



# The Chalice and the Flame

*Diverse people. Diverse beliefs. One community.*

*A Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, OR*

## May 2018

### Verify Your Membership Status Before Annual Meeting Sunday, May 20

Our Annual Meeting will be held on May 20 after a single service at 10:30. Between now and then, please stop by, call, or email the office to verify that our records correctly show your membership status.

Per our bylaws voting members must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ have shown sympathy with the Congregation's purpose as stated in Article II by signing the membership book,
- ◆ have within the last twelve months made a financial pledge, and
- ◆ have within the last twelve months made an identifiable financial contribution.

The office will be open Sunday, May 6. You may also inquire during office hours: Tues - Fri, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

### Annual Congregational Meeting May 20

UUCS will hold its annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 20 after a single service at 10:30. Lunch will be served. **Childcare will be available.** If you plan to take advantage of childcare, meeting organizers ask that you **make a childcare reservation** so that they can ensure there are enough sack lunches available for the children. You can reserve a lunch for your child(ren) by filling out [the online childcare reservation form](#).

In advance of the meeting, you can review the slate of candidates, proposed resolutions and budget in detail on the [Congregational Meeting 2018](#) webpage, including a downloadable/printable file. A few printed copies will be available on the day of the meeting. Here is a summary:

#### Board Candidates that require a vote:

**Chair:** Lynn Cardiff (1 yr. term)

**Vice Chair:** Joanne Manson (1 yr. term)

**Secretary:** Robin LaMonte (1 yr. term)

**Director Seat #2:** TBD (Check website or This Week email for updates.)

**Director Seat #4:** Julie Warnke (2 yr. term)

**Director Seat #5:** Gloria Holland (appointed to complete term, 1 yr. remains)

**Director Seat #6:** Janet Stevens (2 yr. term)

**Nominating Committee Candidate:** Steve Rosen (3 yr. term)

**Proposed Resolution:** Congregation will support "STOP IP22" efforts. [Read the entire resolution.](#)

**Proposed Budget:** The Budget Committee is proposing a 5% increase in the total operating budget to **\$329,286** from this year's total of **\$313,695**. **A summary comparing allocations between this year and next year and an explanation of projected income and expenditures is available on the [2018-19 Budget webpage](#).**

### Monica's Ordination May 26, RSVP Now

On behalf of the UU Fellowship of Corvallis and the UU Congregation of Salem, you are invited to the service of ordination for Monica Jacobson Tennesen on Saturday, May 26, at 2:00 pm. The service will be hosted at UUCS. You can RSVP for the reception following the service using this [online form](#). Childcare will be available.

If you wish to make a contribution to offset the costs of the ordination ceremony and travel expenses, you may write a check to UUCS with "ordination of Monica Jacobson-Tennesen" on the subject line.



## Reverential Ramblings

### ~ Rev. Richard Davis, UUCS's minister

Recently, our beloved intern minister Monica (who will soon be ordained here at UUCS on May 26 at 2 pm) was given a class assignment to find out what metaphor I would use to characterize our congregation. The metaphor that came to mind was an orchestra. We each play our separate instruments but together we make beautiful music. Sure, we're not always perfectly in tune and sometimes we aren't sure who is supposed to be conducting, but generally things fall into place and some beautiful sounds come forth that enrich our lives and the lives of many in our community.

Playing your unique part in our congregational orchestra is an act of generosity. At this time of year, I am especially mindful of how many of you played your part in our annual pledge drive campaign. Without your ongoing generosity we would flounder, so a heartfelt thank you to all who offered your generous support!

We are called to lives of generosity – to gently open our hearts and hands so we can both give and receive. Generosity can be made manifest in so many ways: giving someone your undivided attention, listening to them, just being with them is an act of generosity. So is helping out a friend or neighbor during a hard time.

Here's a more subtle form of generosity – graciously being the recipient of generosity is, in itself, an act of generosity because you've created an opportunity for generosity to happen.

At UUCS we strive to create opportunities for everyone to practice generosity, and you are generous with your resources, your time and your energy. Here we are reminded, time and again, that we do not live for ourselves alone and we cannot go it alone.

