
WORSHIP SERVICES

September Theme: **GROWTH**

Sunday, Sept 9, 10:00 a.m.

MULTIGENERATIONAL INGATHERING
& WATER COMMUNION SERVICE

This will be our final one-service Sunday for this Summer. As we merge our gathered waters, we will tell the ancient story of the intertwining of the River and the Sea and the Goddess Yemaya. **Revs. Lynn Strauss and Rebekah Savage** will offer reflections, and our Board of Trustees will be introduced and dedicated.

The **Adult Choir** will sing to welcome us back to Beloved Community! **Justin Fumia** on piano.

Multigenerational Service—All* gather together in the Sanctuary for this service. *Nursery care for infants—3-year-olds is available during the entire service in Building 3, Room 33.

Sun., Sept 16, 9 & 11:15 a.m.
Death in the Garden

With every balanced ecosystem, there is life and decay simultaneously. In order for the balance to be maintained, the cycle of creation and death continues and we find beauty in the dance of life. How do we honor the extraordinary events in our lives that continue the dance? How do we continue to grow in our spiritual lives? Led by **Rev. Savage**.

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In the Works—A Path to Leadership

by Terrie Barr

There is a new effort at UUCR to determine how we will identify and prepare emerging leaders – we want everyone to know about it! We hope that you will think about whether you are ready to step up from being an engaged member into leadership, or from leadership into mentoring. There are benefits both to you and to our beloved community.



A goal of the UUCR strategic plan is to create a pathway for “Leadership Development and Recruitment,” including mentoring. A small team is gathering data to draft a plan for the Board to approve, and we have been busy. We’ve reviewed UUA resources, reviewed the approaches of three congregations, and are waiting to speak with a fourth. We’ve read books that our leaders are reading: 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership and Serving with Grace: Lay Leadership as a Spiritual Practice. We’ve interviewed several UUCR leaders, and we’ve investigated leadership competencies for spiritual and secular leaders.

If you would like to know more or to give us input, please contact a team member: Bonnie Bloomquist, Sherry Dittmann, Michael Mignano, or Terrie Barr.

Activities Fair

by Mark Shannon

UUCR’s 21st Annual Activities Fair will be held on Sunday, September 30 during Middle Hour. Looking for an interesting and stimulating activity, or a volunteer opportunity? View the exhibits and speak with committee and activity organizers. Hosted by the Lay Ministry Council. Please stop by the LMC table on Sundays for more information.

Committee chairs and group leaders: Be sure to contact **Mark Shannon** or **Cynthia Shires-Thurston** to reserve your spot at a table. Signs will be provided.

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Special music by **Bonfire of the Mannakeys**.

First Fifteen—Three to four Sundays a month, all ages* join in worship in the Sanctuary for the “First Fifteen” minutes, after which those in pre-K through 5th grade follow their teachers to their classrooms. Parents of pre-K through 3rd grade are asked to sign their children out from classes promptly at the end of worship; children in 4th grade and up will be dismissed to find their parents at the end of class. *Nursery care for infants—3-year-olds is available during the entire service in Building 3, Room 33.

Sunday, September 23, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

From Fragility to Strength...and Back Again

Rev. Strauss will consider the ways in which fragility and strength define us—as individuals, and as a religious community. How do we grow to appreciate both our strength and our fragility? What are the sources of these precious dynamics of life and love and service? We will celebrate our Stones of Forgiveness ritual in honor of the Jewish Holy Day of Yom Kippur.

Special music by **Justin Furnia** on piano.

First Fifteen—see above.

Sunday, September 30, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

Blooming in the Dark

The list of night-blooming flowers is enchanting. Certainly you have seen one or two—night-blooming jasmine; moonflower; evening primrose; tropical morning glory; the chocolate daisy; and my favorite, Queen of the Night! How do you grow in the nighttime? With children we sometimes see in the morning how they have grown overnight! Do your dreams advance your nighttime growth? Do we welcome the dark, or fear it? How might we live more fully into the possibilities of the night? Of the dark? Led by **Rev. Strauss**.

