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Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

April 2, 2017

Shifting Grounds Beneath Us **Rev. Karen G. Johnston**

The ground of this experiment in democracy called America is shifting. Authoritarian tendencies are rising. How might we be the solid rock upon which to practice resistance?
Element: rock.

April 9, 2017

Swimming to the Other Side **Rev. Karen G. Johnston**

If we are all in this together, if we are all together swimming to the other side, what does covenanted community mean? What do promises (another name for covenant) look like as we are swimming and once we get there? Are they a life raft in troubled waters? Is a covenant an anchor that weighs us down?

Additional guest musicians:
Carol Church and Doug Liebau
Element: water

April 16, 2017

Rev. Karen G. Johnston **8:45 Tiny Resurrections:**

an Outdoor Easter Worship Service

In the Meditation Garden (rain or shine), let us gather together for this short service that connects us to the wisdom and hope to be found in the Easter story.

10:30 Blue Green Hills of Earth

A multi-generational worship service to celebrate Earth Day and our connection to the Universe, written by Rev. Erika Hewitt who will be preaching at the Installation service later in the month. Elements: earth and air.

April 23, 2017

The Dreamers' Dream Today **Service organized by Vanessa Colon and Coleen Tyler**

Join us to learn more about the history and current reality of the DACA (Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals) immigration policy. Undocumented young "Dreamers" are facing uncertain times regarding their educational opportunities and the prospect of being separated from their families. Individuals facing this reality will share their experiences and answer your questions.

April 30, 2017

What Makes a Fire Burn? **Guest minister:**

Reverend Jordinn Nelson Long

In reading this, you are likely contemplating a deeply subversive action: coming to church. How do the small spaces we create in our weeks make room for something larger in our lives? What will we kindle together on Sunday mornings, and how will those sparks bring light to the larger world? *Element: fire.*
Guest minister, Reverend Jordinn Nelson Long is a mother of two, native Wyomingite, Meadville Lombard Theological School alumna, and the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

4:00 Installation of

Rev. Karen G. Johnston **as The Unitarian Society's 7th minister**

This worship service marks the shared ministry that began with the unanimous call of Reverend Karen to serve The Unitarian Society last May. All Members and Friends, as well as neighbors, all ages, are invited to attend, to participate, and to enjoy the catered dinner afterward. RSVPs requested to help with planning (see article on pg. 6).

Child care provided: registration by April 15 required.

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Musings from Your Minister

What promises have you made to the world? To this place? To this people? To yourself?

These four questions are from last October in one of my early sermons. On April 30, the installation marks our shared ministry. It seems like a good time to revisit promises we make and what it means to be in covenant with one another.

Most of us grow up being told that a promise not be broken. As a parent, I tried very hard not to break any promise I made to my kids. As most of us do, there were times I was failed. My strategy became to make very few promises beyond, "I'll do my best..."

I don't know about you, but I have found again and again, whether it has to do with parenting, or just this messy endeavor of being human, even if I don't use the word, "promise," I am not always able to keep them, even if it's just the ones I make to myself.

Promise is another word for "covenant," which is core element of Unitarian Universalism. With our dynamic history that gave up dogma a long time ago, Unitarian Universalism has at its center the process of covenanting. It is not belief that binds us together; it is our covenant to return to the common table of intentional community and shared values that makes us who we are.

We trace this back to our Puritan ancestors. While their theology may seem unrelated to us today, their notion of covenant is the very ground we gather on. As Unitarian Universalists, we know who we are because choose "walking together," (a Puritan term) choosing continuous consultation when things are going smoothly and when there is conflict or disagreement. This is how we govern ourselves. This is how we know who we are.

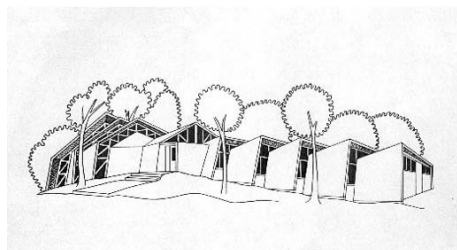
UU minister Victoria Safford has this to say about covenant:

A covenant is a living, breathing aspiration, made new every day. It can't be enforced by consequences but it may be reinforced by forgiveness and by grace, when we stumble, when we forget, when we mess up.

