

The WINTER COMMUNITARIAN

Parrots and Poachers

I would have once said that people who poach parrots are the bane of my existence. After all, they inflict great harm on beings that I hold most dear, and bring on extinction and loss of biodiversity. But even as a young wildlife veterinarian experiencing the guerilla warfare years in Guatemala of the 1980s I heard a haunting voice – *they are beautiful beings, too*. Now over 30 years later I find myself daily not so much going up against poachers, but working with them. In 2018 I worked in several projects in Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Guyana, and Paraguay, and in 2019 will continue on this work in an ever increasing net of influence, adding Suriname to our project areas. In all these regions, I work with reformed poachers. Teaching at universities in these countries, I often remark that, “We are all poachers,” for we are all caught in a web of harm and benefit of which the illegal wildlife trade is just one symptom.



This doesn't mean that I and my counterparts don't do all we can to end the wildlife trade. My companions are fierce and committed. But it does mean that we do so with compassion for one another, and with a mindful acceptance of the mess we *all* are in.

I invite you on a journey to learn how conservationists are coming to see that there are no sides in caring for and loving this world, by watching a new documentary about our project in La Moskitia, Honduras, “Poachers and Protectors.” The film will be available online soon and I will provide a link in the weekly e-Communitarian newsletter. I'd love to hear your thoughts and reactions to it, for it helps affirm that as a Community Minister of CUUC, my ministry is your ministry.

Saludos,

Rev. Dr. LoraKim Joyner



Holiday Giving Opportunities

Gift Cards for Coachman Family Center, Sign Up - Sun Dec 2 & 9, Bring in Wrapped & Tagged Gift Cards - Sun Dec 16



Help a family at Coachman! Sign up to purchase a \$25 gift card for their school-age children. On Sun Dec 2 and Dec 9, we will have lists available with the age and gender of the children, and the type of card they prefer. Please box and wrap the gift cards, tag with child's name and room number, and bring to CUUC by Sun Dec 16. Contact: Ray Messing (raymessing@gmail.com).

Personal Items for Shelter Residents, Sun Dec 2-30

New socks, men's underwear (L & XL), women's underwear, and toiletries will be collected throughout December for residents of local shelters. Posters from our Religious Education students help spread the word! Contact: Ray Messing (raymessing@gmail.com).



Gently Used Children's Books and Toys Drive for the Ecumenical Food Pantry, through Sun Dec 9



Help us supply the Ecumenical Food Pantry with gently used books and toys for their clients to give as gifts. We also accept stuffed animals (new or like new) for senior clients to keep for themselves! Want to volunteer? Contact: Mary Cavallero (marycava4@gmail.com).

The Mitten Tree is Coming!

We will decorate the tree with your donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for all ages and sizes. Share the gift of warmth! We will be collecting throughout December. Contact: Ray Messing (raymessing@gmail.com).



Religious Education

CUUC Religious Education Schedule - Winter 2018–2019

Sun Dec 2

10:00am Music for All Ages
10:25am Wonder Box Story
10:30am RE Classes
11:30am Deck the Halls/Craft Fair

Sun Dec 9

10:00am Children's Worship
10:30am RE Classes

Sun Dec 16

10:00am Christmas Pageant - Multigen
11:30am Holiday Community Meal
12:30pm Winter Choral Concert

Sun Dec 23

10:00am RE Fun Sunday

Mon Dec 24

5:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Sun Dec 30

10:00am No RE (Childcare Available)

Sun Jan 6

10:00am Children's Worship
10:30am RE Classes

Sun Jan 13

10:00am Children's Worship
10:30am RE Classes

Sun Jan 20

10:00am MLK Justice Sunday

Sun Jan 27

10:00am Music for All Ages
10:25am Wonder Box Story
10:30am RE Classes
11:30am Chili Community Meal
Special Friends Begins

