that we are stronger than ever. Please consider making a donation on Legacy Sunday, and, when you review your financial plans, please consider including UUCR in your estate plans. Future generations will thank you.

CONGREGATION WORKS

UUCR Awarded Rockville Environmental Excellence Award

by Terrie Barr

The City of Rockville's Environment Commission recommended the Outstanding Achievement in Green Building Technology Award to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville in recognition of the congregation's successful installation of a photovoltaic system and certification as a Green Sanctuary. The award will be presented on May 15. Congratulations to **Barbara Harrison**, leader, and the entire Solar Team for working years to research, advocate for, and implement the project.



We installed solar panels in the summer of 2015. We were the second Rockville congregation and the fourth in Montgomery County to meet some of our energy needs with a clean and renewable energy source—the sun.

Installation of solar panels was part of a broader effort to become certified as a [Green Sanctuary](#), a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Installing solar was a way of living the Seventh Principle—respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Benefits included reducing the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, reducing the demand for coal obtained by mountain top removal in neighboring West Virginia, and leaving a legacy of clean energy for the next generation. The solar panels are a tangible expression to the community of our beliefs and values. And the best part is that in the first year and a half since Solar Solutions installed our solar array, we have generated over 50,000 kilowatt hours of power, and saved the church close to \$3000.

For those who may not have been at UUCR when we undertook this multi-year program, you can see a description of our twelve projects at <http://www.uucr.org/social-justice/social-justice-groups/environment/green-sanctuary-accomplishments>.



LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reflections

by Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Education

Recently, we did a youth worship on letting go and as I listened to some of the youth and advisers read quotes about "letting go" I got a bit choked up. I was reminded about how excruciatingly hard it is to live in that [liminal space](#) between what was and what could be. When I think of the idea of "liminal space" I am always reminded of childbirth. Even though a woman may know what to expect and have tons of support around, when she gets to that liminal space - that moment of transition in childbirth - she may actually say (ok - maybe scream), "This is too hard! I don't want to do this anymore." And yet, in childbirth, there is no choice. It is going to happen. I see parallels between the liminal space of childbirth and where we are in our children and youth programming and particularly with our youth programming.

I absolutely recognize the life changing power of the youth group, which is why I think it deserves the attention of a trained, full-time staff person - in short, the DRE. The good thing about being a DRE for children and youth is that I can focus completely on service to them and their families. Having strong administrative support from an RE Coordinator (Rena Geibel) allows me to do the deep work of youth and family ministry. The fact that this church has a strong history of providing such transformational experiences for our young people is an inspiration to me and provides some good solid ground to stand on. One of the most inspirational parts of my job is bearing witness to the love and care that the adults in this congregation give to our youth. I am especially inspired by the adults whose children have grown up and still they are committed to working with and sustaining a strong youth program.

Luckily, with transition comes the opportunity for growth (see the [Parable of the Trapeze](#) that Lynn used in a recent sermon). I envision a day in the near future when our young people are again writing inspirational canvass moments about the power of our denomination and our congregation to change their lives. And for now we are still in that space between the two trapeze bars, hurdling through the air. We can make it to the next trapeze bar together. My hope is that the congregation can work together to share the ministry of serving our youth instead of expecting one person to bear that great burden and responsibility. For the upcoming year, my intent is not to take out any retreats, or cons, or programming, I am just asking that we make them more sustainable for both the youth and the adults who organize them.

So now my question is...

How can we build on the strong tradition that already exists and create a youth group that engages the entire congregation in ministry to the youth?

Dayna



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Two Opportunities on April 29 to Affirm and Promote Respect for the Interdependent Web of All Existence of Which We Are a Part

People's Climate March

by Julia Santerre

Can you march with us on April 29 for our neighbors and our climate?

Climate change hurts everyone, and we are called to respond. People of diverse faith traditions from around the country will come together on April 29 to speak out for our neighbors and the climate we share, forming a faith contingent at the People's Climate March in Washington, DC.



Our congregation will be there, too—join us across from the Capitol Building: Saturday, April 29, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Faith contingent gathers in song and prayer at 12:30 p.m.

Potomac River Watershed Cleanup

by Bennett Rushkoff



On Saturday morning, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon, UUCR volunteers will clean up their own registered site as part of the 29th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, an initiative of the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Children are welcome to participate with their parents.

Since 2013, UUCR has its own cleanup site – one of hundreds of sites registered throughout the four-state Potomac watershed area. Once again, local Boy Scout Troop 291 will be joining us on cleanup day.

