



Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Quarterly Communitarian

Meredith's Musings

Summer worship: Many thanks to John Cavallero for leading the effort to line up another great summer of services. Please see the schedule on page 4. Our regular year ends with an RE Celebration Sunday on Father's Day (June 19) including a delicious BBQ. The following Sunday until Labor Day (11 Sundays) our Sunday morning worship will be in Fellowship Hall -- which has air conditioning.

Journey Groups: Starting in mid-June, we'll have sign-ups for next year's Journey Groups. As happens every year, there's a bit of turn-over amount with our Journey Group facilitators-- there will be some new groups at some new times. Many groups will continue -- same facilitator and same meeting time and place. Some will have new facilitators. One or two may be ending after the June meeting. You might be ready to try a different group for next year. Even if you plan to stay in the same group, please re-sign-up, just so we know you're continuing.

I return from my summer break and will be back in the office on Tuesday, August 2. The first two Sundays of August I guest preach at nearby congregations at no charge to them (this sort of outreach and service to the wider UU world is part of what my calling to CUUC includes). Then I'm due to be back in the CUUC pulpit for the last three Sundays of worshipping in Fellowship Hall (Aug 21, Aug 28, and Sep 4), before we return to our sanctuary for our Ingathering Service on September 11.

Yours in Faith, Meredith



Calling all singers & instrumentalists! Summer services at CUUC need your talent - if you are able to play/sing a song or lead hymns, please sign up for a service or even just a song or two. Contact Kim & Christian Force for details. kimforce@gmail.com

Thanks!



We all love to stand around and socialize after Sunday service. For many of us it's the only time we can get together to meet new members, chat with old friends; even talk about the sermon! "Thank You" to all our wonderful Coffee Hour Hosts for making this possible in recent months and going forward.

If you can host **JUNE 12**, please contact Chris Nicholson at mchrisnich@gmail.com.

**Nurture Spirituality
Foster Compassion
Engage in Service**

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Signs of Summer and Signs of CUUC

As spring fully unfolds, and we are starting to see signs of the summer to come, I am thrilled to see all of the new "signs" at CUUC!

Firstly, our new Black Lives Matter banner is proudly posted in our sanctuary. Our hope is to have this sign placed curbside on Rosedale Ave, however a recent development is that our neighbors on Rosedale have complained about the length of time banners have been displayed street side. We are currently examining the city's sign code and attempting to see if there might be a workable solution. As Rev. Meredith stated after our congregational vote on supporting the Black Lives Matter resolution, this banner is only the beginning.

With any luck, we should shortly have a new CUUC sign on our front lawn, with our new congregation name. The sign task force researched and chose from among the more visible colors schemes, and modernized our sign in the process. Parking lot and directional signs on approaching roads will also be changed.

And the last new sign for CUUC is a quilted fabric banner with our new name. This will be showcased for the congregation on June 12th, and then brought to General Assembly in Columbus, OH. This gorgeous banner is being hand crafted by our very own Stitchers in Spirit!

A sign of the passage of time is the extent of repairs required to our building to maintain its usefulness into the future. We received a comprehensive building assessment report, which outlines the many structural deficiencies of our physical plant. Among the bigger ticket items are a full window replacement for the sanctuary. A task force has met to prioritize and eliminate items that are not essential. Order of magnitude estimates of cost for the projects deemed worthy of undertaking are in excess of \$1 million. Meetings will continue over the summer, to enable the Board to determine the best course of action, including a potential capital campaign.

As for the repaving of the lower parking lot, plans have just been completed for submission to the City of White Plains. If there are no major delays, we should be set for a summer repaving. The good news is that preliminary excavation of a few test areas has revealed 4-5 feet of old pavement buried under the encroaching grass and vegetation. This means we will gain back a little bit of extra maneuver room when parking.

Enjoy those signs of summer!

In faith-
Karen Schmitt, Board Chair

UU HAPPENINGS—DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

This year I am excited to be attending General Assembly in June. As many of you know, General Assembly (GA) is in Columbus Ohio June 22-26. The theme is Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect. General Assembly is an exciting place to be but not everyone can afford to attend. I encourage you to view GA (Virtual GA) on your home computer. [READ MORE](#) You can view the general session meetings, Morning Worship, Synergy Worship, Service of the Living Tradition and the [Ware Lecture to be delivered by Krista Tippett](#).