Sun Feb 3

10:00am Children's Worship
10:30am RE Classes

Sun Feb 10

10:00am Variety Show Vote
10:30am RE Classes
11:45am Teacher Enrichment (with lunch)

Sun Feb 17

10:00am Fun Sunday
11:30am Winter Community Meal

Sun Feb 24

10:00am Alvin Ailey Dance Sunday

Sun Mar 3

10:00am Music for All Ages
10:25am Wonder Box Story
10:30am RE Classes
11:30am Pancake Community Meal

Sun Mar 10

10:00am Children's Worship
10:30am RE Classes

Sun Mar 17

10:00am All Westchester Worship
(Multigen)

Sun Mar 24

10:00am Environmental Practices Sunday

Sun Mar 31

10:25am Wonder Box Story
10:30am RE Classes
11:30am Canvass Community Meal
Special Friends Meet

Save the Date

Sun Apr 7 - Youth Worship
Sun May 19 - Affirmation Ceremony

Religious Education



The No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant

Sun Dec 16, 10:00am, Sanctuary

As the story unfolds, you become Mary, Joseph, goats, sheep, cows, horses, angels, shepherds, and wise folk. Costumes provided – just bring a joyful spirit! All ages invited!

Chili Brunch

Sun Jan 27, after Worship, Fellowship Hall

The heat of chili and the warmth of community. Hosted by our 6th-7th grade RE class to support their social justice projects. Cost: \$5 Adult, \$3 Child, \$15 Family.



Special Friends

Sun Jan 27- Sun Mar 31

Our pal program anonymously matches children and adults in the congregation so they get to know each other better. After exchanging six letters over ten weeks, pen pals will get to meet one another at our community meal on Mar 31. Look for signup information in the weekly e-Communitarian newsletter email or contact cuucre@gmail.com.

Teacher Enrichment

Sun Feb 10, 11:45am-1:15pm, Fellowship Hall

Lunch and program. An opportunity to connect, learn, and grow together. Childcare will be available.

Contact: cuucre@gmail.com



Social Justice Teams

Our Social Justice Teams – Opportunities for You to Engage in Service

Involvement in our social justice teams supports the part of CUUC's mission where we "engage in service to transform ourselves and our world." Our goal is for each team to have at least five core members. You can email the co-chairs or speak to them on Sundays to find out more. Here are brief reports on what's been happening or planned, with names and contact information. *Which team's mission calls to you?*

Animal Advocacy

The Animal Advocacy Social Justice Team (AASJT) has had a busy fall. During the September Social Justice Fair, we began a collection that totaled \$286 from the congregation, plus an anonymous donation of \$1,000, which the team sent to the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) to help support animal rescue efforts worldwide. Members of the team continue to participate in the Ethical Pest Management Task Force put in place to maintain a compassionate and ecologically friendly pest control system in the building and parsonage. The AASJT and Rev. LoraKim Joyner planned, promoted, and hosted a "Giving Thanks for All Life" Plant-Based (Vegan) Community Potluck held at CUUC on Thanksgiving day. We had 29 guests from the congregation and community attend, sharing food and fireside conversation. Looking ahead, the AASJT will host a plant-based/vegan coffee hour on Sun Feb 3, will redecorate their hallway bulletin board, and will discuss with Religious Education leaders ideas for a guest speaker and possible class trip to an animal farm sanctuary. Contact: Doreen Rossi (doreenrossi@hotmail.com).

Economic Social Justice

At our last meeting, the Economic Social Justice team heard Jim Cobb present a report about CUUC's support of the Scholarship Programs at Westchester Community College. The team is currently examining their role in the congregation moving forward, and inviting a new co-chair. Contact: Jim Walkup (jimwalkup@gmail.com).

Environmental Practices Group

The congregation's commitment to good environmental practices will soon take a very visible step forward. New recycling bins are being added to Fellowship Hall, the kitchen, and the classrooms in November. Learn more on our full-page article that follows! Contact: Janet Bear (jsbear1@gmail.com) and Charlie McNally (mcnally@pobox.com).