According to the Jewish philosopher Martin Buber, humans are "promise-making, promise-breaking" animals. Big sigh. Actually, Buber didn't stop with just those two phrases; there is a third: promise-renewing. This is what it means to be in covenant with one another: to join together, to know that there will be disappointments, even broken trust, and that we come back to renew through acts of acknowledgement, accountability, forgiveness, and love.

We are a promise-making, promise-breaking, promise-renewing people. I am blessed to be on the journey with you, my people.

Rev. Karen

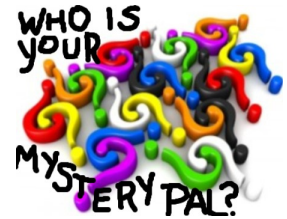


Religious Education News!



Affirmation Youth are attending their **Credo Retreat** at Murray Grove Friday, March 31st through Sunday April 2nd. This event serves as the catalyst for Credo Sunday which will be held on May 7th this year. Youth and their leaders and chaperones, participate in meaningful group activities that are both fun and inspirational. They also work on their Credo Statements in preparation for the end of the program. The youth raised money for this event with their Pasta Fundraiser held in February. We thank the congregation for supporting us in this important transition to a deeper UU identity.

Mystery Pals have been exchanging messages and small trinkets all month. The time to find out who your Mystery Pal is has arrived. A celebratory brunch will be held in the Gathering Room, Sunday April 2nd, after services (12 to 12:45). Please look to your individual emails to be reminded of the kind of canned food you will bring for the food bank. This is also how you will identify your Mystery Pal. Gifts are not required but small sharings are encouraged.



Affirmation Youth will be meeting after services on April 9th with Rev. Karen to begin **planning their Credo Service**. Please plan to attend, even though it is a bit down the road. We appreciate your input and heartfelt involvement in this important UU tradition.

There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 16th (Easter) on the TUS property. We are hoping for a lovely spring day so the kids can be inside and out. Just a note to parents, your children will not come home with candy coated eggs and peeps! Instead, the eggs will be filled with prizes, toys, and trinkets. Healthier snack options will be available.



The Unitarian Society is having a **Senior Bridging Ceremony** on May 21st for 5 TUS High School Seniors. We invite you to share in this momentous occasion as we support their transition into young adulthood.

If you have ideas for the Religious Education program that you would like to share or areas that you would like to learn about, including leadership development, please plan on attending our **RE Visioning session** on Saturday, June 3rd from 10 to approximately 2:45. Childcare and lunch will be provided. We are planning to have the workshop in two parts so you can attend one or both, depending on what your schedule permits. More details to come. Please sign up in the lobby starting the first week of May.



Thank You!

There will be a **Teacher Appreciation** segment during the June 18th Sunday services with a **BBQ Picnic** following. This event is to celebrate all the dedication, hard work, and commitment that our RE volunteers have contributed in 2016-17. What a year it has been as we have come together with the new DRE and minister. This is a time to look back with gratitude and celebrate your strong TUS community!

Installation of Reverend Karen G. Johnston
The Unitarian Society's 7th Settled Minister

April 30, 2017 4:00 pm

Dinner afterward



This installation formally recognizes the shared ministry between The Unitarian Society, a Unitarian Universalist Congregation and Reverend Karen. It is a time of hopes and dreams about the kind of ministry we can do together. It is a deepening of our covenant together.

Please Come!

Adults and children are welcome. Members, friends, guests are welcome. There will be area UU clergy attending, as well as local interfaith representation.

At the installation itself, Rev. Karen will be presenting the congregation with a gift (you'll hear more about that if you come to the Sunday service on April 2). We will be presenting Rev. Karen with a gift from us, as well.

There will be a pop-up choir, as well as beautiful music from both our Acting Music Coordinator, Mike Stein, and our Music Director Emeritus, Dan Lindblom.

There will be a delicious dinner after the ceremony – provided by Global Grace Café, making good on our ongoing commitment to partner with local immigrants and refugees.

As part of our new and growing Music Program, you are invited to sponsor a new teal hymnal for \$20 so that we can expand our singing repertoire on Sunday mornings.

