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Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

September 3, 2017

Shaping Our Personal Realities with Deliberate Intent

Paul Pineiro

Does life just happen to us or do we cause it? Who or what creates our personal realities? Call it the power of positive thinking, Karma, Law of Attraction, Quantum entanglement, or divine guidance; what we put out into the universe attracts more of the same. This presentation examines the discipline needed to deliberately engineer what we put out into the universe so that we can manifest a fulfilling reality that aligns with our deepest essence.

After 25 years in education as a high school English teacher, school administrator, instructional supervisor, and curriculum developer, Paul Pineiro has identified his latter-life's purpose as indulging himself in learning random stuff and making sense of it through presenting his findings. Over the years he has presented to TUS and other UU congregations programs on a broad range of interests, Paul is honored to have the opportunity to share his observations with TUS.



September 10, 2017

Water Ingathering Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Join us as we mark the start of a new year with the traditional gathering of our individual waters into a collective pool representing the hopes, joys, and sorrows of our gathered community. Bring water from your summer — be it from far away or your kitchen tap. We will also be celebrating our new Gratitude Prayer Flag Garden, using some of our Sunday service time to focus on gratitude.

At noon, join us for the dedication of the new Gratitude Garden in the Sanctuary Garden. All ages encouraged to participate in this interactive installation.

September 17, 2017

There Are No Unsacred Places Rev. Karen G. Johnston

As part of my study leave, I grew my roots here: learning more about New Jersey, and East Brunswick. While our children are exploring the grounds of this congregation, I'll tell you an important story in East Brunswick's history — that is are calling out for our attention.

September 24, 2017

The Beauty of Stewardship Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Can we make visible the interdependent web of all existence? Can we know it as more than just a thought? Let's explore its beauty through the acts of stewardship: caring for each other, caring for this quirky, beloved building that shelters our spiritual community.

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Musings from Your Minister:

On July 1, just before I went on leave, I facilitated a leadership retreat here at TUS. Sixteen of our congregation's lay leaders came together for half a day, deepening their knowledge of themselves, each other, this place, and our mission. We started off that gathering with these words, from Margaret Wheatley:

There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Ask 'What's possible?' not 'What's wrong?' Keep asking.

Notice what you care about.

Assume that many others share your dreams.

Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters.

Talk to people you know.

Talk to people you don't know.

Talk to people you never talk to.

Be intrigued by the differences you hear.

Expect to be surprised.

Treasure curiosity more than certainty.

Invite in everybody who cares to work on what's possible.

Acknowledge that everyone is an expert about something.

Know that creative solutions come from new connections.

Remember, you don't fear people whose story you know.

Real listening always brings people closer together.

Trust that meaningful conversations can change your world.

Rely on human goodness. Stay together.



Something kinda cool happened. Not knowing ahead of time exactly how many people would attend the workshop, I had divided this reading into its individual lines, planning to ask each person in the group to read one until it was done. It turned out that we read the whole thing, each of us reading one part of it, each of us contributing equally to the wholeness.

By equally, I mean that we each had a line. For some of us, the line contained seven words. For someone else just four. For another person, thirteen. Yet we all contributed to the whole. Like I said, it was kinda cool. Or holy.

The board took July as a break and met again in August. At that August meeting, I read this same text for our opening words, feeling that it would be a good way to start the new year as I lit the chalice.

It was just fine. Not great. Good enough, but that was all. Something was missing. It was the many voices. They were missing. So even though I read it all the way through, it did not feel whole.

We come together, on Sunday mornings, for committee meetings, for fellowship, for events that grow our hearts and minds, for opportunities of service or witness. We come together, each of us, one of many, and though that one is worthy and full of dignity, whole in and of themselves, I believe we are only truly whole when we come together.

I am so very much looking forward to our coming together to be whole again, to ask not "what's wrong" with you all, but to ask "what's possible?"