PLEASE SEE PAGE 12 FOR A VIEWING SCHEDULE.

There will also be a UUA Presidential Candidates forum featuring the 3 candidates that will be voted on at the 2017 GA in New Orleans. For the time schedule for GA viewing online, pick up a General Assembly flyer in the lobby. If you have questions about how to view GA or if you are interested in attending GA email me at denice.tomlinson@yahoo.com or call 914 310-0244.

There are 4 Congregational Study Action Issues to consider

this year. Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) are issues selected by Unitarian Universalists member congregations for four years of study, reflection and action. At General Assembly, delegates vote for one issue for further study. In the third year of this process, delegates at General Assembly (GA) can vote to approve a Statement of Conscience (SOC) resulting from congregational feedback on the CSAI. A fourth year is devoted to implementation. The five issues this year are Climate Change and Environmental Justice, A National Conversation on Race, Ending Gun Violence in America and The Corruption of our Democracy. [See Specific Information](#) Please email me your vote on which issue you support most and I will convey your vote to the designated delegates from our congregation.

Submitted by Denise Tomlinson

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

CUUC supports, and is supported by, three community ministers: Rev. LoraKim Joyner, Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, and Rev. Deb Morra. Here we recognize the (very full!) year for Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason.



This past year has been an especially busy one in my ministry – not only here at CUUC, but in the wider world where I work as a Unitarian Universalist Community Minister. I continue to serve primarily at the Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute in New York, NY, where I have been Managing Director since April 2015. Last fall, PSI celebrated its 40th anniversary as an educational institute and counseling service with a day-long conference on “The Future of Spiritually Informed Treatment”; I was a PSI panelist speaking on that topic with colleagues I especially esteem. The future, needless to say, looks quite promising indeed!

In academia, I again taught psychology graduate students at Columbia University Teachers College, this time with a class on “Comparative Psychotherapies: Spiritual Approaches to Treatment.” In the past, I’d taught them “Spiritual Perspectives in Clinical Practice.” Starting in Fall 2016, I’ll be teaching at the Fordham University Graduate School of Religion, offering students there classes in “Ethics in Spiritual Care” and “Psychology & Religion.” Over the summer, I will also teach in PSI’s inaugural 2016 Certificate Program on “Spiritually Informed Psychotherapies,” which provides continuing education to licensed clinicians in NY State. Earlier this year, I was also invited to teach a pastoral counseling intensive course in Hong Kong for June 2017, so that will be a remarkable adventure for me. I’m both pleased and surprised that the Tao Fong Shan Christian Centre, H.K. saw fit to invite me onto its faculty.

My work with the Metro NY UU Christian Fellowship has now continued into its fifth year. In December 2015, I taught a workshop on Centering Prayer at the Community Church of New York, as an Advent offering; in 2016, I led a Maundy Thursday communion service there, in observance of Lent. Additionally, I was invited to the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, NY, to preach the sermon for their annual Good Friday service. It was such a privilege to be a part of their solemn and historic commemoration.

At the denominational level, I served my first year as In Care/In Covenant Coordinator for the UUA pilot program in our Metro NY district, working with seminarians, aspirants, and candidates for UU ministry, supporting them in both their ministerial formation and UU credentialing. It’s been a rich experience working with students – especially those enrolled at Union Theological Seminary, my own alma mater. One particularly nice celebration was officiating at the UU Seminarian Commissioning and Year-End Blessing Ceremony the same week as the Union Commencement. On a related note, I was recently recruited to join the board of the St. Lawrence Foundation for Theological Education as Trustee. I just attended my first Board meeting in Albany, and honestly, found that an education in itself.

