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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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**May Theme: BEAUTY**

**Sun., May 6, 9 & 11:15 a.m.**

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

*Inner Beauty*

Some of us grew up hearing that “true beauty is on the inside.”

Yet, as preteens and teenagers, we found this hard to believe.

**Rev. Lynn Strauss** will explore the realm of inner beauty. What might it mean? Do we believe in it now? How do we live from a place of inner beauty? Why is it so hard to remember that we are beautiful, unique, and sacred beings? Today, we welcome our newest members and celebrate them with a reception between services.

The **UUCR Choir** will sing with **Jeff Young**, vocal soloist; **Ricardo Carvajal**, guitar; **Mike Holmes**, bass; **André Enceneat**, drums. **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. *(continued on page 2)*

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## ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

Please mark your calendars! On Sunday, May 20, there will be a potluck dinner followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting. The potluck starts at 5:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. All are welcome to share food and fellowship. You may use the following alphabetical guide to decide what to bring.

- ⇒ A—F: Salad or Bread
- ⇒ G—P: Main Dish
- ⇒ Q—Z: Dessert.

The Congregational Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. Childcare is available if you contact Dayna Edwards, our Director of Religious Education, by Thursday, May 17 ([dedwards@uucr.org](mailto:dedwards@uucr.org)).

The main topics of the meeting will be the election of new members to the Board of Trustees, a Canvass update, the financial report, a vote on Bylaws changes, and a discussion and affirmation of the proposed Eighth Principle. Candidate bios are available on pages 4-5 of this issue of *Quest*.

*Quest* deadline: Thursday, **May 31, 2018** at 8:00 p.m.,  
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**Sunday, May 13, 9 & 11:15 a.m.**

**MOTHERS' DAY**

*The Beauty of Our Scars*

The worship theme of the month is “Beauty,” and we reflect on how our scars—the wounds we carry from life—emerge as a part of our spiritual journey. Rumi wrote, “The wound is the place where the light enters you”. Where can we find beauty in suffering? How can we connect with beauty even as wounds are healing? How can we relate the beauty of our scars to a form of birthing joy into the world? Led by **Rev. Rebekah Savage**.

**Sarah Jebian** will sing; **Justin Furnia** on piano.

**First Fifteen**—see above.

**Sunday, May 20, 9 & 11:15 a.m.**

*The Beauty of Prayer*

What is it that is nurtured by prayer? Does prayer qualify as a UU spiritual practice? Why pray? **Rev. Strauss** will offer a reflection on the history and practice of prayer.

The **UUCR Choir** will sing; **Chelle Fulk**, violin; **Justin Furnia** on piano.

**First Fifteen**—see above.

**Sunday, May 27, 9 & 11:15 a.m.**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

*Creating Memorial Rituals*

In a time of grieving, sacred rituals can offer healing. How might we use the holiday of Memorial Day to honor loss and to nurture hope? **Rev. Strauss** will offer the sermon. **Please bring photos of those whom you have lost and wish to remember this day.**

**Justin Furnia** 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.

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## FAITH FORMATION

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### *Reflections*

by Dayna Edwards, M.A., Director of Religious Education

We are deep into planning for our summer faith formation programming for children and youth. Here's all you need to know about what our summer programming will look like.

- We hope to offer three opportunities for faith formation for our children and youth, since they are not accommodated for in the Sunday service (one service at 10:00 a.m.) over the summer.
- **YOUTH Contemplation Room.** We've been curating self-led activities to guide middle and high school students in their faith formation. Youth can also volunteer to assist with the younger children by visiting [www.tinyurl.com/uucrSummer2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/uucrSummer2018).
- Based on feedback from last summer that Founders Hall was too stimulating, we would like to offer **two rooms for children in pre-K through 5th grade.**
  - One room will be spiritual makerspace with creative supplies to make sacred objects like mandalas, labyrinths, geodesic domes, etc. This will be a more activity-oriented room.
  - The second room will be a quieter space for contemplation and reflection with books, knitting, needlepoint, and other quiet building activities.

In order to have provide the high level of programming that the children and youth at UUCR hour are used to, you will need 4-6 volunteers per Sunday. If you're going to be around, please sign up to help out: [www.tinyurl.com/uucrSummer2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/uucrSummer2018).

