

Religious Education and Faith Development Resources & Current Announcements

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Summer 2021 UU Camps and Activities for ALL AGES

Check Camp Websites for Updates

Online: UU Kids Connect Camp

It's THAT TIME! UU Kids Connect Summer 2021 is ready to ROLL! This year we're passing the torch of inspiration to kids K-8 with Six Weeks exploring all Six Unitarian Universalist Sources! ZOOM IN for the PARENT ORIENTATION on June 30th, 8:00pm(Eastern). Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84744555533>. And Register your kids FREE!

Register grades K-5 HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/27a55d2x>

Register grades 6-8 HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/yv686c9b>

In-Person: Murray Grove, Camping in the Grove (4th-7th graders, 2021-2022)

In-Person August 1 - 6, 2021, Lanoka Harbor, NJ. Six days and five nights of fabulous camp fun with a healthy dose of UU religious education and history. [Click here for information and to register.](#)

In-Person: Murray Grove, Senior Camping in the Grove (8th-10th graders, 2021-2022)

In-Person August 8 - 14, 2021, Lanoka Harbor, NJ. This experiential/destination, an offshoot of the Camping in the Grove is loaded with chaperoned, off-campus trips over a 7-day/six-night experience. [Read more and register here.](#)

In-Person: Unirondack UU Camp in the Adirondacks (ages 9-18 and families)

In-Person with reduced capacity and offering 100% cancellation refunds. [Visit this webpage](#) for descriptions.

- Barton, June 27-July 3 (Ages 9-12)
- Channing 1 & 2, July 4-10 & 11-17 (Ages 12-14)
- Parker 1 & 2, July 18-24 & 25-31 (Ages 14-16)
- Ballou 1 & 2, August 1-7 & 8-14 (Ages 16-18)
- Fox Trip Hiking Camp, June 27-July 3 (Ages 12-14)
- Loon Trip Water Camp, July 11-17 (Ages 13-15)
- Moose Activity Camp, July 25-31 (Ages 14-16)
- Beaver Challenge Camp, August 8-14 (Ages 15-18)

In-Person: Star Island, Isle of Shoals, NH (all ages, whole families)

In-Person Star is home to all-inclusive programming that focuses on a particular themes or topics such as art, history, sustainability, spirituality, and yoga. Conferences with a start date *before August 28* may register now. Registration for conferences beginning *August 28 or later* will open in early May. Take a look at their [programs page](#) to learn more about their summer offerings. **42 programs**, including:

- [All Star 1](#), Family Conference: Looking Forward, July 4-10 (All Ages)
- [All Star 2](#), Family Conference: Education Policy, July 11-17 (All Ages)
- [Faith Development](#) (Formerly LRE), July 18-24 (All Ages)
- [Star Gathering 1](#), Family Conference: Storytelling, August 1-7 (All Ages)
- [Star Gathering 2](#), Family Conference, Storytelling, August 8-14 (All Ages)
- [Youth Empowerment and Spirituality](#): Visions of the Future, August 8-14 (Ages 16-22)

Virtual & In-Person: Ferry Beach (ages 9+, families, adults)

In-Person June-August, Saco, ME

Visit the [Ferry Beach website](#) for more information and registration links. **17 in-person summer programs**, including:

- [Youth Camps](#), June 27-July 3 & July 4-10 (2021-22 **Grades 4-6**: Kids for the Earth (KFTE); **Grades 7-9**: Different Drummers (DD); **Grades 10-12**: FUUTURES)
- [Family & Friends](#) Hybrid Family Conference, July 31-August 7

In-Person & Virtual: UU Camp & Conference Center, Rowe, MA (ages 8-adults)

In-Person & Virtual [Visit this webpage](#) for updated camp and registration information.

- In-Person [Young People's Camp 1](#), July 18-23 (Ages 8-10)
- We are watching their website for additional camp information

Virtual: SUUSI, Southeast UU Summer Institute (intergenerational and family)

Virtual July 18-24. The 2021 conference theme is "Love Brings Us Together." Visit the [SUUSI webpage](#) and their [2021 information/registration page](#).

UU College of Social Justice: Activate Youth Programs

Activate Youth Justice Journeys offer high-school aged youth, ages 14 to 18, the opportunity to deepen their understanding, transcend boundaries, and ignite their passion for justice through immersive and experiential learning. Activate Journeys Offer Youth: A variety of options for hands-on service and activism; Having fun and forging connections with teens from around the country; An opportunity for a "boundary-crossing" experience; Introduction to questions of power and privilege; An opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of domestic and global justice issues; The chance to deepen bonds with each other and form relationships with local communities; Multi-leveled growth and development (socially, spiritually, politically, etc.); Inspiration and motivation to engage with social justice issue in their home communities. There are also programs for young adults and adults! Trips fill quickly so sign up as soon as registration opens. [Visit this webpage](#) and [this webpage](#) for information.

River Rising - Fantastic Youth Leadership Building Opportunity (9th-12th graders, 2021-2022)

Last Year There were Two in July and August in Two Central East Region Locations

Through covenant, collaborative leadership, skill building, games, silent reflection, personal challenges, spiritual practices and many magical moments both planned and not, we grew stronger, resilient and capable of facing the future. Read more here and register here. Deadline for scholarships is June 1st. [Visit this webpage](#) for information.

Sophia Fahs RE Summer Camp (3rd-12th graders, 2021-2022)

Last Year Camp was in August at Camp Echo, Burlingham, NY

Sophia Fahs camp offers an intergenerational UU community that provides enjoyable, practical and spiritual experiences in a safe, beautiful and natural environment that will inspire children, youth and adults to explore their identities: personal, communal and Unitarian Universalist. During the week, UUs from Long Island and the Central East Region gather together to form an intentional community based on our UU values. Campers worship, deepen spirituality, and build

community, while having an amazing, fun filled week, and making lasting friendships. [Visit this webpage](#) for information.

UU Alliance of Camps and Conference Centers (many camps)

The [UUACCC website](#) offers links to additional UU camps.

The Council of UU Camps & Conferences (many camps)

The [CU2C2 website](#) offers links to additional UU camps.

Westchester County Parks Conservation Division Camps, PreK-9th

Children and youth entering grades PreK-9th can explore and discover the natural environment of Westchester County with fun, hands-on experiences at our nature centers. Each camp will focus on different aspects of nature and teach about animals, insects, plants and more with a new theme each week. Camps will operate outdoors, safely under New York State COVID-19 guidelines. A maximum of 12 campers permitted in each group; eight per Pre-K group. Face masks are mandatory and social distancing protocols will be followed at all times. One and two-week sessions are offered beginning Monday, July 5 through Friday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Pre-K operating as a half-day from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Registration is [open](#).

Click here for [locations and dates](#).

Religious Education Information & Resources

2021-2022 Religious Education and Faith Development Information - Information Coming Soon!

Justice & Equity

Our 2020-2021 theme was **Justice & Equity**, supporting our young people in understanding justice issues, articulating their values, and engaging in faith in action with CUUC Social Justice teams. REsource pages:

- [Anti-Racism, Racial Justice](#)
- [LGBTPQIA+ Resources](#)
- [Hunger/Food Insecurity & Homelessness](#)
- [5th Principle, Participation and Voice, UU the Vote](#)
- [Indigenous Solidarity & Justice](#)
- Children's resources for [combating anti-Semitism and Islamophobia](#), providing positive representation and normalizing acceptance of others
- [NY Justice Roadmap 2021](#)

Countering Bias and Bystander Intervention

FREE Hollaback! Bystander Intervention Resources

Knowing how to safely intervene when you see harassment is a valuable skill. Hollaback! trainings offer methodologies in the areas of bystander intervention, conflict de-escalation, harassment prevention, and resilience. We encourage you to attend their FREE online trainings, listed on [their website](#). Trainings are great for all ages (your whole family can listen in together) and include Bystander Intervention 2.0: Conflict De-Escalation, How to Respond to Harassment for People Experiencing Anti-Asian/American Harassment, Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American Harassment and Xenophobia, Bystander

Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American Harassment and Xenophobia, Stand Up Against Street Harassment. Visit these great resources from Hollaback!