The **Adult Choir** will sing. Special music by **Susan Brandt**, flute. **Justin Furnia** on piano.

First Fifteen—see above.

Come **Meet & Greet** our new Director of Religious Education, Carla Miller, during Middle Hour on Sunday, September 16 and Sunday, September 23 in Founders Hall. Come introduce yourself if you're a parent, volunteer, or potential volunteer—it truly takes a village to support and nurture our children and youth. Let us welcome Carla warmly!

FAITH FORMATION

REflections...

by Carla Miller, Director of Religious Education

Hello from your new Director of Religious Education, Carla Miller! I'm writing to you from my office in Building 4 – filled with books, and brightened by windows. As I type, I'm watching two deer roam the lawn. I feel that I am in the right place!

The office seems comforting already, with its shelves of familiar curricula and beloved children's books. I'm finding UUCR comfortable in so many ways; the worship, music, and character of this congregation resonate with all that I love in Unitarian Universalism. Yet right now, I awaken each day to the newness of it all, and my own newness, as I ask yet another question and learn what it is that I "don't know I don't know." The wonderful staff have been very welcoming and supportive, willing to answer my numerous questions as they train me in. For example, Church Administrator Donna Taylor has led me on various tours without which I might still be lost in this maze of buildings! I am generally settling in here at UUCR, even as my head swirls with all there is to do to get going in a new program year! Even as I'm jumping into leadership in RE just before classes begin, I feel I'm settling in quickly. In many ways, the need to reach out to you all right away, in recruitment and training, forces me to make connections – helping me to feel more at home.



My real home is in Columbia, MD, a decent commute via Route 200. I live with my husband, Kevin, and our twenty-year-old son, Nealon. Our oldest daughter, Keara (22), graduated last spring from UMD College Park, and is living in Greenbelt. She works on the UMD campus as a Research Assistant. Just last weekend, I drove our other daughter, Eva (20; ten minutes younger than her twin brother Nealon), back to St. Mary's College, holding back the tears through our long goodbye. Thankfully, I have some help in the ongoing and, for me, challenging transition to parenting young adults. My two orange tabbies, Isabella and Talia, are very much "Mommy's girls," demanding that I feed, pet, hold, and adore them whenever possible.

I am eager and excited to bring what I know from my experience as a professional religious educator into this well-established, yet new to me, UU community. I have previously served three UU congregations and the UU summer camp known as UUMAC (Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community). I've also led a program to Haiti with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, done some adjunct work for the Central East Region and, before that, the Joseph Priestley District. Along with those experiences, I bring genuine openness to new learning and growth. I lead in a collaborative style, with a goal of shaping programming through a shared ministry that builds on the strong foundation of UUCR's Religious Education program and moves toward a shared vision for the future of our Faith Formation ministry. I am here to listen, guide, and work toward meeting your needs and realizing our dreams.

My personal goal this first year is to build relationship with all of you, as a congregation, small groups, and individuals. This will be a year of getting to know one another and settling into this transition in RE leadership. I envision this year as a time of rich conversation about faith formation, and the relationship of our faith formation programming to the life of the entire congregation. Toward that end, please plan to attend the **"It's a New Day" gathering of September 21 and 22** (see *"Moving Forward..."* on page 8)! I am truly excited and honored to work with you all at UUCR.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes for Children & Youth—2018-2019

DURING BOTH SERVICES (9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.)

Nursery childcare: Infants to 2 years old, 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for our littlest UUs.

PreK/Kindergarten: *Spirit Play* – Your children will reflect on stories from UU and other sources, and respond through individual expressions in this Montessori-based model.

Grades 1-3: *Moral Tales* – As the name implies, “Moral Tales” teaches universal moral concepts through wisdom stories drawn from many traditions. Through story, discussion, games, art, and movement, children develop the spiritual and ethical tools to make good choices in a complex world.