*Come take part!
Come celebrate together the
work that has brought us to
this moment!*

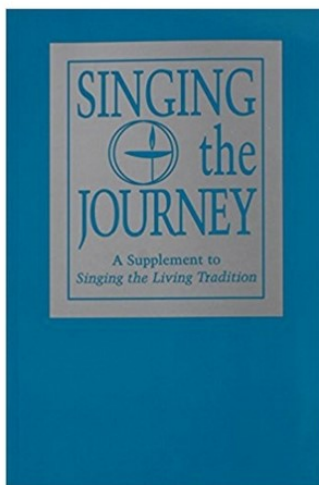
Coming to TUS...

...with your help

SPONSOR A HYMNAL \$20 EACH

Specially-designed book plate for inside each hymnal. With each sponsorship you choose to whom/what you dedicate the hymnal and the congregation gets to sing from this vibrant collection

It's a WIN-WIN!



**please contact Marlene
Mulroney or look for
information on
Sundays in April & May
marlenemulroney@aol.com**

Installation Need-To-Know Highlights



Our Dinner

The dinner will be catered by Global Grace Cafe and its catering services, which is run by Najla Khudr, a relatively recent immigrant from Syria.

THE FOOD IS DELICIOUS!

This is one of the ways that TUS shows its support for local immigrants and refugees and participates in the Interfaith RISE coalition.



directed by
Mike Stein

TUS POP-UP Installation Choir

Rehearsals
Saturdays, 9:30 -11
April 8, 15, 29



Do you need child care for the installation?

Children are welcome and encouraged to attend the installation service. However, it will be longer than many of our little ones (or their parents) will joyfully manage, so we plan to have child care available.

You **MUST** register for it by April 15. Go to the RSVP tab on the installation website.

<http://revkarensinstallationattus.weebly.com/>



For folks with mobility issues

PARKING: As always, parking spaces in the upper circle are for those with mobility issues. If those run out, we will have a valet service on the upper circle so you drive there, give them your keys, and they will park your car below.

SEATING: There will be a section of chairs on the upper back landing of the sanctuary that are reserved for folks who do not want to do the stairs in that room. Feel free to sit there or wherever you feel comfortable.

New Members!

Christina and Jeffrey Sieben

Jeffrey was born in Chicago and lived on a horse farm in Allentown, NJ. He went to the Berkeley College of Music as an undergrad and earned his Masters degree in Information Systems in Germany. He worked in Vienna for Proctor and Gamble and presently works in New York for Columbia University as a Senior Director of Information Technology. He is trained as a jazz drummer and enjoys bicycling, camping, and other outdoor activities. He was raised as a Catholic, but became interested in The Unitarian Society because two of their children attended the Montessori School here.

Christina was born the former East Germany and was raised in a non-faith tradition. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Multimedia Production there and in Australia, where she lived for a while. Christina is currently employed as a Data Analyst. She enjoys reading and running, especially in Half Marathon runs.

Jeffrey and Christina met in New York sixteen years ago and are celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary this December. They have three children: Leonard, Evianne, and Samuel as well as a cat, Maggie.

Jeffrey loves to grill and extends an invitation to everyone to visit. Welcome Sieben family!

Charity "Harmony" Williams

Charity Williams prefers to be known as Harmony! She and her husband Andre and their beautiful daughter Zahryna are so thrilled to have found their spiritual home at TUS. They recently moved to NJ from San Francisco, CA and currently live in Bridgewater. This was a big move for them but they are glad to be here on the east coast.

Both Andre and Harmony are professionally certified life coaches, Andre, with adults who wish to transform their lives; Harmony with families as a parenting coach and childcare consultant. They have enjoyed visiting TUS since October last year and feel so blessed to now call it their church home. Zahryna is doing so well in religious education and has quickly made new friends in her RE class. They feel everyone has been so wonderful and look forward to getting to know more members as time goes on.

Harmony loves to cook and has completed professional culinary training through Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. Andre loves to practice martial arts and has trained Brazilian jujitsu for over 16 years. Zahryna loves to ride horses, go swimming in the summer and take gymnastics classes. Andre and I are both very excited or the opportunity to use our gifts and talents in the TUS congregation as well as the communities surrounding it. They thank all of us for making them feel right at home and hope to make this their church home for many, many years to come.



Are you thinking about becoming a Member?

Have you been participating in activities and Sunday services at TUS over the past several months? Are considering becoming a member? If so, that's great!