- [LGBTQ+ Street Harassment: A Guide For Survivors and Bystanders](#)
- [How to Respond to Street Harassment](#) - written to respond to gender-based harassment but the tactics are applicable to all forms of harassment.
- [The 5D's of Bystander Intervention](#)
- [Show Up. Your Guide to Bystander Intervention](#)

Countering Bias, Southern Poverty Law Center

The Southern Poverty Law Center's (SPLC) Learning for Justice project (formerly Teaching for Tolerance) released a new short video designed to offer an age-appropriate way to talk with young people about what countering bias looks like in practice. An original children's story from author, educator and LFJ awardee Elizabeth Kleinrock, *Min Jee's Lunch* was published in the fall of 2020 in response to increased reports of racism around the coronavirus. [You can watch Min Jee's Lunch here \[4:32\]](#). Accompanying reader questions can be found [here](#). In the story, a classmate announces that Min Jee's Korean lunch is "how everyone got sick." Min Jee and her friends must decide how to respond. We know young people face decisions like this every day. The organization Stop AAPI Hate recently announced that reports of hate incidents targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have increased dramatically this spring—including in schools. SPLC developed this short video, beautifully illustrated by Janice Chang and read by Kleinrock, to help start conversations about ways to push back against hate and speak up for what is right.

Support

- [Resources for Grief and Healing During the Pandemic](#). During these challenging times as the pandemic drags on and we are not able to gather with family and friends, we offer resources for moving through separation, grief, and healing.
- [Supporting Children & Youth in Developing Healthy Self-Esteem and Relationships](#)
- [Family Support Materials](#)

Children

Story Time Every Thursday Evening

Thursdays, 7:10pm in [Room 4635](#). Join Barbara Mair for weekly story time.

Youth

Center Lane is Open!

[Center Lane](#), Westchester's LGBTQ+ youth center, will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-6 with limited capacity. They will follow all of the protocols for COVID safety, including social distancing, and of course masks are required. Stop by for your gift bag! Center Lane is located at 30 South. Broadway 6th Floor, Room #7, Yonkers.

Murray Grove is Seeking HS Youth & Young Adult Camp Counselors

Murray Grove, home of Universalism in the US, is looking for Counselors for Camping in the Grove and Senior Camping in the Grove this coming August. High School students may apply for the younger camp, August 1-8 for rising 4th - 7th graders. College age or older may apply to be counselors for Senior Camp August 8-14 for rising 8th to 10th graders. The latter will be an

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UU Young Adult Network

The UU Young Adult Revival Network (YARN) is a project to rebuild the continental UU young adult network! YARN offers a community for UUYAs to get together in a safe space, growing identity groups (e.g., Black UUYAs and Countering Oppressions), CONlines, aka online conferences, monthly worship series and leadership calls, and a small group ministry program. YARN is supported by San Francisco UU, Joe Chapot, Ministerial Assistant and Young Adult Coordinator. Learn more about YARN through this short video, [An Introduction to the Young Adult Revival Network - YouTube](#). Sign up for our [bi-monthly newsletter here](#). See the [February 23 Edition here](#). **Website:** uuyarn.org. **Facebook:** facebook.com/uuyarn. **Twitter:** @uuyarn. **Instagram:** @uuyarn. **Discord:** email yarn@uusf.org for access. **Email:** yarn@uusf.org.

CUUC

Congregation Newsletters & Calendar

Click here for the [weekly CUUC newsletter](#). Visit the CUUC [CUUC Calendar](#) for schedules and Zoom links.

Online Sunday Worship, 10:00am

[Sunday worship order of service](#), login information, and videos of past worship services.

On the Journey, June: Justice

June Journey Group issue of [On the Journey: "Justice."](#)

Subscribe to the CUUC YouTube Channel

When you subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#), you'll find the videos of our worship and more, and will be notified whenever we post new content. Plus, IF JUST 14 more people subscribe, we can create our own personalized URL link! (Tell your friends and family!)

LGBTQ++ Community

UU All Ages Transgender / Non-Binary Monthly Gatherings, 4th Tuesdays

This is a wonderful community led, multigenerational space. Together, trans and nonbinary UUs are creating a space just for us to gather and build community--and it's a cozy, caring, affirming time that restores and renews. Already, many trans/nonbinary UUs have been gathering, worshipping together, connecting over important topics and fun games, and overall just enjoying

a positive, supportive place to get to know each other across generations, location, and more. There's lots of interest and we're still growing, and we want you with us! Children attend with their parents and there is breakout space for children and youth. This program is completely in line with the UUA's youth safety guidelines. The group meets at 8pm on fourth Tuesdays. [Click here](#) for more information. [Register here](#) to join the community!

BIPOC Community

BLUU Online Worship, Every 1st Thursday & 3rd Sunday

BLUU's online worship services are Black Sacred Space in their entirety - by and for Black people, with the words and voices of Black folks across the diaspora - and we hope that Black UUs and Black UU-adjacent folks (who share our values) from far and wide will join us! Feel free to come into our BLUU Zoom Room as early as 15 minutes before the start of the service to get settled, say hello to the folks who are already gathering, and listen to the music softly playing as we all prepare for our time together. BLUU worship is every first Thursday of the month at 9 p.m. EST/6 p.m. PST and every third Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. EST/1 p.m. PST. [Register for Thursday](#) worship services. [Register for Sunday](#) worship services.

UUA/Central East Region BIPOC Group

Those who identify as Black, Indigenous or a person of color (BIPOC) are invited to join the Central East Region's BIPOC gathering. This is an opportunity for lay members and leaders of color, and religious professionals of color to be in community. Our conversations focus on topics like wellness and resilience and our goal is to center BIPOC experiences and create space to explore our UU experiences. Dates for Spring Gatherings, Mondays at 6:30pm: Feb 8 & 22, Mar 8 & 22, Apr 12 & 26, May 10 & 24, and June 14 & 28. Email Sana Saeed (ssaeed@uua.org) or Paula Cole Jones (pcolejones@gmail.com) for zoom information.

Westchester Community

Community Needs ~ Opportunities for Giving

The CUUC Hunger and Homelessness Team invites us to help us help our neighbors in need by donating these necessities and leaving them in the plastic bins outside the CUUC doors: **socks and underwear; toiletries** (soap, shampoo, lotion, etc.); and **household cleaning products** (laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaners, etc.). We are also accepting **arts and craft supplies** such as crayons, markers, drawing pads, coloring books, glue, kid scissors, and anything else you might buy for your children, grandchildren – or yourself! Call Ray Messing at 914-592-4497 and leave a message so she can pick up and deliver our donations in a timely fashion.

NY Justice Roadmap 2021

The Justice Roadmap is a legislative agenda designed to address the harms caused by the deeply entangled criminal legal and immigration systems. Instead of affordable housing, quality healthcare and robust educational and economic opportunities, New York has built and metastasized systems of criminalization and incarceration. False and racist labels of criminality are used to justify dehumanizing conditions and treatment, deny basic rights, permanently exile individuals from their communities through incarceration and deportation, and further target and extract resources from economically-distressed communities. These systems operate through violent policy, structure, and culture to oppress and criminalize Black and brown people, families and communities. Now is the time for change. [NY Justice Roadmap 2021](#)

White Plains Food Scrap Dropoff Program

White Plains has become the largest municipality in Westchester to establish a food scrap dropoff program. WP residents can now drop off their food scraps at Gedney Recycling Yard for transport to composting sites. Westchester residents who don't live in White Plains can encourage their municipality to take advantage of cost incentives offered by the County for dropoff or curbside collection programs. For more, see the [White Plains announcement](#) and the [Westchester-wide broader program description](#).

