

The Chalice Light

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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 uucr.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.*

July 2: Bill Domanico

A Nod to Leadbelly

A service about why the blues and folk troubadour should be acknowledged by Unitarian Universalists for his work on this July 4 weekend.

July 9: Father Billy Clark

On Urgency

The question that remains is what will you do now? How will you help the God of Love ease the suffering of all through this time of world shift? How will you use your gifts and talents to better this world?

July 16: Jordan Taylor and Cynthia Gilkeson

Black Lives Matter Discussion

July 23: Celine Daly and Julie Harris

Sound Meditation

Inner sound and music journey with guided meditation, featuring instruments from world healing traditions including singing bowls, gongs, tuning forks, flutes, drums, and voice.

July 30: Terri Pahucki

Memory and Place

A service of remembering and truth-telling stories of our past on the path to liberation.

Aug. 6: Rev. Dr. Chris J. Antal

Left of Boom

72 years after dropping the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima we will celebrate the recent UN convention to ban nuclear weapons and consider what is ours to do in the struggle for nuclear disarmament.

Aug. 13: Verne M. Bell, Barbara Hultgren, Jane O'Donnell, and Marcia Westra

Members of our book group will present "Christ for Unitarian Universalists" by Rev. Scotty McClennan, UU minister and will share insights gained from this inspiring book as well as a little of our own spiritual journeys.

July/August, 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.

July 6, Thursday – 6 p.m. *Medicine Drum Making workshop with Twila Smith*

July 9, Sunday – Noon. Potluck Luncheon

July 11, Tuesday – 7 p.m. *Orange County Psychic Experiences Group*

July 13, Thursday – Day trip to Equal Exchange, Bridgewater, MA. Contact Rev. Antal for details.

July 16, Sunday – 12:30 p.m. Emotional Lives of White People forum led by Jamie Capach

July 19, Wednesday – Day trip to the Intrepid Museum in New York City to view "Drones: Is the Sky the Limit". Contact Rev. Antal for details.

July 23, Sunday--12:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

Aug. 1, Tuesday – 7 p.m. *Orange County Psychic Experiences Group*

Aug. 13, Sunday – Noon. Potluck Luncheon

Aug. 20, Sunday – 12:30 p.m. Racial Identity Development forum with Jamie Capach
-- 2-5 p.m. Worship, Vision and Planning Retreat

Aug. 27, Sunday -- 3 p.m. *Veterans For Peace*

Aug. 20: Annual Poetry, Prose and Song Lyrics service

All are invited to read a passage that spiritually inspires them.

Aug. 27: Terri Pahucki

Abundance

We have more than enough for the journey, yet fear of scarcity holds us back. Let us celebrate the gifts in our midst, as we vision together.



Blessing of the Plants and Animals

Rev. Antal was all geared up for the blessing of the plants and animals service on June 21. Dogs, cats, plants, and even a fish, received blessings.

From Your Minister

Peace Advocate Congregation. UU United Nations Office Blue Ribbon Congregation. Welcoming Congregation. Annual Program Fund Honor Congregation. These were a few of the ribbons I received and wore with pride as your delegate to the annual General Assembly in New Orleans this June. I hope you will share that pride. Your generous giving of time, talent, and treasure has helped the UUCRT achieve these distinctions. The journey is long, sometimes painful, and often rewarding. I'm glad to be on this path with you.

In Service,
Rev. Chris

Rev. Antal's Availability this Summer: Our minister will be at the UUCRT on July 16 (pm), August 6 (am), and August 20 (pm). He is available in the months of July and August except for the following dates:

June 30- July 6 Vacation

July 27 – Aug. 4 Vacation

Aug. 28-Sept. 8 Study Leave

Area UU ministers are on call throughout the summer. In the case of a pastoral emergency while Rev. Antal is on vacation please contact the president or the lay commissioned minister and for the appropriate referral.

Rev. Antal responds to pastoral emergencies during his study leave.

In order to make himself more accessible, Rev. Antal is using a new online scheduling system. Check it out here.

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=13792450¬embedded=1>

Reflection from the Lay Commissioned Minister

I am honored to have served this congregation the past few days as an off-site online delegate to the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly. At this writing, the final songs have been sung, and we have just installed our new UUA President, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, with a laying on of hands. My own hand pressed against a laptop screen in this historic moment; my eyes teared with joy in witnessing our first female elected President.

As a delegate, I represent all of you, as we hold our leader with hope and blessing, and join to walk this journey together.

This summer I will be present with you on July 30th and August 27th. I also invite you to join me and Rev. Chris for the Worship Vision and Planning Retreat on August 20th. Let us journey together, as we celebrate our Unitarian Universalist faith by lifting our voices, telling our stories, and answering the call to love fully and seek justice in the world.

In faith,

Terri Pahucki

Worship Vision and Planning Retreat

The 2017-18 Worship Vision and Planning Retreat will be held on Sunday, Aug. 20th from 2-5 p.m. Any and all who would like to be involved in Sunday services in the upcoming year are welcome to join Rev. Chris and Terri Pahucki for this gathering.

Worship associates, speakers, musicians, singers,



storytellers, religious educators, small group ministry leaders, artists, decorators, dancers, greeters, and others are all welcome.

Our gathering will focus on the overall vision and mission of our worship services, a look at the 2017-18 monthly themes, and moving ideas forward as a strong ministry team in the

year ahead. Please RSVP to Terri (tlpahucki@gmail.com) by August 15th if you are able to attend.



Satellite View, Building and Labyrinth

Ed Helbig from the Birch School spotted our building on Google maps. This is how we look from space, with the labyrinth a prominent feature, of course!