Please look for the announcement about the "You, UU, & TUS" Workshop on May 20. See page 12.

One of the privileges and responsibilities of membership is voting at our annual meeting which is scheduled for May 21st. According to our by-laws, only those who become members by April 9 will be able to vote at that meeting.

If you are thinking about becoming a member and would like to be able to vote at the annual meeting, make sure that you reach out right away to Jackie Held-Rubin, the chair of the Membership Committee, as well as to Reverend Karen, to set up times to meet to talk about the pathways of membership, its responsibilities and rewards.

Jackie's Email is: Jacalyn21@aol.com





The **Stewardship Brunch** on Sunday, March 12 to kick off the canvass was a smashing success and so much fun! Over 100 members, friends, visitors, and children came together in a spirit of community to hear the message of stewardship, eat great food, feel the love around us and hear a rousing rendition of “I am the very model of the modern Unitarian” sung by Ryan Mulroney and TUS vocalists!

Thanks to all who have already sent in their pledge form or completed it on the day of the Brunch for your intended giving during the 2017-2018 TUS year (September 1, 2017-August 31, 2018). We have already collected 54 pledges for a total of \$73,873. We are aiming for a 10% increase this year to \$116,000 so that we can cover our regular operating budget, plus a requested expansion of the music program, added hours for the Religious Education Director and honoring our long-standing commitment to contribute to staff pensions with a zero deficit.

Our target date for getting responses to pledges is **April 2**. Please make the job of the Canvass Committee easier by contacting Bob Haug (dymaxyon@aol.com) with your pledge intention for the coming year. Like on NPR, the sooner we hear from everyone, the sooner the campaign can end!

~Paula Lieb and Bob Haug, Canvass Co-Chairs



Minister's Discretionary Fund

Sometimes we all need a little help. Times get hard financially. It can be awkward to ask for help. But this, too, is what a religious community, a spiritual home, is. Helping each other out as we can. Rev. Karen administers the Minister's Discretionary Fund, providing financial support on a limited basis. This is money that is collected at our Christmas Eve service for this very purpose, so it is not taking away from anything else that is also important.

Please reach out to Rev. Karen at
revkarentus@gmail.com
or (732) 649-8110.

These conversations are
confidential.



New Nametags



The Membership Committee rolled out new nametags with lanyards! Thank you to Ryan Bartynski for designing our new name tags, and to Alia Shinbrough and Ryan for their many hours of work on this project. Please bear with us, there are bound to be misspellings or mistakes—just bring your correction to the Welcome Table or send an email to Jackie Held-Rubin at Jacalyn21@aol.com.

General Assembly, the national gathering of Unitarian Universalists that takes place every year **at the end of June**, is taking place in New Orleans this year. This can be a stimulating experience of connection and learning, meeting UUs from across the continent and the world, and a chance to deepen your connection to your Unitarian Universalist identity, sense of purpose, and collective spirit. **Registration (conference & housing) begins on March 1.**

For more information check it out here: <http://www.uua.org/ga>

If you would like to represent The Unitarian Society as a voting delegate (we are allowed three), please contact Linda Jay (lindamjay@comcast.net), president of the board before **April 20** (you must be a TUS member to be a delegate). The board has set aside some monies to help with registration fees for delegates.



Cash In Basket for April

Apr 2 - UULMNJ: Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of NJ
www.uulmnj.org

Apr 9 & 16 - Delaware River Keeper Network
<http://www.delawareriverkeeper.org/>



Apr 23 - United We Dream
<https://unitedwedream.org/>

Apr 30 - Elijah's Promise
<http://www.elijahspromise.org>



Request to all Committee Chairs: Please make sure the date and time of your meetings make it into the TUS calendar (just let Megan in the office know), even if you don't need to reserve space and even if you are meeting off site. It is helpful for all to know that the work of this congregation is taking place and to see how busy and engaged all the efforts are to make this congregation hum. Thank you.

A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

Please sign up as soon as you can so we can let our interfaith partners know we will take part!