[See RE & CUUC Newsletters Online Here](#)

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for Information about RE This Week, [click here](#)



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Worship Activity Sheets

Enjoy these activity sheets as you watch the Time for All Ages portion of the worship service.

- January Theme, Intention: 1/24, [The Crayon Box That Talked](#)
- February Theme, Belonging: 1/31, [Mira and the Big Story](#); 2/7, [What's in a Name?](#); 2/14 [Love & Principles](#); 2/21, [Managing Emotions](#)
- Earth Day: Coming Soon!

PBS Resource Enhancing Learning About Our Interdependent Web

As the children's class focuses on a module about our interdependent web and environmental justice, we share this resource brought to our attention by Catherine Kortlandt, [Earth's Sacred Wonders](#), a PBS series. The PBS description: "Many of the world's best-known landmarks have been inspired by faith and today more worshippers than ever are flocking to these sacred places. For some people they're sanctuaries for quiet contemplation. For others, they're sites for astonishing acts of worship, dangerous challenges and extraordinary deeds of devotion, rarely seen by outsiders."

Write Notes to Our Bridging Youth

What a year to graduate from high school and transition from youth into young adulthood!

Please let our HS seniors know they have a faith community that loves and supports them.

Submit a short note to be included in hymnals gifted by the congregation. These hymnals will be an enduring reminder of beloved music, words, and community. Sunday, June 6th, we will celebrate Bridging for these eleven 12th graders: Zachary Breault, Logan Breneman-Pennas, Ethan Fleck, Christopher Johnson, Madison Kung, Wesley Miller, Remie Suvanto, Jade Swiss, Maggie Young, Hannah Zipkin, and Will Zisson. [Click HERE to submit your note](#) of congratulations and encouragement for the youth. The form will be available until Sunday, May 23rd. Thank you!

Westchester Youth Alliance Food Justice Activity, Saturday 5/22

We are so excited to have some of you join us **this Saturday 5/22 from 1PM-6PM** (rain date Sunday, 5/23) for our Work Day for Food Justice in the Garden of Hope at Willow Park in

Yorktown, NY. We are still accepting registrations, and if you'd like to attend, **please fill out the registration form [here](#)**. We can use all the help we can get, and would love to see you there, so please register and spread the word! If you tried using the registration link from the previous email, it likely did not work. Please use the link included in this email to register. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for being such a vital part of our WYA community, and we hope to see you on Saturday! Contact: Nisa Geller, Executive Director, Westchester Youth Alliance - www.westchesteryouthalliance.org & Mobile- 917-861-1858.

Center Lane is Open!

[Center Lane](#), Westchester's LGBTQ+ youth center, will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-6 with limited capacity. They will follow all of the protocols for COVID safety, including social distancing, and of course masks are required. Stop by for your gift bag! Center Lane is located at 30 South. Broadway 6th Floor, Room #7, Yonkers.

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Center Lane's Gender Euphoria: Body, Friday, May 14, Online

For LGBTQ- Youth and Allies Ages 13-21. This is the second in their Gender Euphoria series. Our bodies can be amazing catalysts of joy and affirmation. Unfortunately, LGBTQ+ bodies are often policed by societal expectations. Center Lane has put together a panel of expert LGBTQ+ adults who will be speaking from firsthand experiences and together we will dismantle the body hierarchy! [Sign up for the Zoom link here](#).

8 Principles Songs

We are recording three new tunes so we can include all 8 Principles. Singing them helps us remember them. **We hope all PreK-12th graders will participate by recording yourself singing along for our video!** The final video will be similar to the recordings you have seen our Choir offer in online worship services. We will show the 8 Principles Song videos June 6th, RE Sunday. The editor needs two weeks for editing so the hard deadline to submit your recordings is **May 16th**, a little over two weeks from now. Read more about the project and find [video filming instructions HERE](#). Contact Lyra Harada with questions (musicalyra13@gmail.com). Thank you very much in advance for participating. We look forward to your submissions!

Children's Environmental Stewardship Activity Home Materials

Sunday, April 25th the K-4th grade class will be led by CUUC Environmental Practices member, Janet Bear, with Norm Handelman. Janet will talk with the children about why Unitarian Universalists care about the environment and climate justice, explain our new food recycling program, share a story, and explore with the children what they can do to help our planet. Then, **May 16th**, Norm is leading a class and activity about earthworms and food recycling. We will be preparing **home activity kits** for the children, including soil and earthworms! Norm has kindly offered to deliver the kits to each home. Active families who prefer not to have earthworms at home can opt out of the activity by e-mailing Tracy (cuucwptracy@gmail.com). Families who haven't been able to attend online but would like to join this activity and receive a home kit, please e-mail Tracy (cuucwptracy@gmail.com).

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Youth Group Returns at CUUC (Saturday April 17, 1pm)

7th-12th Grade Youth. With warmer weather, we can plan small, outdoor gatherings that follow pandemic protocols. It's still a little cool to meet outside in the evening so this month, youth group is moving to Saturday afternoon. Cyndi and Daniel look forward to meeting *in person* with youth at CUUC. And, we are inviting Croton UU youth to join us! The group will be outside and follow pandemic protocols. There are eight geocaching sites to be found on our grounds and games to be played! Bring a favorite game and a lawn chair. **RSVP** to Cyndi and Daniel, cdtil08@gmail.com so they can be in touch if plans change due to weather.

From the Environmental Practices Group

Food Scrap Recycling Starter Kits

Attention White Plains residents: the Sustainable White Plains Committee has undertaken to make food scrap starter kits available locally, and is working with the CUUC Environmental Practices Group to help distribute them. The kits cost \$20. We will schedule a distribution at CUUC's parking lot at a convenient date in the coming weeks (most likely on a weekend). To order a starter kit, email Charlie McNally (mcnally@pobox.com).

Home Composter & Rain Barrel Sale, order by Tue Apr 20

Westchester County and the Greenburgh Nature Center are holding a sale of backyard compost bins, rainwater collection barrels, worm composting bins, and other equipment at discounts. The deadline for orders is Tue Apr 20, for pick up at Greenburgh Nature Center, Saxon Woods Park, or Peekskill Depew Park later that week. [This creative video](#) explains the environmental benefits and need for composting food scraps. Info on the [sale can be found here](#).

UUA Common Read, *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons*

The UUA has chosen *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* by Imani Perry as the 2020-2021 [Common Read](#). Emotionally raw and deeply reflective, Perry's book offers a broad meditation on race, gender, and the meaning of a life well lived, as well as an unforgettable lesson in Black resistance and resilience. We invite you to read *Breathe*, then join one of our five small group discussions:

- Thu May 20 at 7:30pm, facilitated by Adine Usher and Jeff Tomlinson
- Fri May 21 at 11:00am, facilitated by Eddy Fried (of UUCHV)
- Sat May 22 at 3:00pm, facilitated by Amy Nathan and Rev. Meredith Garmon
- Sun May 23 at 12:00 noon, facilitated by Tracy Breneman
- Mon May 24 at 7:30pm, facilitated by Kevin McGahren-Clemens

To sign up, send an email to Pam Parker (admin@cucwp.org) with your group choice. If there is broad interest in one of the scheduled times, we will create breakout rooms with additional facilitators to preserve small group sharing. Copies are available through [inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop](#) and other sellers. The e-book and audio book are available on [Bookshop.org](#) and Audible. The title can also be borrowed from the Westchester Library System.