The goal is to remove recyclable bottles and cans, plastic bags, cigarette butts, food wrapping, scrap paper, and other discarded items from area streams, before they are eventually washed downstream into the Potomac River. The 2016 cleanup, which involved nearly 10,000 volunteers at 265 sites, removed an estimated 335,000 pounds of trash, including about 1,000 tires. Good news: the total pounds of collected trash was down a lot from the year before!

UUCR's cleanup site runs for about half a mile along a Muddy Branch tributary, on the south side of Route 28, at the south edge of Gaithersburg.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at a small parking lot off the sound side of Route 28, just west of Dufief Drive in North Potomac. Park there or on Dufief Drive, south of Route 28. Wear boots suitable for walking in mud and, if you can, bring a leaf rake. Trash collection bags, disposable gloves, and drinking water will be provided. For additional details, contact Bennett Rushkoff.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint

by Julia Santerre

The Green Team will be bringing back the Big Carbon Footprint on April 16 and April 23 with more ideas on how we can reduce our carbon footprints. Thank you to everyone who participated in March! Here are just some of our ideas for how you can reduce your footprint:

1. Carpool or take public transportation.
2. Walk or ride.
3. Learn efficient driving techniques. Don't speed.
4. If you must fly, fly economy class (each flyer's share of carbon emissions is less because it's spread over more people). Avoid private jets.
5. Buy locally produced food and goods.
6. Set the thermostat cooler in winter and warmer in summer.
7. Get a home energy audit (you may be able to request a free one from Pepco).
8. Seal air leaks, replace old windows, or add insulation.
9. Unplug chargers when not using, as the transformer in the AC adapter draws power continuously, even when the device is not plugged into the adapter.
10. Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in the refrigerator. Uncovered foods release moisture and make the compressor work harder.
11. Buy/use halogen, LED or fluorescent light bulbs.
12. Buy clean energy. Pepco distributes electricity from many providers; you have a choice. For clean energy, see [CleanChoice Energy](#); [Viridian Energy: Powered by Purpose](#); [Inspire Energy](#); [Oasis Energy](#) (sells dirty energy also); and [Washington Gas Energy Services](#) (has wind power options). They all have web sites with their respective rates, contracts, etc.
13. Use offsets for the greenhouse gas emissions you create.

Some resources for carbon offsets:

<http://carbonfund.org/reduce/>

<http://cotap.org/home/how-it-works/>



ACTION AUCTION

(Action Auction continued from page 1)

There's more—much more—from handyman services to flower planting to landscaping. And how about your own convenient UUCR parking space for a year? See it all in the auction catalog, available Sunday, April 23 and online at the [Action Auction Fiesta Cruise](#) page. Many of the events are a great way to meet UUCR members and friends, especially for those who are new to UUCR.

Tickets will be on sale on Sundays after the service starting on April 9 and on the [Action Auction Fiesta Cruise](#) page. Tickets are \$15 in advance for adults and teens (13 and up), \$20 after April 30, and \$10 for kids who wish to eat the dinner. Admission includes appetizers, entrees at the cruise ports-of-call (France and Lebanon), with vegetarian option available, and the opportunity to bid on the fabulous Action Auction offerings. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. There is a family maximum entry fee of \$45 and \$30 for a single parent. Free childcare is available. To sign up, let us know when you buy your ticket.

Appetizers will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., buffet dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., dessert at 8:00 p.m., and the evening concludes at 9:00 p.m.

If you can't come, ask a friend to be your proxy bidder. Please contact the auktionleads@uucr.org in advance so that we can have your bidder number ready for your proxy.

Tickets for the popular wine and beer raffle are on sale, too. Buy one (or more) \$10 tickets to win a case of bottles from around the world with a value of \$240 for the wine and \$200 for the beer. Only 100 tickets will be sold, so your chances are much better than playing the Powerball!

So look around: If you could use a dinner out with friends or your holiday table could use some delicious goodies, the Action Auction can solve those problems. Come, have a great time and bid!

SHARING THE MINISTRY

Jean Hiron: A Pastel Retrospective

by Liliane Blom and Sherry Dittmann, Aesthetics Committee

Jean Hiron fell in love with soft pastel during a 1991 trip to Santa Fe and never looked back! She works exclusively in the medium and has become a master at it. She currently holds signature membership in the Pastel Society of America and is a Master Circle member of the International Association of Pastel Societies.



Her retrospective show at UUCR includes 50 paintings, dating from 1995 to 2016. The earliest pieces were done while working full time at the Library of Congress. In 2003, she retired to devote herself to painting, studying with many of the leading pastel landscape painters. She was a member of the Waverly Street Gallery from 2004-2015. And from 2005 to 2012, she taught pastel at Montgomery College. She now teaches and maintains a large studio at Artists and Makers 2 on Wilkins Avenue in Rockville. In 2012, she published her highly acclaimed book *Finding Your Style in Pastel*.