It's all good – we make beautiful music together. And yet, there is a need for us to coordinate our efforts so that we might reach our full symphonic potential. This is where the "Generosity Team" comes in. Never heard of it? In the past it's been called "the pledge drive committee" or "canvass committee" and its role has been to get us through our annual pledge drive. Then it disbands until the next year. Each year a new committee forms and re-learns how it all works and rushes to conduct the annual pledge drive campaign and, to their great credit, gets the job done.

This is how it works in many UU congregations, but there's so much that could happen but doesn't when such a committee exists and functions only part of the year. Imagine if an orchestra were playing a magnificent symphony and the cellists would come onstage to play a passage or movement but then leave while the music is playing. Not having a year-round generosity team is not exactly like that but I couldn't resist stretching my orchestral metaphor, and it does get to the point – we need a generosity team that exists and functions year round.

Many a time folks have told me that they'll volunteer for pretty much anything but just don't ask them "to ask for money." I get that. But that's really not the essential role of a generosity team. Its role will be to inspire members to practice generosity and create opportunities for this to happen so we can fulfill our congregational promise.

Are you called to play in this particular section in our congregational orchestra – i.e., join the generosity team? It is an opportunity to build new relationships and engage in enjoyable, challenging and meaningful work by lifting up a compelling vision of who we yet can be so that people feel moved and empowered to offer generous support.

For all who are interested or intrigued, we request the gift of your presence at UUCS on either May 22 at 4 pm or May 30 at noon (i.e., this is being offered twice) when we will participate in Unitarian Universalist Association webinar training on creating year-round generosity teams. Please give this your serious consideration – especially if generosity looms large in your creative and spiritual imagination.

Love,  
Rick



## *Lifespan Religious Exploration*

### **~ Christi J. Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration**

Welcome to **MAY!** A month to explore our Soul Matters Theme of Creativity! For some, the word creativity generates excitement and for others a bit of fear. I am certain that you have either said or heard another adult say, “I am just not creative.” When I am met with the word “creative” I immediately think of the projects I could make for gifts or create with my grandchildren. Rarely do I extend my thinking of the word “creative” beyond that of arts and crafts. Yet, the word holds so much more. Just to start your exploration of the word, consider that many adults immediately state that they are not creative and yet children and especially younger children do not express this same sentiment. They do not hesitate to create wonderful things from a variety of mediums such as Lego, blocks, sticks and, these days, Minecraft. Then, not only did they enjoy the satisfaction of creating, they love sharing what they have created and can explain in a lot of detail why and what they have so creatively made. As children get older, it seems they begin to lean towards the notion, “I am not creative”. Why the change? What does this theme hold for you? What does it mean to be a people of creativity? Those of you in a Soul Matters covenant group will have the opportunity to dig deeper into this theme in May. If you would like to explore this topic with a small group discussion and are not in a covenant group, our second Sunday of the month provides this opportunity. Following the second service at 1:00 pm, we offer a drop-in Soul Matters Covenant Group. A facilitator will greet you in the Blue Room (first room to the right at the end of the hallway to our Religious Exploration (RE) wing) for this drop-in covenant group. Hope you can make it!

Our RE programming uses the monthly Soul Matters themes to explore our principles through story and activity for all age levels. The second Sunday of each month we all worship together in the sanctuary for a service about our theme. It is a very important aspect of our programming that we bridge the gap between our adult programming and our individualized, separate RE programming on Sundays to being a part of the larger community. At the Pacific Western Region (PWR) Regional Assembly, on April 28, 2018, I was pleased to hear our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President, Susan Frederick-Gray, express this same thought as well, as the notion that Sunday should not be like the school model that RE programs have followed for years. Now, we are moving away from the classroom models to a program that combines ages and explores themes through a variety of activities. I am glad that UUCS has been ahead of the curve and has moved our programming into this type of model. We will continue to adapt our programming to these best practices to meet the needs of the children we serve.