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## Our Whole Lives: Lifespan Sexuality Education

This year, UUCR attempted something it never attempted before—we offered three levels of Our Whole Lives (OWL) in one year! We successfully offered K-1, 4th-6th grade, and 7th-9th grade OWL! We served over 40 children/youth between the ages of five and fifteen. What an amazing gift this congregation has given to these young people, their families and communities. Thanks to the OWL facilitators, our children and youth are more equipped to make healthy decisions, keep healthy boundaries, and have healthy relationships.

The congregation will continue the tradition of being leaders in the OWL community by hosting an OWL Facilitator Training at UUCR this June. People from all over the region will come here to be trained to be facilitators in Jr./Sr. High OWL. **There are a few spots still available for people from UUCR to be trained.**

You don't need any prior experience to be an OWL facilitator; though experience working with children is helpful. Some of our current facilitators have day jobs as government contractors, non-profit leaders, and even scientists. You can get trained and teach for a year or two and then take off for a year or two.

The rewards of being an OWL facilitator are priceless. Elementary OWL facilitator Michael Mignano states, *"Each Sunday in OWL is an opportunity for ministry. Watching our children wrestle with the complex issues of gender, sexuality, and consent in their own free and responsible search for truth and meaning is an honor. Their maturity, inquisitiveness, and compassion continually amaze me."* You too can be a part of this holy and sacred work by registering to attend the **OWL Facilitator Training on June 1-3 at UUCR.**

Contact Dayna Edwards at [dedwards@uucr.org](mailto:dedwards@uucr.org) for more information.

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## CONGREGATION WORKS

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### Candidates for Election at UUCR

by the UUCR Nominating Committee

The candidates submitted to the congregation by the Nominating Committee are listed below. All have consented to serve if elected.



**Mary Carvajal** is the nominee for Vice President. Mary and her family have been members of UUCR for seven years, and were members of Cedar Lane prior to that. Mary and her husband, Ricardo, have three sons: David, Michael, and Henry. Mary was a member of the Children's and Youth Worship Committee for five years, and taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade RE. She is currently a member of the DRE Selection Committee and an usher. She has volunteered on other committees and for various events at UUCR, and hopes to join the Choir one day. Mary worked for many years teaching English as a Second Language (ESL/ESOL) at the college level. She recently switched gears to teach in public school, and is currently teaching at Richard Montgomery High School. Mary served for nine years on the board and as board president of Big Learning, a not-for-profit that provides educational enrichment in foreign languages, science, and cultural arts in Montgomery County. She has also served on the executive boards of her sons' pre-school, elementary school, and middle school. Mary received her BA from McGill University in Montreal, her MA in Linguistics from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, and will complete her M.Ed. From the University of Maryland, College Park, this May.



**Peter Shaw** is the nominee for Secretary. Peter is a former urban planner, California State University Long Beach professor, transportation research manager, and federal civil servant. In 1990 he and his wife Martha McClelland and their two young daughters participated in the establishment of a new UU congregation in San Juan Capistrano, California ("All Souls UU Congregation," now "Tapestry, a Unitarian Universalist Congregation," [www.tapestryuu.org](http://www.tapestryuu.org)), where he served on the founding Board. In fall 1992 the family moved here for his new job (National Academy of Science, Transportation Research Board), joined UUCR (1992-1999) and then rejoined in 2005. Upon retirement in 2010 he started taking classes in the Johns Hopkins University Osher Program, and teaching a course on Transportation Policy each year. He graduated from Occidental College, Los Angeles, and the New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Administration, MPA and PhD in Public Administration and Urban Planning. He would like to assist the Board administratively and hopes that his interest, energy, and background may contribute to the UUCR Board.