Grades 4 & 5: *Bibleodeon* – Children enjoy the traditional stories of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles through dramatizations and creative responses. They’ll solve the *whodunit* at the crime scene of Cain and Abel, make masks of the animals who didn’t make it onto the ark, and act out a play of the Prodigal Son.

SECOND SERVICE ONLY (11:15 A.M.)

Grades 4 & 5 Our Whole Lives (OWL) Human Sexuality Class: Our Whole Lives informs, affirms, and supports children through the changes of puberty. Topics explored include physical change, body image, pop culture images of sexuality, gender, and values & decision-making. **Parent/Child Orientation required.**

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IN MIDDLE HOUR (10:15 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.)

Grades 6 & 7: *Quest* – Younger Middle School youth will laugh and learn while exploring our worship themes together in games, discussion, art, STEM, and music.

Grade 8: *Coming of Age* – This year of transition, from tweens into teens, is framed by three questions: “Who are you?”, “What makes you UU?”, and “To what do you give your heart?” Activities will include reflection, sharing, visiting other UU congregations in the area, and meeting with adult mentors from our own congregation. Youth will complete a credo project – an expression of what brings meaning to their life.

Grades 10-12: Senior High Youth – Through this program of learning, sharing, worshiping, and action, High School youth connect in a community of caring and justice-seeking.

MORE OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) CLASSES TO COME!

*Our Whole Lives for Grades 10-12 and for Grades K-1 will be offered next semester.
More information coming soon...*

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Events in Adult Faith Formation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

During Middle Hour, the AFF Committee will lead a **small group discussion** centering around the worship theme of the month in Room 44. Inspired by something you heard in worship? Moved by something you read related to “growth”? Contemplating how to move the spiritual theme into practice? Come gather with other seekers to discuss. Led by Sandy Larkin and John Dunbar.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Wisdom Wednesday will feature a speaker on “Icons”. Come join us from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Founders Hall to explore this religious tradition. Richard Christin, well traveled iconologist, artist, former Buddhist, active with Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church, will be happy to share his experiences and relate how rich and compelling icons can be in faith. He has many icons to bring, and a PowerPoint presentation.

Questions? Contact **Bruce Baskett**.

BEGINNING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

“Hindsight, Humor, and Hope: Who, ME, and Elder?” The Adult Faith Formation Committee is proud to offer this upcoming program with lay leaders and Rev. Lynn facilitating to help people as they begin to redesign their later years into a time of reflection, discernment, soul stretching, and new life possibilities. This gift of extended years finds many people becoming elders with deep personal questions such as, “Who am I now?” and “What will I do that is meaningful?” Over the course of five sessions in October, November, and December, participants will gather with others to explore these questions and cultivate the elder treasure of wisdom and insight, grounded in experience and a deeper understanding. To sign up or find out more about this wonderful program, contact [Rev. Lynn Strauss](#), [Rev. Rebekah Savage](#), or **Bruce Baskett**.

Dates & Times

Saturday, October 6	9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 20	9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 4	1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 17	9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 1	9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.



CONGREGATION WORKS

Parking Lot Improvements!

by Donna Taylor, Church Administrator

WOW is the only word we can think of to describe the improvements made to the UUCR driveway and parking lot over the summer! There are many pieces to this improvement project:

- ◆ Crumbling parts of the old asphalt were removed and replaced
- ◆ Major cracks in the surface were filled
- ◆ The entire surface was re-sealed
- ◆ New signage was installed
- ◆ Parking spaces were re-painted with some notable modifications, including
 - ◇ All handicapped spaces are now in the upper lot, near Buildings 1 and 2, for easier access
 - ◇ Two handicapped spaces are designed to be van accessible
 - ◇ All visitor spaces are across from Building 1 / Founders Hall, to be more welcoming for newcomers finding their way around our campus
 - ◇ Parking along the timbers as you enter from Welsh Park Drive is designated for compact cars (this is to allow sufficient space for emergency vehicles to enter the property)

We are grateful so grateful to Dan Pierce, John McIlwaine, and Nancy Klag, the Building & Grounds Team, and the UUCR Board for their initiative, leadership, and commitment to this project which makes our campus look so much better and will protect our driveway/parking lots from weather and usage for years to come. When you see Dan, John, Nancy, or others—please extend your personal thanks for all their hard work!