I look forward to seeing you at our Water Ingathering on September 10 at 10:30, followed by (and I hope you will stay for it) the dedication of our Gratitude Garden (at noon). Dear ones, let us find out together, as a whole people, just what is possible...

I am blessed to be on this journey with you,

Rev. Karen

Touchstones Themes

As part of our theme-based ministry this year, those on the email list will receive a monthly Touchstones Journal. This month's theme is Beauty. In this journal you will find several reflections on the theme, including one made specifically for families so that parents can be sparked to reflect on the theme with your children. There is a section called Common Bowl where you can find a quote on the theme for each day of the month -- perhaps you will want to incorporate this into your daily habit or spiritual practice as a way to bring the monthly theme closer to your life. There are also instructions for a small group discussion on the theme. If you are interested in helping bring together a small group (we can call them covenant groups or chalice circles), please get in touch with Rev. Karen revkarentus@gmail.com. Enjoy this resource, be creative, and may your imagination be sparked and your heart be opened.

Touchstones Theme: Beauty

The love of beauty is ancient. Since the mid-18th century it has been the subject of the discipline of aesthetics. Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker asks, "How do I live in a way that keeps faith with beauty?" Baron Wormser adds, "What would happen if I heeded the admonitions of beauty?" The Navaho blessing, "May you walk in beauty," captures the necessity and blessing of beauty.



Nature offers solace. It helps us realize that we are a part of something greater. This connection comforted Vincent Van Gogh. Whether a landscape or flowers, nature represented pure beauty for him.
What is beauty for you?

Above is an imaginative presentation of what Van Gogh saw when he painted *The Starry Night* in June 1889 while he was in The Saint-Paul-de-Mausole Asylum near Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. He said, "Looking at the stars always makes me dream."

Please join us in exploring the theme of Beauty

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TOUCHSTONES Family Covenant Circle via Zoom



On the last Sunday evening of each month, we will gather using the video conferencing platform, Zoom, to reflect on how to bring each month's theme into family life, using the materials from the Touchstones Journal as our jumping off place.

This is sponsored by The Unitarian Society and open to any parent who would like to explore and connect.

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

Step 1: Download Zoom.us onto your laptop, phone, tablet (anything with a camera)

Step 2: Let Rev. Karen know you want to participate so you can get the link and confirm the time (probably 7:45/8 pm ish)

First Day: Sunday, Sept 24 to talk about October's theme of HOSPITALITY



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes - What Will TUS Offer this Year?

- For the youngest, (recommended ages 3 to 5), we will be embarking on a UU Identity building adventure by implementing **The Rainbow Connection**. This curriculum helps children learn the deeper meaning of the Seven Principles by introducing the values and morals of those principles through crafts and stories.
- We offer **Signs of Our Faith** (recommended ages 6 to 8) as a way to build UU principles into everyday life so our children can begin a meaningful faith journey.
- A relatively new and fun curriculum called **Harry and UU** (based on the Harry Potter novels) is our offering for youth ages 9 to 11. This curriculum teaches kids how to make the world a better place through social action.
- This year, our seventh graders will be taking **Our Whole Lives**, a sexuality education course taught collaboratively with Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills and First Unitarian Society of Plainfield. This meets every other week. On the non-OWL weeks, we will introduce elements of interfaith study with the popular curriculum called, **Building Bridges**.

One Sunday a month, typically the first, we will build the **Touchstones Project** monthly theme into our lesson or activities as a way to connect the RE program to the wider congregation.

We hope you will find one of these offerings inspirational to your children and youth and walk this journey with us.