Closer to home, I continue to provide programmatic outreach and psychoeducation throughout New York City. The Inter-faith Center of New York had me back as a panelist for its 2016 Social Work and Religious Diversity Conference this April on “Religion and Spirituality as Sources of Strength in Times of Crisis.” In May, I co-presented with a PSI Director Emerita to the Trauma Treatment Program at the National Institute for the Psychotherapies on “Spiritual & Religious Approaches to Trauma Treatment.” A nice capstone to this program year was having the American Association of Pastoral Counselors Eastern Region certify me as an AAPC Fellow.

Here at CUUC, I gave a congregational address on “Recovery Every Month” in September 2015 as part of a national faith-based mental health initiative organized by SAMHSA and also preached the Passover sermon in 2016, titled “Bound to Be Free: The Passover Spirit in 2016.” In case you missed that, you can still read it online at the Westchester UU blog, [Voices of a Liberal Faith](#).

Finally, in June 2016, I plan to join the CUUC Stitching in Spirit monthly crafting circle in unveiling our brand new banner to the entire congregation. That same banner will accompany me and Meredith and LoraKim as your CUUC ministerial delegates to the 2016 UUA General Assembly, held this year in Columbus, OH, and it will no doubt feature prominently in the festive opening parade. It’ll be nice to have it there with us. But the truth of the matter is that I always bring a piece of CUUC’s tight-knit religious community wherever I go. And if this past year is a reliable indicator, I do go far and wide!

Submitted by
The Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason,
LCSW, AAPC Fellow
CUUC Community Minister in Affiliation, 2015-2016

SUMMER SERVICES



Keep the Flame Alive Attend Our Summer Services

*All Services on Sunday Begin at 10:00am with a
Musical Prelude*

Our summer services are less formal and give our members a chance to get to know a small group better. Some are led by guest ministers and others are led by non-ordained members and friends of CUUC. Beginning August 21, Rev. Meredith Garmon will be back in the pulpit.

The summer offers an opportunity for more participation by those attending, including lighting candles for joys or concerns, and time for reflection on the topic of the day.

The Nursery is staffed at every summer service for young children. Members of the Youth Group will be present to play games with older children.

After the service, please join us for refreshments and conversation.

Our regular services, and religious education for children and youth, resume on September 11.

June 26	Petra Thombs
July 3	John Schwam
July 10	Iraj Mohebalian
July 17	Rev. Chris Antal, Minister from the UU Congregation at Rock Tavern near Newburgh, NY
July 24	Joe Gonzalez
July 31	Rev. Catherine Torpey, Former CUUC Ministerial Intern 2002-2004
August 7	Emily DeTar Ministerial Intern at First U, Hastings on Hudson 2015-2017
August 14	Cindy Davidson Ministerial Intern at CUUC 2016-2018
Aug 21	Rev. Meredith Garmon
Aug 28	Rev. Meredith Garmon
Sept 4	Rev. Meredith Garmon

*Summer services will be held in Fellowship Hall
which is air conditioned.
You may want to bring a sweater or light jacket.*



IN REACH

Days in Place – Enjoy & Enliven Our Sacred Grounds

Our community has reawoken ancient seasonal ceremonies through Days in Place. We gather on CUUC's grounds to stroll, relax, collaborate and tend various Places as we enlarge that *Paths Which Connect* the special harbors in our landscape. Our Days in Place mark the pattern of nature quarterly: A Day when the season is at its peak, and the coming season is being conceived.

We have enjoyed two Days in Place in 2016 – in February and April; two more to come in August and October. The ceremonial part of the Day begins at dawn when the spirit fire is lit with song and prayers. The Days end as dusk deepens into evening and the fire is allowed to die. Throughout the Day, participants work our grounds, share meals, chat and sing by the fire.

At the spring Day in celebration of Beltane, midday singing was led by Chris & Kim Force. The Stitching in the Spirit team met in the Youth Group room and the Environmental Social Justice Team met both times to coordinate with the Days. The April 30 Day allowed people to appreciate our grounds to and from their way to the Tag Sale. We welcome other groups to meet on the Days; it's lovely when our community events dovetail with one another.