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Gun Safety

The newest CUUC social justice team prepared for the mid-term elections by spreading the word about the Gun Sense Candidate Lookup Tool website, which voters use to find candidates that support common-sense gun violence prevention. On Sat Oct 14, a team member attended the UUA/Metro District Leadership Day workshop on Congregational Safety, and later shared with the team information about procedures specific to safety and disruptive persons. On Sun Dec 2 at 11:30am, the team will host a Gun Safety Forum at CUUC featuring a guest speaker from the Westchester chapter of Moms Demand Action (momsdemandaction.org). Topics covered will include strategies for change, pending gun legislation, and gun safety issues (see flyer on following pages). Come learn more about ways we can take action! Contact: Emily Economou (emily.economou@gmail.com).

Hunger & Homelessness

The approach of the holiday season means that the Hunger and Homelessness team is in full swing, and there are several ways you can help! Parents at the Coachman Family Center (a homeless shelter) ask for gift cards from specific stores for their children. You will have the opportunity to sign up after services on Sun Dec 2 and 9 to donate money for cards or to shop, wrap, and tag the cards yourself. We are collecting gently used toys, books, and stuffed animals through Sun Dec 9, and encouraging donations of money to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Boxes are in the lobbies for your donations. We will also decorate a holiday tree in the sanctuary with new mittens, gloves, hats, and underwear for homeless women, men, and children. Stay tuned for ways to help in the New Year - there will be additional opportunities to donate school supplies/backpacks and to cook for HOPE soup kitchen. Contact: Nicole Turygin (nturygin@gmail.com).

LGBTQIA Social Justice

The LGBTQIA Social Justice Team has had a busy fall! Members of the team contacted the UUA's Rev. Michael Crumpler to learn about the new "[Five Practices of Welcome](#)" renewal procedure for Welcoming Congregations, and chair Tony Arrien has attended the related webinar. Starting in 2019, the renewal process for Welcoming Congregations will be yearly, with a minimum of two LGBTQ sermons a year and other practices, most of which we already do at CUUC. This new procedure will help more of the original 800 Welcoming Congregations to renew, since to date only 33 have done so, CUUC among them. This fall, members of the team met with interested congregants at First Unitarian Society of Westchester (FUSW) in Hastings, and we have invited FUSW to join our monthly meetings via Zoom teleconferencing. We hosted our third annual Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) ceremony at CUUC on Sun Nov 18. Two members of team led presentations at the Westchester Trans Forum at The LOFT on Sat Nov 17. We look forward to doing more events both within our community and beyond. Our next meeting is Sun Dec 9 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Contact: Tony Arrien (arrien@optonline.net).

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Racial Justice / In the Spirit of Truth

The team hosted the presentation led by member Petra Thombs on "Doctrine of Discovery: Next Steps" on Oct 7 and again on Nov 25. The program included a film about the Doctrine, which has its roots the 15th century decree that Christian nations had the right to conquer and exploit non-Christian lands (learn more at uua.org/racial-justice/dod). The team also hosted a panel presentation on Sun Nov 4, led by Adine Usher, about the impact of the Equal Peace and Justice Initiative Summit held last April during the opening of EJI's Legacy Museum and memorial to lynching victims (museumandmemorial.eji.org). Several team members attended the Intercultural Sensitivity Workshop here on Sat Oct 20, and will soon plan further congregation programming. They will also plan programs for MLK Day, and a workshop on White Fragility, based on [the book by that title](#). On Wed Dec 27, the 15th annual Kwanzaa celebration will be held at the Slater Center in White Plains. We urge the congregation to attend and join the fun, supporting this important CUUC tradition and outreach to the community. Racial Justice contact: Jeff Tomlinson (jefftomlinson8@gmail.com); ITSOT contact: Barbara Mair (barbara.k.mair@icloud.com).