Religious Education at TUS 2017-18



Rainbow Connection

Exploring 7 Principles
thru story & crafts

Ages 3-5 years recommended

Signs of our Faith

Faithful living through
everyday life

Ages 6 - 8 years
recommended



Harry & UU

Making the world better
through social action

3rd - 6th grade

recommended



OWL
Quality
sexuality
education

& Building Bridges

learn about neighboring
faith traditions

7th & 8th grade

recommended



Professional Development for your DRE - A Note of Gratitude

As the Director of Religious Education at TUS I have had many opportunities for study and growth over the summer. I took three Renaissance Modules (comprehensive courses lasting 5 sessions each) including: Administration as Leadership, UU Identity, and Teacher Development. The Teacher Development Workshop served as a transformational, collegial experience (being next to the ocean didn't hurt). This final workshop set my mind in a different place - not as just the administrator of a program, but as a spiritual leader of this congregation.

We encountered the work of Parker Palmer, who embraces paradox and ambiguity in the multi-faceted work of religious education. His work urges teachers to name their gifts by searching their own identity and using integrity to create a shared praxis. I have re-committed to the covenantal work that lies ahead. In these times, as adults, we've never had more accountability to each other to provide a sturdy axis and a safe refuge for our youth. Thank you for supporting me in a never ending walk of faith.



Teacher Training and Orientation - Continuing to Build Our Teaching Teams



Beginning at the congregational picnic last June and continuing over the summer, the RE team has been seeking the next group of valuable teachers for our program. We still have some building to do and we hope you will feel free to contact Jillian, our DRE or Lynn Mayfryer, our RE Chair if you have questions. Deepened in faith by the learning experiences this summer, your DRE will seek to create an interactive, meaningful, team building training and orientation for all of you on September 17th from 12 to 3. This year, we will offer a mini behavior management session within the workshop, facilitated by our own, Kere Loughlin-Presnal. If you plan to teach, we strongly urge you to carve out space and attend. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

The Next RE Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 10th, from 12:15 to 1:45. We hope all existing, newly joined, and still thinking about it, members will attend so we can provide a sturdy framework for the year ahead.



Youth Empowerment Program Entering Next Phase



This fall, we embark on a new program designed to keep our post affirmation youth more involved in congregational life, while helping them build skills. Approximately six youth will get trained and become part of our paid childcare provider team. Training dates include, a comprehensive childcare class on August 31st and First Aid on September 9th. If you have questions, reach out to Jillian at tusdrejillian@gmail.com.

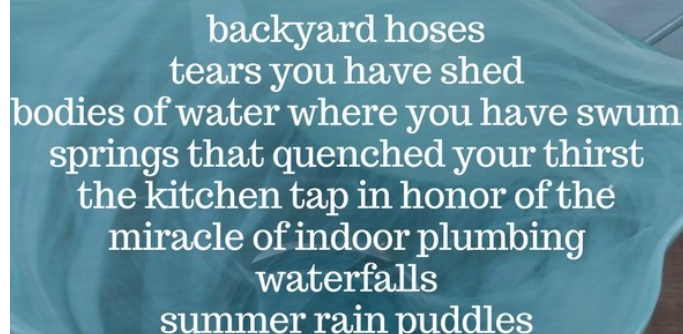
Children's Library Now Categorized and Inventoried!!

A huge shout out of gratitude goes out to David Myers, Bob Munson, and Kathy Huston for tackling the inventorying and categorizing project in our Children's Library. They taught themselves how to use a cool phone app and went through all the books, entering the data from each. It was time consuming and tedious, but so worth their effort. The RE program is so grateful to them for their hard work. Thank you!!




September
10th

As a community we will gather your waters into a collective bowl



backyard hoses
 tears you have shed
 bodies of water where you have swum
 springs that quenched your thirst
 the kitchen tap in honor of the
 miracle of indoor plumbing
 waterfalls
 summer rain puddles

choose a
word or two
of your
intention
for the year



Dedication of Gratitude Garden

In our sanctuary garden we will have a special place to express gratitude any time of the day, any season of the year. This interactive installation will be made of prayer flags hanging among the trees.

It is a memorial to an early member of TUS, Mildred Romero. Though it bears her name, it is there for all of us, of all ages, for us here at TUS and for the wider community.

