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# The Unitarian Society, a Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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#### Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

April 1, 2018, 8:45 Easter in the Garden Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Our second year of celebrating Easter in our own Sanctuary Garden, please join us at 8:45 for this brief (half hour?) service that involves singing, poetry, and bird seed. We won't be up for sunrise, but regardless of the weather, we'll remember that we belong to this world: its beauty and its tragedy.

Please wear clothing appropriate to the weather.

April 1, 2018, 10:30 Love Made Flesh Rev. Karen G. Johnston

This whimsical service welcoming of children of all ages will explore what it means for Love (known by some as "god" but by many other names, too) to take human form, inspired by the book, *God Got a Dog* by Cynthia Rylant.

Afterwards, there is the beloved egg hunt.
All are welcome!

April 8, 2018
Traveling Through the Desert
Emily DeTar Birt

As the season of Passover comes to an end, what happens after Passover? This Sunday we will ask "what now" as we reflect on the long journey that freedom and justice asks us to walk along.

Emily DeTar Birt is the consulting minister for the Unitarian Church of Staten Island and the Programs and Media Assistant for Church Women United. Religiously inquisitive since she could walk, Emily was born in Wickliffe, Ohio, and raised in East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church.

April 15, 2018
Transformation is Possible
Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Inspired by the epic fictional story of Les Miserables, as well as the true-to-life story of a racist prison guard, we'll explore the how rigidity and shame bring destruction; humility leads to possibility; and even in the most unlikely places, transformation is possible.

We'll have guest musicians, in addition to our own Nick Place.

April 22, 2018
The Devastating Remembering of
Elephants: An Earth Day Lament
Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Elephants are known not only for their ability to remember, but also for their capacity to live communally and their collective mourning rituals. As humans have visited our greed upon the earth through violence on these creatures, we are finding that they also experience what looks like post-traumatic stress disorder. This is a lament for the earth, the elephants, and ourselves on this Earth Day.

# April 29, 2018 Solidarity Singers Return! Solidarity Singers

In recognition of International Worker's Day on May I, the Solidarity Singers, with our own Kathy Scarbrough, will perform songs of today's labor struggles including issues like raising the minimum wage, women's demand for equal pay and freedom from sexual harassment and assault, the demand for universal healthcare, and good jobs that don't destroy the environment. Come and sing along!

## **Musings from Your Minister:**

#### Being Facebook Friends with the Minister: Minister's Musings

I have been talking with colleagues about best practices related to a minister's presence on Facebook. Based on those conversations, I have been persuaded to change my approach to friending. Until now, I have invited you all to friend me on Facebook. If you do, then I accept the request. This way of doing it recognizes that not everyone wants to be Facebook friends with the minister, and puts the ball squarely in your court.

However, there is an unexpected drawback to this practice: new folks don't necessarily know that they can friend me. Plus, my Facebook profile is not easy to find since it has "Rev" at the start of my name: Revkaren Johnston. So it can make it feel like there is an in-group and an out-group. I really want to avoid that.

I use Facebook as a tool of my ministry. For instance, during the big storms we had this past month, I used it to check in on folks to see how they were doing. It's by no means a perfect tool—and not everyone is on Facebook, and Facebook once again revealed some of its more problematic flaws around privacy with the recent controversy around Cambridge Analytical—but it is a useful one for connecting people and updating people. I think it can help connect us as a congregation.

So, I'm going to try it a different way: if I come across your profile on Facebook, I am going to send you a friend request. PLEASE IGNORE IT IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO BE YOUR FACEBOOK FRIEND. MY FEELINGS WILL NOT BE HURT. :)

My hope is that this is beneficial for all – especially new folks who are checking us out for the first time and possibly folks who are far away. I think it will help those on Facebook feel more connected with each other, not just with me. Plus, if I am Facebook friends with you, I can invite you to events that are happening at TUS. (I promise to invite you only to TUS events!)

I'm blessed to be on this journey with you,

Rev. Karen

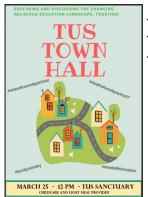




### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



#### FROM YOUR DRE. JILLIAN POST



Thank you to all who attended the TUS RE Town Hall on March 25!! The RE team truly appreciated your participation!