From the Archives

by Maude McGovern

To Have a Kitchen—Or Not?

As we celebrate the remodeling of the church kitchen, consider its history which dates all the way back to... well, only to 1987. We use our kitchen so often now it's hard to think of UUCR without one; but for the first thirty years of our church's history, that was the case.

In the early 1960s Rockville's Unitarians, who had been meeting in a nearby school, finally had the resources to erect a building. In the design process, there was "a firm message from the Women's Alliance: 'NO KITCHEN!'" according to a 1995 reminiscence. Why? It was an era when women were struggling to break out of their traditional roles, and it seemed too easy for even progressive Unitarian women to be relegated to preparing church suppers if they weren't careful. They probably had good reason to be concerned. Records show that it wasn't until the seventies that men began helping with the coffee hour.

So until 1987 when the building was expanded, members and staff made do with a sink, refrigerator, and stove, all small, tucked into what's now the janitor's closet in the lobby. (Thank you, Laura Huff, for sharing some memories of the church's early days.)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

What Ever Happened to the Green Team?

by Len Cohen

After a successful run of achieving important milestones looking inward – certification as a green sanctuary and installing our solar panels, for example – UUCR’s Green Team is ready to take on more of a role in the outside world. Newly renamed as the Environmental Action Group of the Social Justice Committee, we want to make changes that will improve our wider community.



A big goal that appears to be achievable in the next few years is to close the Dickerson trash incinerator. This polluting trash burner is owned by Montgomery County and is operated under a contract with a private vendor that renews in 2021. Trash incinerators have been disappearing across the country, and the Dickerson incinerator will need millions of dollars of renovations to stay functional. It is time to close this obsolete plant that is the second largest stationary source of pollution in our county. The Dickerson site would be an ideal site for a composting facility to help us on our way to meeting our goal of becoming a zero waste county.

There is action in Montgomery County to close this plant. A new interfaith group, the Montgomery County Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (MCFACS), has been working with other environmental action groups in the county to promote closing this facility. Unitarian Universalists from River Road, Cedar Lane, Washington Ethical Society, and Silver Spring have taken leadership roles in this organization. There is also strong activity from Presbyterian and Catholic churches, Jewish congregations, and others. MCFACS overlaps with Sierra Club, 350.org, the Climate Mobilization, and more organizations in the push to close the Dickerson incinerator. UUCR’s voice should be louder!

Organizations engaged in the Dickerson fight are also participating in a rally on September 9 called “Rise for Climate!” Our local event will be in the Rockville Town Center from 2:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. on September 9 with a program of speakers, music, and children’s activities (see RiseforClimate.org). This rally is one of hundreds of events leading up to the Global Climate Action Summit that will be in San Francisco that week.

Let’s get together on Sunday, September 9 to start the rejuvenation of UUCR’s Environmental Action Group. Grab your coffee and come to Room 50 following the morning service.

Waiver Program—thanks!

by Mary Hoferek

About two years ago, members of our congregation joined the local AARP chapter in a letter-writing campaign to Governor Hogan to change the income limit for the “waiver” program. The waiver program is designed to help senior citizens age in their homes rather than go into nursing homes. When we started our effort, the income limit was \$350 per month and fewer than 200 Marylanders qualified. The wait list was 21,800 seniors. The income limit has now been changed to over \$1,000. At this time, there are two streamlined programs that serve 3,807 and 8,230 respectively. That means that over 12,000 senior citizens in Maryland are now receiving services designed to help them prevent the need for institutional stays. Our local AARP chapter and the UUCR Social Justice Committee will continue to work on this effort, but we wanted to report this good news and thank you for your support.