If you've not yet walked the new defined path to the stream that flows through a wall, you can follow it from the lower parking lot. Robbie Swiss, Andrew Rocchi and Max Templar hoisted tree stumps to create seats at the fire circle and a prime spot near the stream. Participants meandered through the woods and decided where the formal path would run. Poison Ivy thrives in our lush woods, so a path protects as well as allows a meditative walk.

Volunteers spread wood chips along the path to bury stray roots and facilitate safe passage. You can find pictures of our Day's activities on the Facebook CUUC Forum.

Future plans for our Days include enlarging the pond on the hill and digging a canal for it to feed into the lowlands stream. More paths will be laid to enable enjoyment for all. Please join us on August 6 to rest in a hammock if you like, or October 29 for Samhain - the day opposite to Beltane (what was greening in May will be browning in October). We welcome your company, ideas or whatever physical work you can contribute. It is an absolute joy to spend a Day at CUUC! For more information, please talk to someone on the Day in Place Committee: Bice Wilson, Tim Lynch, Pam Cucinell, John Schwam, LoraKim Joyner.

Submitted by Pamela Cucinell

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Things at CUUC are ratcheting up for May, and then will begin winding down in June. No matter whether it is a busy Sunday or a quieter one, greeters who welcome our visitors are an important part of growing our congregation. We know it is important to our all of you that each person who walks up to the door (after climbing those stairs, after all!) feels that we are glad to have them with us. WELCOMING IS A CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. So please use the link below or on the home page of the website (on the right hand side) to sign up and greet on one or more Sundays. All you need is a smile!

SIGN UP

Note: When signing up, you need to scroll all the way over to the right and down to save, when you've finished. Thank you.



Caring & Sharing...

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff Tomlinson who's mother passed away May 17th.



The Caring & Sharing Circle works with our congregation and minister to support and care for members and friends of our community. Services include visiting the homebound, transportation to services, and emergency babysitting.

If anyone knows of another among us who is in need of a caregiver, please contact:

June: Carole Mehta 914-234-6294

and/or Adine Usher

July: Adine Usher 914-328-2307

and/or Janet Giewat

August: Janet Giewat 914-617-2137

and/or Nicky Klemens

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you for supporting Youth Voices Center!

Dear CUUC,

On May 7th , we had another amazing Variety Show. It was our 4th , and by no means our last.

We're only just getting started!!

It was RE's biggest social justice project of the year and all of the participants (artists, bakers and performers) really worked hard. We had about 85 people in the audience, along with 23 acts in the show, hundreds of the yummiest baked goods, and the most beautiful table of crafts around.

You never know what people are going to bring to the Variety Show. There's no requirement to be an expert artist, baker or performer (for those of you who saw me rap in the show last year, you know I speak the truth)! The only requirement is that you have fun with whatever you're doing, and everyone including the audience met that requirement with ease.

The acts included piano and dancing, juggling and comedy, CUUC karaoke (thank you Tom Ryan!), singing, and for the first time ever....a full drum set rockin' out. The Sanctuary was filled with nothing but love and support and it was really a beautiful moment in time.

The Variety Show is one-for- all and all-for- one. Though it is known as an "RE project," participation and attendance are in no way limited to RE children and their families. It is a community building event that bridges the RE wing and the Sanctuary, and we encourage (read: "REALLY WANT") congregation-wide participation.

No matter where you sit on Sundays, there is always a seat waiting for you at the Variety Show, a space in the program for your act, and an empty spot on one of the sale tables waiting for your design or your decadent creation.

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the Show a success. **Your amazing efforts raised approximately \$3,800 for Youth Voices Center!** The connection we made with the organization and each other in coming together with such a great sense of community was invaluable. Special thanks to: Kate and Chris Breault, Laura Goodspeed, Aimee Katz, Norm Handelman, Liliana Keith, Barbara & Perry Montrose, Tom Rosenbaum, Jason Stoff, Lex Suvanto, Amy Swiss, Dan Vought, and Steve Zipkin.

Looking forward to next year!

Sincerely,

Liz Suvanto

RE Sunday - June 19

A worship celebration of the year in Religious Education that includes:

- Poignant moments, laughter, and wonder
- Participation by all ages
- Special music
- Bridging Ceremony for graduating seniors

Barbecue after the service



Spend one Sunday a month
changing lives, including your own...