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SHARING THE MINISTRY

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Painting the landscape has always been her passion. Jean is a New Englander by birth and her favorite subjects are the houses of that area, as well as coastal scenes. Having lived in the DC area since 1976, she also loves to paint the rural farms and landscape of the Mid-Atlantic.

Jean is a member of the River Road UU Congregation and had her first shows there, also leading the Fine Arts Program for five years.

Jean is known as a colorist. Her paintings often feature limited palettes that really sing! Her work has been featured in the *Pastel Journal*, *Southwest Art*, and *American Art Collector* and she has won many awards. Last year she showed four paintings at Art Hamptons on Long Island, and served as a juror for the Pastels en Périgord Salon in Saint-Aulaye, France. Her work can be seen on her website at www.jeanhirons.com, or on Facebook. She also maintains a blog, *Finding My Style*, at www.jeanhironsblog.com.

“Do-It Day” is Sunday, April 23

by Sue Hedges and Mary Lanigan



Every year around Earth Day, we come together as a congregation to take care of our own little piece of the earth. Known as “Do-It Day,” our annual afternoon devoted to church stewardship will be held Sunday, April 23.

It’s up to all of us to help maintain our buildings and grounds, and on this day we do it with fun and fellowship. Come to the morning worship service dressed to work. We plan to work from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Vegan lunch foods will be available at 1:00 p.m.

Many of our Do-It Day activities involve outdoor work. Some are strenuous, but many are not so tough. If you are not able to work outside, we also have some indoor jobs. This year, our tasks include: weeding flower beds, removing invasive plants all over the

property; planting flower; digging wild onions out of the flower beds; picking up sticks, tree limbs, and trash from the lawns; and cleaning windows inside and outside.

We need many hands (and backs, and tools) to make Do-It Day a success. If you have them, bring garden gloves and tools (pruners, loppers, rakes, shovels, spades). Bring squeegees for cleaning windows.

We strongly encourage families to come and work with their kids; there are jobs that children can participate in along with adults. Some of the RE classes may choose a project of their own. It’s a day of great satisfaction in large and small accomplishments, and we like to teach our children the joy of working in a community toward a shared goal.

On Do-It Day, our work yields immediate, tangible rewards. When we’re done, the place looks great! Please plan to join us.

SHARING THE MINISTRY

We Welcome UUCR's Newest Members

by Adrian Graham, Director of Communications & Membership

In March, we welcomed an amazing twenty-two new members to UUCR! Space doesn't allow an introduction of all of them here—but do check out the Membership bulletin board in Building 1 for photos and bios for all of them, and upcoming issues of *E-Weekly*! I encourage you all, as always, to be warm, inviting and to engage those whom you do not know, making connections along the way. Continue to do that, and we may find ourselves growing by leaps and bounds in the coming year, in both numbers and in depth of relationship.

Our newest members, in alphabetical order by last name, are: Marga Adiego-Blasco, Lionel Bernardo, Mark Bernardo, André Enceneat, Brian Haugen, Jeffrey Lewis, MaryBeth Lewis, Chris McNabb, Samantha McNabb, Jay Mukherjee, Mary Mukherjee, Elsa Powel Strong, Ken Robbins, Terri Robbins, Virginia Runko, Kalman Rupp, Eric Strong, Marie Vivas, Mandara Wood, Jenny Yates, Michael Youngman, and Monica Youngman. *(There are several children represented by these families! Stop by the bulletin board to learn more!)*

Thinking of You

compiled by Judy Eisenhauer on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team

Our **Junior Youth**, 7th and 8th graders, will leave Saturday, April 8, for the Heritage Trip to Boston. Thanks to all who make this trip possible. May they go with our blessing—and have fun!

Congratulations to **Polly Campbell's** granddaughter, Megan Cooper, who won two medals in the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017 in Austria in March. Megan competed in Cross Country Skiing and won a gold medal in the 100 meter event and a silver medal in the 50 meter event.

Adrian Graham's cousin, Sharice Hunter, died suddenly on March 20 at her home in southeast Virginia. Having grown up in the same house, along with Adrian's siblings and other cousins, it has been a difficult loss for the family. Adrian appreciates your condolences and care.

Bill Newhouse's mother, Margo, is receiving palliative care nearby at the Potomac Valley Nursing and Wellness Center. She's recovering from a head injury incurred during a fall in her home in southern Maryland in early March.

Rev. Lynn's mother, Pat Thomas, is in rehabilitation after falling, breaking her hip, and having surgery. Two of Lynn's siblings live nearby and are caring for their mom. She is recovering slowly. Lynn appreciates any thoughts and prayers sent to her Chicago family.

