



River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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eWeekly Newsletter: November 2 - 11, 2017

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

What's Happening This Sunday, November 5

Two services at **9:15am** and **11:15am**

A Free Faith

Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, Senior Minister

This Sunday, we'll dig back into the roots of our liberal religious tradition. What does it mean to be a free faith? We are free from rigid orthodoxies, but bound to one another. We are loosed from ancient creeds, but loyal to something larger than ourselves.

No *Coffee, Controversy & Conversation* today
CC&C will return in one week, on November 12.



Joining Ceremony, after each service, Sanctuary



If you've found River Road to be your spiritual home and are ready to become a Member of the congregation or if you'd like to know more about the path to Membership, please contact [Sheri Blanchette](#), Director of Membership & Outreach. **Please note: this is the last opportunity to**

join before the deadline to become a Member in order to vote at the January 28 Special Meeting (see article below).

River Road Bazaar-THIS Saturday, NOVEMBER 4, 8am-3pm

The Bazaar is almost here! Thank you to all the volunteers who have been working so hard to set up and for those who signed up to volunteer on Bazaar Day. It's not too late to select a volunteer job for Bazaar Day! See what slots are available and sign up [here](#).

Last call for donations is 8pm tonight - Thursday, November 2.

Please remember to SHOP! We know special bargains await YOUR discovery in the building full of treasures! See you on Saturday!

Calling all bakers! The Bazaar needs homemade brownies, cookies, cakes, and pies. Please drop off items in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, anytime, or on Saturday morning. Questions? Email [here](#).

VOLUNTEER DINNER & PRE-SALE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Friday evening is a special time to celebrate the amazing volunteers who make the Bazaar possible! From 5-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, join your fellow volunteers to enjoy a delicious soup and salad dinner supplied. Dinner is followed by the Pre-Sale for volunteers and RRUUC staff from 6-7:30 pm. Get first dibs on great Bazaar finds! All items sold at the Pre-sale are priced at 200% of Bazaar Day prices.

Please Note: BAZAAR WORKERS' PARKING

Reminder:

Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday morning at 2am.

Set your clock back one
hour.

One more hour to rest after
the Bazaar!



Check out the RRUUC Bookstore!!

We have a few new books that highlight insights of Unitarian Universalists of color. Of note:

Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry, edited by Mitra Rahnama and the Committee for Antiracism, Anti-oppression, and Multiculturalism of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association.

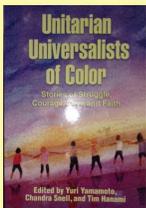
Come browse for gift books also for adults and children.

RRUUC BOOKSTORE



Parking spaces are at a premium during the Bazaar, and it is important to reserve spaces in the RRUUC lot for customers who are visiting the bazaar for a shorter period than workers, as well as for persons with disabilities. If you are a bazaar worker, we ask that you please park on the street on bazaar day. If you are making a delivery, please drop off your items without leaving your vehicle and exit the lot to park on the street if you are then staying to work at the bazaar. Your cooperation will make it much easier for the parking staff and will make our bazaar more attractive for the shoppers.

Social Justice News



UU's 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@UUofColorStoryProject.org). Each book costs \$15. Payment options: check to

UUofColorStoryProject, cash, or use PayPal via this [email](#) address.

Sharing Our Stories - The Transformative Value of Caucusing Saturday, December 2, 9-12:30pm, RRUUC Sanctuary

All UUs are welcome to join the "Sharing Our Stories - The Transformative Value of Caucusing" workshop. The workshop will focus on learning and reflection based on the themes of the book *Unitarian Universalists of Color*, and will be facilitated by book contributors Yuri Yamamoto and Takiyah Nur Amin. The session will include time dedicated to caucusing as people of color and white-identified Unitarian Universalists. Participants are encouraged to read the book before arriving for the day's shared learning. The workshop is free, but registration is requested. Registration is now open through Eventbrite. Click [here](#).

Upcoming RRUUC Events

THANKSGIVING SOCK AND TOILETRY DRIVE

Again this year, the youth group will collect new socks and toiletries (no bar soap, please) to be donated to Bethesda Cares. Donations will be accepted from **November 5-19 in the Fellowship Hall**.

Among the many things that Bethesda Cares aims to do is to "end and ease homelessness." Your donations contribute to that goal.

REFUGEE WINTER COAT COLLECTION

AFTER the Bazaar, on **Sunday, November 5**, we will collect for Lutheran Social Services any winter coats, mittens, scarves, caps that you might want to donate to be distributed to refugee families.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER, Wednesday, November 8, 7pm

Lebanese Taverna, 7141 Arlington Rd, Bethesda
directions and menu [here](#). Contact Chris Luckman via [email](#) by Tuesday if you plan on joining us. ALL are welcome - members, friends, neighbors.

