



River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Grow and deepen in Fellowship, Spirit, and Service.

eWeekly: August 2 - August 11, 2018

Sundays Animal Blessing Service, Serving Together Update, Alexa's Ordination, and more!

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The eWeekly has a new look!

It's week two for the new formatting tool from Constant Contact, our email software, and for the new look of the eWeekly. Thank you for your feedback! Do you have more you'd like to share? Let [Sheri](#) know what you think.



Sunday's Service, 10am *Can Creatures of Different Species Get Along?* *Animal Blessing Service* Rev. Kären Rasmussen, the Animal Ministry Team, and our animal companions

Join Rev. Kären, the [Animal Ministry Team](#), and our animal companions for this multigenerational worship service. With story and song, we'll talk about friendship and trust that cross the boundaries of species. Your pets are very welcome! Please be sure they are leashed or contained in a way that makes it safe and comfortable for everyone. Pictures of your pets are also welcome to be blessed!

Please note that the balcony is a pet-free area. Water bowls, poop bags, and hand sanitizer will be readily available.

Sunday Happenings



Meet Naan Pocen, Our New Membership Assistant

Say hello to Naan Pocen (pronounced Nan as in *Nancy*, and Pocen *poach-en*)! You'll see her on Sundays greeting with the Welcome Team, welcoming guests during Fellowship, and inviting newcomers to return, explore the congregation, and become engaged in congregational life. In this part-time role, Naan will have office hours on Tuesday and Thursday. She can be reached by [email](#) or phone the office. Read [Naan's bio here](#).

Joining Ceremony, Sunday, August 5, after the service

Recognize and celebrate your connection to your spiritual community by becoming a Member of RRUUC. If River Road has been an important part of your life and you've been considering becoming a Member, join us for this joyous occasion. If you are interested in knowing about the path to Membership, please contact [Naan Pocen](#), Membership Assistant.

Knitting Circle, Sunday, August 5, 11am, Fellowship Hall, Table with Yarn Centerpiece

Get a coffee or tea and join the circle around the table. We welcome all knitters and crocheters. You're also invited to the next evening Mindful Knitters meeting on Mon., Aug. 13, 7:30pm, Fiatfalva Room. Please RSVP to Martine Brizius. The meeting will be cancelled if planned attendance is minimal.

They're in West Virginia! Service Learning Trip, through August 10

22 RRUUC youth and adults led by Beth Irikura, Religious Educator for Youth, are in McDowell County WV this week to work with the people of Big Creek People in Action to make homes safer, warmer, and drier. In the evenings, they will learn about the rich culture of this rural Appalachian area. Watch [RRUUC's Facebook page](#) to get updates on their experiences!

August Events in Social Justice

Find August social justice programs and events on the [calendar](#).

Black Lives Matter Vigil, Friday, August 17, 6:30-7:30pm, corner of River and Whittier Roads

RRUUC supports the Black Lives Matter movement through public witness, action, education, and partnership. We invite you to join the conversation and work alongside us. We'll resume weekly vigils in September.

Pawsitively Helping Shelter Pets, Aug. 26

Extend the Offering for Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-being (MCPAW)

MCPAW is a nonprofit partner of the Montgomery County animal shelter. It provides life-saving veterinary care, enrichment for animals, and financial assistance to people who adopt special-needs pets. MCPAW works to decrease the shelter population (averaging 300 animals per day) by offering educational programs on responsible pet parenting and by providing pet food and low cost spay/neuter. Your generous donations will help expand the circle of compassion to include these worthy animals, who give us unconditional love and heart-warming companionship.

Wellspring, a Spiritual Formation Class Begins in September

Due to popular demand, second session offered!

Wellspring is a 10-month program of distinctly Unitarian Universalist spiritual development incorporating five elements designed to balance a knowledge of UU history/theology with personal spiritual practice and engagement with the world. As we expect more interest than space available, we ask you to complete an application **due by Aug. 31 available through the registration process**. Find more info and registration online under [Adult Spiritual Classes](#).

Water Ingathering, September 9

Mark the return to two services: 9:15 & 11:15am

It's nice to save some water from any place that is special to folks of all ages for the Ingathering Service. We'll kick off the new congregational year with a multigenerational service and reception for our ministers (one new, the other returning from sabbatical).

Community

Last Call before the Curtains Come Down

Unexpected Stage Company Performances run through August 5, Fireside Room

Unexpected Stage presents *Be A Good Little Widow*, a drama with jokes! The production has been Helen Hayes Recommended on [theaterWashington](#). Buy your [tickets](#) and enter code RRUUC for a discount. Limited seating, so reserve now.

SURJ MoCo (Showing Up for Racial Justice, Montgomery County)

SURJ MoCo and other groups are organizing counter protests and events in response to the Unite the Right 2 Rally on Aug. 12. Get updates to provide support throughout DC that weekend [here](#).

BLUU (Black Lives UU) Ministerial Network Worship Invitation

The Summer Online Worship Series, *Black Being*, concludes with worship, Sun., Aug. 19, 9pm

We hope Black UUs and UU-adjacent folks will join us for the fourth and final installment of the series, *Be a Witness*! If you haven't already, join our Facebook group and/or join our [email list](#) for information and access to worship. Two monthly online services begin in September. We will be together each month in explicitly black sacred space on the 1st Thurs., 9pm and the 3rd Sun., 4pm via Zoom.

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