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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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**March Theme: DANCE**

**Sun, March 10, 9 & 11:15 a.m.**  
*Enlarge, Enliven, Enlighten*

As a faith community, we seek to enlarge, enliven, and enlighten. We do this in multiple ways: we hold up what is true, we name what we place worth in, and we paint that picture big enough so that all can see it. This work enhances who we are, and enlightens us as to where we should go; more, the future of Unitarian Universalism requires it. Led by guest minister **Rev. Anastassia Zinke** of All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis.

Special music by **Sarah Jebian**, vocals; and **Dick Gilbert, Karen Malley, Adrian Graham**, and **Justin Furnia** on piano.

**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.

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# Quest

*The Newsletter of the  
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***Lifelong Spiritual Discovery Beloved Community A Just World***

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### *DeLynneations*

*by Rev. Lynn Strauss*



#### *LEGACIES OF LOVE: WINDOWS*

Our Sanctuary windows were not designed by Tiffany,  
Even UU Frank Lloyd Wright had no hand in it,  
The view is all Mother Nature—earth and sky and green.  
Let us give thanks.

Each window a portal to imagination,  
Every bird, rabbit, deer, and fox—companion on our journey,  
A reminder that we are never alone, but always home.  
Let us give thanks.

Come at sunset or dawn and you will know joy.  
Come in rain or snow and you will be sheltered.  
Come in contemplation, in sorrow, or pain  
To be touched by Grace.

Each window in office or meeting room  
An invitation to blessing, to wisdom, to love,  
Looking out—we are called to act for justice,  
Never letting walls keep us safe from knowing.

May windows never be only a way to see out,  
But also a way to see in—into our souls, into our call,  
Into our future Legacies of Love in the world outside our windows.  
Let us give thanks.

*Lynn*

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**Sunday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

*Jumping through Hoops*

**Rev. Lynn Strauss** will consider the role of dance in religious and spiritual rituals. We will also reflect on movement, motion, and dance as a source of joy and healing. Has dancing been a part of your life? How do we partner?

Dancer **Kelly Jo Chartier** will be our special guest. **Justin Furnia** on piano.

**First Fifteen**—see above.

**Sunday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

*The Dance of Community*

Join us as we celebrate the “dance” of connection between individual and community which shapes our spiritual and social well-being. We’ll experience the energy of our connection through story, music, reflection, and movement in a worship for all ages. Led by **Rev. Rebekah Savage** and **Carla Miller**, Director of Religious Education.

The **Adult Choir** will sing, with **Justin Furnia** 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.

**Sunday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

*Women’s History: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?*

On this last Sunday of Women’s History Month, **Rev. Lynn Strauss** will speak of the “waves” of the Feminist and Womanist movements, and how women in different cultural moments and different cultures move toward freedom and equality.

**Sonaria** will sing.

**Chalice Chapel**—One Sunday in most months, children and youth gather in Founders Hall for worship where they will sing, share, and create together. Nursery care for infants—3-year-olds is available during the entire service in Building 3, Room 33.



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# ANNUAL CANVASS

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## Canvass 2019

by Bruce Baskett

Imagine UUCR as an intricately woven tapestry, woven over many decades, and growing daily with love.  
*Legacies of Love* made this tapestry.

*Can you see, can you feel, all the threads?*

- ◆ See the threads of our *Spiritual Freedoms* to worship and to develop our spiritual lives and our faith
- ◆ Throughout the tapestry, feel our engaged *Beloved Community*, where we celebrate and cherish our lives together.
- ◆ And there's our tangible acts of *Social Responsibility* towards justice and peace, and the preservation of earth's sustaining harmony.
- ◆ And over there, see and feel all the beautiful strands lovingly placed by Reverend Lynn, ministering to UUCR for 14 years.
- ◆ And there's Reverend Rebekah, making her own very special place within our tapestry.

What extraordinary, beautiful threads! We see and feel YOU in this tapestry. We see you living your values at UUCR with *Courageous Love*. For you, for all your living and loving contributions—for all those interwoven threads placed by our members and friends, *we are extremely grateful*.

Living and loving includes *giving*. We live more fully when we are giving from our strengths, our gifts, and our competencies. And giving is often the mindful response to change.

**This year, our pledge goal (\$672,562) is a 16.2% increase in pledged funds over last year.** This increase supports a 5.3% overall increase in the operating budget, while covering anticipated declines in other income streams such as rentals and the Fall Fundraiser.

Yes, our pledge goal is considerably higher than usual this year. We aspire to do much at UUCR in the coming year, with a *balanced budget* that does not require a draw-down from our asset base (funds which are set aside for special purposes and to provide for UUCR's long-term financial stability). In FY17-18 a draw-down of \$26,000 was required to balance the budget; and it is estimated that in the current fiscal year, a draw-down of about \$29,000 may be necessary.