Palestine-Israel and Reconciliation

by Steve Lapham

A **book discussion** of Richard Forer’s *Breakthrough: Transforming Fear into Compassion (A New Perspective on the Israel-Palestine Conflict)* will occur over two Sundays, September 23 and 30, at the home of Karla Timmons and Burt Smith, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The book is on sale Sundays in Fellowship Hall from the Peace Studies Group. Then, on Sunday October 7, **six short documentaries** about East Jerusalem will be shown in Founders Hall. Potluck at 12:15 p.m., videos at 12:30 p.m., followed by moderated discussion at 1:20 p.m. This will be a “partner church showing” in conjunction with the Voices from the Holy Land film series—Montgomery County. The Social Justice Committee voted to be listed as a supporter of the VFHL-MoCo film series, as it did last year. The series, run by an interfaith coalition of twenty supporting organizations, presents award-winning documentary films by Israeli, Palestinian, American, and European filmmakers. Questions? Contact **Steve**. Visit voicesfromtheholylan.org.

SHARING THE MINISTRY

DeLynneations

by Rev. Lynn Strauss

“Appreciative Inquiry”

In August, I attended a UUA workshop on Ministerial Leadership and was reminded of the leadership approach of “Appreciative Inquiry.” This is a model that honors both curiosity and listening. As we work together in small groups, committees, or teaching teams at UUCR, we can learn to hone our questions and to care about the variety of perspectives and responses among us. Deep listening and caring about what each person has to say can help us create a truly Beloved Community.

What is giving you strength and courage today?

Who is your awe inspiring role model?

Where have you truly made a difference in someone’s life?

To appreciate means to value – to recognize the best in people and in the world around you. To appreciate is an affirmation of strengths, blessings, and potential. It is a way of noticing those things that are life-giving. Thus you will come to value the best in yourself as well contribute to building a new way.

To inquire is to ask; it is a way of exploration and discovery.

As we begin our new program year at UUCR, let us value and explore together and deepen our faith and trust in one another and in the work and love we share.

Welcome to 2018-2019 at UUCR,

Reverend Lynn

Moving Forward from Beloved Conversations

by Rev. Rebekah Savage

On Sunday, August 12 at UUCR, over forty people gathered to consider and discuss the ways in which UUCR can move forward with Racial Justice after the Beloved Conversations programs. It was amazing to behold the amount of energy and commitment in the room! The Racial Justice Working Group laid out three concurring streams of effort: Education, Outreach and Action/Immediate Witness. Below is an update as to how we are moving forward. All are welcomed to get involved, volunteer, and share leadership.

Education:

The Moving Forward gathering expressed interest in exploring a shorter anti-racism training, similar to Beloved Conversations, at UUCR. More to follow as to what this offering will be this year. Other educational opportunities throughout the year will be: movie outings, book discussions and field trips. Everyone in the UUCR community is encouraged to attend **“It’s a New Day” for our new DRE Carla Miller on Friday, September 21 and Saturday September 22** as we reflect on UUCR’s history and mission moving forward. Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson will lead us. All are welcome, not just parents and caregivers—Religious Education is a pillar of our community and the bright future of our faith.

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Joyful Noise

by Sarah Jebian, Director of Music



I recently attended the 2018 Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network (UUMN) conference in Portland, OR. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this organization, the UUMN connects UU music leaders throughout the United States and Canada to the resources they need and to colleagues who bring new insights to their work. The UUMN nurtures, educates, and inspires its members to create transformative worship. It has been an invaluable tool in my growth as a music leader and I have the honor of serving as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees as well as being a member of the Annual Conference Planning Committee.

The Portland conference offered truly extraordinary worship services, workshops, plenary sessions, and master classes with some incredible teachers. I learned about accessibility both in the physical world and how it relates to music. I participated in a choir rehearsal led by a director who never made one sound. It was inspiring and eye-opening to be sure. I even learned about Social Network Theory (how people influence one another) and Emergence Theory (the whole is greater than the sum of its parts), which provided profound insight into areas such as how people actually influence one another, the importance of interpersonal connectedness, and how small changes can have enormous impacts. I also led two repertoire sessions focused on contemporary worship band and singer/songwriter music.

