

The Chalice Light

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March, 2017 Calendar

All events are held at the UUCRT unless otherwise noted. Italicized events are not UU sponsored but may be of interest to congregants.

UUCRT Qigong will no longer be on the calendar as an ongoing scheduled program. If you intend on coming to morning qigong, please call (845) 562-1911 Saturday evening to verify availability.

March 5, Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Religious Exploration for children
-- 12:15 p.m. Soul Matters with Rev. Chris in Room 20.

March 7, Tuesday – 7 p.m. *Orange County Psychic Experiences Group*

March 11, Saturday – 7:30 p.m. *Hudson Valley Folk Guild Coffee House*

March 12, Sunday – Noon: Stewardship and Finance provides lunch and entertainment
--12:15 p.m. Soul Matters with Terri Pahucki in Room 20.

March 18, Saturday – Noon to 4 p.m.: Trash 2 Treasure at the UUCRT

March 25, Saturday – 1 to 4 p.m. Open House at the UUCRT

March, 26, Sunday – 12:15 p.m. Soul Matters with Rev. Chris in Room 20.
--12:30 p.m. Board of Trustees
-- 3 p.m. *Veterans For Peace Meeting*

Sunday Services

Our Sunday services are held at 9 Vance Rd, Rock Tavern, NY at 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. *While we make every intention to publish an accurate calendar, topics may be subject to change. Please consult uucrt.org for the most up-to-date listings. We welcome all seekers regardless of age, creed, race, ability/disability, class, sexual orientation, and gender identity.*

March 5: Rev. Chris J. Antal **Security Risk**

Dialogue is one security risk essential to spiritual growth, necessary to any free and responsible search for truth.

March 12: Terri Pahucki **What Do We Have to Lose?**

An invitation to consider all that we hold dear. How does love for the earth call us forward into risk?

March 19: Evan Pritchard **Gonna' Trouble the Water**

Escaping slavery then and now with help from Native American wisdom.

March 26: Rev. Chris J. Antal **The Dukes of Hazard**

In pursuit of national security the U.S is risking unprecedented moral hazards. How ought an engaged citizenry respond?

From Your Minister

In March we explore the theme of risk, a timely matter given recent discussions about targets and shields.

Let me explain. On the fifth Sunday in January a group gathered in the sanctuary for a special forum. Our purpose was to consider the relationship that ought to exist between the UUCRT and emerging movements for social change like Sanctuary and Black Lives Matter. I was pleased at the number of members and friends who participated in respectful dialogue and collaborative inquiry in keeping with the best of our covenantal commitments.

One exchange between two members around the question of whether or not the UUCRT should hang the Black Lives Matter banner from the roadside sign has stayed with me. It went something like this:

Member 1: "If we hang the banner then we better be ready to become a target."

Member 2: "I wonder if we could reframe that and think of ourselves not as targets but as shields. After all, the people we are talking about, blacks, immigrants threatened with deportation, *they* are the targets."

Wow. If dialogue is about discovery, which I believe it is, then this discovery was a treasure chest. Kudos for Jamie Capach, the source of this reframe. She challenged the UUCRT to *be the shield*.

Both targets and shields are at risk. I remember my visit to Standing Rock in December, flanked by thousands of veterans who had converged on the camp, having committed themselves to be "human shields" between the indigenous water protectors and the militarized police.

What would it mean for the UUCRT to *be the shield*, standing between the most vulnerable among us and all who threaten them? There are many ways to answer this question: hang the Black Lives Matter banner and when it is torn down, hang it again, and again; declare the UUCRT property a sanctuary for immigrants facing deportation; protect small peasant farmers by purchasing organic fair trade products. All these choices involve risk. But when shields assume risk, they relieve the targets and become allies with the vulnerable.

---Rev. Chris J. Antal

A Message from the Lay Commissioned Minister

Risk: Last month the *Harriet Tubman National Historic Park* was established in Auburn, New York, becoming the 51st national site to achieve this distinction. The park commemorates the later years of Tubman's life and honors her legacy as a bold, brave freedom fighter who, over the course of ten years, helped over 300 slaves escape to freedom.

