



## **River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

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**eWeekly Newsletter: August 10 - 19, 2017**

**Our vision:** to grow and deepen in **Fellowship, Spirit and Service** for all ages.

**Fellowship** draws us into deeper relationship to our congregational community, so that we might choose connection over isolation.

**Spiritual growth** draws us into deeper relationship with the sacred, however we might experience it or name it, so that we might be connected to the sources of our strength.

**Service** draws us into deeper relationship to the world as it is and the world as it could be, so that we might be agents of change and hope.

### **Here's What's Happening This Sunday**

**Summer Schedule - single service at 10am!**

**August 13, 2017**

***The Art of Receiving***

**Alexa Fraser, Ministerial Intern  
& Congregational Care Vision Team**

RRUUCers are generous in their giving, and sometimes more hesitant to receive. How might receiving enhance our spiritual growth and connections to others? What would more fearless receiving look like?

Click [here](#) for more upcoming worship services.

#### **AIM Listening Session, 11:15am, Fireside Room**

The RRUUC AIM Team is hosting a Listening Session combined with Individual Meetings after our Sunday service. We want to hear stories and concerns about our communities, as AIM builds its agenda for 2018, and works for justice in Montgomery County. We will have an opportunity to get to know other congregants in one-to-one conversations, and to discuss county issues in small groups. All are invited to attend! [email](#) with questions.

#### **Congregational Care Notes**

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the beautiful reception last Saturday for the

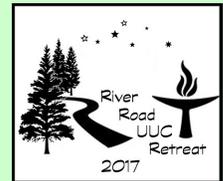
**Celebration of Life for Rev. Bill Murry.** A special shoutout to **Betty Wilson** for her extensive work as coordinator, and to all those who greeted, cooked, served, and cleaned up.

Congregational  
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#### **Message from the Retreat Committee CHANGE IN PLANS for the RRUUC Retreat**

With much regret, the RRUUC Retreat Committee announces that it is not



possible for this year's Retreat to be at Camp Tockwogh. Registration is too low this year to cover our costs.

But fear not, Retreat lovers—we are making plans to have a "stay-cation" retreat at RRUUC the same weekend. So even though we won't be gathering on the Eastern Shore, we hope that you will plan to spend that weekend in fun and fellowship **with** RRUCers **at** RRUUC. We plan to offer many of the "Camp-planned" workshops and other activities. And our relocation of the festivities will make it possible for more people to join us!

More definite plans tba soon. Keep your calendars marked for **September 8-9**, and come stay-cation with old and new River Road friends. Questions? Contact the retreat committee [here](#).

#### **Congratulations to John Hansman-Sharing his Joy**

On August 1, John received notice that the National Park Service had approved his application for his community,

#### **An Urgent Call: Join Love in Charlottesville VA this Saturday,**

8/12

This message is from TJMC-Unitarian Universalist in Charlottesville, Virginia; they are working with the Charlottesville Clergy Collective, Congregate Cville, Black Lives Matter Charlottesville, Showing Up for Racial Justice Charlottesville and others to counter the 'Summer of Hate' taking place in their community.



Charlottesville has recently become a hotspot for national white supremacist organizations and demonstrations. Most recently, a KKK chapter from North Carolina held a rally in the center of our city. During this rally, non-violent community members standing against racial hatred were met with chemical weapons, military vehicles, and hundreds of militarized police, some carrying grenade launchers and automatic weapons.

On August 12, hundreds of white supremacists from around the country will rally with white nationalist leaders for hours in our most prominent public park.



The call is for 1,000 clergy and faith leaders to show up in Charlottesville, VA to stand in solidarity and to take non-violent direct action. Orientation for the events and training for direct action are being planned (and it is likely they will be space limited). Logistical

assistance is also needed if you are able to join a support team. [Please sign up here](#) to let us know if you can come, what you can do and what you will need. In addition, please contact [Rev. Louise](#) or [Rita Parks](#) to let them know you'll be attending.

New Mark Commons in Rockville, to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This honor recognizes the distinctive mid-century modern planning and architecture created by River Road member and developer **Ed Bennett** and the architects Keyes Lethbridge Condon. Some years ago, similar recognition went to Carderock Springs, the other major community by Bennett and KLC, where a number of River Roaders have lived. Bennett also facilitated the purchase of our site and KLC won a major architectural award in 1965 for the design of the original RRUUC building.

**Members and Friends Art Show, through Labor Day, Fellowship Hall**

Please visit to enjoy your fellow congregants' work. Look for "Exhibiting Artists" during coffee hour on Sundays to chat with you and answer questions about their work.

**Features of the week  
Francesca's watercolor  
"Aubergine"**



**Announcements**

**Staff News - Alex Runnings (watch for Amanda Kelly next week)**



My name is Alexandra Runnings and I am overjoyed to be joining the office staff here at RRUUC as the office assistant and event coordinator. Just a little about me: I'm an avid reader, writer, yogi and beer enthusiast. At end of August, I will graduate from the University of Maryland in Baltimore County with an undergraduate degree in History with a concentration in

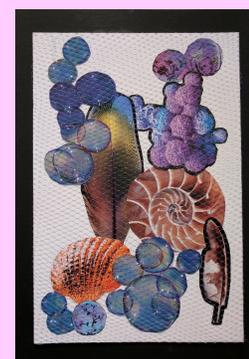
African American Studies and a minor in Political Science. I plan to continue my education in hopes of achieving a Masters in Historical Studies, a graduate certificate in Women and Gender studies and eventually a doctorate in Cultural Anthropology. I cannot begin to express how jazzed I am to be joining such a passionate and civically engaged community! I look forward to meeting you all soon.