**Glenn Griffin** is the nominee for General Trustee. Glenn is a retired Foreign Service Officer currently working part-time at the State Department. He has lived in El Salvador, New Zealand, Israel, Canada, and Afghanistan. Glenn has a wife and two grown children, all on distinct spiritual paths. Glenn was born in Boston and grew up in Houston, attending a large Methodist church. While in high school, two different friends took him to Emerson UU Church, planting a seed, he thinks now. Glenn was always interested in politics, religion, and music, and received degrees in economics, business, and theology. He has been active in a range of churches, including international fellowships overseas. During a period of searching in 2008 and 2009, Glenn began to visit UUCR. He was struck by the diverse and beautiful music, challenging and reality-based sermons, approachable people, and the trees visible during worship. He officially joined in 2010 to "feel the UUCR love" just before the State Department sent him to Afghanistan. He has been involved with choir, worship team, small group ministry, and adult religious education, and has dipped his toe in several other activities. Glenn is glad to experience the flow of new people and ideas, and looks forward to UUCR's continuing outreach.



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**Marga Adiego-Blasco** is a nominee for the Nominating Committee. Marga was born at home to a very close family, which included her sister Ana and their grandparents. After years of private Catholic boarding school, she transferred elsewhere in her last year of high school and went on to earn a degree in International Business, and later, in Linguistics and English Philology. She began teaching English as a foreign language, has traveled all over the world, and can communicate in five different languages. Today, she still teaches, and she treasures her family. Her son Julian and her husband

André Enceneat also attend UUCR regularly.

**Jaime Chao Mignano** is a nominee for the Nominating Committee. Jaime is a mom of two young children and a progressive educator at Washington International School in DC. She and her partner, Michael, moved to Maryland from Michigan, where they met in college studying public policy and trying to change the world. She is active in the Chinese American community, is a member of the UUCR multiracial family community, and can't get enough of projects that get kids making stuff and asking questions. She is active in the RE program, including the summer Makerspace project. Jaime is a knitter, a (Ruby!) coder, and an omnivorous reader. She holds an M.A.Ed. in Technology in Education and facilitates a Girls Who Code club.



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### Staff Transition

*by Rena Geibel, Religious Education Coordinator*

April 16 marked my two-year anniversary of working at UUCR as the Religious Education Coordinator. Most of my work is behind the scenes, supporting a sustainable faith formation model for children and youth—making class rosters, recruiting volunteers, organizing youth activities, and preparing hands-on faith exploration for the younger members of this congregation. After May 31, I will no longer be part of the staff. I have an opportunity to pursue my career in public health, as a childbirth doula. Ushering babies into the world is where my faith, expertise, and passion lies.

Thank you to the leadership of UUCR who make this a welcoming place to work; who care about *collaboration and creativity* and not only about completed to-do lists.

Thank you to my wonderful colleagues who make this a fun place to work; who have held me up during my rough patches of life and care about *who I am*.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers, parents, and congregants who have brought me into the UU fold; who set examples of *how to live out my values*.

I wish you continued growth and faith development as you practice courageous love!

*Rena*



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## SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### A Social Justice Summer—2018

by Steven Lapham, Social Justice Committee member

The Social Justice Committee of UUCR invites you to attend our meetings, held the first Tuesday of the month in Room 52 at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted in an *E-Weekly*). Our co-leaders have moved out of state recently, and we hope to reconstitute and reinvigorate the committee at the June 5 meeting. Meanwhile, please visit our literature/petition table and consider joining fellow UUCR members in any of these upcoming activities:

- 1) Kick off “40 Days of Action” for economic justice on May 14 in Annapolis. Read more at the Facebook page of the Maryland Poor People’s Campaign. Contact: **Alonzo Smith**.
- 2) Among your summer reading, prepare for a September UUCR book discussion of *Breakthrough: Transforming Fear into Compassion—A New Perspective on the Israel-Palestine Conflict*. Author Richard Forer is a practitioner of the Meir Schneider Self-Healing Method, a unique system of healing developed by an Israeli. Contact: **Steve Lapham**.
- 3) Help immigrant families resettling in MoCo. Contact **Gayle Boyd** to join the ongoing effort.
- 4) As announced at Temple Beth Ami, New Story Leadership is looking for loving homes to host two youths—one from the Occupied Territories and one an Israeli Jew—who both work as interns on Capitol Hill, living and commuting together. Learn more at [www.newstoryleadership.org](http://www.newstoryleadership.org). ~**Steve Lapham**
- 5) Rockville Hometown Holidays, May 26 and 27 in Rockville Town Center, will again have a Rainbow Youth Alliance/UUCR booth. Help staff the booth or just come by and say hello! Contact: **Stephanie Kreps**.
- 6) City of Rockville Human Rights Commission is sponsoring the second Rockville Pride on June 16. Watch *E-Weekly* for details of time and place. ~**Stephanie Kreps**
- 7) “Occupation-Free DC,” a new campaign from Jewish Voice for Peace-DC Metro, aims to end DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) participation in US-Israeli counter-terrorism police exchanges and training. Watch *E-Weekly* for May events in conjunction with protests to peacefully end the siege of Gaza. ~**Steve Lapham**
- 8) We hope to report this summer on the activities of the UU Legislative Ministry-MD, as the 2018 session in Annapolis has just concluded, and to preview possible priorities for state-level bills and reforms in 2019. [www.uulmmd.org](http://www.uulmmd.org) ~**Alonzo Smith**
- 9) Finally, see the Racial Justice Working Group article on the Eighth Principle motion to be introduced at the Congregational Meeting on page 7 of this issue. Contact: **Fran Lowe**.