In addition to hearing Susan Frederick-Gray speak, I attended a workshop at the PWR Regional Assembly led by youth. I was able to talk with our PWR leaders and our UUA Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Bart Frost. Youth in our congregations are visible when they are leading a youth service or have been asked to work in some capacity (like bussing tables at a congregational event) in the larger community. All in attendance at this workshop have a vision of seeing our youth integrated into our congregations in such a way that they are respected, talked to when they walk into the fellowship hall for coffee, invited to be a part of committees and join in covenant groups and events, not solely as help for the activity. Watch for more discussions about how we can really foster a feeling for our youth of belonging to a beloved community here at UUCS.

I love that our Unitarian Universalist faith is a living tradition and that in a covenantal faith we are always looking at our current needs and adapting our programming to consider the best practices for what is happening in our individual congregations and in our greater community. As a staff, we work very hard to learn and to keep our programming current and relevant for all of you whom we serve. I am thankful for the opportunity to attend the PWR Regional Assembly.

I look forward to my continued relationship with you all in the capacity as your Director of Religious Exploration.

*In faith and until next time, Christi*

Christi J Olsen, Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration

## ~ Other Notes Of Interest From RE ~

- May 6 Family Yoga First Service  
May 13 Soul Matters Sunday – All ages in the service (Happy Mother’s Day!)  
Drop-in Covenant Group @ 1:00 pm  
May 27 We will not have RE classes or nursery care due to Memorial Day Weekend  
June 3 Flower Communion Sunday and RE ART SALE in the fellowship hall  
June 17 No RE classes as we prepare for summer RE programming.  
June 24 Our Summer RE Program, Spirituality in Nature and Art, begins!

## Words from Our Intern Minister



As you read this, I’m in Kingston, Massachusetts, where I’m the candidate for next settled minister of First Parish Church. From April 29 to May 6, I’m preaching a Sunday service, meeting with many committees, teams, groups, and individual members of the congregation, getting to know the area, and then preaching another Sunday service on May 6 which will be followed by a congregational meeting at which the membership will vote on whether to call me as their next settled minister. I’m excited and delighted to have this opportunity to begin doing ministry with another wonderful congregation.

When I come back from that special week, we’ll have our last month together in which I serve as your Intern Minister. I’ll preach May 13, be ordained in the UUCS sanctuary on Saturday, May 26, and share my last Sunday service with you on June 10. The time will go fast, especially with so many milestones and momentous occasions coming so close together.

Seasons like this come in each of our lives. Moments that could take up a full month by themselves sometimes cluster, leaving us overwhelmed by joy and grief as we barrel toward exciting futures and come to terms with what is ending. The chaos of spring is riotous. It’s probably for the best that mostly our lives unfold as we expect, in steady rhythm. Or do they?

How often have you crossed a threshold, long anticipated or planned, and been surprised by the way it felt? Or had your plans disrupted when a crossroads or a big change came to you, unexpected? So often the real import of our lives sneaks up on us, hidden by our ideas of steady rhythm. Our call as religious people is to live in the balance of the two, recognizing the rhythms and being flexible enough to hold the surprises. The word “religious” is the key in that statement: “religion” comes from words meaning “to bind,” making a religious community one that has chosen to bind itself together. When we gather together, we create shared rhythms of life with our services and our church year, and we have together the resilience we need to hold each other in great joy and deep sorrow.

I have been so blessed to be part of your religious community for these past two years. I’m grateful to have one more month to share with you.

Warmly,  
Monica

RSVP by May 10 for Monica’s  
Ordination:

[RSVP Online](#)

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem &  
the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis  
joyfully invite you to attend

### The Ordination of Monica Jacobson Tennesen

Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 2PM  
at the UU Congregation of Salem  
5090 Center St NE  
Salem, OR 97317

Please RSVP by May 10, 2018  
at <http://bit.ly/MonicasOrdination>  
*link is case sensitive*

# Happenings and Highlights

## **Women's Alliance Sponsors Dinner May 8, RSVP by May 2**

Tuesday, May 8, beginning at 5:30 pm will be the last gathering until fall for the UUCS Women's Alliance. This year, the traditional May dinner meeting will be at Kwan's, 835 Commercial SE, just south of Mission St. There are still five or six spaces available, so anyone reading this who would like to join us but hasn't yet made a reservation should contact Jane Manning by May 2: [janemyoung@aol.com](mailto:janemyoung@aol.com), 503-585-0588. The charge for the meal is \$26, including gratuity. Happy hour and conversation start at 5:30 pm, with dinner about 6:00 pm.