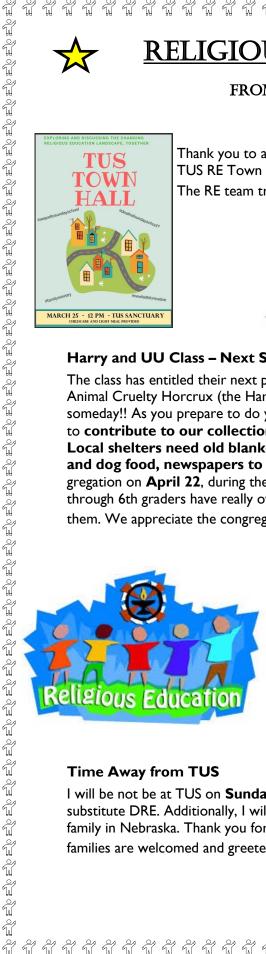






#### Harry and UU Class - Next Social Action Project

The class has entitled their next project, "Do a Good Deed for an Animal in Need" to address the Animal Cruelty Horcrux (the Harry Potter term for what ails our society.) Spring is bound to arrive ... someday!! As you prepare to do your Spring cleaning look for objects you no longer need or would like to contribute to our collection bins that will be in the lobby on Sunday, April 15, 22 and 29. Local shelters need old blankets, towels, unwanted pet carriers, bags of kitten, cat, puppy, and dog food, newspapers to line kennels, etc. The class is preparing a skit to share with the congregation on April 22, during the Time for All Ages, to show their commitment to this project. Our 4th through 6th graders have really owned their projects this year and strive to give voice to what concerns them. We appreciate the congregation's help!!



"Conversations with Your DRE" - Ongoing Throughout the Remainder of the RE Season Opportunities for your family to have a meaningful conversation with me are in full swing. Most Sundays after services from 12:15 to 1:30, my office door will be open!! Just email me at tusdrejillian@gmail.com to let me know you want to meet. Alternately, you can respond to a doodle poll with your preferred date by clicking on this link: https://doodle.com/poll/7zz9768t6yafax52 These conversations are meant to keep you abreast of recent trends in the world of UU Religious Education and as way for you to give direct input about what feeds your family's spiritual hunger.

#### Time Away from TUS

I will be not be at TUS on Sunday, April 8. Lynn Mayfryer, our RE Chair will be the substitute DRE. Additionally, I will be on vacation this June 19 to June 29 to visit my family in Nebraska. Thank you for, in my absence, pitching in to make sure our families are welcomed and greeted with a smile.

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#### A Way to Think about Our New Disruptive Behaviors Policy

Let's get clear before reading further: attending Sunday services is NOT much like going to the movies. Under the Attending Sunday services happens in a context of community and relationship, which changes the very nature of the act. Sunday worship is meant to stir, challenge, inspire, soothe the heart, mind, and spirit, not to entertain. So now that we have that established...

Have you ever gone to the movies and sat near someone who is slurping their soda or talking loudly with their friends during the previews? It's annoying, right?

If you are like me, you take a deep breath, hope that they will quiet down when the movie starts, so that you don't have to engage with them. And most of the time, at least in my experience, they do quiet down.

How about the same behavior during the actual movie? Now it's more than an annoyance. It's disruptive to the group as a whole and to you in particular. It's outside the expectations of social behavior. You get to decide: ask them to stop? move to a different part of the theater?

If that person was the only one in the theater, then it wouldn't be a problem. They could yell at the characters all they wanted and it wouldn't matter much because it's not impacting the experience of others.

However, in common space, while having a common experience, such behavior is problematic. Shared social norms ensure that the greatest number of people get to enjoy the movie.

Or in our case, a Sunday service, or congregational meeting, or just a regular committee meeting, or a fellowship activity.

If you ask the person to stop the annoying behavior in a committee meeting (using language that someone has informed them hurts their sense of humanity; dominating a group conversation; misusing the time for personal sharing during Candles of Joy & Sorrow; etc.), and they do stop, then it's great. *Hallelujah*.

But sometimes, that person doesn't stop. What do you do? Ask others to ask the person to desist, in hopes that peer pressure will help? Maybe. Or maybe not. It might work in some cases. In a movie theater, you can inform the staff so that they can address it -- this is another good strategy.

In a movie theater, there are multiple ways to intervene, each based on the nature of the disruptive activity and the disruptive person's response to attempts to get them to stop. There's a difference between someone talking loudly and then stopping, versus talking loudly throughout the whole movie and every other movie they attend. The movie staff have at their disposal the ability to ask the person to stop (giving them a warning), asking them to leave this one time, and banning them from the theater for ongoing disruptive behavior, and even, if there is a dangerous element involved, seeking police involvement or a restraining order.