Sunday Sept 10 noon
soon after the service
so stick around



THINKING AHEAD

10/1 Bring-A-Friend Sunday

10/8 Roy Zimmerman concert
(see pg 12)

10/28 Death Cafe (7-9pm)

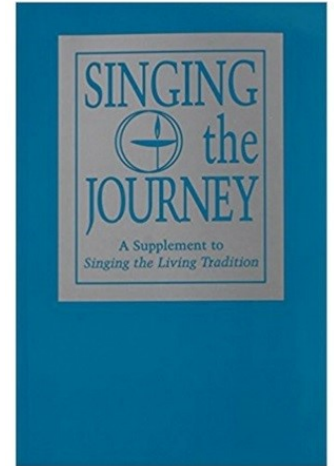
10/29 Writing Your Own
Obituary workshop
(12:30 - 2:30)

New Things on Sunday Mornings:



First off: our new Music Coordinator, Nick Place! He begins with us at the Water Ingathering on September 10. We are so fortunate to have Nick on staff. He comes to us having studied music at both Ithaca College and the Boston Conservatory. He currently teaches at Rider University's Westminster College of the Arts and spends his summer as the music director at Forrestburgh Playhouse. Nick will be providing the music side of worship at TUS on most Sundays, September through June.

Nick spent a year as pianist at Arlington Street Church in Boston, so he's familiar with Unitarian Universalism and our hymnals. Which is great news as that is another New Thing on Sunday mornings: this September we are rolling out the "teal hymnal" or *Singing the Journey*, a supplemental hymnal to our tried and true "grey hymnal" (*Singing the Living Tradition*). Last year we sang some songs from it. This year, we have enough hymnals — 50 of them — to be able to share and use in the service.



Depending on when you arrive for the Sunday service, you might hear music playing but it may not mean that you are late. Before we ring the bell and begin the service, we will have Gathering Music to help set the mood for the morning and bring us into the intentional time and space that we set aside to gather and be together.



Once you do find your way into the sanctuary, you will notice two chairs up front, facing the congregation. We are trying an experi-learn with the location of the Worship Associate and the Minister, having us sit up front. There are many reasons for this — we can be more welcoming when folks arrive late, we can be more aware if something is going on in the congregation, and we can be more responsive if a safety issue arises. All these are true and good enough reason.

The biggest reason for me, personally, is that with my back to the congregation, I feel cut off from you all. In my first year, I thought I would give a try to the way that it has been done at TUS in recent memory. But it just isn't working for me. I feel disconnected from you all when I cannot see your beautiful faces and be aware of the mood of the room and the pulse of the congregation. I also feel less connected to the flow of the service. When I lead worship, it is a highly relational experience for me — so we're going to give it a try to have chairs behind the pulpit, on either side, facing the congregation.

I am thankful to the Worship Associates for their willingness to give this experi-learn a try. I know that it might be a tad more uncomfortable for them being visible for the length of the whole service. Yet, having the Worship Associate seated up front with the minister affirms the importance of the role of our lay leaders. They are essential in making our Sunday service as beautiful and inspiring as they are, so it is important that their role be given a seat up front if that is where the minister is going to be.

~ Rev. Karen

Directory Request

The directory will be updated this Fall, and we'd like to have any changes of email, mailing address, phone numbers, of Members and Friends who wish to be listed. If you have any changes in your Directory listing information, including if you would like to be included and haven't been in the past, please email Judith Grasberg at jgrasberg@hotmail.com.