## **Tablecloths PLEASE!**

Our inventory of table cloths has diminished in the last several months. If you have taken tablecloths home to launder, please return them as soon as possible. You can just put them on the kitchen counter. There are at least two events scheduled in May where they will be needed. Thank you!

## **Oneness Coalition Service May 6**

Join us Sunday, May 6 at 6:30 pm at UUCS for *Woven As One*, a time of prayer, commentary, and music from Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Native American, New Thought, and Unitarian Universalist faith traditions. During the hospitality time after the service, presenters and audience are invited to share their thoughts and experiences. Admission is free. All are welcome. The Oneness Coalition represents people of diverse spiritual traditions, committed to building Peace by sharing teachings and worshipping together.

## **Planting Day! May 6**

Sunday, May 6 from 1 - 4 pm, the Landscape Team is hosting an event to plant a large number of donations from the Marion County Master Gardeners. There are native plants, fruit trees, pollinator plants, ferns, and berries to plant. We will also need help moving mulch. All hands on deck as we move mulch, plant, write plant tags, and paint rocks to place around the plants. Bring a lunch/snack for after the service, a water bottle, work gloves, your favorite digging tool, sunscreen (we live in hope), and closed toed shoes. I also need help serving tea and cool water; if you are unable to plant, there are other ways to help.

There is a very generous donor who will donate \$10 per volunteer hour towards Landscape Committee projects, up to \$1000. Come help us take advantage of this wonderful offer! If you have questions, contact Angela Gross, UUCS Landscape Team Chair, at [uu4peace@gmail.com](mailto:uu4peace@gmail.com).

## **Blood Drive May 11 – Sign Up Now!**

UUCS is hosting our next blood drive Friday, May 11, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Our goal is 26 pints. Sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Use the Sponsor Code "uusalem" to find open slots. For more information contact UUCS Liaison Jacquie LaDue, [laduej@gmail.com](mailto:laduej@gmail.com).

## **Day of Mindfulness with Kate Dresher May 19**

First Unitarian of Portland will host a day of mindfulness on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, facilitated by Kate Dresher. This day of mindfulness is an opportunity for quieting the heart and mind, increasing our capacity to connect with life as it is, and growing our ability to relate and respond to ourselves and others kindly and wisely. The day will include periods of sitting and walking meditation, contemplation and discussion. It is suitable for those new to and familiar with mindfulness meditation practice. The cost is \$25. Please bring a sack lunch. You can register online using Reference #C28WS18

## **Zach Gulaboff Davis Concert May 24**

Zach Gulaboff Davis (Rev. Rick and Gordana Gulaboff Davis' son) will perform a composer's recital on May 24 at 7 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 790 Marion St., NE, Salem. All are invited to attend. The recital will premier Zach's three-movement work for organ, commissioned and performed by Dr. Bob Thompson. In addition, Zach will perform selected piano works, and works for piano and horn, accompanied by Ted Cory. A reception will follow. CD's of Zach's music will be available.

## **Cordon Road Cleanup and UUCS Grounds Cleanup June 9**

Come help with the Cordon Road cleanup effort on Saturday, June 9, from 9 am to 11 am. Sign up at the Social Justice Table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Michael Pollard at [mpollard608@aol.com](mailto:mpollard608@aol.com).

Then, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, you can help with the Landscape Spring Cleanup! Help with shredding, weeding, trimming bushes, planting, or painting rocks. There is something for all physical abilities. Children welcome to work alongside parents. Snacks provided by the Landscape Team. Contact Angela Gross at [uu4peace@gmail.com](mailto:uu4peace@gmail.com) for more information.

### First Sunday Yoga Canceled for June 3

The first Sunday yoga session for June 3 is cancelled due to the annual Flower Communion which is happening on that day. There will be yoga as usual on the first Sunday in July, August and September.