Refugee Resettlement

On Sun Dec 9, we will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the arrival of the refugee family CUUC is supporting, with the family and volunteers enjoying a reception in Fellowship Hall. The appreciation of the family for all the support they've been given is equally matched by the appreciation of the volunteers for the pleasure of getting to know this family and share in their resettlement experience. The Refugee Resettlement Social Justice Team continues to be kept busy supporting the family. The U.S. State Department expects refugees to be self-sufficient within 12 months, but we know that when a family has come from a war-torn country with a vastly different culture and has had to leave everything and everyone behind, 12 months is not enough time. Because of that ICNA (Interfaith Council for New Americans, of which we are a member congregation) will continue to help the family move forward this coming year. VOLUNTEER ARE STILL NEEDED. Do you know someone who loves sports, art, sewing, cooking? One child of the family loves soccer, another loves to draw, and the mom loves sewing and cooking. The family enjoys new experiences and Mom and Dad would appreciate a few hours to themselves. Please contact us if you'd like to get involved. In addition, other refugee families in our area need support. The Westchester Refugee Initiative has many opportunities to help out when you can. For more about WRI programs, visit the Hearts and Homes for Refugees website (heartsandhomesforrefugees.org) and under "Get Involved," click "[Westchester Refugee Initiative](#)." CUUC Refugee Resettlement contacts: Robin Rocchi (robinandal@verizon.net), Jane Dixon (lilrhodie@gmail.com).

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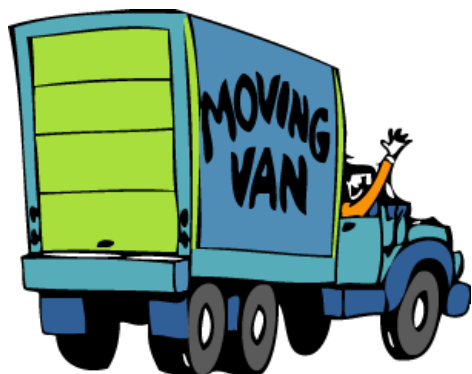
Women's Social Justice

On Sun Oct 26, the Women's Social Justice Team helped enable the congregation to write 200 postcards to the registered voters of District 39 in Upper Rockland County, encouraging them to vote in the mid-term elections. (Democrat James Skoufis ultimately won over Republican Tom Basile for the state Senate's 39th District seat.) The team also hosted an evening wine-and-cheese party Get Out the Vote text banking session aimed at millennials on Mon Nov 5. The team feels deeply that women's issues closely correlate with whom we are being represented by in government. Contacts: Julie Gans (juliegans@gmail.com) and Karen Schmitt (schmitt8@verizon.net).

For general questions about the CUUC Social Justice Teams, contact our coordinators, Jeff Tomlinson (jefftomlinson8@gmail.com) or Mary Cavallero (marycava4@gmail.com). Watch your weekly e-Communitarian newsletter and Order of Service for the latest information on meetings and activities.

Goodbyes

Pamela Cucinell and Mario Pardillo, members since 1999, will soon be leaving Westchester – and the US – to move to their new home in Mexico. Over the past 19 years, Pam has been involved in many CUUC activities, including the Religious Education Council, the Board of Trustees, the Social Justice Coordinators Committee, and the PlaceKeepers who care for our beloved building and grounds. Mario, in addition to attending and supporting Pam, has provided us with our beautiful poinsettia display each year at holiday time through his Earthborn Indoor Gardeners. Their contributions and spirit will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best in their new adventure and look forward to their return visits. From Bice Wilson: *Pam has been the heart of the PlaceKeeping practitioners at CUUC for many years. Our Spirit Fires and Days In Place would not be happening if it weren't for her passion for this place where we all worship,*



each in our own ways. She leaves a legacy of love and caring throughout our landscape, and thereby will be shaping CUUC for years to come. From Kate Colson (and Max): Pam's spirit of kindness, calm, and deep love of our precious CUUC grounds are well known among us. We'll miss you, Pam, as you and your family move on to a warmer, more lush, and mountainous land. The sting of the distance will be tempered by your ever-present gentle, caring, and giving spirit. Go well as you start a new tradition of fire-keeping, place-keeping, and pie-making in the Sierra Madres.