CUUC Annual Meeting - Save the Date!

Join us Sunday, June 6th after worship. The meeting will be on Zoom. Stay tuned for more information.

Canvass Update

The theme of this year's Annual Giving Campaign is *We Will be Back **With More Hope, Vigor, and Strength***. Our campaign will wrap up by May 10th–15th, in time for budget planning. It is paramount that **each and every one of us** supports CUUC, so we can continue to thrive and strive for a better world. If you have questions or concerns, contact Chris Kortlandt (917-821-4289, treasurerCUUCWP@gmail.com). *Click here to [read the full Letter from the Treasurer](#).*

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March 25, 2021 Reopening Committee Update

With the vaccine rollout going well in the tri-state area, many of you have been wondering when we will be able to get back to in-person services. We hear you, and we know how difficult it has been to be physically separated from one another for over a year...

If conditions around the pandemic continue to improve, we will consider reopening in the early fall. Before making this determination, however, we are closely monitoring multiple factors:

- Daily New Cases are at or below 1 per 100,000 people per day in White Plains and closest towns
- New infections in the area are less than .88 per already-infected person
- Testing in the area is widespread and 3% or less of the tests are positive
- Area hospitals have less than 50% of available ICU beds in use by Covid patients
- If new variants or slow vaccine uptake has us moving in the wrong direction, we will follow the most conservative advice from the State and the CDC.

For those of you interested in the governance process for reopening (or other requests for access to CUUC building and property), the following summary is the policy adopted by the BoT at the outset of the pandemic: all requests for access to or reopening of CUUC buildings and property must be referred to the Reopening Committee. The evaluation and recommendations of the Reopening Committee are in turn submitted to the BoT for review and approval (or declination or other actions as deemed appropriate)... [Read the full letter from the Reopening Committee here.](#)

FREE Photography Workshop for Youth, Begins April 12th

This is an **amazing opportunity** for teens 13-17 who love photography and want to build their skills in a meaningful way! Online workshops begin Monday, April 12th, 6:00pm. This 10-week workshop will teach teens ALL 8 UU Principles and how to frame concepts like equity, justice and compassion to capture and convey powerful messages in one shot. The workshop includes participation in a virtual group show with artist talk and everyone will take home individual portfolios of their best works. Led by avid photographer and artist Peter J Robinson, Jr. [REGISTER HERE](#). Contact Jil Novenski, Religious Educator at our UU congregation in Manhattan (jnovenski@ccny.org), for details.

Forum: Food Scrap Recycling, Sun Apr 11, 11:45am

Many municipalities throughout Westchester now have established food scrap recycling sites, including White Plains! This forum, hosted by the CUUC Environmental Practices Group, will provide information on how you can get started. We will have two guests, Lindsay Cohen from

the [Greenburgh Nature Center](#) and Lauren Brois from the [Sustainable White Plains Committee](#), who will be available to answer any questions you may have. We hope you will take this important step to reduce your carbon footprint. Contact: Janet Bear (jsbear1@gmail.com), Charlie McNally (mcnally@pobox.com). Sun Apr 11, 11:45am, Zoom 6161.

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UU-UNO 2021 Intergenerational Spring Seminar, April 9-11

The theme for the 2021 Virtual Intergenerational Seminar is *All In for Climate Justice: Food Equity and Sustainability*. The Intergenerational Spring Seminar, hosted by the UUA Office at the United Nations, aims to instill in Unitarian Universalist youth and adults a commitment to global engagement and the skills to take action locally to address global issues. The 2021 virtual Seminar is proudly co-hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth. The intergenerational seminar is an opportunity to collaborate with others while learning how to be a global activist. Through workshops, peer and expert-led panel discussions, community building activities, and worship services, you will undergo a transformative process of learning, reflection, and growth while exploring some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today. Click [here for more information](#). Click [here to register](#).

Online - Seder in Place, Fri Apr 2, 7:00pm, Zoom 7899

Passover is the most widely celebrated Jewish holiday of the year. This retelling of the exodus story shares a promise of liberation for all those who are oppressed. It invites us into our best lives as we take a deep look at the stories that guide our lives, ask big questions about our world, and share bountiful and symbolic meals as we connect across ages, tables, the globe, and millennia. Join us for this reading [of our online Haggadah](#) as we celebrate Passover virtually. This is a wonderful tradition for families to share.

All Ages Spring Fling! Saturday, April 3, 10:30am-2:30pm

Join us this Saturday for outdoor fun and fellowship as we welcome spring! We will gather to enjoy community while observing pandemic safety protocols. Come at 10:30am for grounds tours and cleanup, and an Earth Song Circle. From 12:30-2:30pm we will offer a special geocaching activity for all ages, egg hunt for young children, Easter treat table, games, crafts, and an introduction to the iNaturalist app. Plus a special appearance by the Rainbow Unicorn! **Before you arrive**, be sure to download the [Geocaching app](#) and [iNaturalist app](#) (the wi-fi signal in the parking lot is weak). **Bring** your mask, a lawn chair, bug spray, and your own bag lunch. You can also bring small items to trade as **SWAG** in the geocache boxes! SWAG can be a keychain, small toy, or other small items. If you take something, leave something behind of equal or greater value. [More SWAG ideas here](#).

10:30am Grounds Tours and Cleanup.

12:00pm Earth Song Circle.

Contact: Bice Wilson
(bicewilson@gmail.com)

12:30-2:30pm Geocaching Activity and an Introduction to the iNaturalist app, Easter Egg Hunt for Young Children, Easter Treat Table, Games, Crafts, and an Appearance by the Rainbow Unicorn! Contact: Tracy Breneman (cuucwptracy@gmail.com)

From the CUUC PlaceKeepers: We have scattered geocaches at various wonderful places around our hillsdale and watershed. We invite you to come and seek out those places using the Geocaching app, and experience the beauty and wonders of our grounds. When you see an interesting life form, pause and take a picture of it using the iNaturalist app. This will leave a Geo-tag, photo and wildlife description on the digital map of our hillside. Every observation can contribute to biodiversity science, from the rarest butterfly to the most common backyard weed. iNaturalist shares our findings with scientific data repositories like the Global Biodiversity Information Facility to help scientists find and use the data. All we have to do is observe. This is the beginning of a multigenerational biological census, documenting changes in the pattern of life of this place we all love. And, if we log enough iNaturalist “observations” (photos and notes), we will be allowed to declare ourselves an iNaturalist Project! Contact: Bice Wilson (bicewilson@gmail.com)

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Donations for Grace Church

We continue to collect NEW items for [Grace Church](#): NEW underwear and socks for men, women, and children, as well as toiletries. Place items outside CUUC's doors, using our bins. Call Ray Messing (914-592-4497) when you drop off a donation. You can also support Grace Church's outreach with donations to to [Lifting Up Westchester](#). Click here to learn [how to support our neighbors in need](#).

Center Lane's Rainbow Squad

Center Lane's FIRST pre-teen group! Rainbow Squad is a special group for kids in 5-8th grade to explore LGBTQ+ concepts and make friends! We'll have fun while building confidence, self esteem, and community! Rainbow Squad's parents will meet at the same time to talk about parenting, share ideas, and swap resources. Free on our Confidential Zoom! Mondays 1/25 - 4/12 (6:00-7:30pm). [Click here for more information and to register](#). Center Lane: 914-423-0610 & centerlane@wjcs.com

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Drag Queen Story Hour, March 20, 10:00-11:00am

Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) is just what it sounds like—drag queens reading stories to children. DQSH captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models. In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where people can present as they wish, where dress up is real. Angel will be reading 3-4 books, performing a lip sync song, and engaging with the children. Register to receive the Zoom login: <http://bit.ly/CUUC-DQSH>. [Here's our flyer](#). You can read about DQSH [here](#).