### Men's Fall Retreat in October, Sign Up Now

Come to the Fall Retreat October 5-7! Rich Ford has offered his house at Sunriver! We would carpool over there and cook for ourselves. The cost would be for food, the fuel to get there, and possibly a little more if a second house is needed. We should have some money from the June pancake feed, and no one will be excluded for financial reasons. If you are interested, contact Steve Rosen at [sjr1948@gmail.com](mailto:sjr1948@gmail.com) or text/phone 503-551-5501.

## Help Needed and Appreciated!

### Help Homeless Families

UUCS will be hosting homeless families from May 27 through June 2 through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up during the fellowship hours after each service or by using [the online form](#).

It takes about 50 volunteers to pull this off. We need people to set up for the week, to prepare and serve dinner, to entertain our guests in the evenings, to stay overnight with them, and to help pack up once the week is over. Your time commitment can be just a few hours or overnight, whatever fits your schedule. We thank you in advance for your participation. Every little bit helps.



The Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network has changed their name to **Family Promise of the Mid-Willamette Valley Interfaith Hospitality Network**. See [their website](#) for more information about activities in support of this worthy cause.

### UUCS Hosts Needed

We are recruiting Hosts for this summer (May 27 - September 9) and for the 2018 - 2019 year. Please express your interest by [filling out the online form](#) or contacting Michael Pollard at [mpollard608@aol.com](mailto:mpollard608@aol.com).

### Coffee Service Volunteers Needed for Summer, June 10 - Aug. 26

Please consider volunteering for Summer Coffee Service. More information is available on the UUCS website. You may volunteer by [filling out the online form](#) or by contacting Michael Pollard at [mpollard608@aol.com](mailto:mpollard608@aol.com).

### Thanks for the Simenfalva Donations

Thanks to all the helpful people at UUCS, in September we were able send children's English books and some pain relievers to our partners in Simenfalva, Romania. Our partner minister, Rev. Sandor Szen, expressed much gratitude for these gifts. Our children in Religious Education created beautiful Christmas cards and Valentines that we forwarded to share with their contemporaries there. March was Share-the-Plate month for our Partner Church Fund, and people generously responded so that we were able to send \$2000 to the Simenfalva Church for ongoing repairs to the parsonage. We are excited to announce that plans are underway for a pilgrimage to Transylvania in the second half of July, 2019. Please plan to attend future meetings if you would like to learn more. It is an unforgettable experience to trace the roots of Unitarianism and to visit our partners in Simenfalva. Your interest and assistance in our Partner Church projects keeps our connections vital.

~Jean Sherbeck, Facilitator

### Thanks For So Much Beautiful Music!

Our long-time pianist, Sara Greenleaf, left her job at UUCS last month. She was our principal pianist for 7 years. Her superb piano skills, quick wit, and love for our congregation will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of luck in her new venture in Portland and look forward to seeing her smiling face amongst our congregation.

With love, Aimee

### Looking for Church Pianist/ Accompanist

UUCS is looking to fill the church principal pianist/ accompanist position. Must be musically versatile and have a great sense of humor. The pianist does not have a set number of hours, working approximately 5-7 hours a week, less in summer. [See our website for details.](#)



# Social Justice News

## SJAT Sponsored Trip to NORCOR April 28



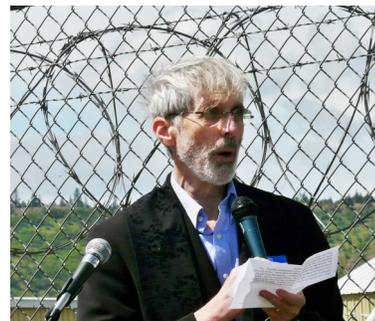
A year after immigrant detainees at Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility (NORCOR) went on their first hunger strike, UUCS joined hundreds at the county jail on Saturday, April 28 in solidarity and to seek justice. UUCS members joined clergy and faith leaders from many traditions – Jewish, Buddhist, Humanists, Christian, Muslim, Quaker and others. Michael Pollard arranged for the bus using proceeds from a small grant secured for sanctuary efforts.