**Please remember, the results of the canvass are the primary basis for difficult annual financial planning and related decision-making by our Board of Trustees. A generous pledge, a generous increase in your prior pledge as best you are able, will honor past legacies and help UUCR to fully embrace our changing future!**

Throughout the remainder of March, there will be opportunities to learn more about the 2019 Canvass by visiting the Canvass table in the Corridor on Sundays. Please stop by the table to complete a pledge card if you haven't already done so. You can also *pledge online* via [www.uucr.org/canvass](http://www.uucr.org/canvass).

For much more information about the canvass, see our new webpage at [www.uucr.org/canvass](http://www.uucr.org/canvass) or contact Canvass Co-chairs **Mark Shannon and Sue Hedges** at [canvassteam@uucr.org](mailto:canvassteam@uucr.org).



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## FAITH FORMATION

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### *Reflections...*

by Carla Miller, Director of Religious Education

A HUGE congratulations to our Senior High Youth for planning and leading a wonderful worship service on Sunday, February 24!

#### UPCOMING:

- Coming of Age Boston Trip meeting and Movie Night—Friday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Parents are asked to stay for our Heritage Trip planning until 6:30 p.m., after which you will watch *Black Panther*, followed by a discussion of the social justice messages and implications of this culturally and racially significant Marvel Comics Superhero movie!
- Our Whole Lives Grades 10-12 Overnight—Saturday, March 9, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and ending Sunday morning. The OWL class will be covering at least two sessions' worth of materials at this overnight.
- Our Grades 1-3 Moral Tales class will be learning a story that they can help to present in our Intergenerational Worship on March 24. Their attendance on both Sunday, March 10 and March 17 will be really helpful.
- Family Potlucks! Want to hang out with some other families for fun, laughs, and friendship? So do we! Starting this month, join us for a once-a-month potluck every Second Sunday from 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., with an exception in April due to schedule conflicts. This is a low-key, low stress gathering where we will have the chance to get to know each other better and to meet new families. Please bring family friendly food items (no nuts please) and we can heat them if needed. No need to sign up—just show up! Please let Elsa Powel Strong or Jamie Chao know if you have questions!
- Special Easter Activities for the Children! On April 21, children will meet for Chalice Chapel and special Easter activities, including an Egg Hunt during Middle Hour—and we are seeking Easter Bunnies! If you are interested in being one of our Easter Bunny helpers to make this a joyous Easter for all ages, please contact me at [cmiller@uucr.org](mailto:cmiller@uucr.org) or Anne Chernikoff at [achernikoff@uucr.org](mailto:achernikoff@uucr.org) for more information.



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<http://tinyurl.com/Lake-Needwood-Clean-Up>

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## FAITH FORMATION

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*(Reflections continued from page 4)*

### **Boston Heritage Trip 2019**

**What is the Heritage Trip?** The Heritage Trip is an opportunity for our 7th & 8th grade Coming of Age class to deepen their understanding of Unitarian Universalist history in person by visiting Boston and its many significant Unitarian Universalist sites. In the process, this group of youth get to know each other better and form a supportive group environment as they move toward senior high programming as well. They will bring back learnings and memories, friendships, funny stories and inside jokes, and a deeper Unitarian Universalist identity that will last a lifetime.

**When do they go?** The group will be traveling during Montgomery County Schools' spring break in April.

**What are the Coming of Age youth going to do in Boston?** They will be taking tours of several of our core UU history sites, including the UUA Offices and Youth Office; Arlington Street Church; and King's Chapel. Two other famous sites connected to our history that we will explore are Walden Pond and Louisa May Alcott's house. The group will enjoy walking around Boston taking in sites, enjoying Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall, taking pictures with the ducklings in Boston Commons, and meandering around Harvard Square. The Salem Witch Museum may also be added to the itinerary at the group's request.

**What will they bring back?** The group will return with sore feet, Harvard sweatshirts, and plenty of pictures to create a slideshow of the trip that they can show you all! But most importantly, our Coming of Age youth will bring back learnings, memories and a connection to our UU faith and to one another that will last a lifetime.

**How can we support this experience for our youth?** Be on the lookout for a Boston Dinner fundraiser where this group will share a slideshow of their experiences with the congregation. This is likely happening this May, though still to be confirmed.