Youth Stand Up for a Better Westchester, March 24, 7pm

The Westchester Youth Alliance & Peekskill Youth NAACP alongside the Westchester Social Justice Forum are co-hosting an interactive workshop on racism. Join our teen leaders as we examine racism in our communities and explore how to build a more equitable Westchester. This youth led event and discussion is open to the general public and is the fourth in our 2021 Westchester Social Forum series! [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

BLUUBerries and BLUUBerry Youth

We're excited to host Saturday gatherings for Black UU children and youth, BLUUBerries and BLUUBerry Youth. (BLUUBerries are ages 6-12. BLUUBerry Youth are ages 12-18.) Our theme for this 8-week winter cycle is "Liberation through our Faith". Saturday Jams have community building, worship and faith development, cultural education, identity development, and leadership development. This cycle of the Berries and Youth meet on Saturdays at 2 p.m. Eastern for Summer jams until March 13. [Register here.](#)

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Pastoral Care Training for RE Volunteers - March 3, 17, 31

Pastoral care is a critical skill set for RE volunteers. Supporting our children and youth is one of the most important things our RE teachers and advisors do. This is a three-part series, 6-9pm on each date: 1) March 3, Introduction to Pastoral Care and Listening Skills; 2) March 17, Supporting Youth in Crisis; 3) March 31, Pastoral Care After Microaggressions. [Find additional information and register here.](#) **We are happy to cover the registration fee for any RE volunteer who participates.** Forward registration confirmation to Tracy so she can process the registration fee.

Peer Pastoral Care Training for Youth in 7th-9th Grade

This is a three-part series, March 6, 13, & 27, training youth to support their peers. Pastoral care is an essential part of a religious community and an essential part of caring for each other as human beings. We each can be present to each other as we go through both the hard and joyful parts of life. Compassion, witness, listening, and empathy are gifts we can all give each other. Youth can sign up for sessions individually. Session 1 is required for both session 2 and 3, but youth do not need to take the full series. Youth do need an adult from their congregation attending with them. [Information and registration here.](#)

UUA/Central East Region All Ages Event, March 19-21

Remembering the joy our congregations have had connecting in springs in the past, our Central East Regional staff are putting together a free weekend of fun online multigenerational connection. You're welcome to come to one event or all! They are still working on details, but we will have a fun Friday evening gathering, Saturday morning connections with leaders in similar roles between congregations, choices of multigenerational fun Saturday afternoon, and a multigenerational talent show Saturday evening. And they hope to inspire UU's to visit each other's Sunday morning services on March 21st. Stay tuned for more information.

Center Lane's Pride Academy

Center Lane's Pride Academy is a special program just for LGBTQ+ youth (ages 13-21). Together, we will learn about the unique challenges and opportunities being LGBTQ+ brings. and celebrate our community, history, and culture! Pride Academy is FREE and meets Thursdays, 1/14/21 - 3/18/21 from 6:00 - 7:30pm using our Confidential Zoom. [Click here for more information and to register](#). Center Lane: 914-423-0610 & centerlane@wjcs.com

Ramadan Interfaith Virtual Event - March 14, 2pm

To celebrate the advent of the fasting month of Ramadan, [Masajid Collaborative of Westchester \(MCW\)](#) invites you to a virtual interfaith event co-sponsored by Westchester mosques and Westchester-based Muslim organizations. Keynote Speaker: Imam Khalid Latif, Executive Director, Islamic Center, New York University, [Ramadan, Reflection and Repentance in a Time of Physical Isolation](#). The event is free and open to all. [Click here to register](#). Zoom link will be sent to you a day before the event.

In the spirit of Ramadan, you have the opportunity to [donate to a food pantry](#) serving the Westchester Community. All proceeds will be donated to a food pantry operated by Upper Westchester Muslim Society located at 600 Bear Ridge Road, Pleasantville, NY. The collection of funds is facilitated by White Plains Islamic Center on behalf of the Masajid Collaborative of Westchester. Jazakallah/Thank you.

A Vision for Racial Justice in Westchester County, March 17, 12pm

Join us for an engaging discussion of this issue of critical importance to all County residents. Newly-elected Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. "Mimi" Rocah and Dr. Edward O. Williamson, B.A., M.A., D.Min, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of White Plains, share their vision for racial justice in Westchester County. Sponsored by Westchester Women's Agenda, the AntiRacist Alliance Westchester and YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester. [Register here](#).

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Wisdom Share for Caregivers of Black Children and Youth, March 5th, 8pm

BLUU is proud to host Rev. Bill Sinkford from BLUU's Advisory Team for a Wisdom Share on March 5 at 8 p.m. Eastern. Rev. Sinkford will share his learnings, musings, and love with the community. This is a one-time event that will not be recorded. Registration is open to all parents and caregivers of Black children & youth. [Register here](#).

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Combating Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia: Children's Literature

The American Library Association Public Programs' Office offers [this great list of children's resources](#) for combating anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, providing positive representation and normalizing acceptance of others.

Middle School Winter CON, February 27

Registration is open! February 27th, come join youth in 6, 7 and 8th grades, along with High School staffers and adult advisors, for an online CON experience! The Central East Region and Pacific Western Region have teamed up to offer this event for all middle schoolers across the country. From 2pm until 10pm ET we'll gather to play games, talk in small groups, have youth-lead worship experiences, attend fun and interesting workshops and get out of our winter-pandemic blues. We'll be meeting over Zoom, but not for 8 hours straight, don't worry!

And when we are meeting it won't be like school. Our goal is to have fun and be active while still being together online. Our theme is Kindness – something we think everyone could use right now! The cost of registration is \$40 per person but we are accepting payment on a sliding scale – pay what you are able. [Registration can be found here](#). The deadline for registration is February 19th in order for CON supplies to arrive in time.

Beloved Conversations & Racial Justice - CUUC is Participating!

Beloved Conversations Virtual: Spring Term, Mar - May, Register: bcvirtual.meadville.edu

Beloved Conversations is a program for UUs seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice, and it delivers the toolkit necessary to work on the dismantling racism and building Beloved Community – together. Register by Fri Feb 26) and receive a generous tuition rebate, offered by our anonymous donors and matched by CUUC. Learn more in [our Beloved Conversations announcement](#).

Black History Month Activities & Resources

UUA Common Read & Resources for Black History Month

The Unitarian Universalist Association In Spirit Book and Gift Shop [offers these resources for Black History Month](#). Find information about this year's UUA Common Read, [Breathe: A Letter to My Sons by Imani Perry](#), which CUUC will be reading and discussing. Read [“Three Reasons Why UUs Should Care About Anti-Blackness”](#) by Mike Givens, February 2020.

People's Campaign for Parole Justice Advocacy Day, February 16th

The People's Campaign for Parole Justice, a statewide, grassroots coalition, will hold a special Advocacy Day in honor of Black History Month. The theme of the day, “Parole Justice is Racial Justice” will highlight the continued harm communities of color face from systems designed to operate through violent policy, structure, and culture to oppress and criminalize Black and brown people, families and communities. The People's Campaign for Parole Justice fights for fair and meaningful release opportunities for incarcerated people in NYS prisons with the primary goals of the campaign centered around decarceration and family reunification. Through the passage of the Elder Parole and Fair + Timely Parole bills, these two, transformative parole reform bills will collectively ensure that every person in NY State prison has a fair and meaningful opportunity to return home during the course of their incarceration. They will prevent aging, sickness, and death in prisons, reunite families and communities, and help to uproot NY's racist criminal legal system. RSVP to attend at bit.ly/feb-16-advocacy-day.