The conference filled both my brain and my heart to overflowing. It was also the beginning of a new era. At our annual meeting, the membership voted to approve the Board's motion to change our name from the UU Musicians Network to the Association for UU Music Ministries (AUUMM). Additionally, our members approved a new membership fee structure that will enable more music leaders to join the association without breaking the budget and will save congregations money long-term by lowering the cost of membership across the board. This was an especially proud moment for me because I designed the new fee structure. All of these changes are moving us toward a more collaborative relationship with our ministerial and religious education colleagues, and will hopefully increase our professional standing within the UUA as well as creating a more cost-effective way for people to join our organization.

I can't wait for the 2019 conference in Denver, CO, and I hope to take Justin with me this time!

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Volunteers Needed!

I have a HUGE season planned for our beloved community and I need your help to make it happen! Can you help maintain our music library? Work the box office at special events? How about ushering and ticket-taking? Do you have a great eye for aesthetics? You can help hang the art in our gallery for the *ArtsConnect* shows! (see page 13) I need help with marketing and hospitality as well. I want UUCR to be the 'go-to' place for amazing art, music, and worship – but I can't do it alone.

Please sign up [here](#) if you can help. I'll contact you with specific 'asks'. Thanks for supporting your music & arts program!

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Sign Up for the Family FUUN Ensemble

by Sarah Jebian, Director of Music

Session 1 will begin on October 4 and ends on November 8, with a performance on Sunday, November 11 during worship. You don't need to attend every rehearsal in order to participate, but we are asking for a commitment to attend at least four of the six.

The Family FUUN Ensemble is a hoot-hollerin' good time geared toward families with school-aged children (elementary through high school suggested, but younger children are welcome, too!)

Each rehearsal begins with a potluck dinner followed by time to make music, dance, and create art together as a family. Dinner, abundant creativity, and FUUN—what more could you ask for? Sign up [here](#) by September 27. Questions? Please email Sarah at sjebian@uucr.org.



Coming Up in Musicland...

by Sarah Jebian, Director of Music

- The Adult Choir began rehearsals for our 2018-19 season on Thursday, August 30. We welcome high schoolers and adults of any age and any ability to join us in the Sanctuary on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. No audition necessary!
- I will be hosting a choir mini-retreat on Saturday, September 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. We will create a community covenant and talk about our upcoming season. Snacks provided.
- Don't miss the launch of *ArtsConnect*—UUCR's new community arts and social justice event! October 21 beginning at 2:00 p.m. More info [here](#).
- UUCR is thrilled to host Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship Arts at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor in Michigan. Dr. Rideout will be offering a workshop on community singing and song-leading on October 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by MUUSICA, the collection of DMV-area UU music directors. Look for more information in the October issue of *Quest* and on our website (<https://uucrmusic.weebly.com/workshop.html>).

Questions on upcoming events? Email Sarah at sjebian@uucr.org.

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The Art on Our Walls

by Liliane Blom and Sharrill Dittmann, Aesthetics Committee

During September through October 14, we will show photographs by several artists. Our featured artist is James Klebau, and his work will be in the Corridor. (Visit www.klebauphotography.com)

Jim began working as a photographer at age sixteen at the *Portsmouth Star* in Virginia. After three years he enrolled in college and graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. He then went to work in motion picture production, working at various times as camera-man, editor, writer, and producer.

Jim's camera assignments included exclusive interviews with President Lyndon Johnson; Nixon's ten-day hop around Europe; Watergate break-in and litigation (ABC); and the astronauts' splash-down recovery in the Pacific. Jim has numerous awards for his work including an Emmy for his documentary work. Please see his biography in the Corridor for a full listing. Midway in his career he put down the motion picture camera and returned to his first love — still photography. Some of his clients were Paramount Pictures, Associated Press, and the *Washington Post*. Photographs carried by the Associated Press appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post* and the *New York Times*.