Go Forth

At the Sunday service on August 13, we followed the four-point spiral of engagement developed by Joanna Macy in her *Work That Reconnects*. The final of the four points on that spiral is called “Going Forth.” Here is what folks at TUS wrote about how they will Go Forth to heal the world:

Promote recycling for a sustainable planet
To love everyone I can, even Donald Trump
Work with an environmental group in Middlesex County
Open. See. Connect. Respond.
Support organizations that promote love, tolerance, and education
To bring myself back into balance and harmony
Continue to help take care of orphaned animals until they are (re)homed
Nurture the two little critters that have come into my life
Stand for justice in public
Basically keep doing what I already do while trying for more climate & democracy activism
Speak truth to power
Be loving and kind to my 98-year-old neighbor
Giving my grandchildren support as they start the new school year
Use non-toxic lawn products
Go boldly into acts of service without letting inertia or my self-consciousness get in my way
Resist: speak out & speak up against injustice
Raise my voice for love and healing
Be more involved in my local community & speak up for what I believe in
Treat people with compassion & caring
Show compassion to someone in pain, even when I am angry at them for hurting me & mine
Continue listening to a grieving friend
I will put a refugee student through college
Donate to social justice charities
To see the goodness in everyone
Attend a vigil
Recycle
Get involved
Be aware
Continue the writing; gain community; extend
Develop worship service(s) to inspire others to work against white supremacy



Do You Want A Congregation that Exudes Vitality? Engages Newcomers? Deepens Existing Relationships? Grows & Sustains Leaders?

Come to a workshop on Saturday, September 16, 9:30 – 3:00pm.

Congregations that learn how to trust one another and their leaders, as well as to communicate effectively, exude vitality. These are the ones most likely to grow and thrive. This all-day workshop begins with an overview of how Congregational Systems work, and then explores the ways in which unhealthy habits may be sabotaging our best efforts to remain in “right relationship,” all of which impacts a congregation’s ability to connect and engage newcomers. We’ll look at healthy communications practices, how to use conflict as a transformative process, and creating a culture of right relationship and covenantal commitment. We’ll work on a case study in the afternoon and end the day considering what practices we might adopt and what adaptations might be required of us to be a fully engaged and flourishing faith community.

Please contact Reg Hackshaw at Rbh100@earthlink.net, a of the Committee on Shared Ministries (COM), if you would like to attend. Lunch will be provided if you RSVP by 9/13.

**SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT
FOR LEADERS
B.Y.O.DINNER & DISCUSSION
FIRST TUESDAYS 6:15 -7:45**

beginning October 3

REV. KAREN'S OFFICE

WE
COMMIT TO
READ,
HIGHLIGHT,
GATHER &
REFLECT
EACH
MONTH



Spiritual Nourishment for Leaders

Would you like to take part in this engaging discussion? Let Rev. Karen know so that you can get the book we are reading -- one chapter each month.

A Welcoming Congregation

As a congregation, we are educating ourselves to provide an inclusive welcome, living into our designation as a Welcoming Congregation. This means that we are explicitly welcoming of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender individuals and communities.

Some of us are already on the path of wide welcome. And some of us are moving towards it, educating ourselves about gender identity, what the differences are between transgender and gender fluid. If you are in the latter group, please read this article and watch the videos. <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/non-binary-transgender-you-havent-heard-of/>.

Please take it on yourself to learn more, rather than waiting for someone to educate you. Last June we held a workshop on this topic and had a strong turn out. Yet we know there are still questions and confusion.

If you are confused about why we are moving towards making sure all feel welcome at TUS, that we are extending our welcome regardless of where a person falls on the gender continuum, or regardless of their sexual orientation, please talk with members of the board, or Rev. Karen, or folks in the Membership Committee. Unitarian Universalism has a long history of including those otherwise marginalized, and celebrating the diversity of humanity. Let us do our part here at TUS.





At the May congregational meeting, we shared that we hoped to unveil in August planned improvements to the sanctuary, including new doors. We continue to work on this project, but have met more unanticipated snags. We'll keep you in the loop as we make progress on this exciting project.

~ The Building Task Force (Cindy Mussman, Marty Mussman, Russ Gale)

Help with TUS' Social Media

Are you someone who uses Facebook regularly?

Would you like to help TUS grow its online presence?