From our Ministries

Social Action Ministry Examining Whiteness Curriculum



Continues this Summer

One of the ways that racism affects us is by shaping our identity (and this is true for whites and People of Color). The Examining Whiteness curriculum, prepared by the Rev. Dr.

William Gardiner, is made available to Unitarian Universalists (UUs), particularly white people, interested in transforming their whiteness through understanding the complex history of white supremacy of over four hundred years in the United States, and the impact it has on us as individuals and the society as a whole. Providing an anti-racism curriculum for white

people allows deeper understanding of issues that are essential to furthering a white anti-racist identity.

ABOUT THE CURRICULUM:

The culture of white supremacy has a history that goes back over four hundred years. As a result of this history we live in a society based on white cultural supremacy.

*Section one focused on white supremacy in the context of colonization, the conquest of Native Americans, and the enslavement of African Americans.

*Section two explores a number of important historical events that shaped the development of white supremacy during the time of the American Revolution.

*Section three discusses how race science was developed to ensure white supremacy.

*Section four deals with manifestations of white supremacy from the early 19th century up to Reconstruction.

*Section five reflects on the immigration of Europeans to America and the labor movement and how they fit into the construct of whiteness.

The six-workshop series began after service on June 18 and will continue monthly on the following schedule (all begin at 12:30 p.m.):

June 18 - The History of White Supremacy in the United States

July 16 - The Emotional Lives of White People

August 20 - Racial Identity Development

September 17 - Racial Identity Journey

October 15 - White Power and Privilege

November 19 - Developing a Positive White Identity

(Please email Jamie Capach for the readings before scheduled Sunday sessions - mandycapach@gmail.com)

AN APOLOGY AND CLARIFICATION:

It was brought to my attention that the language I included in the June UUCRT newsletter about this series of workshops implied that it is for white people only. In being unclear about this, I have caused harm to our members and friends of color. Regardless of my intent, my impact was still the same. I sincerely apologize for not being clear that everyone regardless of skin color, race, ethnic background, and place of origin are welcome to participate. The workshops are aimed toward white people, who are primarily responsible for undoing the institutional and systemic racism established by our ancestors that we continue to benefit from and uphold to this day. While white people

are the target audience, the workshops are open to all who wish to participate.

Sincerely,
Jamie Capach

Black Lives Matter and Other Banners to be Displayed on Rt. 207

As you might know, at our May Congregational Meeting, we voted to display the Black Lives Matter banner along with three others: The Rainbow Flag, Refugees Welcome, and Veterans for Peace out on Rt. 207. Our Building and Grounds Committee has attached three of the banners to the trees behind our sign on our property, and the Black Lives Matter banner will be added soon. The four banners represent the four areas in which our congregation has been most active recently. A ceremony of dedication will be held in the fall.

In synchronicity, the Poughkeepsie UU congregation has also voted to display the BLM banner and the invite for the dedication of their banner is below.

Poughkeepsie UU Dedication of Black Lives Matter Banner:

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie is honored to invite you to the dedication of our Black Lives Matter banner. Our decision to display the banner is an act of public witness. Our intention is to keep the spotlight on the issue of racism and its effect on people in this country from slavery to today. We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all lives, but in a growing culture of "anti-blackness", violence, anger and hate we choose to stand as a beacon of light in an otherwise darkening world. The celebration will take place on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 3:00 pm at UUFP, 67 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please come and join our community at this joyous event! Music and refreshments will accompany the dedication. Please call 845-471-6580 for more information or questions.

-- Verne M. Bell

NEWS

Summer Refreshments

Here's the scoop! Once again we're on our own to make our own coffee and provide modest refreshments. At present our pantry is stocked with coffee, milk, cream, cookies and nibbles so no need to bring more of these. Mimosa, our good cleaning lady, is

on vacation and it's our job to tidy up after ourselves. So lend a hand when you can.



Rallying to ban Nuclear Weapons

Rev Chris, Terri Pahucki, and Verne Bell (Verne and Terri are pictured above with umbrella), along with other UU's and friends, joined the Women's March to Ban the Bomb in New York City on June 17th in support of a new international treaty to ban nuclear weapons. The march was organized by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) to focus global attention on the treaty negotiations now in process at the United Nations. Nearly a thousand people marched and rallied through the pouring rain in New York City and about 150 solidarity actions took place around the globe.

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General Assembly, New Orleans

The Rev. Dr. Chris J. Antal attended the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in June as a delegate of the UUCRT. Our lay commissioned minister, Terri Pahucki, attended as an off-site, on-line delegate. Both voted for Susan Frederick-Gray, who will be the next UUA president.



On Thursday morning, June 22, Rev. Antal hosted "Scones and Drones" at the UUA General Assembly to introduce delegates to a new curriculum for congregations to educate and inspire action in response to US targeted killing with weaponized drones. The event was sponsored by the UU Peace Ministry Network, the UU UNO office, and the Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare and funded with a grant from the Open Society Foundation. On Saturday afternoon, more delegates came for "Calzones and Drones." Rev. Antal will offer similar events at the UUCRT in the fall of 2017.



Rev. Antal raises his voting card to support the adoption of the Escalating Inequality Statement of Conscience.



since 2011.



Rev. Antal receives the UU United Nations Office Blue Ribbon Congregation recognition (see award on right) on behalf of the UUCRT at the UUA General Assembly. Also pictured are Bruce Knotts, director of the UU UNO office, and Allison Hess, UUA International Engagement Associate. This is the fifth time since 2011 that the UUCRT has received this recognition. Photo by Valerie Goodman.