ISLAMIC CENTER
OF EAST BRUNSWICK
(IQRA)

402 New Brunswick Ave

HAS INVITED TUS TO
THEIR BLOOD DRIVE

April 22, 2017
exact time of day TBA

WE NEED A HEAD COUNT -- PLEASE EMAIL DAVID MYERS
(DAVIDMYERS500@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU WILL TAKE PART
OR HAVE QUESTIONS



Annual Congregational Meeting May 21st, 12 noon



Reminder to Committees!

*Annual Reports of committee activities are due **April 10**. Send by email to uutus@gmail.com. Hard copies of the Report will be available in the lobby on Sunday, May 14.*

Scrip



Grocery store card (aka scrip) purchases by credit/debit card (Visa, MC, Discover or AmEx) are now available. We offer \$50 and \$100 cards for Stop and Shop and Shop-Rite. Of course cash and checks are still accepted (and preferred, since we don't share the 5% profit with credit/debit card companies). See Lynne, Judy, or Harriet in the lobby before or after the service to purchase cards—and remember, they make great holiday gifts.



PASSOVER SEDER

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 5:30pm

Join us for the annual PASSOVER SEDER being held at TUS on SUNDAY APRIL 9th at 5:30 PM This will be a traditional UU Seder, with the usual trimmings including great food, an "Afikomen search" and treats for all of the children. This is a wonderful opportunity for sharing of culture and sharing of family.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the lobby for both cooks and folks who would like to attend. Payment can be made at the door, but please let us know in advance if you can join us so we can ensure that we have enough food for everyone. The cost is \$10/ adults and \$5/children 5-13 years old. Children under 5 are free of charge.

Please contact Marlene Mulroney (marlenemulroney@aol.com) with any questions. To let us know if you can make it, please sign up in the lobby, phone the TUS office (732-246-3113) or email uutus@comcast.net.



HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

The Hospitality Committee is looking for folks to set up and clean up for the **Passover Seder on Sunday, April 9th, starting at 4pm.**

Please contact Marlene Mulroney at marlenemulroney@aol.com to help!

Bridging High School Seniors

Sunday, May 21

We have 4-5 high school seniors who are graduating from high school this year. At our May 21 Sunday service, we will have a bridging ritual to mark their transition from being youth to young adult, affirming their important place within Unitarian Universalism and reminding them that they are always welcome back at TUS.

If you are a UU young adult, or know one, who would like to take part in the bridging ritual, please have them reach out to Rev. Karen. Or just encourage them to show up at services that Sunday.



Mindfulness in The Montessori Classroom



Tina Rasin (assistant teacher at UMS) and Susanne Biancamano (director at UMS) had the privilege of presenting Mindfulness in the Montessori Classroom at the New Jersey Montessori Association Conference on March 3rd to 125 educators at the Pines Manor in Edison. The workshop provided an introduction to mindfulness practice and how it could be implemented in the classroom. Teachers learned how to use what they already know plus several fundamental mindful exercises including breathing exercises, mindful listening, exploring emotions, labeling thoughts mindful movements and body scanning. Neuroscience research has proven that mindfulness practices change the brain. The development of mindfulness builds the foundation for teaching stress management, emotional regulation and interpersonal skills. Mindfulness is intricately woven in the Montessori classroom and our workshop provided a spring board for the work that is presented in this traditional setting. There are many benefits of mindfulness that are particularly relevant to educators including improved attention, calmness and resilience.



Interfaith RISE – a coalition of faith and community partners supporting refugees and immigrants locally. TUS is a member of this coalition. Currently, Lynne Pitcher has been attending meeting -- typically at noon on rotating weekdays at the Reformed Church of Highland Park. (Thank you, Lynne!)

We welcome others from TUS in attendance to represent us and share what you learn with the wider congregation. If you go, please let Rev. Karen know – we're just trying to keep track. Or if you are interested in going, talk to Lynne or Rev. Karen or Kathy Scarbrough.

Update: One more refugee family is on its way! Scheduled to arrive on April 12, a family of six from Afghanistan will be settled in Edison with Our Savior's Lutheran Church stepping up to provide the housing at an incredibly reasonable price.

There is ongoing need for volunteers. Folks need to attend a training that will be scheduled sometime in April. It will be about two hours. For more information, sign up here: <http://www.interfaithrise.org/2017/02/08/volunteer/>

Music Committee News

Thank you to all who participated in the music survey to help us vision our new music program. We are still tallying the results and will report back in the May newsletter.