Our new Touchstones themes have components that can be posted to our Facebook page to engage in each month's theme.

The content is already picked out. You just have to post it on a regular basis. You can even schedule them in advance.



If you are interested, please contact Rev. Karen

revkarentus@gmail.com

Would you like to set up a meeting with Rev. Karen. The easiest way to do that is to go to this link: calendly.com/revkarentus. It gives you the opportunity for a 45 minute meeting with her and let's you know what times she is available on different days. You can make a time with her, even if you don't want or need all 45 minutes. These can be in-person meetings at TUS or on the phone or Zoom if you prefer. If you give it a try, and it doesn't make sense, you can reach out to Megan, or Office Administrator, at uutus@comcast.net and she can help you.



Increasing Transparency: Board Minutes

Currently, board minutes are available upon request from the Office Administrator, Megan, at uutus@comcast.com or 732-246-3113. Minutes from the previous month are available after they are approved in the current month's meeting. (Ie, June is available now, after the July 15 meeting.) In the near future, minutes will be available on the member page of the unitariansociety.org website. Keep an eye out for news on that development.



GROUNDS WORK PARTY!

Saturday, September 9 10 - 2pm

Please join board member, Eldridge Dunn at TUS to help clean up the grounds to bring our new year off to a fabulous start. Can only come for an hour or two? That's great!

Eldridge is looking for someone to bring a lawn mower and possibly a power generator. Wear clothing to protect yourself from ticks. Feel free to bring tools -- things to prune.

Please contact Eldridge with questions at eldridged@aol.com or (732) 463-0477





TREASURERS TIDBITS

Bob Munson

You May Have Wondered: Is it too late to contribute to the Minister's Discretionary Fund (MDF)? No! When someone in TUS or wider community needs emergency food, lodging, or other needs, they often find their way to asking Rev. Karen for help, who relies on the MDF. It's used to purchase supermarket gift cards (Scrip) to pay for food or the Minister pays directly for lodging, rent, utilities or some basic survival item. She vouchers her out of pocket expenses for reimbursement. The Minister doesn't identify the need – it is by her discretion. Every Christmas Eve the Cash in Basket replenishes the fund. This year we have added 2 Sundays in September to replenish the MDF. Your donation to the fund (write "MDF" on the check memo line) then reaches those in need in our community. Thank you.

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.



Cash In Basket for August

September 3 - UUA/UUSC Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fund

September 17 - D.I.R.E. Deportation and Immigration Response Equipo (Team)
<http://www.direteam.org/>

September 10 & 24 - Minister's Discretionary Fund/Parson's Purse



Thinking about becoming a member?

Want to learn interesting things about UUs?

Want to welcome and get to know new folks?



**You, UU & TUS:
A workshop**

PATH

**Saturday, 9:30 - 1:30
November 4, 2017**

OR

**Sundays, 12:15 - 2:15
April 8 & 15, 2018**

TO

MEMBERSHIP

just want to know more about TUS or Unitarian Universalism?