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## **Opportunities for Newcomers (and not-so-newcomers)**

*by Adrian Graham, Director of Communications & Membership*

This month, anyone who is brand new to UUCR and looking for an introduction to Unitarian Universalism is invited to join me on Sundays in Founders Hall during Middle Hour (except March 17) for our **Spring New2UU Class!** We will explore our own religious/spiritual yearnings and share our stories with one another, and we will engage in a basic overview of Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist history and theology, with an eye to the particular context of UUCR. Those who are interested in joining the congregation are required to participate in such an orientation prior to signing our membership book. If you or someone you've met at coffee hour would be interested in joining us, please reach out to me at [agraham@uucr.org](mailto:agraham@uucr.org) for more information, or see me on Sunday morning.

Current members (and especially long-time congregants who are ready to commit to joining!) are also welcome to sit in on a session to see what all the fuss is about and meet your future friends and lay leaders! Please let me know ahead of time if you would like to join us.

We will welcome any members who have joined since last fall during a New Member Ceremony in early April—likely April 7, but the date is TBD.




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## SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### Take Action for Peace

by Steve Lapham



Here are three opportunities to enliven our UU values in our community, of which you may choose to partake:

1. Call these at-large members of the Montgomery County Council and ask them to support a resolution to prevent a U.S. nuclear first strike: Hans Riemer, 240-777-7964; Gabe Albornoz, -7959; and Evan Glass, -7966. Please speak your own concerns, and tell them that the UUA supports the [Back from the Brink campaign](#). [Peace Action Montgomery](#) has asked concerned citizens to support this grassroots legislation that resembles, in many ways, the 1980s campaign for local Nuclear Freeze resolutions, which rose to national prominence and helped end the U.S.-USSR nuclear arms race.
2. Attend (on March 18 or 19 in Washington, DC) a talk by Palestinian peace activist Ahmed Abu Artema, who is on [a USA tour](#). Artema is a writer, refugee, and father of four. His visionary Facebook post about nonviolence inspired the Gaza Great March of Return in 2018, and his writings have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, *Middle East Eye*, among other publications. His tour is organized by the [American Friends Service Committee](#) (AFSC), which, on behalf of Quakers worldwide, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1947 for keeping alive the thousands of Palestinian refugees who fled their homes during the war that established the nation of Israel.
3. Consider attending documentaries showing at 2:30 p.m. on March 10 and April 14 at the Islamic Community Center in Gaithersburg. The [Voices from the Holy Land film series](#) is supported again this year by the Social Justice Committee. The Q&A after each film is always enlightening ... and the snacks at ICC are outstanding. Also, consider joining [Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East](#), which is providing the film *Imprisoning a Generation*, showing at UUCR on June 23, after the service.

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## CONGREGATION WORKS

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### From the Archives

by Maude McGovern

#### The Ethier Fund

We've all benefited from the Ethier Fund, and you may have contributed to it. But what exactly is it?

According to the Restricted Funds Policy, the Ethier Fund “supports special music and music-related expenses at UUCR that 1) are above and beyond regular Sunday service music, 2) are not covered by the music operating budget, and 3) add significant value to the music program... Allowable expenses include: purchase and performance of large works, hiring of professional musicians, support of special music events such as honorariums for guest musicians, major instrument purchase and/or repair.” The choir holds fundraisers, usually annually, that replenish the fund, and the Director of Music oversees its administration.

It's named for Noel Ethier, a choir member described in an email by Niki Davis, a (very!) long-time music director, as “a good bass and a fine amiable person.” Noel died suddenly of a heart attack in January 1979, shocking and saddening the congregation. Audree O'Connell, the director of music in 1979, wrote movingly: “We will miss his beautiful song, his gentleness, his twinkling eye, his good humor and his sensitivity. And I will miss his lovely low bass and his calling me ‘Chief.’” (*Quest*, January 30, 1979)



Noel Ethier (right), ca. 1977.

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## SHARING THE MINISTRY

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### Announcing the 2019 Ethier Music Program Fundraiser

by Sarah Jebian, Director of Music



Join me on **Saturday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.** for **Broadway Bingo**—a Broadway concert with a fun twist! Instead of regular programs, you'll receive a bingo card of song titles. Songs will be chosen and sung in random order just like a real bingo game. Come join us as we sing Broadway favorites, and play along for the chance to win a prize!

The concert will feature performances by Jeff Young, Elsa Strong, Sean Hickey, Brian Jebian, Cynthia Shires-Thurston, Kris Butler, and more! We'll also feature performances from some marvelous young performers! And yes, I'll sing a song or two as well.

Over the past year, the Ethier Music Fund has allowed me to bring in some fantastic guest musicians for our worship services: Jeff Young, Wendel Werner, Liz Carlson, Lea Morris, Chelle Fulk, and the unforgettable orchestra and soloists for Vivaldi's *Magnificat*, to name a few. And the year isn't over yet! I still have a few more surprises in store for you! I'm also planning some wonderful programming for the 2019-20 church year, but I can't do it without replenishing our special music fund.