Please contact Carol Church at car227ol@hotmail.com if you are interested in sharing your musical talents in our services in the future.



Parents' Group

The Parents Group will be not be meeting in April
We will be changing our regular meetings to the first Sunday of the month at 12:00.

Our next meeting will be on **Sun, May 7th**, then the following meeting will be on **June 4th**.



JUST SAY YES



TUS is many things to all of us, a place of comfort, strength, peace, support, and love to name a few. The Leadership Development Committee hopes that in the spirit of being involved and giving back, that you will Say YES when asked to help or serve. Consider joining a committee, becoming a committee chair, or a member of our Board of Directors. Please contact anyone on the Leadership Development Committee (Marlene Mulroney, Bob Haug, Joyce Browning, Phyllis Shaw, or Kathy Reilly) through the TUS office uutus@comcast.net/732-246-3113 for more details on how your skills and desire to make a difference can be matched with the right opportunity for you.

Can you be a TUS Helping Hand?

A small effort can make a big difference when we respond with help and support.

The Pastoral Care Team is beginning to use the online service called LotsaHelpingHands.com to organize our efforts to support members and friends of TUS who need us. If you join the TUS Helping Hands team, you will be notified when an online "community" is made for someone who needs some extra attention -- perhaps a dinner delivered to their home, perhaps a ride to a doctor's appointment.

You will be able to choose whether to join that community, as well as in what ways and how often you can help out. Just one meal? That's fine. A meal every week for a month? That works too.

Please send your name and email address to Phyllis Shaw to be added to the list: grenthum@gmail.com



Monthly Themes

Monthly Themes for Sunday Services



Month	Theme
Sept	What Is Holy?
Oct	Covenant & Community
Nov	Gratitude & Generosity
Dec	Darkness & Light
Jan	UU Principles & Sources
Feb	Love
March	Spiritual Practices
April	Natural Elements
May	Hope & Aspirations
June	Past, Present, Future



April's Theme: Natural Elements—Earth, Water, Fire

“The rocks are beyond slow, beyond strong, and yet, yielding to a soft, green breath as powerful as a glacier, the mosses wearing away their surfaces grain by grain, bringing them slowly back to sand. There is an ancient conversation going on between mosses and rocks, poetry to be sure. About light and shadow and the drift of continents.”

~Robin Wall Kimmerer

Water flows from high in the mountains.

Water runs deep in the Earth.

*Miraculously, water comes to us,
and sustains us all.*

Water flows over these hands

.May I use them skillfully

to preserve our precious planet.

~Thich Nhat Hahn

The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire.

~Ferdinand Foch



**Easter this year:
a Two-fer!**

This year, we will have two services on Easter Sunday.



At **8:45am**, we will hold a small service in the Meditation Garden, focusing on inspiring messages from the Christian tradition. Please meet at the Meditation Garden (near the back of the parking lot) and wear weather-appropriate clothing. Bring an umbrella if that is what is called for. The service will last about a half hour. If you would like to help organize this service, please reach out to Rev. Karen. All ages welcome.

TINY RESURRECTIONS:

AN OUTDOOR EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

MEDITATION GARDEN

*park at the back of the parking lot;
then walk through the covered
trellis*

THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY
176 TICES LANE
EAST BRUNSWICK

**SUNDAY
APRIL 16
8:45**

RAIN OR SHINE

REVEREND
KAREN G. JOHNSTON

The Blue Green Hills of Earth

a multi-generational Spring holiday service

Easter & Earth Day together

Sunday
April 16
10:30

The Unitarian Society
176 Tices Lane
East Brunswick

Egg
Hunt
after
the
service

At **10:30am**, we will have a multi-generational service that focuses on Earth Day and our connection to the wider universe, with the Religious Education program organizing an Egg Hunt afterwards.





You, UU & TUS

New at The Unitarian Society (TUS)? Want to learn more about TUS or Unitarian Universalism?

Want to explore becoming a member?*

Here's a chance to do all that & get to know others!