strongly recommended to become a member of TUS



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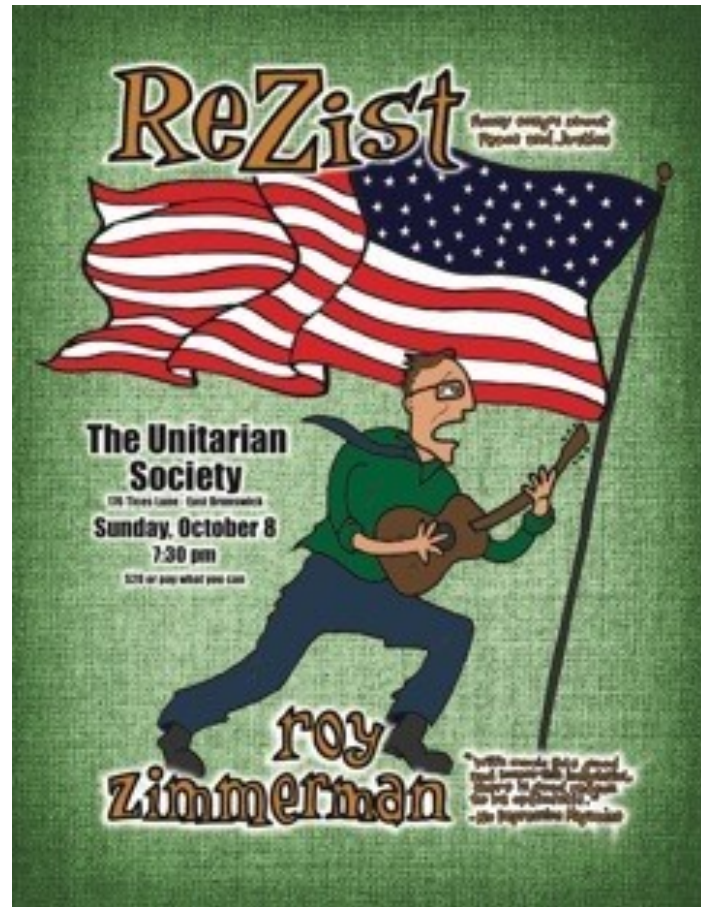
Roy Zimmerman

A FUUNDRAISER for TUS

Coming soon on Sunday October 8th at 7:30pm— mark your calendars now!

TUS is pleased to welcome back Roy Zimmerman for an evening of funny songs about peace and justice that are guaranteed to lift your spirit.

\$20 or pay what you can. BYOB.



We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

~Maya Angelou

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

~ Max Ehrmann



To be beautiful means to be yourself. You don't need to be accepted by others. You need to accept yourself.

~Thich Nhat Hanh

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GreenFaith
Raritan River Valley
Circle



Faith and Nature

Multi-Faith, Environmental Education Day

People of all walks of life and worldviews who seek to learn and experience the intersection of faith and the environment are invited to attend.

Learn what faith and spiritual texts say about the environment.

Speakers:

Imam Saffet Catovic

Muslim Chaplain Drew University and Chair of Green Muslims of New Jersey

Reverend Andrew Dinger

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset

Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

Congregation B'nai Tikvah of Central Jersey in North Brunswick

When?

September 10, 2017
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where?

Rutgers Gardens
112 Ryders Ln.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Rainy-day site:

The Unitarian Society
176 Tices Ln.
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

RSVP GreenFaith organizer

Estrella@greenfaith.org

Day-of contact, Andy

732-236-5953



Bring a zero-waste finger food to share. This means no trash or waste to leave behind. For example, carrots in a reusable container.

TUS Happenings

Buddhist Meditation Group

The next meeting of the Buddhist Meditation Group will take place on **Sunday, Sep 3** at 12:15 pm. We will sit together in meditation.

On **September 24** at 12:15 pm, Rev Allen Wells will continue teaching us about the brahmavihāras.

These are Buddhist virtues and the meditation practices made to cultivate them. They are also known as the four immeasurables: loving-kindness or benevolence, compassion, empathetic joy, and equanimity

We will focus primarily on "karuna," or compassion meditation on Sep 24.

All adults are welcome to join us; no previous knowledge or experience is required.

You can find us in the sanctuary at 12:15 pm.

Any questions? Contact Jackie at Jacalyn21@aol.com



Socrates Café®

Come and join our exploration of life's most profound and universal questions. More than just a conversation, we use Socrates' questioning approach to explore and challenge our assumptions, broaden our understanding, and consider different viewpoints relating to an infinite number of philosophical questions.

It's a great time for mental stimulation and fellowship. A rare chance to exercise your mind and challenge your thinking – just for the fun of it.