Learn, laugh,
wonder, connect.



Contact Perry to volunteer in RE
dlre@cucwp.org or 914-946-1660 x4

Perry's Ponderings....

An inspiring array of RE experiences brought together people of all ages for connection, learning, and spiritual growth over the past month. On RE Earth Day, the Environmental Justice Team program focused on responsible caretaking and our spiritual connection to nature. With an engaging activity for K-5th grade, the Economic Justice Team raised awareness about economic disparity. The *Just Mercy* discussions in Adult RE focused on our nation's broken justice system.

The 2nd-3rd grade class had a live dove visit for peace, followed by a lesson on Unitarian ASPCA founder Henry Bergh. The 4th-5th graders contemplated the roles and heroism of women depicted in the Bible, while 6th-7th graders connected with nature and themselves on a Native American-based vision quest. We also honored earth-centered traditions with a Beltane Flower Service that included a May Pole dance afterward. People of all ages danced, sang, and juggled at the CUUC Variety Show that raised money for Youth Voices Center, Inc., who presented at our youth-hosted Pancake Brunch.

K-5th grade children lit candles during Children's Worship for the blessings in their lives. At the COA Family Service, parents named something that they are going to let go of and then lit vanishing flash paper. The COA youth symbolically sprinkled wildflower seeds to plant something new in their lives.

The COA youth edited their faith statements, but kept their essential meaning for the abbreviated versions at the Sunday service. The RE Council went through a similar process over the last year, as they articulated the meaning of what we do in RE. They honed the words to create a statement that reflects the heart of the matter. This mission statement represents who we are and guides our RE ministry. See what parts of it resonate for you and connect to your treasured RE experiences.

Religious Education Mission Statement

CUUC Lifespan Religious Education fosters a diverse community of all ages where people are accepted and loved for who they are. Our community supports an open exploration of beliefs, guided by Unitarian Universalist Principles. We inspire spiritual growth and strive to make a difference in the world.

MUSIC

Many Thanks for Assistance with Choral Events this Past Year

I want to thank all those who went above and beyond with their time and assistance to make the Choir's events, and also the Music Program in general, so successful and operate so smoothly this year. Many thanks to those on Music Committee, the amazing Brunch Committee, and those individuals who are not only helpful, but so supportive: Tom Rosenbaum, Claire Flower, Karen Schatzel, and Irene Cox, among many others.

I have to make a special mention of Kim Force and Janet Bear, who not only sing in the Choir, but have taken the operations of the Choir and the Music Program, along with Music Committee co-chair Chris Force, to another level. They are tireless and so productive in all that they do and it is more appreciated than can be described. Many heart-felt thanks to the behind the scenes people who no-one knows about: Mary Lane Cobb and Liz Laite for their never-ending time involved with putting away and organizing the choral library; to Ted Kuczinski who can and does craft anything needed out of wood and/or metal; and Victoria van Wert who is always willing and able to lend a hand, if not her voice, with whatever is needed.

I also want to thank Adam Kent for his unending support and communication, and, last but not least, to choir pianist Geor- gianna Pappas. Without her considerable talents and assistance I could not accomplish all that I do each week. I feel very blessed, and thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all that you do and have done.

Lisa Meyer, Choir Director



A year-end note from the Music Committee chairs

For the 2015-16 year, members and friends of CUUC once again had a variety of opportunities to enjoy and participate in spiritual life through music.

Our Sunday morning worship services incorporated music of the highest caliber - Our talented Music Director, Adam Kent's outstanding abilities on the piano and ability to design musical programming closely aligned to the monthly themes & sermon topics added immeasurably to our worship services. In addition, Adam was able to arrange for many guests to share their diverse musical talents with the congregation. He also provided monthly "Music For All Ages" presentations during the Prelude to our morning service, enjoyed by children and adults alike in an opportunity to learn via engaging participation.

Under the masterful direction of Lisa Meyer and with the piano talents of Georgiana Pappas, the CUUC choir, provided twice-monthly meaningful

components to our worship services with a varied repertoire tied into monthly themes that further enhanced the worship service. After hosting our annual Choir Open House in October, we gained two new choir members!