Alma Rhodes, mother of Laura Kelsey Rhodes, passed away on March 24 after a long career as a concert pianist and music educator. Two memorial services will be held: Saturday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the Guild Memorial Chapel at Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, and Saturday, May 13, at 4:00 p.m. at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda.

A memorial service for **Myra Tate** will be held at UUCR on Saturday, May 13, at 2:00 p.m. Myra, who died on February 5, was UUCR's Director of Music from 1994 to 2007.

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

CONGREGATION WORKS

Candidates for Election at UUCR

by the UUCR Nominating Committee

The following nominees have agreed to be put forth as the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for 2017.

Colleen Dolak is the nominee for Vice-Chair. Currently, Colleen works as an Executive Associate at Montgomery College in Advancement and Community Engagement. In addition to her B.A. in Communications from Notre Dame of Maryland University, this spring Colleen plans to complete her M.S. in Nonprofit Management from the University of Maryland, University College. Colleen has been attending UUCR since 2011. At her first visit, her kids made rain sticks in their RE classroom and Colleen was hooked. Since then, she's volunteered in the junior high classrooms as well as her own children's classrooms, hosted tables at the Fellowship Dinner, and assisted the gardening team with the help of her son, Carter. From 2014-2016 she assisted with the annual Action Auction, UUCR's fabulous friend-making fundraiser held every May. For the last two years she co-chaired the event with Carolyn Randall. This past year she worked with the marvelous Miracle Sunday team to help raise funds for the kitchen renovation in honor of UUCR's 60th Anniversary. As she continues her spiritual journey and practices love, one day Colleen hopes to join the choir.

Christy Shannon is the nominee for Treasurer. Christy is married to Mark Shannon. Her stepson, Sam, graduated in May from Drexel University in Computer Science, and is now working in the IT industry in Philadelphia. Christy worked as an engineer in the tire industry for 10 years, taught high school math for 15 years, and now works part-time teaching math at Montgomery College. She loves the outdoors, especially when she is biking or running in the woods with her dog, Tally. Also, she brews her own kombucha—let her know if you need a starter for your own. Christy originally joined UUCR in 2008; she had a gap in her membership when she and Mark relocated to Tallahassee, FL from 2011 to 2014. She was thrilled to come back to UUCR when they moved back into their old house in Rockville. She has been a UU since 1993 when she joined her first UU congregation in Nashville, TN. She has also been a member in Augusta, GA; Arlington, VA; and Tallahassee, FL. Over the years, she has been active on Fellowship Committee, Membership Committee, Canvass Committee, and a member of a Board of Trustees. In 2015 and 2016, she was the co-chair of the Fellowship Dinner.

Dana Alzouma is the nominee for Board position at large. Dana's family have been members of UUCR for over ten years now, and she has been a helper and a teacher in the Jr. High Religious Education (RE) class for over five years. Her husband, Karim, is a member of the UUCR Racial Justice Committee and also helps in the RE classes. Dana grew up in New Jersey and received a bachelor's degree in English and Religion from Mary Washington College (now a university) in Fredericksburg, VA. Dana served in the Peace Corps in Niger, West Africa, from 1995 to 1998 where she met Karim. She currently works for the US Agency for International Development (USAID). She is fluent in Zarma and can get by in French. Karim and Dana have two teens, Amina and Khalid.

Silvia Boland is a nominee for the Nominating Committee. Silvia was born in Spain as the youngest of 8 siblings and the only one in her family with any scientific disposition. After receiving her PhD, Silvia moved to the States and trained at Harvard and Rockefeller University. She is now a Senior Investigator at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Silvia lives in Rockville with her 10 year old daughter, Maria. Silvia's dislike of the Irish nuns that ran her school, combined with her inquiring mind, made her question her catholic upbringing early on. She learned about UU by chance 7 years ago, but it quickly got to be her spiritual home. She became a UUCR member in October 2012. Silvia has been an RE teacher for the past three years and just joined the Children's Worship Committee. Silvia likes to cook and entertain, always ready to help in the kitchen or throw a party or two.

Jon Landenburger is a nominee for the Nominating Committee. Jon has lived in the city of Rockville most of his life. He comes from a large family, and attended Catholic school until attending college in western Maryland. He was once married and still has three wonderful children, all productive adults growing in their own ways. Jon divorced and became a member of UUCR about a decade back. He is a member of the Choir and the Tool Gang, he helps with coffee on Sundays, and infrequently attends Green Team events. He has had a long career in software development and computers but now does hardware – nuts and bolts. Jon remains active and enjoys nature, biology, cooking, eating, reading, science, politics, and studying the phenomena of life.

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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.