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#### **June Theme: PRACTICE COURAGEOUS LOVE**

#### **Sunday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.—ONE SERVICE IN SUMMER**

#### **MULTIGENERATIONAL MUSIC SUNDAY**

#### *Why Say It When You Can Play It?*

Music nourishes our souls in a way that nothing else does. Can you even imagine a worship service without music? How does music influence the way we worship? How do our hearts and minds process information that is sung or played versus spoken? Join the **UUCR Choir**, **Bonfire of the Mannekeys**, **Sonaria**, **WildBerry Jam**, the new **Family FUUN Choir**, and of course our beloved resident pianist **Justin Furnia** and Interim Director of Music **Sarah Jebian**, as we lead worship in a whole new way. After all—why say it when you can play it?

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### Eighth Principle

by Fran Lowe, Racial Justice Working Group

As UUCR is already committed to continuing the work of Racial Justice within our congregation and beyond, the Racial Justice Working Group is asking for a vote but the UUCR membership at the May 20 Congregational Meeting on a motion which may state:

“We, the members of UUCR, support the Unitarian Universalist Association in moving toward incorporating an 8th Principle into our UU Principles that may be stated below:

*We the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote journeying toward spiritual wholeness by building a diverse, multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”*

In preparation, it is important to think about not only what is being asked of us, but who is doing the asking and why it is important to them and to us. Black Lives of UU is an organizing collective of Black UUs working to expand their role and visibility as Black people within our shared faith of Unitarian Universalism. Please carefully read the 8th Principle background material provided by them at <https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/background>.

At last year’s UUA General Assembly, after much discussion, GA delegates voted for the UUA to appoint a commission to consider adding an 8th Principle. The exact language is here: “[Appointment of a Study Commission GA 2017](#)” (If you are reading this in print and *do not* have a way to access these two files online, please email call Adrian Graham, Director of Communications & Membership, at 301-762-7666 x5 for paper copies).

You may also want to listen to Paula Cole Jones’ sermon at UUCR on this topic from last October, “How Strong is Our Faith: Embracing the 8th Principle”: <https://www.uucr.org/sermons/how-strong-faith-embracing-eighth-principle> .

And finally, we encourage you to **join us during Middle Hour on Sunday, May 6 in Room 24/25** (for Emerson’s Café) for our second information and feedback session on the 8th Principle. I am grateful to those who attended the first session on April 22 for a candid and illuminating discussion.

Contact: **Fran Lowe**.



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## SHARING THE MINISTRY

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### Thinking of You

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

Friday, May 11, at 2:00 p.m.—**Memorial Service for Jay LaMarche** at UUCR. Jay's daughter, Thea, invites all who remember Jay to come celebrate his life. Jay was a fixture and a fixer at UUCR for many years before moving to the West Coast. We remember Jay, his late wife Virginia, and Virginia's daughter, Margaret.

Saturday, May 26, at 2:00 p.m.—**Memorial Service for Robert Scheiber** at UUCR. Robert's sister Susie Spangler, his niece Jenny Lyons, and their entire family invite you to celebrate Robert's life and his love of music in particular.