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Gun Safety Forum: What's Next? Sunday, December 2, 11:30 AM

Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation
at White Plains, 468 Rosedale Ave, White Plains, NY



Learn from *Moms Demand Action* about local efforts to increase gun safety and reduce gun violence

A representative from the Westchester *Moms Demand Action* will speak on pending gun legislation, strategies for change, and trends around gun safety issues. Q&A follows.

Free and open to the public · Light lunch provided
Childcare available with advance registration by Wed Nov 28 at noon



Co-Sponsored by the CUUC Gun Safety Social Justice Team
RSVP & Registration: Emily Economou
emily.economou@gmail.com



Moms Demand Action is a grassroots, single-issue organization, promoting legislation, corporate policies, and individual behaviors around gun safety. The organization is non-partisan, and membership includes both gun owners and non-owners, as well as survivors of gun violence and family members and friends of survivors from all walks of life.
momsdemandaction.org

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THE HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS SJT IS SPONSORING A

BACKPACK DRIVE

TO SUPPORT THE
BRIGHTER FUTURES AFTER SCHOOL
MENTORING PROGRAM



THEY HAVE OVER 150
TEENS IN NEED OF
**LARGE, STRONG
BACKPACKS**
RIGHT NOW. WE CAN HELP!



IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, CONSIDER HELPING
US GET NEW BACKPACKS TO SOME OF THESE
TEENS, FILLED WITH FRESH SCHOOL SUPPLIES.



DETAILS WILL BE POSTED IN JANUARY IN OUR WEEKLY
COMMUNITARIAN AND IN THE CUUC FACEBOOK FORUM.
PLEASE STAY TUNED!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT AMYSWISS@AOL.COM.



Social Justice Teams



Presenting... new recycling bins at CUUC! After much study, questioning, and debate, our congregation is joining the local movement to three-stream recycling – as Food Scrap Recycling supplements our longstanding practice of recycling Clean Paper and Comingled Metal, Glass, and Recyclable Plastic. Color-coded and labeled bins have been placed in the Kitchen, Fellowship Hall, and most of the classrooms. We encourage everyone to place all food scraps in the green food scrap bins, located in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall, and to avoid leaving any food scraps in the classrooms. All clean paper should go in the blue Paper recycling bins located in the classrooms, office, Fellowship Hall, kitchen and back of the sanctuary. All metal, glass, and recyclable plastic should go in the grey Comingled Recyclables bins located in the classrooms, office, Fellowship Hall, and kitchen. Only items that aren't recyclable should be put in the black Trash bins located in the classrooms, office, Fellowship Hall, kitchen and back of the sanctuary. Signage on each bin makes clear what can and can't be recycled.

Much to our disappointment, the city of White Plains has not yet elected to participate in food scrap recycling. However, several other local municipalities do and we hope to encourage White Plains to join. In the meantime, the Environmental Practices Group (EPG) will be measuring the amount of food scraps collected to help document the need for White Plains to begin food scrap recycling.

The EPG is also focusing on sustainable energy at home, and will be educating our congregation on this topic and how it impacts us. Please save the date for a forum after service on Sun Feb 3, 2019. More information will be provided in the weekly e-blasts.

As always, we encourage any congregant interested in environmental issues to join us. We meet on the second Sunday of the month, alternating meeting times before and after services. Contact: Janet Bear (jsbear1@gmail.com) and Charlie McNally (mcnally@pobox.com).

Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fundraiser

Sun Dec 2 & Sun Dec 9, following Worship

Unique gifts for family, friends, teachers, and everyone on your list. Proceeds help support the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

If interested in selling your crafts, please contact Barbara Youngman (bvy1948@yahoo.com)



Poinsettia Memorial Donations

In December the chancel will again be decorated with lovely red, white, and pink poinsettias given in gratitude for happy occasions in our lives and in memory of loved ones. If you would like to donate to our display, send a check for \$15 per plant to CUUC by Wed Dec 19. Write "poinsettia" in the memo. *Please include a note with the name of the people or occasion you wish to honor so we can include them in the Christmas Eve order of service.* Contact: Pam Parker (admin@cucwp.org, 914-946-1660 ext 2).

Community Kwanzaa Celebration

Wednesday, December 26, 2016

2:00 pm, Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains, New York - Free!

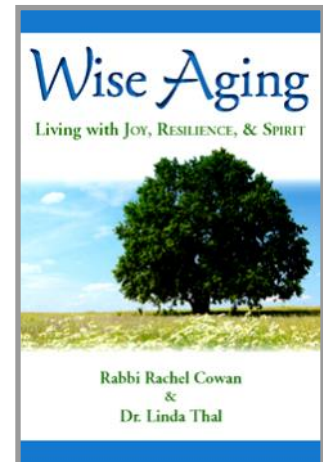
Celebration includes traditional drumming by Kofi and Sankofa Dance and Drum Ensemble, and more. Come join the fun and support this important, long-standing CUUC tradition and outreach to the community. Contact: Barbara Mair (barbara.k.mair@icloud.com).



New! Wise Aging Discussion Group

Wise Aging Group, first meeting Tue Jan 22, 2019, 3:00pm, Parsonage

From Rev. LoraKim Joyner: A few months ago, Jane Dixon and I ran into each other at the YWCA. As we shared cardiac machines side by side, we discussed our aging bodies and what we were to make of this process of growing older. There are so many challenges as well as gifts, and, oh gosh, a lot of surprises! We were both interested in exploring aging as a personal and spiritual practice, and thought others would want to gather, talk, and support one another in our journeys. So we invite you to come join a new discussion group starting Tue Jan 22, 2019, 3:00pm, at the Parsonage, 466 Rosedale, White Plains. We plan to then meet on Tue Jan 29, Tue Feb 5, Tue Feb 19, Tue Mar 5, and Tue Mar 19 (to accommodate my travel schedule). We will follow the book, *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit* by Linda Thal and Rachel Cowan, and you don't need to own a copy to join (if you'd like to read it, you can buy, borrow, or share). Please RSVP a week before to help us plan, although we will welcome drop ins and guests. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor! Contact: Rev. LoraKim Joyner (amoloros@gmail.com, or 914.948.1696).



Loving Animal Nature Webinar



Loving Animal Nature: Nurturing Ourselves and Others Through a Radical Acceptance of Life - Webinar, Tuesdays beginning Jan 22, 2019

Rev. Dr. LoraKim Joyner, CUUC's Community Minister, invites you to participate in part of her outreach ministry. She is offering a live course on 6 Tuesdays beginning Jan 22. This course grows your sense of connection, guiding you to connect your inner beauty to that of all life, resulting in greater strength and resilience, to bring justice to our biotic communities. A needs-based approach to emotional, social, multispecies, ecological, and spiritual intelligences nurtures you so that you can nurture nature: yours, ours, theirs, the Earth's. Nurtured by belonging, beauty, reverence, wholeness, joy, and vitality, you become a more deeply connected

nurturer of your multispecies relationships, human families, communities, organizations, and advocacy efforts. The sessions will be recorded in case you are unable to view the live webcast. The course is offered through the Nonviolent Communication (NVC) Academy: nvctraining.com/media/2019/LKJ/loving/index.html.