Next Exhibit - *Mostly Family* by Walter Weiss November 6 - December 15, Fellowship Hall

Reception Sat, Nov 11, 6-10pm. All are invited.

For the last several years Walter has been painting people, mostly family. He says: "We respond to the smallest changes in faces, and

Adult Religious Education and Small Group News

Small Groups: Joining time for this season closes November 6

We have matched folks to open small groups and you should be



hearing from those facilitators. You can still request info through November 6 for new groups [here](#). Another round of joining opens up in February.

APPROACHING THE LONGEST NIGHT: A Writer's Advent

Sunday, December 10, 12:45-2pm

It can be hard to feel festive around the holidays when you are feeling alone, grieving, or overwhelmed. Come to an interactive workshop to reflect on loneliness and moving toward hope during the busy holiday season using resources from the Quakers, Rumi and Jan Richardson. The class will be led by facilitator Pam McFarland, who attends All Souls in Washington, DC, and will include meditation, contemplation, journaling, and discussion. Bring a journal and a pen. Free Will Offering. Sign up [here](#).

Inquirers want to know about Membership, Sunday, Nov 12



Sessions after each service 10:30-11:30am &

12:30-1:30pm, Room 31

Curious what it means to be an RRUUC Member? Drop in or sign up on the website. Coffee, tea and childcare available. Inquirers sessions explore the topics you're



this makes portrait painting both challenging and interesting. Sometimes a brush stroke will change a mouth from a pout to a smile, or a forehead from anxious into calm. There is also the challenge of both making a good likeness, and painting a composition with color and balance. Many of the portraits in the show are recent but some date back several years.

Two years ago after watching Marin Alsop conducting, Walter began to paint hands. Hands are very expressive, but unlike faces they do not identify the individual. From hands he moved on to feet, which are less expressive than hands but have their own human idiosyncratic outlines and twists. The six panel painting of the Frisbee player was inspired by a room sized painting by Rubens, with a guard lunging to rescue a woman being carried away on horseback."

INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO TRANSYLVANIA IN 2018?

The UU Partner Church Council is offering several organized travel opportunities to Transylvania during the year of the 450th anniversary of the Edict of Torda, which established religious tolerance and permitted Unitarianism to emerge. Join other Unitarians and learn about our shared faith! For more information, visit [UUPC website](#) or email Partner Church [here](#) at RRUUC.

Upcoming Events - Other Places

DC VISITATION NETWORK THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 18, 3pm-5pm

Augustana Lutheran Church, 2100 New Hampshire Ave., NW

Please join us for an afternoon of appreciation for the friendship that DC DVN volunteers and people in immigration detention have shared with one another over the past four years. We will socialize and get to know one another better, reflect on and give thanks for what we've accomplished together and for what our friends in detention have persevered through, and write messages of hope and caring concern to adults and children who will be in immigration custody this Thanksgiving.

IMMIGRATION FILM FEST runs through December 12, in partnership this year with the International Cinema Series. Next up is **The Nine Muses**, Sunday, November 5, 4:30pm, The National Gallery of Art, East Building Auditorium, 150 4th St NW, Washington, DC. **The Nine Muses** - an idiosyncratic recounting of the history of mass migrations from Africa, the Caribbean, and South Asia to rebuild post-war Britain. Artist/writer/filmmaker John Akomfrah (b. Ghana, 1957) incorporates texts from a range of classical writers from Homer to Nietzsche to Dylan Thomas, all reflecting on displacement, the journey, and the idea of home. Free! No reservation required. See the full schedule [here](#).

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most curious about, including: Social Justice, UU History, Congregational Life, and Worship. Eight different topics will rotate throughout the year. Sessions held on the last three Sundays of each month. Everyone welcome! Find topics and dates as well as [register online](#).

Save the Date: Special Meeting, January 28, 2018

This church year we will have a Special Meeting for Members for the purpose of adopting a congregational covenant statement. The process for developing the statement will begin the week of November 12, 2017.



Member Voting Requirements

RRUUC bylaws provide that you must qualify as a "voting" member at least 60 days prior to a congregational meeting. This means that to be a member in good standing and eligible to vote at this meeting, you must have:

- signed the membership book by November 29, 2017, and
- made a contribution of record to the operating fund within the previous 12 months.

If you are a Member, or a non-voting member, and haven't yet made a contribution of record in the last 12 months, please send your contribution to Diana Chimes, our Bookkeeper, or make a contribution to the Operating Fund online or through Text-to-Give. If you have been considering membership and would like to become a member prior to November 29, or have questions about your membership, please [contact](#) Sheri Blanchette, Director of Membership & Outreach, 301-229-0400, x102.

Meet Our Ministers



Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd
Senior Minister



Rev. Louise Green
Minister for Congregational Life



Dr. Alexa Fraser
Ministerial Intern

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