The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity, February 9-24

In the 17th and 18th centuries African New Yorkers buried their loved ones at the African Burial Ground. Closed in 1794, it was rediscovered in 1991 and is now a unit of the National Park Service. Visit www.nps.gov/afbg to find out more and watch these programs they will stream on [Facebook.com/AfricanBurialGround](https://www.facebook.com/AfricanBurialGround):

- Feb. 9 at 2:00 PM– William Still and the Underground Railroad
- Feb. 12 at 4:00 PM– Nicodemus: The Largest Colored Colony in America
- Feb. 15 at 1:00 PM– Presidents' Day: Presidential Trivia
- Feb. 18 at 3:00 PM– The Black Family and Education
- Feb. 20 at 10:00 AM– The Playing of African Games: From Ampe to Zamma
- Special Program:

- Feb. 24 at 1:00 PM– Special joint program with the Tenement Museum entitled: The African Family Experience in Early New Amsterdam

Books

- [*Unspeakable: the Tulsa Race Massacre*](#) by Carole Boston Weatherford, children's picture book
- [*The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks: Young Readers Edition*](#) by Jeanne Theoharis and Brandy Colbert, non-fiction
- [*How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*](#) by Clint Smith, forthcoming, including an event with the author (see below)

At-Home Lessons and Discussion Groups

- Race Talk with Lane Cobb and Eugene Holden, Weekly Wednesday Discussion - [Register Here](#), View [Past Discussions Here](#)
- Zinn Education Project, [Poetry of Defiance: How the Enslaved Resisted](#)
- Zinn Education Project Monthly [Online Classes, Black Freedom Struggle](#)
 - February 15, Civil Rights History
 - March 8, A Black Women's History of the United States
 - March 22, The Atlanta Washerwomen's Strike
 - April 26, The Carceral State
 - May 10, How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America, book discussion with the author

Black Power & Mapping Segregation in Washington, D.C.

[This new website](#) maps out the origins of the movement and highlights stories of Black activism in DC from 1961 to 1998. [This website hosts a public history project](#), mapping segregation in D.C. by documenting the racially restrictive housing covenants. These are Teaching for Change resources.

Seizing Freedom Podcasts

Ending slavery in America required so much more than official declarations and battlefield victories. Freedom gets built up over time—through a billion tiny, everyday acts. It's there in the chance to enlist and fight for a cause. It's there in the effort to reunite families torn apart by the cruelty of slave trading. It's there in the right to learn to read or found a church or decide how you want to make a living. And it's there in the insistence on the legal recognition of the right to do all these things. That's the freedom you'll hear about on this podcast, directly from the people who seized it. All of the stories on this show are drawn from archives of voices from American history that have been muted time and time again. [Click here for the podcasts](#).

Movements for Black Liberation

Two new films bring attention to the power and potential of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense. The PBS's Independent Lens released [The First Rainbow Coalition](#), about the burgeoning alliance in late 1960s Chicago between the Black Panthers, the Young Lords, and the Young Patriots to struggle against state violence, economic injustice, and racism. And a feature film on Fred Hampton, [Judas and the Black Messiah](#), will be released on Feb. 12. Learn about the [Black Panther Party for Self Defense](#) and their [Ten-Point Program](#) for social and economic justice. Also, the [significance of the Party's work](#) in Black communities across the nation for giving the poor access to decent housing, health care, education, and more.

Patterns of Race-Based Dispossession & Reparations

This [Zinn Education Project article](#) offers discussion about the 1921 massacre in a black neighborhood of Tulsa, Oklahoma. "This is not just the past. Racial inequality is still a problem. Forgetting about what happened and burying it without dealing with it is why we still have problems today." In many ways Tulsa and other Black communities are still burning, still being looted. Read more about [Tulsa's "Black Wall Street."](#)

UUA's 30 Days of Love

Our annual opportunity to lift up the ways Unitarian Universalists and many of our partner organizations are taking bold, courageous action for intersectional racial justice. Your family can use the resources below to learn and act for justice. Click each week's heading for resources on the UUA website. **[The four weeks of resources are now housed on our [Anti-Racism/Racial Justice Resources sheet.](#)]**

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Families with Young Children Coffee Hour, February 21

Diane and Hans invite families with young children to join them for a special gathering after worship Sunday, February 21st to catch up and connect! Meet in [Room 8428](#), Mtg ID: 817 388 428 & Passcode: 468468.

8th-12th Grade Youth Group, Friday, February 19

We are returning to once monthly Friday Youth Group, open to all 8th-12th grade youth. Join us for a social evening, playing games and having fun. We have invited our Croton UU friends to join us. Please add these 3rd Friday, 8th-12th grade Youth Group dates to your calendars, 7:00-8:30pm: Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21. Meet in [Room 8428](#) (Mtg ID: 817 388 428 & Passcode: 468468).

A Vision for Racial Justice in Westchester County, February 23

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 12:00pm. Newly-elected Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. "Mimi" Rocah and Dr. Edward O. Williamson, B.A., M.A., D.Min, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of White Plains, share their vision for racial justice in Westchester County. Sponsored by Westchester Women's Agenda and the AntiRacist Alliance Westchester. [Click here to register.](#)

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PrideWorks Drag Queen Bingo, February 18

Thursday, February 18, 7:00pm. We are not able to hold the PrideWorks Conference for LGBTQ+ Youth and Allies during the pandemic but we are holding other events to support LGBTQ+ youth community. PrideWorks is hosting a fun evening of bingo for youth, hosted by a local drag performer. Registration information coming soon!

Congregational Vote: Sunday, February 14

Congregational Vote After Worship: Adopting the 8th Principle / Petra Thombs' Ordination
We will be voting on two matters: (1) Adoption of the [8th Principle resolution](#), and (2) Approval of the Ordination of CUUC member Petra Thombs as a Unitarian Universalist minister. We ask all voting members to mark your calendars and plan to stay with us after worship. Learn [more](#)

[about our vote here.](#)

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8th Principle Discussion: Friday, February 5

8th Principle Discussion, Fri Feb 5, 7:00pm, Zoom room 2210

To prepare for our congregational vote on Sun Feb 14, we will host a final online discussion for anyone wishing to learn more about the 8th Principle. The session will be moderated by Jeff Tomlinson (jefftomlinson8@gmail.com) and Joe Majsak (jmajsak@verizon.net)

CUUC Patterns of Life Project: Footprints in the Snow, February 6

10:00am Through Late Afternoon, Nature Walks at 10:30am and 2:30pm

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children and youth who are interested in science, ecology, or simply knowing more about the life around us! Bice Wilson invites participation in an ongoing Citizen Science Project at CUUC. He has created a CUUC project on iNaturalist, an app co-managed by the National Geographic Society, where we can document the various patterns of life inhabiting our sacred grounds: [CUUC Patterns of Life Project](#). At this Saturday's Day in Place, February 6th, we will use the app to identify recent footprints in the snow. Moving forward, we will use the app to collect information about all types of animals including birds, insects, and fish that visit and inhabit our grounds, stream and wetlands, as well as information about our beautiful plants and trees. You might also like to download an animal track identification app to use while strolling. Contact: Bice Wilson (bicewilson@gmail.com)

Day in Place: Saturday, February 6

10:00am Through Late Afternoon

The Footprints in the Snow activity listed above is part of our February Day in Place. Join the PlaceKeepers to appreciate and maintain the grounds of CUUC, our spiritual home. Come visit the Spirit Fire, and enjoy walks around the snowy grounds. Take pictures to contribute to a folio documenting the day, and participate in a biological census project in the iNaturalist app. Contact: Bice Wilson (bicewilson@gmail.com), Terri Kung (terrikung@yahoo.com).