Completing its 14th year, the Music at CUUC Concert Series continued to bring some of the finest performing artists in classical music, jazz and choral repertory to Westchester County. Diversity is a cornerstone of UU values, and it is also a guiding principle of our concert series. This year our series included :

- Adam Kent, piano solo works by Unitarian Composers.
- December Merry Madrigal Feast, led by Lisa Meyer.
- Adam Kent, a multi-media concert commemorating Spanish composer Enrique Granados,.
- Unitarian Universalist Choir Festival, organized by Lisa Meyer that included performances by three local UU choirs.
- Jazz Fest, featuring Valerie Capers and her trio.

Post-concert receptions provided a time for fellowship (and excellent snacks!), allowing newcomers and long-time church members to interact and celebrate the spiritual gift of great music together.

During this congregational year, it was with great pleasure that we recognized Dr. Adam Kent's 25 years of distinguished service to CUUC, and we look forward to celebrating Lisa Meyer's 15th work anniversary with us in the fall.

The goal of this committee, music staff and the musicians of this congregation is to nurture each other in our spiritual journeys through music and community via world, religious and secular sources. We look forward to making more music this summer and in the coming season.

**In Harmony & Fellowship,
Janet Bear, Kim Force & Christian
Force
Music Committee Co-Chairs**

The CUUC Choir in Review – The Sharing of Music

I have always felt very blessed for the talents that I have been gifted with, for the ability to discover and hone them, and the opportunities to share them. I always feel a bit embarrassed, along with the pleasure, when I receive applause because I feel that sharing my talents is what I am supposed to do. However, applause is important to performers because it helps to continually validate that we have been successful in our goal of communicating the emotions and messages of what the composers were trying to convey – and I am always grateful for that support that is shared by those who are listening. The act of helping to heal, strengthen, and/or uplift the spirits and joys of others through music is what motivates us to create and share what we can.

That is the main reason why those of us who are able, and love that communication through music, put in the time and

effort needed to be the best that we can be each time we perform. The Choir members are among the most devoted volunteer musicians that I have encountered in my thirty-five years as a practicing musician and why I have remained as Choir Director at CUUC for almost fifteen years. The camaraderie and joy that we find together at each rehearsal as we work on the details of musicianship – blending voices, vowel production, tone, tuning, diction, and musical phrasing, is a satisfying experience for us all. The feeling of accomplishment at the end of a rehearsal is something that continues on through the following days to make life a little better. I am grateful that, with Georgianna's help, I can make that happen for the Choir members each week. We had an exciting year with the Merry Madrigal Feast in December and the collaboration with the other U.U. congregations in the Choir Festival in April and I am very proud of all of us and grateful for those successful, powerful, and enjoyable experiences.

Now that this past season has drawn to a close, I want to invite those of you that have been listening and wish to share your voice to think about joining the CUUC Choir in the fall. Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:15pm are rehearsals, and we sing two Sundays each month. Even if time only allows for you to attend two Tuesdays, the rehearsal before each Sunday service, I believe that you will be able to find the joy in the camaraderie and music making that a keeps those that are already in the Choir returning each year. The ability to read music is not necessary, just the ability to match pitch. We begin again after the summer break on Tuesday, August 30. Please feel free to contact me at choir@cucwp.org or at 516-299-2475 with any questions or to see about becoming a Choir member. I look forward to another year of creating and sharing music at CUUC and thank you all for your continued support and praise.

Lisa Meyer, Choir Director

S O C I A L A C T I O N

Our Social Justice Teams

The third part of our mission statement is to “engage in service to transform ourselves and our world.” Which Social Justice Team would you like to be a part of or learn more about? **All teams welcome new attendees at their meetings.**

The teams are structured with at least five core members. When an action is called for, we hope for larger participation.

Here is an update on active social action teams:

The **Education Social Justice Team** is taking books that were left over from the tag sale to Grace Church Community Center. Next year we plan to work on promoting the Dream Act, legislation that would provide access to financial aid for students without lawful immigration status under certain conditions. One of our members plans to mentor a teen who had been in foster care who will be attending college in the fall.