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

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### From the Archives

*by Maude McGovern*

#### **Samuel H. Grant: Profile of a Founding Member**

In the spring of 1956 a small group of dreamers and doers, most of them young white couples with children, decided to form a Unitarian church in Rockville. They worked hard, and on September 9, 1956, 33 people signed the membership book, establishing the Rockville Unitarian Center. A seven-person Board of Managers conducted business and governed the new congregation. There were six men and a woman, which for 1956 was not a bad ratio. What is more surprising is that one of those men, Samuel "Sam" H. Grant was African American.



Who was Sam Grant? Fortunately for us, he responded to a survey asking members about career, hobbies, and interests. In 1959 Sam was in his late thirties—married with a young son. He worked as a voucher examiner at the Department of Labor, and took night courses at American University in Public Administration. Jewell Golden, a long-time UUCR member, remembers Sam and his wife Alice as being pleasant and active in church affairs. In addition to being one of our first board members, Sam sang in the church choir, and Alice was on the religious education committee. Sam was also involved in other organizations and listed many hobbies and interests including bridge, dancing, camping, and discussions of religion and world events.

Sam was a member until around 1964 when for unknown reasons he drops off the roll. Another mystery is why Sam traveled to Rockville from his home in northwest DC rather than going to All Souls Church, Unitarian, in Washington, which would have been closer. Whatever the explanation, it's obvious that he was welcome and respected here in an era when segregation was still prevalent in Maryland.

*(Photo shows Sam Grant signing the Membership Book)*

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# ACTION AUCTION

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## Join UUs at the Action Auction on May 5!

by Karl Irikura

UUCR's **Action Auction Fiesta Cruise** is fun, helps you plan more fun during the upcoming year, and is the biggest fundraiser UUCR. All rolled into one tortilla! As you can tell, this year's event is inspired by our warm neighbor, **México**.

The (metaphorical) cruise will be **Saturday, May 5**, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It's a fun evening of silent and live bidding on special dinners, events, and services provided by congregation members, by friends, and by local businesses. It's a great way to discover and enjoy the depth and variety of talents and generosity among us! Indulge in a luxury or launch an adventure while supporting UUCR at the same time.



Everything, including ticket sales and the catalog, is available on the Auction website at [www.uucr.org/auction](http://www.uucr.org/auction). But here's a summary:

5:00 Raffle ticket sales

5:30 Silent auction begins; **appetizers**

6:00 **Dinner; cash bar** (beer, wine sangria); socializing

6:40 Silent auction closes for bakery, sharing talents, restaurants, and gift cards

6:50 Live auction begins

7:45 (after live auction) Raffle winners selected; **dessert**

7:50 Silent auction closes for gourmet, services, entertainment

8:10 Silent auction closes for excursions, meals, help wanted, miscellany

We can't give a sampling here without being unfair to the offerings that are not mentioned. But do you like any of these things? There's even more (nearly 200 items) in the full catalog!

- ◆ Meals light, heavy, fancy, hearty, elegant, casual, comforting, too exotic even to pronounce
- ◆ Tasting wine, beer, scotch, caipirinhas (??)
- ◆ Vacations as close as DC or Rehoboth and as far as Myrtle Beach or Ireland (!)
- ◆ Pies, cookies, and other baked delicacies
- ◆ Lessons on languages, music, pottery, jewelry-making, 3D printing
- ◆ Consulting and coaching: domestic, spiritual, self-defense, sports, investing, fitness
- ◆ Outdoor events tame, wild, and in-between
- ◆ Cool stuff, like a drone quadcopter, handmade jewelry & crafts, original artwork, recumbent bike, gift cards
- ◆ Musical events, game nights, loud parties, genteel parties
- ◆ Services such as gardening, portraiture, pet-sitting, photography, car detailing, general handyman
- ◆ "Choose the Sermon Topic" — always a favorite!



Please buy your tickets in advance, to make it easier to provide the right amount of food and drink. But you can buy last-minute tickets at the door, too!

If you have questions, find the Action Auction Co-Chairs **Carolyn Randall, Claudia Chitty, Liz Zerby, and Sandy Larkin** at the Auction table on Sunday mornings, or by email at [actionleads@uucr.org](mailto:actionleads@uucr.org).

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### **Unitarian Universalist Principles**

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.

### **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