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We are not a movie theater. We are a congregation. We have a covenant of right relations that helps guide how we interact with each other. We also now have a newly adopted disruptive behaviors policy.

What does that mean?

Let's say that someone's behavior in the congregation is annoying to you: then your task is to speak with them directly, to let them know your point of view and to listen to theirs. This is one of the aspects of a shared congregational life. However, if you think that someone's behavior has moved from the merely annoying to the disruptive, impacting your ability to engage in our wider congregational life, or impacting the community as a whole, is there something like the "theater staff" (remember, the movie metaphor is imperfect)?

Available to the whole congregation is the Committee on Shared Ministries (COM) and the Disruptive Behaviors policy. This policy, which the COM spent the late fall and early winter writing, and which the Board adopted in February, empowers the COM to engage with disruptive behaviors and to find solutions in support of the congregation as a whole. The goal is that our wider congregational community be informed and inspired by creative, engaging, constructive behaviors, and be protected from those behaviors that are disruptive and considered out of covenant.

You are invited to read the policy – the COM spent much time and effort in crafting this document, borrowing from other UU congregations, integrating recommendations from the Board – and bring your questions about it to the COM. COM members are Mike Saks (chair), Reg Hackshaw, and Rose Vydelingum, who made themselves available at coffee hour twice in March and spoke with many of you.

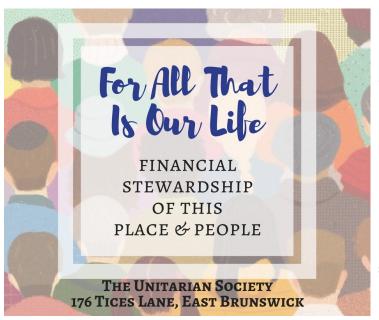
It is the hope of the COM that we will never have need to use this policy. However, it is better to have something in place in case something does come up, rather than scramble at that time. Most UU congregations have policy like this. Many have had to use them. It's not all that uncommon and helps us to maintain the health of the congregation as a whole. Within the past decade, we have had behaviors that would have benefitted from the existence of this kind of policy. In fact, a draft of a similar policy was written back in 2010, but never finalized.

This policy is long in the making. We can celebrate that it is finally here!

~ Rev. Karen

"Transformation in the world happens when people are healed and start investing in other people."

~Michael W. Smith



#### Stewardship Season

**Now through April 30** is Stewardship Season, when we reflect on our financial care of this place to ensure its vibrancy now and into the future.

One of the responsibilities of membership is to fulfill a financial pledge each year to sustain the work of this place. We know that there are some who are giving all they can. For you, we thank you and are blessed by your presence.

We know that there are others who might give more, knowing that we are the only ones who will give to sustain this place -- while other worthy causes may have a large donor base, we know who our donor base is: it is each of you, a small and mighty group of people committed to this congregation.

#### Fair Share = Generous? Yes. And No.

This year we began a new approach to financial stewardship: growing our capacity to give Fair Share. We are still very much educating ourselves as a congregation about what this means.

There are countless ways to be generous, and the congregation benefits whenever you are generous – whether the generosity is directed at the congregation, or is inspired by our time together and focused outward. Generosity, as we say every Sunday morning, comes in many forms, only one of which is financial generosity.

If your annual financial contribution falls into the Fair Share category, this is, indeed, generous. It means you have committed to giving a percentage of your income, the amount of which is influenced by three things:

- the length of your association with TUS;
- the depth of your connection to TUS or Unitarian Universalism; and
- your role as a formal or informal leader.

The longer you have been here, the more involved you are, the deeper your connection spiritually, the more we hope you will grow into giving at a Fair Share level. Making this commitment is a generous act, one that benefits the congregation now and into the future.

Yet giving Fair Share is <u>not the only</u> definition of a generous contribution. There are folks (perhaps you!) who go through a thoughtful process privately (or choose to talk with a trusted listener like the Minister), and discern what is possible. Sometimes, it turns out not to fall into a Fair Share category. This, too, is generous, whether it reaches the designation of "Fair Share" or not.

If you are interested in talking about what Fair Share means to you, or how you can grow your commitment, please reach out to Rev. Karen. She welcomes such conversations about the role of financial stewardship as a spiritual practice, as well as a means to ensuring the long-term viability of this congregation at all times of the year, not just during canvass season (Feb – April).

