



## River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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**eWeekly Newsletter: October 5 - 14, 2017**

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

### Here's What's Happening Sunday!

**Sunday, October 8**, two services at **9:15am** and **11:15am**.

#### ***Waking Up, Letting Go, Forging Ahead*** **Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, Senior Minister**

Last Spring we joined with hundreds of other UU Congregations around the country in the first-ever teach-in dedicated to the dismantling of white supremacy in our institutions and in the world. This Sunday, Rev. Nancy will be joined by Community Minister and organizer Rev. Archene Turner for part two of this ongoing learning experience.

Together, we'll reflect on what habits and structures hold us back from being the most effective agents of change we can be. We'll also ponder the freedom that arises when we let go of the need to know what we're doing. To dismantle white supremacy, we have to be learners, forging ahead even when the path before us is still being laid.

#### **Coffee Controversy & Conversation** **10:20am, Fireside Room**

#### ***The Grandeur of the Grand Canyon and the Challenges Facing It and Other National Parks***

Speaker: Jane Lyder, RRUUC member

Jane was the longest serving Legislative Counsel for Interior, working there for 30 years, heading it for 15. She was the Acting Superintendent at Grand Canyon National Park for three months during her stint as Deputy Assistant Secretary. Jane will show a short film and discuss the challenges that the National Parks face.

**WoW (Widows or Widowers)**, one of our Activity Groups, will meet at the Irish Inn at Glen Echo for lunch at 1pm. New people are welcome. Contact [Ursula Scott](#) to reserve a place.

### Congregational Care Notes

Welcome back **Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd**, from September sabbatical. Congratulations on finishing your book draft, too!

So many world situations demand attention, compassion, and generosity. This last month has felt especially fierce. We hold all those impacted the domestic terrorism in Las Vegas in our hearts, those dead, those wounded, families, friends, and all us who mourn.



### Enrolling Now through October!

[Click here.](#)  
Small Groups are a place to get acquainted, deepen relationships with one another and with the congregation, and provide a forum for spiritual reflection, study or values clarification.

Open groups to consider include: Eastern Religions & Philosophy, Women's groups, Men's groups, and a new group start-up in Virginia.

Have an idea for a group you'd like to engage? There are opportunities to start new groups too! Let us know by completing an [Enrollment form](#).



### Newcomers Brunch Sunday, October 22, 10:30-11:15am & 12:30-1pm

If you are a Newcomer looking for a spiritual community and are curious to see if you may have found one here, please come. Meet the ministers, enjoy a light brunch, and meet others new to RRUUC. Activities for the kids. Let us know you're coming - [RSVP](#)



### Tech Corner

**2017 RRUUC Leadership Kickoff**



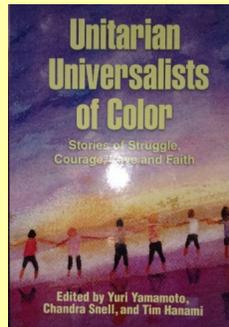
## Sunday, October 15, 2-4pm, Fellowship Hall Calling All Lay Leaders!

Are you a leader of a committee or group here at River Road? Then join the Board for the 2017 RRUUC Leadership Kickoff.

Among other things, we'll be getting a sneak-peak into the search process for a new religious professional, sharing our wisdom on the most essential aspects of our congregation to share with potential candidates, and pondering how the committees, groups, the Board, and Staff can work better together in the coming year. Service as a lay leader can (and should) be a spiritual practice, and we're honored to share that practice together.

### Social Justice News

**UUs of Color: Stories of Struggle, Courage, Love and Faith** is an engaging book, a collection of individual stories, some of which are bound to move each of us. It's a good starting point for honest conversations about the gap between our UU principles/intentions and the effect of white-centered culture in de-railing those intentions. For a copy of the book, email [Vonna Heaton](mailto:Vonna.Heaton). Each book costs \$15. Payment options are cash, check to UUofColorStoryProject, or PayPal via [UUofStoryColorProject@gmail.com](mailto:UUofStoryColorProject@gmail.com)



### Save the Date - Sharing Our Stories & The Transformative Value of Caucusing, Saturday, December 2, 9-12:30pm

Facilitated by the authors of UUs of Color, we have a wonderful upcoming opportunity to be with Yuri Yamamoto, the editor, and Takiyah Nur Amin, contributing author and member of the Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism collective as they lead a workshop including caucus groups. It's highly recommended to read the book in advance.

### Upcoming Events

#### 25th Annual Partnerfest! Saturday, October 14, 6pm, Fellowship

Enjoy an evening of ethnic foods, vibrant music and good fellowship. Hosted by the Partner Church Committee, proceeds from this benefit support our Unitarian partners in Fiatfalva, Transylvania and Kyrdem, Kasi Hills, N.E. India.