For more information contact Irene Cox irene.cox@gmail.com or Barbara Lowney bjgaube@gmail.com.

The **Environmental Practices Group** sponsored several events in April around the theme of Earth Day. To support the focus on the congregation’s recycling practices, one group assembled a bulletin board with info from Westchester County and the NY State Department of Environmental Protection. Do take a look; it’s in the hallway across from the coat racks. Another group staged a short skit on recycling Do’s and Don’ts for the Our Congregation segment of the April 17th Sunday service. That same Sunday we hosted coffee hour. On April 24th, another group worked with Perry and the RE Council to guide RE classes through notable features of the land where our place of worship is situated, to raise awareness of our impact on plant and animal life downstream from the CUUC property. All of this took place while the group has been considering what possible environmental engagement the congregation could be asked to commit to going forward. Stay tuned! Next meeting: June 12 at 9AM. For more information contact Janet Bear (jsbear1@gmail.com) or Charlie McNally (mcnally@pobox.com).

The Hunger and Homelessness Social Justice Team is currently focused on recognizing that the issue of Hunger and Homelessness exists in our own communities, despite the appearance of affluence in Westchester County. We have chosen to partner with the best of the service providers already working in this field.

Future Events:

- Final project for the year will be in June—games/children’s sports equipment for children residing at The Coachman,
- Final meeting June 12th at 11:40. In addition to making plans for next year, we will be hearing a presentation from Hope Community Services in New Rochelle
- Researching working with other congregations to support refugee resettlement in the Hudson Valley/Connecticut area through the Westchester Task Force on Refugees. (See their Facebook page). Anyone who is interested in exploring this issue should contact Jane Dixon for more information at lirhodie@gmail.com or 914--843-2557
- Summer respite
- Next year’s goals include adding the components of education and advocacy to our work in this area.

Past Events:

- Hugely successful Shower Caddie Project for Lifting Up Westchester (70+ caddies filled with toiletries for the men’s shelter - Open Arms)
- Participated in tag sale with collection of lamps for Furniture Sharehouse

For more information contact Jane Dixon lirhodie@gmail.com

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The LGBTQIA Social Justice Team has formed an assessment committee to work on Welcoming Congregations Refresher. Its goal is to help CUUC recommit to inclusive practices and to take the next steps in deepening our welcome to the LGBTQIA community. Recently Christian Force and Diana Echevarria have joined this assessment work and meetings are spent moving this project along. In March, three members of CUUC greeted students arriving for the annual PrideWorks conference with a Standing on the Side of Love banner (photos below).

For more information contact: Bennett Rink at brink@alvinaley.org.



The **Racial Justice Team** is thrilled that this congregation approved the resolution to support the Black Lives Matter movement by an overwhelming 93.8% vote. The congregation went through months of discovery and processing during which we learned more about the Black Lives Matter movement. We are at the beginning of a process of how we are going to respond to the crisis of racism in America.

Next year we are hoping that many of you will join us in a program called *Beloved Conversations*. This is an experiential curriculum that provides a space to re-form/fuse the brokenness of racism into new patterns of thought and behavior ushering in social and spiritual healing. New ways of being are learned through the actions of conversation and probing dialogue. A one and a half day retreat launches the program, followed by eight sessions. This curriculum was written by and for Unitarian Universalists. Read more here: <http://www.meadville.edu/beloved>.

Members of the team are also working with various organizations such as the other four UU Westchester congregations who have formed their own racial justice committee, the [Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence](#), the Westchester Coalition for Police Reform, and the White Plains Greenburgh NAACP. Next meeting: June 5 at 11:40. For more information contact: Jeff Tomlinson jefftomlinson8@gmail.com

The **Women's Issues Social Justice Team's** next initiative is to work with an organization called L.I.P.S.T.I.C.K., Ladies Involved in Putting a Stop to Inner City Killing. Research shows women provide many of the guns used in homicides and other violent crimes. Men who can't pass background checks pressure, bribe and sweet-talk women into getting guns for them. Next meeting: June 5 at 9am. For more information contact: Julie Gans julieagans@gmail.com, Adine Usher adineusher@verizon.net or Deb Morra getreal714@verizon.net.