Save the Date: Westchester UU Worship Service

All-County UU Worship, Sun Mar 17, 10:30am, CUUC

Last April, CUUC was the site of our "Shared Earth, Shared Faith" All-County Earth Day worship service that brought together ministers, religious educators, musicians, and congregants from the UU congregations in Hastings, Mt. Kisco, Croton, and Mohegan Lake. The five Westchester UU congregations will again gather in our sanctuary in March to share a multigenerational worship service on the theme of justice. We look forward to another opportunity to share our beautiful space, gain a greater sense of our mission and shared faith, and enjoy getting to know one another better!



Faith Development Fridays



Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8

Once a month we gather for an evening of learning, spiritual growth, and community. At 6:15pm we share a Pizza & Salad Community Dinner; at 7:00pm Programs begin; at 8:30pm we have Coffee and time to chat. Programs include:

Adult Religious Education

"Faith Like a River" is a program that explores the people, ideas, and movements that have shaped our Unitarian Universalist faith heritage. What lessons do the stories of our history teach that can help us live more faithfully in the present? What lessons do they offer to be lived into the future?

Youth Social Night

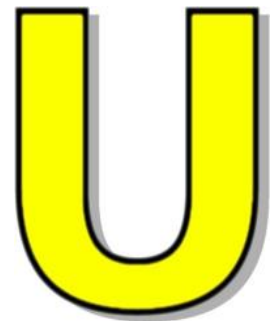
High school youth can hang out in the Youth Room for a night of fun. Gnomes welcome.

Family Journey Group

Parents gather to discuss the monthly journey group theme (facilitated by Barbara Montrose), while children have their own group with activities and discussion based on the same theme (facilitated by Perry Montrose, Director of Faith Development). Adults without children are invited to participate in either Adult RE and Family Journey Group. Adults may also come for unstructured social time together. All are welcome after the programs for coffee and talk. RSVP by Friday 12:00 noon to CUUCevents@gmail.com.

Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee's mission is to welcome visitors to CUUC and invite them into our congregational family. We can all join this mission by practicing intentional hospitality on Sunday mornings and always. Make a habit of saying hello to folks with our bright yellow or watercolor "newcomer" name tags. Also watch how we stand with friends during coffee hour. When our group stands in a circular "O" shape we close ourselves off. But when we stand in a "U" we open ourselves up and someone new can more easily join in. Remember, "Welcoming UUs stand in a 'U'!" To learn more, contact: Jane Dixon (lilrhodie@gmail.com).



Sign up for a Journey Group

"Life is a journey, not a destination" The CUUC Journey Groups are a way to deepen our understanding of life and strengthen our connections to one another by exploring monthly themes together. You can sign up online at cucwp.org/journey-groups or use the signup sheets in the CUUC entryway. Even if you can't attend all the monthly meetings, please do sign up. Journey Groups are how we help each other become the people we most want to be!



The Caring & Sharing Circle



The Caring & Sharing Circle works with our congregation and minister to support and care for CUUC members and friends of our community. If anyone knows of another among us who is in need of a caregiver, contact our volunteers.

December: Joan Traber (914-617-9622, joantraber@yahoo.com) or Anita Mann (914-819-7751, fourmanns@gmail.com). **January:** Anita Mann (914-819-7751, fourmanns@gmail.com) or Barbara Mair (914-769-7186, barbara.k.mair@icloud.com). **February:** Ingrid Hartmann (914-946-2026, ih63053@gmail.com) or Johanna Bauer (914-636-1047, johbauer@msn.com). You may also contact the CUUC office (914-946-1660 x2, admin@cucwp.org).