I am inspired by the lessons of our past. Harriet Tubman is recognized as a national hero, but she did not work alone. Her work was dependent on the intricate network of ordinary people who formed the Underground Railroad; a network that included homes in Warwick, Chester, and New Windsor, where fugitive slaves were hidden and secretly transported in the night.

The Underground Railroad was an early form of Sanctuary, a movement which we are considering as a congregation. Our faith calls us to respond to the needs of our time: immigrants in our own communities are at great risk of deportation, and families are in danger of being divided. We too must consider what risks we are

called to take. Sanctuary takes many forms -- from city and town resolutions, to houses of worship offering harbor to immigrants, to rapid response teams gathering to peacefully interrupt raids in the street.

This month, we pose the question: What does it mean to be a community of risk? Perhaps we might look to those early sanctuary movements for insight. Perhaps risk is a collective endeavor, supported by many people with a shared commitment, working together across boundaries of race, class, and citizenship status. And perhaps we are called to place our trust, not in the tenuous security of walls, but in the expanded community of human relationship on the road to freedom.

--Terri Pahucki

From the Board of Trustees

March is a busy month for our Congregation. As we move to a new fiscal calendar, we will end our old calendar in June and begin the next one in July. That means a half-year budget and re-set of the board before our next Congregational Meeting in May. Confused? Don't worry, it will all work out and the equinox will still come on the 21st of March as usual.

On Sunday, March 12 Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring forward and join the Stewardship and Finance Ministry after services – they will provide box lunches for us all and we'll have some entertainment, and an invigorating launch of the pledge drive for 2017. There will be door prizes, laughter and fun! Don't miss it!

On Saturday, March 25, we'll have an afternoon of Hey Look Us Over - an open house for newcomers to explore all the activities and aspects of our Congregation.

It will also be a reunion for those of us who have been here for a while. I'm planning to make calls to many old friends whom we haven't seen lately, and enjoy sweet memories of the old days. If you are in that category, and would like to come for a visit, please call me!

We are always looking for ways to make this fellowship more fun. If you have ideas for a party or a game night, music, dance, show or art event – let us on the board know about it! And the same goes for the serious work we do. Our Black Lives Matter group is finding ways to help the fight against racism in our area, and we'd love your support. We are also looking for ways to host political forums, important films and groups like Veterans For Peace, and Knights Out. There's a lot going on here all the time!

Most importantly, bring your friends. We want to grow!

Yours in Service,
Mike Landrum
President, Board of Trustees

From our Ministries Stewardship & Finance

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes the first annual Congregational Meeting of our new fiscal year format. The meeting will be held in May, so our budget must be created in April! Our Treasurer, Alan Horne, will be creating two potential budgets. One will be 'bare bones', with minimal spending and an eye toward survival. The other, while not yet a statement of abundance, will be an expression of growth and promise!

What makes the difference? Simple.

Your financial support based on the belief that Giving Makes Everything Better!

With that in mind, our focus from March 12-April 2 will be on Making Everything Better! We'll hear Membership Moments in services, where members share how their participation at the UUCRT has enhanced their lives.



We'll enjoy fun and fellowship at lunch after the March 12 service—NO POT LUCK THAT DAY! Lunch will be provided! And, we'll look with gratitude at the abundance we share, and the potential for the future, as we grow, work and play together in fellowship and harmony.

Thanks for being YOU! You are an integral part of the whole that is the UUCRT! We look forward to growth and enhanced participation, and to Making Everything Better through our ability to share our time, talents and our treasure!

P.S. Have you discovered the online 'donate' feature at www.UUCRT.org? It is so easy to create a password protected account, and contribute your donation (pledge) at your convenience. You can decide that transfers be made weekly, monthly, annually or one

time only, by secure credit card payment or check transfer from your bank.

Check with any S&F Ministry member: Alan Horne, Jackie Jordan, Linda Mangelsdorf (chair), or Heather (Broadfoot) Stultzke

Social Action Ministry

Social Action Ministry Meetings

The SAM will suspend our meetings for the time being and put our time and energy into the two task forces that have been created: The Black Lives Matter Task Force and The Sanctuary Task Force.

