
WORSHIP SERVICES

March Theme: STEWARDSHIP

Sun., Mar 11, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

Drop Your Bucket

In his famous 1895 [Atlanta Exposition](#) speech, the African American educator and public intellectual Booker T. Washington considered the challenges Americans were facing during post-war Reconstruction. He advised the audience to look past the daunting in search of the innovative. What insights can we take from that notion during these challenging times? What does our faith—and faith formation—call us to do? Led by guest preacher, **Dr. Mark A. Hicks**.

Sarah Jebian will lead congregational singing; **Justin Furnia** on piano.

First Fifteen—Three to four Sundays a month, children spend the “First Fifteen” minutes in the Sanctuary for the multigenerational portion of the worship service, after which those in pre-K through 5th grade follow their teachers to their classrooms. Parents of pre-K through 2nd grade are asked to collect their children from classrooms at the end of worship; children in 3rd through 5th grade will be dismissed at the end of class. Loving care is provided to the youngest members of our community (infant—3 years) in Building 3, Room 33.

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Shine Your Light Towards Our *Vision*

by Bruce Baskett

Practice Courageous Love

Our UUCR Mission and Vision is truly dynamic, and the beginning of much joy! But there’s an old Japanese proverb that goes: *A vision without actions is merely a dream. Actions without a vision just pass the time. A vision with actions can change the world.*



Have you found this to be true in your life? Have you ever had a vision that you *wish* you had acted upon? Have you seen things change, or experienced change in yourself, and felt joys, by the illumination of a vision with mindful actions?

As a member or friend in our religious community, you are a valued shareholder in our *Vision*. Opportunities for illumination at UUCR abound! **Your bright light—that innate, unique, sacred, one-of-a-kind YOU, can shine and act in our shared vision, bringing joys to yourself and others.**

At UUCR, you can both receive joy and shine your light:

- **In year-round worship**, where sermons challenge, inspire, and enrich, and there is music from and for our hearts...

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Sunday, March 18, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

The Promise and the Practice

Rev. Savage and Rev. Strauss will consider the vision and dream of racial justice and transformation as we celebrate voices of color within Unitarian Universalism. In the words of UUA President, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, we are invited to be part of a bold commitment to fulfill the promise to support and center the voices of Black Lives within Unitarian Universalism. The UUA Board of Trustees has asked our member congregations to offer financial support to the BLUU collective. As part of our contribution, we will share the plate this morning with Black Lives of UU. May UUCR continue to live into and help create this new chapter in our wider faith, as we engage in the work of racial justice in ever more meaningful ways.

The **UUCR Choir** will sing; **Dick Gilbert** on piano.

Chalice Chapel—One Sunday each month, all children and youth gather in Founders Hall for worship where they will sing, share, and create together. Loving care is provided to the youngest members of our community (infant—3 years) in Building 3, Room 33.

Sunday, March 25, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

From Religiously Liberal to Religiously Liberating

As people committed to love and justice in today's world, it's fair to say that we have "countercultural" aspirations. And yet we're still products of the larger culture, so it's easy to accidentally reinforce the status quo rather than challenging it. What would it look like to truly liberate our hearts, minds, and bodies? Led by guest minister, **Rev. Rob Keithan**.

Bonfire of the Mannakeys will provide special music; **Justin Furnia** on piano.

First Fifteen—see above.

April Theme: JUSTICE

Sunday, April 1, 9 & 11:15 a.m.—EASTER SUNDAY

We Shall Rise

On this Easter morn, **Rev. Strauss** will consider the ways in which our faith lifts us up. Are we saved by Unitarian Universalism? As we engage this month in new understandings and practices of justice-making, whose lives will be changed? **Child Dedication** is a ritual available on Easter Sunday. Please let [Rena Geibel](#) know if you would like your child dedicated within the Beloved Community of UUCR. **Bronson Hoover** will lead a jazz trio; **Justin Furnia** on piano. **First Fifteen/Special Programming**.

SHARING THE MINISTRY

DeLynneations

by Rev. Lynn T. Strauss

The purpose of life is to live it. To taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

To live life to its fullest is to be ever open to the new. This is a foundational principle of our liberal faith—there is always something new to be revealed. In recent years, we have been living into the new in our professional staffing at UUCR.

Pastoral work is a large part of congregational ministry. Tending to all the transitions within our Beloved Community is a core part of my ministry among you. As we continue to move through changes in our professional staffing, Rev. Rebekah and I tend carefully to the complexities of our changing landscape.