Auction Committee

Thank you one and all for another successful Auction. On the evening of Sat Nov 3 our sanctuary was magically transformed into an "Under the Sea" paradise, thanks to the imagination of our amazing decorating team. The food was a delicious assortment of land and sea options, including paella! The tasty desserts reminded us of sand and sea creatures. Thank you to our caterer "No Place Like Home," and our talented food committee who were responsible for the appetizers and desserts. Thanks to everyone who donated and solicited items. We had a wide variety resulting in lively bidding. We made an effort to insure there were offerings at different price points, including attractive grab bag items, a prize wheel with guaranteed winners every time, wonderful silent auction items including gift cards, jewelry, wine, art work, clothing, and numerous services. Our Bid-and-Bump Board is always lively, and we had 17 different events offered. There were five additional sign-up options ranging from a Wine and Chocolate Tasting to an Egg Cream lab! Our entertaining auctioneer created a lively atmosphere for bidding on vacation homes, theatre tickets, tours and other unique items. The evening was well attended and provided an opportunity to build community and make new friends. We are pleased to announce that we raised over \$44,000 for CUUC's operating budget. The Auction team extends their appreciation to all attendees, volunteers, and congregants who supported this event. You make it all possible!

~ Janet Bear, Scott Dameshek, Patricia Goettel and Anne Majsak, Auction Co-Chairs



Winter Choral Concert

The 15th Annual CUUC Winter Choral Concert: A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten *plus Songs of the Season*, Sun Dec 16, 12:30pm

After our Holiday Community Meal following worship, the CUUC Choir with conductor Lisa N. Meyer and pianist Georgianna Pappas present a concert for the whole family that celebrates the beauty of the season. The one-hour program begins with the exciting *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten with guest artist Kristi Shade on harp. Soloists include Kim Force and guest singers Stephanie Watt and Julie Auriemma. Following the Britten will be holiday duets performed by Liz Laite, Mary Cobb, Kim Force, and Janet Bear as well as a solo by Lisa Meyer. The full choir ends the concert performing favorites that include "Do You Hear What I Hear," "We Seek the Tiny King," and "When Christmas Comes to Town" from the movie *The Polar Express*. Please join us for joyous music that will lift the spirit and bring us together with love and song! Suggested donation \$20 for adults, \$10 seniors and students, and \$5 children 13 and under, with a maximum family donation \$45. Childcare available with advance reservation to concert@cucwp.org. Tickets available online at cucwp.org/concert-series. Discount tickets sold at coffee hour.

Music at CUUC ~ Save the Date

Spring Choral and Chamber Music Concert: Sunday, April 28, 2019, 12:30pm (following Community Meal)

Jazz Fest: Valerie Capers and her Jazz Trio: Saturday, May 18, 2019, 8:00pm

Top 12 Reasons to Join the CUUC Choir in 2019

- 12) It makes a great New Year's resolution and is an easy one to keep.
- 11) It helps get rid of the extra indulges eaten and drunk over the holidays.
- 10) It increases your oxygen intake, which gives you more energy.
- 9) The commitment is light: the Choir sings only two Sundays each month.
- 8) You get to perform in two concerts each year.
- 7) You don't have to be able to read music to join.
- 6) If you cannot attend every Tuesday rehearsal from 7:30-9:15pm, then attending the Tuesday rehearsal before a Sunday that the Choir sings is fine.
- 5) Your musical skills will get better and better as time goes on.
- 4) When we have food, it is really, really good.
- 3) You get to sing some really interesting and varied music.
- 2) It's a great way to meet new people and begin new friendships.
- 1) We laugh a lot!

We welcome new choir members of all voice parts after the New Year as we begin fresh with new music. All are welcome to observe a rehearsal or sit in, sing, and see what we do. Choir resumes after the holidays on Tue Jan 8. For more information please contact choir director Lisa Meyer (choir@cucwp.org, 347-278-3187).

MUSIC AT CUUC

presents

**The 15th Annual
Winter Choral
Concert**

***A Ceremony
of Carols***

by Benjamin Britten
and Songs of the Season

Kristi Shade, Harp



***The Community
Unitarian
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Congregation Choir***

Lisa N. Meyer, Conductor
Georgianna Pappas, Piano

Sunday, December 16, 2018

12:30 p.m.

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