If you feel, as I do, that music is a vital and vibrant part of our community, please join us for this fun and magical night! **More information and tickets available March 13 at <https://uucrmusic.weebly.com>.**

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## SHARING THE MINISTRY

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### Thinking of You

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

**André Enceneat** is recovering at home after surgery and a hospital stay. He and Marga are being supported by UUCR friends. Cards are always welcome.

Please send healing love and energy to **Victoria Williamson** and her family on Wednesday, March 13. She will be in a delicate surgery on that day.

Marie Vivas' grandmother, **Tití**, died on Sunday, March 3, aged 99 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Tití often came to services with Marie and Jenny. We send our love to their family.

Rev. Lynn Strauss reports, "Sadly, there have been several deaths in Lynn and Dave Strauss' extended family recently. Rev. Lynn's sister's husband died at home in Wisconsin after a short battle with lung cancer. Upon returning home from the Midwest, we learned that **Beth Riggs**, an active member at the Silver Spring UU Congregation, died in hospice care at Riderwood. We share grandchildren with the Riggses and our families are close."

**Stephanie Joseph** was recently hospitalized. She is at Holy Cross Hospital and would appreciate a visit if anyone is able to spend some time with her.

**Pat Wilson** has been in rehab at Asbury but expects to be released soon. Pat and her husband Roald Schrack would appreciate cards sent to their apartment at Asbury.

**Jewell Golden** has moved back to Maryland and is living at Sunrise Assisted Living in Rockville. Jewell cannot easily reach her telephone, so it may be easier to visit her. Her son John suggests that friends can drop in or call him to arrange a visit.

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



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### LEGACIES OF LOVE FOCUS GROUP

Join Rev. Strauss and Canvass Committee leaders to learn more about our Canvass goals and dreams. Bring your questions and hopes on **Sunday, March 17** during Middle Hour in Founders Hall.



### CELEBRATE REVEREND LYNN'S MINISTRY:

**FIRST CAME JOKES!**

**NEXT COMES A DANCE PARTY!!!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

**6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.—ALL AGES**

**FINALLY—REV. LYNN'S  
FAREWELL SERVICE & RECEPTION  
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 AT 10:00 A.M.**



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## ACTION AUCTION

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### What Can You Donate for the May 4 Action Auction?

by Karl Irikura

UUCR's **Action Auction Fiesta Cruise** is a great event to share your skills, interests, and hobbies...meet new people...enjoy good food...and help raise funds for UUCR in the process. The goals are to have fun, build community, and support UUCR's many programs.



The “cruise” will be held **Saturday, May 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** It's a fun evening of silent and live bidding on special dinners, events, and services provided by congregation members and friends, and by local businesses. It's a great way to discover and enjoy the depth and variety of talents among us! We're accepting donations until **Sunday, April 7**—what can *you* contribute?

- Deliver baked goods or whole meals
- Lead a hike, bike, canoe, or kayak trip
- Share about your travels
- Teach a musical instrument, sport, or other hobby
- Deliver fresh-picked fruit
- Donate time in your vacation home
- Provide a service (childcare, lawn care, tutoring)

Here are some recent examples:

- ⇒ Kathy and José Clemente hosted the **Taste of Brazil Dinner** and the **Caipirinha “Lessons”**
- ⇒ April Pulvirenti **baked little pies and made applesauce**
- ⇒ Chris and Nick Kohout started an annual **family game night**

Do you need help from a tradesman, a professional, or a handy-person? Just describe what you need, put what you're willing to pay, and at the Action Auction someone who is willing to provide that service will write their bidder number next to your offering.

- baby-sitting
- computer help
- cleaning out junk
- lawn and garden work
- house repair and maintenance
- care for a pet while you're away

For more ideas, check out [the program from last year](#). A weblink will be created for making donations—watch for it in *UUCR E-Weekly*.

“Talk to us!” say Action Auction Co-chairs **Carolyn Randall, Claudia Chitty, and Liz Zerby**. They can be reached at [actionleads@uucr.org](mailto:actionleads@uucr.org). You can also visit our table, where you can get more ideas on what to donate, after Sunday services starting on **March 10**.

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### Unitarian Universalist Principles

As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

In addition to these Seven Principles drawn from the Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), we as a congregation have also elected to affirm and promote a proposed Eighth Principle:

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

### Our Mission and Vision

The mission and vision of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville is to  
*Practice Courageous Love.*

### Our Values

Lifelong Spiritual Discovery ~ Beloved Community ~ A Just World