As we move closer to our Annual Meeting on May 20, when members of the congregation will vote on our annual budget – based on the pledging commitments -- for the coming year, it's important that we continue to reflect on the responsibility to sustain this congregation in the coming year, in the coming years, and in the coming decades.



Pineiro, is responsible for planning one Sunday service a month (so our hardworking minister may have a rest) and also for presenting Sunday services for much of the summer. The committee would welcome the participation of anyone



This Sunday service precedes a holiday in many countries of the world that celebrates the dignity of work and commemorates the labor struggle for the 8 hour day. May 1st is known as International Workers Day and has a different character than Labor Day, a holiday more familiar to many of us. Labor Day is a day off from work to enjoy the achievements of the Labor movement whereas May Day is about workers defining new goals and asserting their power.

The Solidarity Singers will perform songs of today's labor struggles including issues like raising the minimum wage, women's demand for equal pay and freedom from sexual harassment and assault, the demand for universal healthcare and good jobs that don't destroy the environment. Come and sing along!

Thank you to Lynne Pitcher, and others from the congregation, including Rosemary Szegda, for attending these meetings and helping our congregation to be involved and responsive

# REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SERVICES AND EMPOWERMENT

#### Report from March Meeting

InterfaithRISE welcomed a young couple and their 3 year old daughter, immigrants from Afghanistan. All household goods for this family were supplied by a church in Queens as a Lenten Service project.

InterfaithRISE sees this type of project as an opportune way for other congregations to creatively participate.

**InterfaithRISE** is now allowed to settle 100 immigrants per year – DOUBLE last year's number! Plus an undetermined number of asylees, Need for increased funding and more housing grows. Several creative responses:

- purchasing a condominium in Plainfield for immigrant/asylee residence;
- figuring out how to turn that condominium into a socially responsible investment opportunity for individuals and groups;
- Asking affiliated organizations for funds to help subsidize immigrants' rentals to help make life in Central Jersey affordable; and
- Continuing to offer help with learning learning English, settling in (like learning how to take the bus), and help in job seeking

Part of **InterfaithRISE** operations have been conducted under the umbrella of the Affordable Housing Corporation established (years ago) in conjunction with the Reformed Church of Highland Park. While maintaining that relationship, **InterfaithRISE** has now established its own Executive Board.

InterfaithRISE is a faith- and community-based coalition in support of refugee resettlement and immigration justice, based out of the Reformed Church of Highland Park. The Unitarian Society is an active member of the coalition.

#### Sign Volunteer

Seeking volunteer to help make visually appealing signs and announcements for TUS. Rev. Karen makes alot of our graphically cool announcements, but it's not really a good use of a minister's time. She does it with a really simple online (free) program called Canva and sources of copyright-free images. No experience necessary but you do need to enjoy working with visual images. She's willing to teach you if you are willing to begin making some signs and posters for us as we need them. Please email Rev. Karen if you think this is you

(revkarentus@gmail.com)

# Animal Blessing Service Planned: We Could Use Your Help

Rev. Karen and the Sunday Services Committee have scheduled the Sunday service on June 3 to be an Animal Blessing service. We will be blessing real animals both live (in person) and deceased (via photograph), not to mention beloved toy stuffed animals. The logistics of this service are challenging and will require creativity, plus a few more human helpers than usual. WILL YOU BE ONE OF OUR HUMAN HELPERS? If so, please let Rev. Karen know.

revkarentus@gmail.com

#### Please register for the Plenary here;

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51510/c/301/p/salsa/event/common/public/?
event KEY=10674

# UUFaithAction NJ

# Plenary April 21st 11am to 4:30pm

The general assembly for UUFANJ and supporters from across New Jersey!



Keynote: Sam Daley-Harris, author and activist, founder of RESULTS, long-time coach to Citizen's Climate Lobby and national expert on citizen empowerment and political activism.

Location: The Unitarian Society, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation 176 Tices Ln, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

#### **New First Aid Kits**

So glad that folks have found the First Aid Kit and have found the presence of aspirin and non-aspirin useful. So useful that we have run out! We welcome someone -- anyone -- in making a donation to the Office so that we can fill up the first aid kit.

Otherwise, it will likely stay empty.





#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

5/20 Annual Meeting
5/20 Flower Festival
RE Teacher Appreciation
New Member Sunday

6/3 Animal Blessing Service

6/17 End of Year Picnic Party



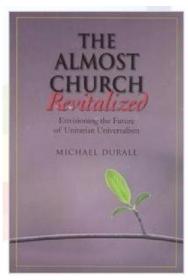
RSVP to Jackie Held-Rubin at JACALYN21@aol.com or 908-881-4553 prior to April 1st

## Spiritual Nourishment for Leaders

On **April 3**, we will be reading Chapter 5, "Focus On The Things That Are Impoartant."