For general questions - contact the Social Justice Coordinating Team

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General Assembly Viewing at Home

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Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Opening Celebration & Banner Parade – 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 23, 2016

Thursday Morning Devotional & General Session I - 8:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Service of the Living Tradition - 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, June 24, 2016

Friday Morning Worship & General Session II - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Synergy Bridging Worship - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Saturday Morning Worship & General Session III – 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

UUA Presidential Candidates Forum- 1:15 to 2:30 pm

Ware Lecture by Krista Tippett - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 26, 2016

General Session IV - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

General Session V - 1:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Closing Celebration- 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.



Official Notice:

The Board of Trustees will call the Annual Meeting of the Congregation following the service on **Sun, June 5, 2016** for the purpose of:

- receiving Annual Reports;
- voting on the Board of Trustees slate presented by the Nominating Committee;
- electing members to the Nominating Committee;
- voting on CUUC's budget for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017;
- voting on a proposed change to the bylaws regarding the right to vote on our annual budget.

Please plan to attend.

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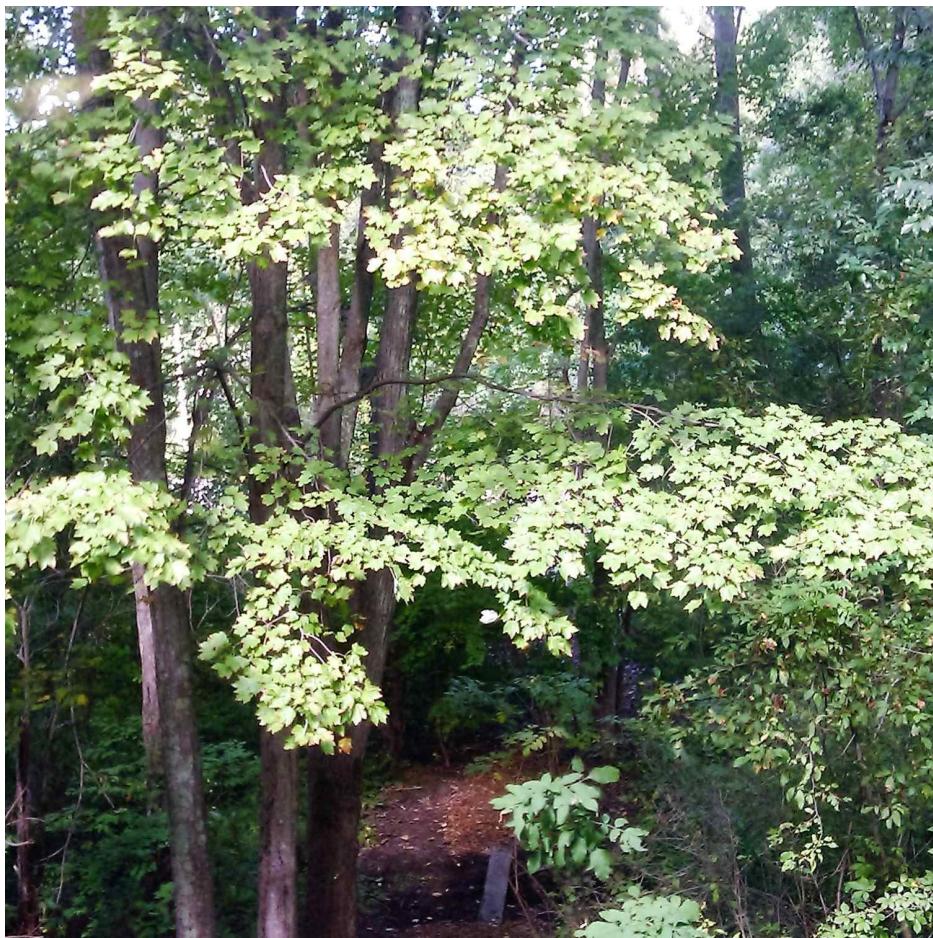
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