Dayna Edwards, our Director of Religious Education, will be leaving us in mid-June, as she engages her seminary studies full-time. Rev. Rebekah will be taking the lead in our Selection Process as we look for our next full-time DRE. She will convene a small selection committee, and consult with our Personnel Committee and our Board of Trustees as we seek the right person to carry on our current Family Faith formation priorities and best practices. We expect to have our new DRE in place no later than August 1.

Since January, we have been blessed by the music ministry of Sarah Jebian. Sarah is an active member at the UU Congregation of Fairfax. She brings her deep knowledge of our faith as well as her dedication to congregational singing. Her loving spirit inspires our choir and our entire music program. We have extended her Letter of Agreement with us through June 2018, and we plan a discernment process that might lead to hiring Sarah as our permanent half-time Director of Music. She will meet with the Board and the Worship Arts Team in April to share her vision for UUCR's music program and to answer any questions. There will be a Sunday morning Middle Hour opportunity in April or May for the congregation to hear her vision and give input. Don't miss "Music Sunday" on June 3 when we return to 10:00 a.m. one-service Sundays.

We are living into a new chapter here at UUCR. We are living congregational life to the utmost. Stay tuned!

Blessings,

Reverend Lynn



SHARING THE MINISTRY

Thinking of You

compiled by Judy Eisenhauer and Staff on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team

Carol Reinsberg recently fell and broke her hip. She is recovering at the Village at Rockville. Cards can be sent to her at The Village at Rockville Rehab, 9701 Veirs Dr, Rockville MD, 20850.

Roald Schrack is scheduled to have a left hip replacement on March 5 and will be in Shady Grove Hospital about 3-4 days then returning to Asbury Methodist village. Roald is optimistic – “I had the right hip replaced several years ago and that worked out fine.”

Herb Winkler, a former board chair at UUCR and a member of the search committee that brought Rev. Strauss, is sadly in decline. Terri Winkler, who long shared her piano skills with UUCR, and their daughters, who have been active in RE, might be cheered by cards sent to their home.

Gertrude Natusch Wetmore passed away in her sleep early in the morning on Wednesday, January 17, at Rockville Nursing Home. She was 98. Gertrude was predeceased by her husband, John Marshall Wetmore, and her sister, Lois Natusch. A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m. at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, MD. Rev. Rebekah Savage will officiate.

Phil Benson died Wednesday, February 8. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Michaela “Kelly” Benson; sons Philip Jr., Bruce, and Chris; daughter Lauren; and granddaughter Sydney. A memorial service was held on February 17 at UUCR.

Carole Danielson’s life will be celebrated at UUCR on Saturday, April 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Robert Scheiber, brother of Susie Spangler and uncle of Jenny Lyons, died February 22 after a brief illness. He is also survived by his mother, Barbara Scheiber. Many will remember Robert as a frequent worshiper on Sunday mornings, attended by his caregiver Donne. Robert’s life will be celebrated with much music and happy memories at a Memorial Service to be held on Saturday, May 26, at 2:00 p.m. here at UUCR.

Joseph “Jay” LaMarche died February 24, as reported by his partner Ruth Bruns. Both were members of UUCR before leaving Maryland. Jay was predeceased by his wife, Virginia LaMarche. He was active with the Power Tool Gang and frequent hamburger chef for UUCR’s fall fundraisers.

Laura Huff shared two deaths in her family. Her older brother, Donald Weaver, an architect who lived in Oklahoma City, died at age 91 on November 3, 2017, after a short, unexpected illness. Laura and her daughter Marjorie flew to Oklahoma City for his memorial service on December 7, 2017. Laura says, “We were close growing up and always kept in touch through the years. It is hard for me to believe that now I am the last surviving member of my generation in my family.” Laura’s son David, who lives in California, lost his wife, Ingrid, to cancer in August, 2017. Laura says that they were able to travel and do things together until the very end.

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



SHARING THE MINISTRY

Film & Discussion Series—Power to the People

by Julie Graf

The **UUCR Young Adult Group** is sponsoring a film and discussion series dedicated to the premise that pop culture is a vessel for understanding and loving the outsider. Join us on **Saturday, March 17** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 50 for a screening of *A Band Called Death* (2012). In the 1970s, *Death* developed a sound and aesthetic in opposition to mainstream vacuity and the expectations set for black musicians—a sound and aesthetic later called punk rock. Misunderstood and uncompromising, the group had little success and fell into obscurity, until rediscovered for the whole world to see decades later. Heartbreaking, exhilarating, and a testament to the power of family, *Death's* story asks us to reflect on our own shattered dreams and the potential for resurrection. Ages 10+; snacks and drinks provided.