The bus left UUCS at 8 a.m. carrying 27 people, including congregation members, a Rabbi from Temple Beth Shalom, two social justice activists from Dallas and other community members. Two women drove up from Eugene to ride on the bus with us. We joined a crowd of about 400 people.

We heard heart-breaking stories, including some about the “painful absence” ICE arrests have caused in families, and communities. We collected money to offset the outrageous costs of phone calls. Reverend Rick spoke and the crowd surrounded NORCOR with song, silence, prayer, and chanting, to let detainees at the county facility in The Dalles know they are not alone.

NORCOR is a county jail serving four counties. It has a contract with Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) to hold immigrants awaiting deportation. The crowd called for NORCOR to cease its affiliation with I.C.E., and to stop holding detainees in a county facility, which violates the state sanctuary law prohibiting the use of local or state resources to enforce federal I.C.E. enforcement.

Our work continues in showing up and supporting the Gorge ICE Resistance which has held a vigil every day at NORCOR for more than year. We need to continue to speak up for immigrant detainees at NORCOR, and fight IP 22, a ballot initiative that would strip Oregon of its sanctuary status.



## New Social Justice In Action Facebook Page

The Social Justice In Action Facebook page is up and running. Help grow awareness of the page by clicking the Like and Share options. If you have things you think should be included, contact Yvonne Rogers or Lori Mcphearson. The Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/UUCSSJAT/](http://www.facebook.com/UUCSSJAT/) or search for “Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem Social Justice In Action”.

### Forum on Korea Peace Prospects May 4

The Salem chapter of the United Nations Association is sponsoring a forum on Korea and the prospects for peace Friday, May 4 at the IKE Box, beginning at 6:30 pm. The forum is free and open to the public.

Up until a month ago, we had a war of words going back and forth between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un as to whose nuclear button was the biggest. Yet, on April 27, a "Peace Summit" took place between the leaders of North and South Korea and another is planned soon between President Trump and the North Korean leader. These events look like an important "beginning", possibly a way toward peace that we have not seen before.

### House Party Benefit for Causa May 11

You are invited to a House Party on May 11 from 4 - 6 pm. Donations will benefit Causa, Oregon's Immigration Rights Organization. Come meet Causa's talented and committed staff and learn about current issues facing Oregon's immigrant children and families while enjoying Oscar's home brew, tasty appetizers, music and more. RSVP for yourself and others you invite. The party host is Dell Ford, a Causa Board Member. Location is 558 Crystal Springs Lane North, Keizer, Oregon 97303. (Gate Code is #1346). RSVP at 503-551-2147 or at dellford@gmail.com. All donations, big or small are welcome.

### ACLU Hosting District Attorney Candidate Program at UUCS May 12

On Saturday, May 12, beginning at 11:00 am, UUCS will host the ACLU's District Attorney Candidate Forum. This is an opportunity to meet Paige Clark who is running unopposed for this position. The event is free. More information is on the [ACLU Website](#).

### Sister Helen Prejean Visit to Lake Oswego May 24

Sister Helen Prejean will visit Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Oswego on Thursday, May 24. Her talk will begin at 5:30 pm. Sr. Helen has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty and helping to shape the Catholic Church's newly vigorous opposition to state executions. She travels around the world giving talks about her ministry. For more information, visit the Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty website ([oadp.org](http://oadp.org)).

## Calendar

### Changing Systems, Changing Ourselves (E-course)

Tuesday, May 1, 5:00 pm

Anti-racist practice for sanctuary, accompaniment and resistance. Knowing ourselves: knowing ourselves as a spiritual practice. A free 4 session interactive e-course for groups to explore, reflect and act for social change.

### Beltane Ritual and Potluck

Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 pm

### Membership Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 pm

### UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation

Wednesday, May 2, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

A welcoming place for meditation practice. Session I is for experienced meditation practitioners. Session II provides attendees with basic instruction, and explanation. The last hour, 8:00 – 9:00 pm, is for discussion, compassion, about how to use meditation as a spiritual practice.

### Team Council

Thursday, May 3, 4:00 pm

### Microfinance Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 6:00 pm

The UUCS Microfinance Committee will meet to discuss traveling to Nicaragua and the October service and fundraiser.

### Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 3, 6:30 pm

### Finance Team Meeting

Friday, May 4, 10:30 am

### Dances of Universal Peace

Friday, May 4, 7:00 pm

Simple, easy-to-learn movements and songs honoring spiritual traditions from around the world. The dances bring together sacred phrases from the world's religious traditions in heart-awakening circle dances dedicated to peace within and without.

### **Refuge Recovery**

**Friday, May 4, 7:00 pm**

UUCS' Addiction Recovery Ministry and Support program is glad to sponsor the Refuge Recovery group meeting every Friday from 7 to 8 pm at UUCS. The mission of this national non-profit organization is to build an extensive and comprehensive network of groups, meetings, and communities that practice and promulgate Buddhist teachings and meditations for anyone seeking recovery from addiction. Drawing inspiration from the core teachings of the Four Noble Truths, emphasis is placed on both knowledge and empathy as means for overcoming addiction and its causes. Those struggling with any form of addiction greatly benefit when they understand the suffering that addiction has created while developing compassion for the pain they have experienced.

### **Life Lines Lay Ministry Meeting**

**Saturday, May 5, 9:30 am**

### **Religious Exploration - All Ages Yoga!**

**Sunday, May 6, 9:30 am**

### **Oneness Coalition Service**

**Sunday, May 6, 6:30 pm**

See article

### **Women's Alliance Dinner (offsite)**

**Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 pm**

See article.

### **UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation**

**Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm**

(See May 2)

### **Long Term/Strategic Planning Team Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 pm**

### **Board Meeting**

**Thursday, May 10, 6:00 pm**

### **Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, May 10, 6:30 pm**

### **Finance Team Meeting**

**Friday, May 11, 10:30 am**

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Friday, May 11, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm**

See article.

### **Refuge Recovery**

**Friday, May 11, 7:00 pm – 8pm**

(See May 4)

### **ACLU Forum**

**Saturday, May 12, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

See article.

### **Compassionate Connections**

**Sunday, May 13, 10:30 am & 12:45 pm**

Life Lines Lay Ministers and sympathetic members of the congregation meet with those who want to share their life challenges with a small group and receive 'hands on' comforting. While the circle is not

comprised solely of Life Lines Lay Ministers and therefore matters spoken of there should not be assumed to be held in confidence, many derive solace from sharing and connecting with a small group.

### **Soul Matters Discussion Group - All are Welcome!**

**Sunday, May 13, 12:45 pm**

If your schedule did not allow a commitment to an ongoing monthly covenant group or you are new to our congregation and missed the sign-up period, plan to join our Drop-in group every second Sunday to discuss the Soul Matters theme for the month. You are welcome to attend every second Sunday meeting or just come when you can! This is an opportunity to extend the sermon topic into a small group discussion following the Soul Matters theme service. that happens every second Sunday of each month through June; the theme for May is Creativity.

### **Intern Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, May 13, 1:00 pm**

### **Social Justice in Action Team Meeting**

**Monday, May 14, 6:00 pm**

Regular monthly Social Justice In Action Team meeting.

### **Salem Covenant of UU Pagans Meeting**

**Monday, May 14, 6:30 pm**

Monthly business meeting for the executive team of Salem Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, discussing items that are relevant to the spiritual and business needs of the group, planning for events, and addressing and supporting the greater pagan community at UUCS. The meeting is open to anyone to attend.

### **Safer Congregation Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 15, 6:00 pm**

### **Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self**

**Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 pm**

The teachings of the Aztec Dance are tied to the Pre-Hispanic roots of ancient Mexico. It serves to connect the dancer to a universal view of the Anawak culture and the Nawatl philosophy: a worldview of nature. The Aztec dance depends on understanding nature and draws its sustenance from it. Hence, the dance does not depend on the Western pedagogical approach but depends on the physical activity, with heavy symbolism in each dance and its specific steps. Aztec dance awakens and develops various human faculties which are essential across society but which the current educational system fails to implement in a conscious and permanent manner.