Socrates Café® takes place the second Sunday of every month

Next Meeting: **Sunday, Sept. 10**

Bagels & Coffee at 8:30 AM

Discussion Starts at 9:00AM - Ends at 10:00AM

Questions: Contact Doug at:

dougliebau@gmail.org

We Hope To See You There!

Souper Sunday

Starting up again on **October 8th**. Our soup makers have served up some fabulous soups each year and this is a great way to raise some money for TUS while also warming up your belly. We can always use new soup makers, so please contact Carol Church at car227ol@hotmail.com if you want to share your soup making talents!



TUS Spanish Class

Class is forming in the fall!

Learn or practice your conversational Spanish with congregant Carmen Heredia.

¡Aprenda o practique su conversación!

We will be meeting Fridays at 10 am at TUS beginning **September 8th**.

All are welcome to drop in! ¡Bienvenido!



Art Exploration Group

Art Exploration Group will meet **Wednesdays, September 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 7pm.**

Join us and try your hand at drawing, painting and collages to name a few projects.



Women's Group

Thursday, September 28 at 1 pm

TUS Classroom 3

Hosting a talk by members from the Brain Injury Alliance (BIANJ)

Please contact Joyce Browning for more info.



Care Givers Circle

The Care Givers Circle will meet on **Tuesday, September 26th** at 7pm, TUS Kitchen.

Please contact Joyce Browning for more info.

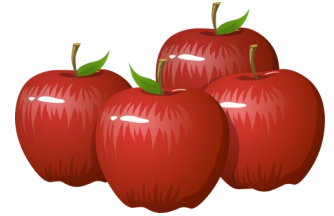


Shakespeare Reading Group





The Shakespeare Reading Group returns from summer break! Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, September 27** at 7:30 PM at The Unitarian Society, and we will begin reading "Measure for Measure". We welcome new readers! No acting experience required! Please contact Harriet Lindblom (732-846-3395 or Dhlindblom@aol.com) for more info or if attending for the first time.

TUS CALENDAR

For The Fridge



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday 9/10: 10:30 pm Water Ingathering noon Gratitude Garden Dedication					1	2
3 10:30 am Sunday Service 12:00pm Parents Group 12:15 pm Buddhist Meditation Group	4 Labor Day 	5	6 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab	7 7:00 pm Montessori School Board Mtg	8 10:00 am Spanish Class	9 9:30am - 2:30pm YEP Training First Aid
10 8:30 am Socrates Cafe 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service 12:15 pm RE Committee	11 6:00 pm UULMNJ 7:30 pm Philomusica	12	13 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab 7:15 pm Sunday Service Committee	14 4:30 pm Elijah's Promise	15 10:00 am Spanish Class	16 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Healthy Congregations Workshop
17 10:30 am Sunday Service 12:00 am Teacher Training and Orientation 12:00 am Membership Committee	18 7:30 pm Philomusica	19 7:30 pm TUS Board Meeting	20 Newsletter Due 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab 8:00 pm Music Committee	21 	22 10:00 am Spanish Class	23
24 9:30-10:30am Connecting Families Breakfast 10:30 am Sunday Service 12:15 pm Buddhist Meditation	25 7:30 pm Philomusica 2:15-4:45 pm OWL Parent/ Facilitator Mtg <—Sun 9/24	26 7:00 pm Care Givers Circle 7:30 pm Shakespeare Reading Group	27 7:00 pm Art Experience Lab 7:00 pm Committee On Ministries	28 1:00 pm Women's Group	29 10:00 am Spanish Class	30 

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Welcome All Into Our House

NEWSLETTER FACTS: The deadline for the October 2017 newsletter is **Wednesday, September 20th**.
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 Tuesday.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEKLY: The list is sent typically on Tuesday. Please send suggested events or meetings to
sj.uueastbrunswick@gmail.com no later than Monday evening.

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(voice message or text is fine).

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.

Please go to this link to make an
appointment: calendly.com/revkarentus
For emergencies call or text.