If you haven't attended yet, you can still join up. There's a copy of the book we are reading, Mike Durrall's, "The Almost Church Revitalized" in Rev. Karen's mailbox.

We meet 6:30 -8:00 -bring your own dinner with you, and we'll break bread and share our thoughts with each other.







"You are destined to fly, but that cocoon has to go."

~Nelle Morton

From the Touchstones: Readings from the Common Bowl, April 2018



#### TREASURER'S TIDBITS

**Bob Munson** 

You May Have Wondered: What is the Bosnian Student Project? Directed by Peter Kahn, the Bosnian Student Project has sponsored a series of Bosnian students at Rutgers who have gone on to illustrious careers. Donations come from TUS, the Rutgers community and beyond, passing through a TUS reserve account now at \$7,049. Arrangements are underway to support a refugee from Afghanistan starting in September, with his sister starting a year later. In addition, a young Yazidi woman will take a single course at the Business School. We can all share the pride in this long running effort.

#### Cash In Basket for April

April I - Interfaith RISE http://www.interfaithrise.org/

April 8 & 15 - Dina's Dwellings http://townclockcdc.org

April 22 - The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee https://www.elephants.com/

April 29 - The New Jersey Industrial Union Council www.industrialunioncouncilnj.org



#### TUS now has a YouTube Channel

Did you miss last week's sermon? Not to worry; you can now watch the sermon on our very own YouTube Channel. Go website (www.unitariansociety.org) and click on

to the website (<u>www.unitariansociety.org</u>) and click on YouTube Channel on the top menu.

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Most sermons will be posted here along with videos from other TUS activities. Check back often!

TUS Office Hours for 2018 are: Monday—Friday, 10am-4:30pm

#### **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!

#### **Weather Preparations**



If there is a state of emergency, the service will automatically be cancelled.

At other times, Rev. Karen and the Board chair, will consult about the weather.

Otherwise, keep a look out on our **web site**, our **Facebook page**, and for an **email** to everyone currently on our email list -- if we are closing or cancelling service, we will announce it in all those places, aiming to have the word out no later than 9am.

If we do cancel the Sunday service, a link will be sent out that day on Facebook and in the email to the congregation, if you would like to join the virtual service on Zoom.

## **TUS Happenings**



#### **Buddhist Meditation Group**

The Buddhist Meditation Group will meet April 1st and April 29th at 12:15 pm.

Rev Allen Wells will return as our teacher, and he has agreed to discuss the Heart Sutra.

All adults are welcome to join us, just drop in. You can find us in the sanctuary at TUS.

# Art Exploration Group

April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 7PM.

All are welcome. No experience necessary, just interest.

#### 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, April 8
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**

Join us for Souper Sunday on **April 8**! We raised \$97 in February!



Note: April will be our last soup fundraiser for the season.

There will be vegetarian, vegan, and non-vegetarian soups are on the menu. This is a fundraiser to help support the good works of this society. 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. Souper Sunday is usually the second Sunday of each month and is served right after the Sunday service. 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!

#### **Shakespeare Reading Group**

The Shakespeare Reading Group will meet

Tuesdays, April 10 and April 24 at 7:30 PM

at The Unitarian Society. We will be reading

"Romeo and Juliet". Please bring a copy of the
play. Please contact Harriet Lindblom

(732-846-3395 or Dhlindblom@aol.com) for
more info or if attending for the first time.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Women's Group
Thursday, April 26th, I - 3PM
Room 4
Subject TBA.
Contact Joyce Browning for more info.

## **TUS CALENDAR**



For The Fridge





# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 a.m. Easter in the Garden 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service 12:15 pm Buddhist Meditation Group	7:30 pm Philomusica	6:30 pm Spiritual Nourishment For Leaders	7pm Art Experience Lab 7:30 pm Sunday Service Committee	5	6	7
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Welcome All Into Our House

**NEWSLETTER FACTS:** The deadline for the May 2018 newsletter is **Friday, April 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 10:00 am 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 Office Administrator, Megan, at uutus@comcast.net.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEKLY:** The list is now sent on Friday. Please send suggested events or meetings to sj.uueastbrunswick@gmail.com no later than Wednesday evening.

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