During the still assignment period, on days he was not on assignment, Jim roamed fields and rivers with a new purpose — making his own personal photographs. After decades of making images that met the demands of news events or the imaginations of art directors, Jim found himself with the task of knowing what he himself liked. He could not find his personal image. In desperation, he tried making images that might not please anyone else. That was the breakthrough. By ignoring what others liked, Jim began making art that became popular.

Our other artists in this show are members and friends of UUCR. To date, these include Diane Baillie, Liliane Blom, Jim Blue, Richard Chitty, Carole Clem, Sherry Dittmann, Adrian Graham, and Marialyce Sherr. There will be more to come so stay tuned. The biographies and/or artist statements for these photographers can be found in a binder in Founders Hall.



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Outreach:

The Moving Forward gathering expressed strong support for UUCR member Niambi Powell's organization, HALO (Harmony's African-American Legacy Organization) and to bring the program to UUCR and community. HALO seeks to lead a transformative movement of Community Music Therapy in which barbershop singing (and listening) serves as a metaphorical model by which we as a diverse people in one nation can learn to heal century-old wounds. The HALO program leads people in an initiative and mission to utilize the singing and active listening experience of barbershop music as a framework in which American people, groups, and communities can learn to engage in constructive dialogue concerning socio-political issues—especially those pertaining to race. Find out more about HALO at www.haloquartet.com. We were blessed by their presence in worship on Sunday, September 2. More to follow on the program at UUCR this year!

“Friendship Picnic: Bringing Together Communities with Diverse Cultures and Faiths” at Wheaton Regional Park September 23. Over two thousand Montgomery County residents gather annually for this MoCo Friendship Picnic, celebrating our diversity and rich cultural backgrounds. Check out more information and sign up [here](#).

Action/Immediate Witness:

The most immediate activity is work on the 2018 elections. Steve Crawford, Liliane Floge, and Alfonzo Smith are taking the lead to identify a process and place for UUCR members to help get out the vote. Stephanie Kreps has contacted the Board of Elections to get information about how UUCR members might learn how to register people to vote; she posted info in *UUCR E-weekly* and began signing people up in late August. Interested in more? Sign up for the [DoThe-MostGood \(DTMG\) Bootcamp](#) on September 22. DTMG will lead a nonpartisan Democracy Bootcamp at River Road UU Congregation. Participants will learn skills to enable and support our democracy.

If you're interested in being in a "short notice" immediate witness group, to organize/attend vigils, marches, demonstrations, etc., please email Rev. Rebekah at rev.rebekah@uucr.org.

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Get Involved in Faith Formation

by Carla Miller, Director of Religious Education



Opportunities to get involved in Faith Formation for Children and Youth abound. *Teach!* All grade levels still have openings for teachers as this goes to print. We especially need teacher in our Pre-K/Kindergarten class (they are so cute!), Grades 4-5 (they are so smart!), and 8th Grade Coming of Age (they are amazing!). *Assist!* Become a “Helper” in our children’s classes, coming in once a month to assist the teachers, support the students, and make connections with other families. *Hold a baby!* Volunteer to help in our nursery, holding infants and playing with toddlers once a month. *Mentor!* We are seeking spiritually-mature adults with a strong UU identity and deep connection to this congregation who enjoy being in relationship with our Coming of Age youth. Please contact Carla Miller, DRE, at cmiller@uucr.org to learn more.

Thinking of You

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

Elizabeth Francois Freeman Prestemon, born March 2, 1923, died peacefully in her sleep during the early morning hours of September 2. She leaves behind four children: David L. Prestemon (Kary), Edward R. Prestemon (Patty), Nancy E. Claggett (Craig), and Karen A. Osborne. She has fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert G. Prestemon, and her granddaughter Sarah Prestemon. There will be a memorial service to celebrate Betty’s life in the near future. Betty and Bob were founding members of UUCR and supported much of the ministry as strong lay volunteers. Betty was in the choir for decades and served as church secretary as well. She had been living at Asbury for several years.



Carol Barney has moved to Severna Park to a Bright View Retirement Community. She’s so happy to live near her son, Bruce, and his family.