From Emma Millen: NYC Host wanted

Hello everybody! I hope you are all doing well. I am both fundraising to attend and seeking a roommate for the UUNO intergenerational conference *Arm in Arm: Interfaith Action to Disarm Our Planet* in Manhattan, from April 6-8th 2017! I'm trying to find a place to stay for two nights, Thursday the 6th and Friday the 7th. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them contact me ASAP! Thanks and so much. Love, Emma Millen. (845) 616-6534

Board Minutes - Have you noticed? Our monthly Board Minutes are now posted on the bulletin board in the entry. So, if you want to know what the board has been working on, now you can easily find out. Thanks to the Board for doing this. – Verne M. Bell

Save the Date: UU-UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar Apr. 6 – 8.

Religious Exploration Ministry

Here are the dates for the upcoming Religious education classes for children:

Sundays, March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4

News

Open House at the UUCRT!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday,

March 25, 2017 from 1-4 pm

On Sept. 12, 2006, our double A-frame building burned to the ground. Now, 10-1/2 years later, we are inviting you and your friends and neighbors to join us for a relaxing afternoon visit, complete with light refreshments. Hey, look us over!

Our beautiful new building, designed for worship, fellowship, education and growth, is shared with The Birch School, the Rock Tavern Chapter of the Hudson Valley Folk Guild, milestone gatherings, and other



groups and events.

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where the inherent worth of every person is valued, where democracy is practiced, where social activism happens, and where spiritual growth is encouraged and supported. Our commitment to the interconnected web of all existence is expressed by the Labyrinth recently built on our 7-acre property.

Our dynamic minister, the Rev. Chris J. Antal, is active in the larger community, and supportive in word and deed of all people. Our lay commissioned minister, Terri Pahucki, brings her uniquely fresh perspective to our services.

So stop by and say hello! We'd love to see you—whether you are visiting for the first time, or are an old friend or former member who hasn't been around for a while.

Bring Your Trash and Find Some Treasure on March 18

On March 18 from noon-4 p.m. we will be hosting the second annual Spring Trash 2 Treasure FREE event.



Spring clean and bring goodies to share with others. Poke around and find goodies you might be looking for. This is not a tag sale or a swap-- it's a bring some, leave some, FREE event.

All non-garbage items welcome; leftover goodies will be donated to the Salvation Army. Buy some yummy eats at the bake sale and take a chance at the 50/50 while you are treasure hunting! No dealers, please. For information or to arrange early drop-off, please email broadleafhouse@gmail.com.

See attached flyer for more information and for sharing with others.

Have Fun and Find the Artist within You April 29 at the UUCRT

Come to Sip and Paint on April 29 from 7- 9 p.m. at the UUCRT! \$40 per person includes wine, snacks, a guided art lesson, and all the supplies needed to create your very own masterpiece!

This benefit for the UUCRT will surely be a fun time! Under the guidance of a Walkkill River School artist, you'll experience a tailored lesson and awaken your creativity while sipping, snacking, and enjoying each other's



company. Reserve your spot by credit card on this link on the UUCRT.org website: [Sip and Paint for the Unitarian Universalists Congregation at Rock Tavern](#).

If you prefer not to register online, give \$40 to Jane O'Donnell who will reserve a canvas and palette in your name. *Wine, snacks, and supplies included.* You will leave with an awesome painting and lots of fond memories!

Come and discover the artist within you!

Sustainable Warwick Presents Phil Ochs Tribute Concert April 7 at UUCRT

Sustainable Warwick proudly presents a Tribute to Phil Ochs on Friday, April 7th in the UUCRT sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Phil Ochs was the quintessential social and political folk song activist of the 1960's and early 1970's with sharp wit, sardonic humor, earnest humanism, and political activism. He was a prolific composer/lyricist and recorded eight albums for such major labels as Elektra and A&M.

He cited Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, and Merle Haggard as major influences.

John Flynn (www.johnflynn.net) and Brother Sun (www.brothersun.com) are the featured performers. The evening's concert will be hosted by Phil's sister, Sonny Ochs of WIOX-Radio. Admission is \$25. For more information and seating reservations, please contact Russ Layne at (845) 325-1615 or russlayne.layne@gmail.com.

Sustainable Warwick is a local non-profit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of sustainability by providing information and encouraging individuals, community organizations, businesses, schools, and government to cooperate in protecting environmental quality and reducing carbon emissions.

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