Saturday, May 20
11 – 3:30

**lunch
provided**

look for registration forms in the lobby;
please sign up ahead of time;
for child care you must register by May 7

***this workshop is required before
becoming a member**

TUS CALENDAR

For The Fridge



APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:30 am Sunday Service 4:00 pm Installation & Dinner						1
2 10:30 am Sunday Service 12:15 pm Buddhist Meditation Group 12:00 pm Mystery Pals Brunch	3 7:00 pm PhiloMusica	4	5 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab 7:00pm Sunday Service Committee	6	7 7:30 pm First Friday Film	8
9 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service 12:00 pm Book Club 12:00 pm REC Mtg 5:30pm Passover Seder	10 7:00 pm PhiloMusica 	11 7:00 pm Shakespeare Reading Group 6:15pm Spiritual Nourishment for Leaders 7:00 pm UMS Board Mtg	12 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab	13 4:30 pm Elijah's Promise	14	15
16 10:30 am Sunday Service 12:15pm Buddhist Meditation Group Easter	17 7:00 pm PhiloMusica	18 7:30 pm Board Meeting 	19 Newsletter Due 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab 7:00 pm Music Committee	20 1:00 pm Women's Group	21	22
23 10:30 am Sunday Service	24 7:00 pm PhiloMusica	25 7:00 pm Care Givers Circle 7:00 pm Shakespeare Reading Group	26 7:00pm Committee on Ministries 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab	27	28	29

TUS Happenings

Buddhist Meditation Group

April 2: We will meet in the sanctuary at 12:15 pm and listen to a recording of a dharma talk and meditation by Thich Nhat Hanh.

April 23: We will sit together in meditation, beginning at 12:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Please note the change in the usual schedule; we will be meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month rather than the third Sunday.



All adults are welcome to join us.

Any questions?

Contact Jackie at Jacalyn21@aol.com

Art Experience Lab

Next meetings:

4/5, 12, 19, & 26



TUS Women's Group

Thursday April 20, 1pm

Topic: TBA

Knitting, Crochet, and Needlework Group

(Please note Knitting Group has expanded to include crochet and all needlework.)

We will meet Sunday, April 10, after coffee hour.

All are welcome to attend. We are mostly beginners. No experience is necessary. Any questions, please email Becky Pavley at rpavley@earthlink.net



Souper Sunday

Our next Souper Sunday will be **April 23**. We serve delicious soups, usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month, after service (but not this month).

All you can eat for only \$3.00! Volunteer soup makers, contact Carol Church at car227ol@hotmail.com.



Book Discussion Group

Attention All Book Lovers!

Join us on the 2nd Sunday of the month after service in classroom #4 at 12 noon to share in the discussion of a variety of books. We welcome visitors and suggestions for good books! For more information, contact Ruth Varney at varney8@comcast.net.

Apr 9—Excellent Daughters: The Secret Lives of Young Women Who Are Transforming the Arab World, by Katherine Zoepf

suggested by Lynne Pitcher

May 14—Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit, by Parker Palmer

suggested by Ruth Varney

Jun 1—The Dying Animal, by Phillip Roth

Suggested by Noel Meyer

Summer Break – No Meeting

Shakespeare Reading Group



The Shakespeare Reading Group will meet **Tuesdays, April 11 and 25 at 7:30 PM** at The Unitarian Society. We'll be reading "The Merchant of Venice". Please bring a copy of the play. Please contact Harriet Lindblom (Dhlindblom@aol.com or 732-846-3395) for more info, or if attending for the first time.

Come join us! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Care Givers Circle

The Care Givers Circle will meet **Tuesday, April 25th, 2017** in the Kitchen at 7:00PM.

Are you a caregiver for someone in your family? Contact Joyce Browning (732-249-4198) if you would like to attend.



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Welcome All Into Our House

NEWSLETTER FACTS: The deadline for the May 2016 newsletter is **Wednesday, April 19th.**

Leave a submission in the newsletter box in the TUS office or send by email to uutus@comcast.net.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements are sent out on Wednesday afternoon. Please submit your information to uutus@comcast.net no later than Wednesday morning.

UU WORLD MAGAZINE: If any TUS member is not receiving their free copy of UU World, or if you have a change of address, please contact Jackie at jacalyn21@aol.com, the chair of the Membership Committee.

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Mondays are Rev. Karen's day of rest and Thursdays are her day for writing sermons/focusing on worship. She limits responses to email and phone calls on these days and does not attend TUS meetings. If you would like to see her, it is best to email her to set up a time.