Unfortunately, **Laura Huff** fell at home on Friday, August 31, and broke her hip. She had surgery on Saturday and is now in physical therapy at Shady Grove Adventist Rehabilitation Center. Her daughter lives in the area and is with her. Cards and calls are most welcome. We wish for a speedy recovery.

Ken Sandin reports that he is settling in after moving to Huntsville, AL, on July 24. He requests that UUCR members not give his phone number and email address (in the UUCR directory) to law enforcement of bill collection agencies. All other communication is welcome, especially to let him know when you plan to visit...

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

SHARING THE MINISTRY



by Sarah Jebian, Director of Music

I'm thrilled to introduce *ArtsConnect* - UUCR's newest community music & arts event! *ArtsConnect* uses a variety of creative art forms (music, visual, literary arts, etc.) to deepen our connections with each other, with the greater Rockville area, and nearby Maryland communities.

ArtsConnect events will be held three times throughout the year (October/January/March) with each event lifting up a different social justice theme. Each **family-friendly** event features a special

guest musician or musical group as well as poets of all ages. Both professional and amateur artists may provide visual art, and attendees are also invited to engage with the selected theme by writing poetry and creating art onsite as part of the event.

#NOTONEMORE. Our very first *ArtsConnect* event will take place on October 21 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Following the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, the surviving students rose up demanding action to curb the gun violence we face in American culture. Their heartfelt cry of "Not. One. More." was a rallying cry for the youth of our nation. Unfortunately, there have been more mass shootings since Parkland - one of them hitting particularly close to home - when long-time Unitarian Universalist Wendi Winters was shot and killed in her office at the *Capital Gazette* in Annapolis, Maryland, on June 28, 2018.

Our theme for the October *ArtsConnect* event is #NotOneMore. Visual artists and poets from UUCR and other area UU congregations are invited to reflect upon gun violence in our society, mass shootings as a particularly American problem, the Second Amendment, the cost of 'freedom,' the Parkland students, the intersection of racism and gun violence, the emotional and societal toll gun violence has on our children and youth...whatever comes up when you think of #NotOneMore. ***We are extending a special invitation to UU Youth artists and poets to submit their work.***

So what will the event be like? Great question! At 2:00 p.m. we'll kick off the event with an incredible concert by the incomparable Wendel Werner. Known as Knoxville's pianist, Wendel Werner is an accomplished singer, director, composer, producer, teacher, and clinician. Wendel received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Tennessee, and was hired to teach at a local college before finishing his graduate studies. He has worked as the pianist or music director for over ten churches, and has taught at six colleges. Wendel has released over twelve albums, including four with singer Alan Eleazer, four with saxophonist Terry Schmidt, and several solo albums including his gospel album entitled "Spiritual," and a blues album entitled "Cool by Design." A new album is planned for 2019. Currently based in Knoxville, TN, he is in high demand as a music director and lecturer, and travels regularly as a performer. Wendel is also Modern Studio's 2018 Artist-in-Residence, which includes a solo performance each month in addition to curating a concert series and producing/directing several shows. Wendel is an electrifying performer and his concerts are not to be missed! Selected poems will be featured during the concert.

Following Wendel's performance, guests will be invited to tour the art gallery space and meet our artists. Artists will share the inspiration behind their individual works and answer questions. Food and beverages will be served during this time. This is a time to connect with each other and build community.

Once we've enjoyed some refreshment and conversation, we'll move to our second gallery space where we can reflect upon what we've seen and heard so far. Selected poems will be shared and guests are invited to create their own poetry and art which they may leave for display at UUCR or take home with them as the spirit moves. We will enjoy more live music too!

Tickets to the *ArtsConnect* event are \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door with a \$40 maximum per family of 4 or more. This money will be used to cover the costs of producing the event. Additionally, a good-will offering will be taken during the event with 100% of those proceeds going to a youth-led non-profit organization working on the issue of gun violence. Tickets will go on sale at the end of September. Keep an eye on <https://uucrmusic.weebly.com/artsconnect.html> for updated info!

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- 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.

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The mission and vision of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville is to
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