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Congregational Survey: Extended to February 3

2021 Congregation Survey: Racial Bias, now through Wed Feb 3

Thanks to everyone who has already completed our survey. To get input from more of our community, the Committee on Ministry is extending the deadline to next Wednesday. If you haven't taken the survey yet, please spend 10-15 minutes to give us your response to this important concern. Take the [online survey here](#). If you prefer a paper copy, [download the survey here](#), print at home, and mail to CUUC. Or email the office (admin@cucwp.org) to have a copy mailed to you.

Unirondack: Queer Eye Comes to Camp, February 4

Our incredible Program Staff are working hard to design an interactive Unirondack Evening Program that will be organized using the platform gather.town which will allow campers to create a character to roam around a virtual map to meet with staff in different stations and join in to

activities and challenges. Queer Eye will take over Unirondack for the evening, providing us with stations for Culture, Beauty, Fashion, Home, and Cooking... And as always we have some unexpected Unirondack twists planned. Thursday, February 4 at 8pm. The cost is a sliding scale of \$4-\$12. Pay what you are able and reach out if cost is prohibitive! These fees will cover program costs and staffing. [Register HERE](#).

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Summer 2020 UU Camps and Activities

check camp websites for current information

UU College of Social Justice: Activate Youth Programs

Activate Youth Justice Journeys offer high-school aged youth, ages 14 to 18, the opportunity to deepen their understanding, transcend boundaries, and ignite their passion for justice through immersive and experiential learning. Activate Journeys Offer Youth: A variety of options for hands-on service and activism; Having fun and forging connections with teens from around the country; An opportunity for a "boundary-crossing" experience; Introduction to questions of power and privilege; An opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of domestic and global justice issues; The chance to deepen bonds with each other and form relationships with local communities; Multi-leveled growth and development (socially, spiritually, politically, etc.); Inspiration and motivation to engage with social justice issue in their home communities. There are also programs for young adults and adults! Trips fill quickly so register soon. [Click HERE](#) for more information and registration links.

River Rising - Fantastic Youth Leadership Building Opportunity (9th-12th graders, 2020-2021)

July 5-11 at the UU Church of North Hills near Pittsburgh, PA

July 27-August 2 at Main Line UU Church near Philadelphia, PA

Through covenant, collaborative leadership, skill building, games, silent reflection, personal challenges, spiritual practices and many magical moments both planned and not, we grew stronger, resilient and capable of facing the future. Read more here and register here. Deadline for scholarships is June 1st.

[Click HERE](#) for additional information and to register.

Camping in the Grove (4th-7th graders, 2020-2021)

August 2-6, Murray Grove, Lanoka Harbor, NJ

Five days of fabulous camp fun with a healthy dose of UU religious education and history. The 2020 camp theme is "Hand in Hand," which was the name of the ship John Murray arrived on 250 years ago bringing Universalist religion to North America from Europe. Camping in the Grove is for children and youth entering 4th through 7th grade in the upcoming fall. Additional information and to register, [click HERE](#).

Adventure Camp (8th-10th graders, 2020-2021)

Mid-July, Murray Grove, Lanoka Harbor, NJ

This program will offer exciting service opportunities and outdoor adventures to youth who have aged out of Camping in the Grove and to all youth of adventurous spirit. We will be learning firsthand how we put our values to work in the world! Information and register on the [Murray Grove website](#).

Sophia Fahs RE Summer Camp (3rd-12th graders, 2020-2021)

August 23-29, Camp Echo, Burlingham, NY

Sophia Fahs camp offers an intergenerational UU community that provides enjoyable, practical and spiritual experiences in a safe, beautiful and natural environment that will inspire children, youth and adults to explore their identities: personal, communal and Unitarian Universalist. During the week, UUs from Long Island and the Central East Region gather together to form an intentional community based on our UU values. Campers worship, deepen spirituality, and build community, while having an amazing, fun filled week, and making lasting friendships.

Register at www.liacuu.org/Fahs. Additional information available [on their webpage](#) or e-mail sophiafahs@gmail.com.

Star Island (all ages, whole families)

Star is home to all-inclusive programming that focuses on a particular theme or topic such as art, history, sustainability, spirituality, and yoga. Star is a place to learn, explore, enjoy the outdoors and connect with friends both old and new. Programs are listed on their website, [click here](#). ***All summer sessions at Star Island have been canceled. You will find information on their website, [click HERE](#).**

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UU Youth Podcast

Community Church of New York

Exciting opportunity for UU teens in the NY and tri-state areas. Community Church of NY has hired a lifelong UU and broadcast specialist, Amy Wilson (WBAI), to help produce a podcast for UU youth 15-18 years old! This is a fantastic opportunity for UU youth to explore ways of practicing faith in action, small communities, the democratic process, and to exercise their right to a voice! They will have the chance to lead the conversation about what matters to them most, on a platform that will plug directly into iTunes, Spotify and other channels nationwide! Contact Jil Novenski, jnovenski@ccny.org and (212) 683-4988 x11

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Don't Work Sick. Don't School Sick. Don't Church Sick.

We Care for Our Community by Caring for Ourselves

This Week's Post from the Sabbatical Minister: [Taking Care of Our Health](#)

Questions swirl around in our minds and hearts, sometimes wildly so: How can we keep ourselves safe? How can we keep those we love safe? How can we keep others safe?

With news of the rise of the novel coronavirus and its spread to these shores, these questions take on new meaning and urgency. At this time, there is no confirmed case near us. Still, it is good to practice caution and resilience. With that in mind, there are things we can all do. [READ MORE](#)

An Incomplete and Utter History of Unitarian Universalism

[A Great Volunteer Development for Religious Education Teachers, Advisors and Mentors!](#)

Sunday, March 8, 11:40am in Fellowship Hall

Join Rev. Kimberley on a whirlwind tour of our history - the notable events and changes in our theologies that tell us who we are today and who we want to become. It's a wild, madcap adventure covering over 2,000 years of history in under an hour.

Used Shoe Drive

The CUUC Social Justice and Religious Education teams are partnering to collect gently used shoes to donate to the Soles4Souls project. All shoes go to developing countries around the world where they are distributed to people who often need to walk long distances for work, education and healthcare. Soles4Souls accepts all types, styles and sizes of gently used shoes. They even accept single, mismatched shoes! **Put a rubber band around each pair of shoes** and drop them in the collection box at CUUC. Read more about the project [HERE](#).

2020 Variety Show

Saturday, May 2, 5:00pm

This will be our 8th Annual Variety Show (WOW!), always one of the most FUN fundraisers at CUUC. It's fun for families and the whole congregation while raising funds for a worthy social justice organization. Everyone pitches in!

VOLUNTEERS: We ask each family to please do one thing to support the Variety Show. Many are tasks that can be done ahead of time (like donating a raffle prize or baking). Some only require you to be in attendance that night of May 2nd. Click here for the sign up sheet.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daaaa2eaafd0-cuuc1>

PERFORMERS: To sign up to perform, please put your names on the giant paper sign up sheet in the lobby of CUUC and/or email Liz or me. Also- this year we'll have a special finale and can use lots of folks! Let us know if you can be a part! Dress rehearsal is Friday May 1st.

Performers can come between 4:30-7:00pm to practice on stage and sound check. Saturday, May 2nd, performers arrive at 4:00pm. We will have pizza for the kids. The show starts at 5pm! Contact Liz (elizabethsuvanto@hotmail.com) and Kate (ksnowbro@gmail.com) with questions.