SCHEDULE OF FILMS

April 14, 2018: *Dogtown and Z-Boys* (2001)

May 12, 2018: *Heavy Metal in Baghdad* (2007)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Preventing Nuclear War

by Steve Lapham

On Saturday, March 10, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the campaign to prevent nuclear war called “**Back from the Brink**,” will be discussed at the UUCR in Founders Hall. Jean Athey of Peace Action Montgomery will be the main presenter. Among the many endorsers of “Back from the Brink” are the Unitarian Universalist Association, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Physicians for Social Responsibility. You may sign the petition at the Social Justice Committee table during Middle Hour. The Social Justice Committee of UUCR sponsors Ms. Athey’s presentation.

Contact: **Steve Lapham**



ANNUAL CANVASS

(Shine Your Light continued from page 1)

- **Within our community and in fellowship**, through quilters and crafters, to the Small Group Ministry, Dinners for 8, Social Justice campaigns and many other activities. We (adults, our children, and our youth) benefit from friends, have fun, and grow together. We care for each other, provide needed support, and rejoice in our shared local community and our interfaith community...
- **By participating in lively Faith Formation programs...**where children and youth learn values and skills for a complex world, and we expand our horizons in faith's journey with meaningful events and programs...
- **With Social and Environmental Justice actions...**where you advocate for and bring about social change and support our fragile environment. You provide for the needs of immigrants, the rainbow teens, homelessness, and many other service programs...

There is another, very necessary way to shine your light and share your joy to help UUCR live our *Vision*.

Be financially generous, as best you are able. The budget for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019) is \$795, 080. Because about 79% of the budget comes from individual members and friends, our canvass goal is to assure \$624, 645 in pledges. This is an 8.2% increase over the FY17-18 pledges.

Canvass Sunday has passed, and now begins the time when you make your individual pledge by pledging (or increasing the pledge you made Sunday) at the canvass table in the Corridor, or online!

Everyone's pledge will matter, and each will be gratefully received.

For more in-depth information about the canvass and pledging, please visit the UUCR Canvass webpage: www.uucr.org/canvass, or write to the Canvass Co-Chairs **Mark Shannon and Marianne Miller** at canvassteam@uucr.org.

UUCR Pledge Drive 2018 & Changes to the Federal Tax Code

Not Itemizing?

... So you may not be itemizing charitable deductions for tax year 2018 due to the increase in the standard deduction

You Can Still Get Tax Benefits ...

... by giving appreciated investments, such as shares of stock. Donors can take a deduction for the full market value (with some limits), while not having to pay capital-gains tax on the appreciation

... and donors age 70½ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 of IRA assets directly to one or more charities and have the gift count toward their annual required distributions (RMDs) from the IRA and removed from their taxable income.

Contact: UUCR Assistant Treasurer **Eric Burch**, eburch@uucr.org.

CONGREGATION WORKS

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

MIDDLE HOUR

10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



EVERY SUNDAY

Emerson's Café - Rm 24/25
Spirit of Life Sangha - Rm 22
IG Spiritual Practice - Founders Hall
Junior High RE - Rm 51
Senior High RE - Rm 50

ROTATING

1st SUNDAY
Sonaria - Rm 44

2nd SUNDAY
AFF: Ted Talks - Rm 44
Newcomer Chat - Rm 26

3rd SUNDAY
Sonaria - Rm 44
New Member SGM - Rm 26

4th SUNDAY
How2UUCR - Rm 26
AFF: World Religions - Rm 44

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2018 UUCR Directory Now Available

The 2018 Directory is now available at UUCR. You may pick up a copy in the workroom in Building 1, or in Fellowship Hall during Middle Hour on Sundays in March. Please take only one directory per household.

Notify the church office — email to uucr@uucr.org — of any omissions or corrections to name, address, phone number, or email address so that we may keep our records up to date. Periodic addenda will be published throughout the year.

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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
Practice Courageous Love.

Our Values

- Lifelong Spiritual Discovery
- Beloved Community
- A Just World