**Official River Road UU Podcast**

Never miss a sermon! Now you can hear RRUUC sermons on our new podcast! Plans are in the works to expand content. You can find it several ways. This [link](#) takes you to a webpage. Or, if you have iTunes, put "River Road Unitarian" in the search box; then click on our green chalice logo and



**Kim Weichel's collage  
"The Love of Nature"**



you'll have the option to subscribe. For Stitcher, put "River Road Unitarian" in the search box. Contact [Beth Irikura](#) with questions. Beth will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship on August 13 to assist you. Bring your phone or iPad!

### Tae Kwon Do

Our regular teacher is busy with the Bazaar this year. Is there another person who can teach a 30 min lesson on each of three Sundays in October to Elementary kids, tying it to the spiritual idea of letting go (and the power that results)? Contact [Gabrielle Farrell](#) with your "Yes, I can help!" by August 15. Thank you.

### Adding a Lego Wall

Interested in playing with LEGO? We'll be installing a LEGO wall under the blackboard and we need someone who can attach plywood to the wall. Then we . . . well, let's not give all the fun away. If you can help, please contact [Gabrielle Farrell](#) or call RRUUC x104.

### Our Whole Lives (OWL) Parent Orientation

The OWL program sexuality education for eighth graders will hold a mandatory parent orientation on **Monday, September 11 at 7pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All parents of 8th graders should attend to meet the teachers, preview material, and talk with other parents. Contact [Beth Irikura](#) with questions.

Be a LifeSaver. Learn CPR.



### NEW! CPR Classes, most Thursdays through December, 7:30pm

Beginning tonight, July 27, Beat4LifeCPR will be offering classes here at RRUUC. \$5 discount for members. See their [website](#) or [email](#) them for more information.

### Upcoming Events

#### Mandala Sand Painting, August 23-27, Cedar Lane UU Church

Tibetan Buddhist monks from Drepung Loseling Monastery will construct a Mandala Sand Painting. Millions of grains of sand are painstakingly laid into place in this ancient spiritual art form in order to purify and heal the environment and its inhabitants. The monks will also participate in Sunday worship at 10am on August 27. At 2pm that Sunday, there will also be a closing ceremony and procession to Rock Creek, to immerse the sand from the mandala. All are invited.



#### Davies Concert Series, August 27, 4:30pm

Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church  
7400 Temple Hill Road Camp Springs, Maryland

The Davies Concert Series, now in its 46th season, will present performing artists including dancers, poets, singers, and instrumentalists at its annual fundraising concert. The event will take place in the beautiful acoustics of the DMUUC. More info [here](#).



#### Racial Justice Task Force Black Live Matter Vigils

Back in September! Starting September 1, Labor Day weekend, and continuing on September 8, Retreat weekend, and **EVERY Friday** thereafter. It's still light and we get plenty of "honking-love". Join us for any part of the time - **6:30-7:30pm weekly**.

#### Racial Justice Task Force - Save the date!

**Saturday, September 30!** Evening event.

### Meet Our Ministers



[Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd](#)  
Senior Minister



[Rev. Louise Green](#)  
Minister for Congregational Life



[Dr. Alexa Fraser](#)  
Ministerial Intern



[More Upcoming Worship Topics](#)

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**Blues: The Foundation of American Music** presented by American Roots Performers Daryl Davis and Seth Kibel. This lecture and performance of one of America's first homegrown and most influential styles of music in the history of this country, The Blues, will raise funds for College Access scholarships.



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### **US/Mexico Border Witness Trip with Cedar Lane**

Members and friends are invited to join a Border Witness Trip hosted by Cedar Lane UU Church this **October**. Participants will walk the immigrant trails, meet with grassroots leaders, attend deportation hearings, visit immigrants held in federal detention centers, and return transformed! Full details and online registration are available [HERE](#). Just scroll down to "What are the Upcoming Trips to the Border?" and select the October 8-14 event. If you have any questions, contact Cedar Lane's Intern Minister [Norman Allen](#).

### **Solar Water conference in El Salvador Oct 27-29**

CoCoDA, the long-time partner of LATN for El Salvador youth trips, has invited RRUUC to send an adult representative to their conference on solar-powered water systems which they are introducing in Salvadoran villages. Help us find out more about this initiative and possibly build it into our support programs. The only cost is airfare; other expenses will be covered by a grant. Contact [Charlotte Jones-Carroll](#) if you are interested or want more information.

### **Reminder! got news?**



Please send requests for articles to be published in the eWeekly and/or

Sunday Order of Service to

[news@rruuc.org](mailto:news@rruuc.org)

The deadline for the Thursday eWeekly is Tuesday at midnight. Thank you!

## **River Road Bazaar 2017: Party With Purpose! Saturday NOVEMBER 4, 8am to 3pm One Week Set-up: Sat, Oct 28-Thurs, Nov 2**

### **Meet our 2017 Bazaar mascot, Wanda the White Elephant!**

(Created by youth group member Serena Piervincenzi)

Wanda says, "Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 4 and plan to **DONATE, VOLUNTEER AND SHOP!**"



### **Exciting Changes for the 44th Annual Bazaar**

- The date is November 4, a month earlier than usual
- Set-up begins October 28-will be completed in one week
- Profit from the Bazaar beyond expenses and what is allotted for the budget will go to RRUUC's social justice efforts

### **What to Do Now**

- Mark the date-November 4-on your calendar
- Start collecting, cleaning, and sorting your donations
- Plan to volunteer
- Start talking about the Bazaar with friends and fellow members