PrideWorks Conference

Wednesday, March 18 at Pace University, Pleasantville

This year is the 20th Anniversary of the PrideWorks conference for LGBTQ youth and allies! Celebrate by joining with other Westchester UUs to support the event. Greet arriving buses with our UU welcoming banner; tend our UU information table; or volunteer for one of the many tasks that help make the event run. Volunteer for an hour or all day (8:00am-3:00pm). This is an opportunity to put our faith into action! **We need to know NOW if we have enough signups to continue having a UU presence this year!!** Contact: Tracy Breneman (cuucwptracy@gmail.com), Tony Arrien (arrien@optonline.net)

Good Read for Kids

Even the tiniest creature plays a part of our interdependent web. Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, beetles, flies, some birds and some bats are pollinators to an estimated 300,000 species of flowering plants worldwide. Decline in this complex biodiversity is at our own peril and the humble insect needs to share our spaces. Many children understand this and can become discouraged to see someone killing an insect rather than adapting or simply moving it outdoors. Get inspired by a good read for kids, by veterinarian Tracey Stewart, "[Do Unto Animals - A Friendly Guide to How Animals Live and How We Can Make Their Lives Better](#)".

RE Assistants

Assistants Needed in RE No preparation required! Just spend an hour with our amazing children and youth while you fulfill our Safe Congregation practice of having two adults with our young people at all times. [Click HERE](#) to sign up or e-mail Tracy (CUUCWPTracy@gmail.com).

Especially for Youth

UU Youth Podcast Kick-Off

Saturday, March 7, 3:00-5:00pm

Community Church of New York

Exciting opportunity for UU teens in the NY and tri-state areas. Community Church of NY has hired a lifelong UU and broadcast specialist, Amy Wilson (WBAI), to help produce a podcast for UU youth 15-18 years old! This is a fantastic opportunity for UU youth to explore ways of practicing faith in action, small communities, the democratic process, and to exercise their right to a voice! They will have the chance to lead the conversation about what matters to them most, on a platform that will plug directly into iTunes, Spotify and other channels nationwide! [Click HERE](#) for the flyer. Contact Jil Novenski, jnovenski@ccny.org and (212) 683-4988 x11

Westchester Co. Youth Climate Action Summit

Wednesday, March 11, 8:30am-1:30pm

Westchester County Center

Assembling our youth to assume leadership for our environment. Sponsored by the [Federated Conservationists of Westchester County](#) and the United Nations Association of the USA Westchester Chapter. Contact: students@fcwc.org

PrideWorks for LGBTQ+ Youth and Allies

Wednesday, March 18th at Pace University, Pleasantville

Registration is now OPEN! This is the 20th anniversary of the conference and there is a special \$20 student registration rate. Many youth attend with their school's GSA; others attend on their own. The Westchester UU congregations are a major sponsor of the conference and have a significant presence. CUUC members volunteer to greet arriving buses with our UU welcoming banner, tend our UU info table, or volunteer for one of many other tasks. Contact: Tracy Breneman (cuucwptracy@gmail.com) or Tony Arrien (arrien@optonline.net) to volunteer. More information and conference [registration HERE](#).

Metro NY Junior CON

March 28-29 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair, NJ

Registration is now OPEN! This event is for youth in grades 6 through 8 from Metro NY UU congregations. Con = conference, a 24-hour event where junior UU youth meet. We have fun, make, do and learn stuff. We eat. We get to know each other. UU's from all over the Metro area attend. The retreat is led by YRUU senior youth. RE teachers and parents attend as advisors. This event is held every spring and fall. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

Register here: <https://www.uua.org/central-east/events/youth/mny-jr-youth-con-montclair-nj-320>

For questions about event programming please contact Denise Tomlinson (denice1uu@yahoo.com).

For questions about event registration please contact Charlie Neiss (cneiss@aol.com).

UU-UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar: All In for Climate Change

UU-UNO is the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office

New York City, April 16-18, 2020

Registration is OPEN! With a deep passion for and commitment to international human rights, youth and adults from all over North America gather annually for our three day seminar to dig deeply into issues with global impact. The intergenerational seminar is an opportunity to collaborate with others while learning how to be a global activist. Through workshops, peer and expert-led panel discussions,

community building activities, and worship services, you will undergo a transformative process of learning, reflection, and growth while exploring some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today. Click [HERE](#) for information and to register.

Metro NY Senior High CON

Save the date: April 24-26, 2020

Hosted by the Shelter Rock congregation. Stay tuned for more information...

Thrive Youth of Color Event

May 15-17, 2020 at the First UU Society of Albany

Registration is now OPEN! Unitarian Universalist Youth of Color (High School age People of African Descent, Caribbean, Indigenous, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latina/o/x and Hispanic, Middle Eastern/Arab and Multiracial) are gathering for a weekend of connection and fun at the [first ever Thrive Weekend](#). It's like a bite-size version of the week-long [Thrive Leadership School](#) where YoC gather to worship, feast, play, and engage in what it means to be YoC in their communities and the UU faith. The weekend will include a day of service and learning at Soul Fire Farm. Soul Fire Farm is a BIPOC-centered community farm committed to ending racism and injustice in the food system. They raise and distribute life-giving food as a means to end food apartheid. They bring diverse communities together on this healing land to share skills on sustainable agriculture, natural building, spiritual activism, health, and environmental justice. For more information and to register, [click HERE](#).

**for Information about Religious Education
at CUUC This Week, [click here](#)**

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Center Lane Prom Poster Contest!

Deadline: Midnight March 3rd

It's WJCS Center Lane's 25th Birthday and they need some artists to help celebrate! You're invited to submit a Center Lane Prom poster to be used for their official kickoff. If your poster is the winner, it'll be used in Center Lane's official newsletter and printed and posted all over Westchester County! You will also receive a free ticket to the Center Lane Prom! Click [HERE](#) for contest rules and additional information.

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30pm

Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Ct, White Plains

A free interactive program for all ages, co-sponsored by the MLK Freedom Library, Greenburgh African-American Historical Alliance, and the 400 Year Project. See flyer [HERE](#). Contact: Barbara Mair (barbara.k.mair@icloud.com)

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Faith Development Friday

Friday, February 21st join us for our monthly evening of learning, spiritual growth, and community.

6:15pm Pizza & Salad Dinner; 7:00pm Programs, including "Habits of the Heart" Adult RE, separate Adult and Children's Journey Groups, and Youth Group. We will also host an Appreciative Inquiry session to review Rev. Kimberley's ministry, which will be led by Lara Campbell. **RSVP to**

CUUCevents@gmail.com by noon on Thursday, February 20th so we'll have enough food and materials for all. The February Journey Group theme is God; packets are [online here](#).

2020 Variety Show

Saturday, May 2, 5:00pm

This will be our 8th Annual Variety Show (WOW!), always one of the most FUN fundraisers at CUUC. It is also an event where everyone, children to adults, can pitch in and create meaningful ties to a social justice cause. Please mark your calendars for **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd** - it is the most important date in the initial planning of the show because the children and youth will hear about 3 organizations and get to cast **their VOTE** to choose the recipient of the variety show proceeds. Contact Liz Suvanto (elizabethsuvanto@hotmail.com) or Kate Breault (ksnowbro@gmail.com) for more info.

Everyone can help with the Variety Show! There are many tasks, large and small. It's fun and your participation is appreciated! To sign up, click [HERE](#).

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Sunday Morning Greeters

We would love to have families greet Sunday morning before worship. Children and youth are an important part of our community and it would be wonderful to include them in greeting members and guests! Your family would be in place 9:45-10:15am. Contact Jane Dixon (lilrhodie@gmail.com) to sign up for a Sunday.