### **UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation**

**Wednesday, May 16, 5:30 pm**

(See May 2)

**Board Retreat**

Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 pm

**Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm

**Journey to Belonging**

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm

A 3 month covenant group to explore our spiritual journeys.

**Dances of Universal Peace**

Thursday, May 17, 7:00 pm

(See May 4)

**Finance Team Meeting**

Friday, May 18, 10:00 am

**Refuge Recovery**

Friday, May 18, 7:00 pm

(See May 4)

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, May 20, 12:00 pm

**YRUU Faith Exploration**

Sunday, May 20, 11:00 am

**Worship Team Meeting**

Monday, May 21, 5:30 pm

Monthly Meeting of the Worship Team to plan and discuss Sunday Services

**Stewardship Webinar**

Tuesday, May 22, 4:00 pm

**Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self**

Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 pm

(See May 15)

**UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation**

Wednesday, May 23, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

(See May 2)

**Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, May 24, 6:30 pm

**Refuge Recovery**

Friday, May 25, 7:00 pm

(See May 4)

**Monica's Ordination**

Saturday, May 26, 2:00 pm

See article.

**Hosting IHN Families**

May 27 – June 3

See article.

**No RE Classes**

Sunday, May 27

**Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self**

Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 pm

(See May 15)

**UU Compassionate Mind Sangha Silent Meditation**

Wednesday, May 30, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

(See May 2)

**Covenant Group Facilitator Meeting**

Thursday, May 31, 6:00 pm

**Dances of Universal Peace**

Friday, June 1, 7:00 pm

(See May 4)

**Refuge Recovery**

Friday, June 1, 7:00 pm

(See May 4)

**NO RE Classes**

Sunday, June 3

**Art Sale!**

Sunday, June 3, 11:30 am

**Changing Systems, Changing Ourselves (E-course)**

Tuesday, June 5, 5:00 pm

(See May 1)

**Membership Team Meeting**

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 pm

**Titlakawan - The Flowering of the Self**

Tuesday, June 5, 7:00 pm

(See May 15)

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# Worship Services and Religious Exploration

May Share the Plate Recipient: [DACA Scholarships](#)

Single Service Schedule begins May 20

**Sunday, May 6**

**9:30 am & 11:15 am**

**The Rev. Richard R. Davis**

## “Creating Caring Compassionate Community”

**Celebrant:** Sara Pickett; **Anchor:** Steve Rosen/Laura Christian  
**Music Both Services:** Ted Cory

We are called to create a caring, compassionate community here at UUCS. Our Life Lines Lay ministry takes this call to heart and yet, we also feel called to invite more people to join us in this ministry. Come learn how you might be involved.

Guest speakers Evelyn Guzman and Maria Reyes will introduce the DACA Coalition and how scholarship funds are used.

**Sunday, May 13**

**9:30 am & 11:15 am**

**Monica Jacobson-Tenessen**

## “Reflections on Mothers’ Day”

**Celebrant:** Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Sara Pickett  
**First Service Music:** Aimee Amend and Ryan Amend; **Second Service Music:** UUCS Choir

This Sunday we'll weave together consideration of motherhood, spiritual growth, drumming, and the work of American Unitarian minister William Ellery Channing. Come see what all these elements contribute to the essential human work of becoming our best selves.

**Sunday, May 20**

**10:30 am only**

**The Rev. Richard R. Davis**

## “Creating Safe Spiritual Community”

**Celebrant:** Gloria Holland; **Anchor:** Lennie Martin  
**Music:** Ted Cory

As we live together in spiritual community we are on a continuing exploration of how we can deepen and strengthen authentic relationships in safe and respectable ways.

**Annual Congregation Meeting follows service and a light lunch.** If you will have children in childcare, [sign up](#) to let organizers know how many sack lunches to prepare.

**Sunday, June 3**

**10:30 am only**

**The Rev. Richard R. Davis**

## Annual Flower Communion

**Celebrant:** Janet Stevens; **Anchor:** Joanne Manson  
**Music Both Services:** Ryan Amend and Ted Cory

On June 3, we'll have our annual celebration of the Czech Unitarian Flower Communion, a recognition of the beauty and diversity of our congregation. Bring a flower for the bouquet!

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