- 6pm - Drinks will be served at the reception
- 6:45pm - Dinner will be a selection of dishes representative of what is found in India.
- After dinner, there will be a thrilling concert by Dancing Heart.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 of which is tax deductible, and a Youth ticket is \$20.

Tickets available after services on **Sunday, October 8** or [online here!](#)



**Are You a POWTOON user?**  
If so, please contact [Gabrielle Farrell](#) - she needs your help!

### Are You Technically Inclined? Or Just Interested? Join the Tech Team

Support a Sunday worship service in projection, sound, video or lights! Support the learning monitors in meeting spaces developing training and troubleshooting - and sharing how folks can use it. Want to help at an event . . . join the tech team and learn how! You will be trained and scheduled and loved and appreciated and gain life skills! Contact [Marcia Leonard](#), chair, or [Ana Lim](#).

Do you know about the best kept secret at RRUUC? It's **Church Life** - an app for iPhones



or Android phones.

With Church Life on your phone, you can search the online directory, view the full calendar, register for classes, and even pay your pledge! Printed directions for how to load this app on your phone are available in the admin office - see Jessie or Ana.

### Website Update

#### Website News & Tips for Members & Friends

Use your Access ACS login (located on the top right side of the home page) to see member/friend-related pages such as your personal Access account, Board minutes, extended calendar, and the directory.

**Logging in:**

## Board Chat, Sunday, October 15, 10:30am and 12:30pm

Come join members of the Board of Trustees and the Senior Minister to ask questions and hear about the issues the Board is currently focused on.

### Inquirers returns October 15!

Inquirers want to know about . . .

#### Small Groups & Religious Education

After each service: 10:30-11:30am & 12:30-1:30pm, Room 31



Perfect for Newcomers! Drop in or sign up [online](#) at. Coffee, tea and childcare available. Inquirers sessions explore the topics you're most curious about, including: Social Justice, UU History, Congregational Life, and Membership.

Eight different topics, led by congregational leaders, rotates throughout the year. Sessions held on the last three Sundays of each month.

### Margaret Paris exhibit Digital Images

September 7 - October 15, Fellowship Hall

Margaret Paris has been a photo media artist for the last forty years using traditional and experimental techniques. This exhibit is composed of digital images.

As a fundraiser for UU-UNO, Susan Rice, and US Senator Chris Van Hollen (MD) will be honored, October 21, 4pm, Cost: \$75 [Cedar Lane UU Church](#)

Former US Ambassador to the UN, Susan Rice, and US Senator Chris Van Hollen (MD) will be honored for their efforts on human rights. Maryland State Senator Rich Madaleno will deliver keynote remarks. Order tickets [online and get more information](#).

### BBQ Potluck for UU individuals of color, October 22, 5pm

If you, or a family member, identifies as a person of color (non-white), then this event is for you! The Rev. Archene Turner will convene the fellowship event after Gabrielle and Rev. Nancy offer a welcome (and depart). Register [here](#) or contact Gabrielle Farrell by [email](#) for a food count and if veggie or meat is your preference for burgers!

- If you have an Access ACS login, you can use it on the new site.
- If you forgot your password OR never had an Access ACS password OR you have a problem getting a password, click on "Login", then click "Need Your Login?" and fill in the fields.
- If you continue to have a problem, contact [Sheri Blanchette](#)

### Check out the RRUUC Bookstore!!

The Bookstore is open Sundays after services in the Fellowship Hall. A supply of new books has come in so check them out!



### Meet Our Ministers



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



### River Road Bazaar 2017

Saturday, NOVEMBER 4, 8am to 3pm

One week set-up: Saturday, Oct 28-Thursday, Nov 2

Check the [webpage](#) for all details

The Silent Auction contains The Best of the Bazaar. Do you have high quality, attractive items that are new, nearly new or vintage? Think better jewelry, mid-century modern items, superb condition American Girl dolls, musical instruments, designer purses, and so on. If you have something appropriate, [email](#) the details and arrange drop-off with a volunteer (for security purposes you cannot just leave Silent Auction items at RRUUC).

Our bake sale raises extra money and makes shoppers happy. If you like to bake, please whip up a batch or two and drop them off Friday afternoon, Nov. 3 or the morning of the Bazaar.

We need WELCOMING volunteers to take 90-minute shifts between 7:30am and 1:30pm on Bazaar Day. It's easy: be friendly,

say hello, and offer a map. To volunteer for this, or any other task, visit the webpage (listed above) or stop by the Bazaar table in the Fellowship Hall after each service. [Email](#) questions.

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Minister for Congregational Life



**Dr. Alexa Fraser**  
Ministerial Intern



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