

# The Chalice Light

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While we make every intention to publish an accurate calendar, topics may be subject to change. Please consult [uucrt.org](http://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.

## July 1: Peace Through Food and Music Bill Domanico

Food and music can bring people together. Can they put a dent in hatred and racism?

## July 8: Are UU's Required to Be Activists?

Verne Bell and Diane Diachishin will lead a discussion based on an article in the previous issue of UU World.

## July 15: May We Be Well

Terri Pahucki

How can we journey toward healing, health and wholeness together?

## July 22: Bring a Poem!

Mike Landrum and Alice Nielsen-Shane

A program on Kahlil Gibran and other favorite poets - a participatory program. Bring a poem to contribute!

## July 29: Rediscovering Passionate Expression

Lisa (Ayleeza) Quattrocchi and Julian Broughton

The husband and wife belly dance team Ayleeza and Julian return with a program that will engage us in a discussion about how dance, music and drumming have reconnected them to their core essence and made their marriage stronger.

## Aug. 5: Blessing of Animals and Plants

Evan Pritchard

Bring photos or artifacts of a beloved pet, living or dead, and live plants or seeds to be blessed in Native American spirituality by interfaith minister, author and educator Evan Pritchard.

## Aug. 12: TBA

Mike Landrum

## Aug. 19: Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Terri Pahucki

## July-Aug., 2018 Calendar

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

**Every Sunday** – 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Equal Exchange Table.

**July 3, Tuesday** – 7 p.m. *Orange County Psychic Experiences Group*

**July 8, Sunday** – Noon, potluck luncheon  
--Social Action Ministry meets immediately after Potluck

**July 25, Saturday** – 7:30-9:30 p.m. Film and discussion on drone warfare

**VA Training Postponed:** The Veterans Administration Community Clergy Training originally scheduled for July 19 at the UUCRT has been postponed until a date to be determined.

“Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.”  
— Reinhold Niebuhr

## Sunday Services

Our Sunday services are held at 9 Vance Rd, Rock Tavern, NY at 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted.

What can we learn from our past to move forward into the future?

**Aug. 26: Labyrinth Walk and Meditation**  
**Jay Beaumont**

Jay will discuss Labyrinth history, the UUCRT labyrinth, and labyrinth as a spiritual tool. Then we will walk the labyrinth.

**Message From Your Minister**

Rev. Chris J. Antal

We are on a journey towards redemption.

The journey towards redemption includes truth telling.

Speaking the truth of our own complicity is a sign of commitment and faithfulness.

Our liberation is collective.

We are called to testify with our lives.

We cannot show up authentically for the struggle out there if we ignore the one right here.

These are a few of the quotes I scribbled in my program while listening to the Rev. Sofia Betancourt as she preached during the Service of the Living Tradition at our General Assembly last month in Kansas City, Missouri.

Rev. Betancourt was addressing the struggle to dismantle white supremacy and work for racial equity within the Unitarian Universalist Association. I felt encouraged by her message of hope and persistence. She reminded me that the struggles we have engaged over the recent months at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern are not ours alone; they are struggles shared by other Unitarian Universalists throughout the nation.

I was reminded that we are in this struggle together and that together we can be more and do more than any of us can in isolation.

Go well and see you in September.

Rev. Antal will be on vacation from July 22- August 4 and on Study Leave from August 5-September 4. He will return to the UUCRT pulpit on September 9.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, the Lay Commissioned Minister and Board President will be able to contact Rev. Antal or the on-call UU minister.

**UUCRT Awards at General Assembly**

At the UUA General Assembly, the UUCRT received Blue Ribbon Recognition from the UU UNO Office and a Certificate of Commitment from Equal Exchange.



Allison Hess and Bruce Knotts of the UU UNO Office present the Blue Ribbon Recognition to Rev. Antal, who received it on behalf of the UUCRT. Kansas City, Missouri. June 22, 2018.



Bethany Karbowski, of Equal Exchange, presents a Certificate of Commitment to Rev. Antal, who received it on behalf of the UUCRT at the UUA General Assembly.

**Reflection from the Lay Commissioned Minister**

The writer E.B. White once wrote, "I arise in the morning torn between the desire to improve the world

and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day.” To save or to savor, to give or to take? I feel the pull in both directions particularly strong these past two weeks with the beauty of summer- fruit, flowers, family, and friends, sitting alongside the world’s pain in my heart.

I see these not as two separate pulls, but as one that leads us more deeply into life. Summer teaches us to embrace life fully. Nurture it, love it, celebrate it, renew it, fight for it. Our place in the interconnected web is one of continual giving and receiving in relation to other lives. These relations extend beyond our immediate neighbors to the immigrants at our border, children in Palestine, people held in U.S. prisons, and so many others.

Time spent in nature and with the things and people I love renews my ministry. Right action arises from my relation to life on this planet and I become more whole through service and action that honors this relationship.

I wish for all of you a restful and active summer- time to savor and time to save. May your spirit be restored, and your ministry renewed. And may we deepen our relatedness to the web of life in community together.

Blessings,  
Terri

Fear is the cheapest room in the house.  
I would like to see you living in better  
conditions.  
-- Hafiz

## **From the Board of Trustees**

Dear Members and Friends –

I’m very happy to report that Linda Mangelsdorf has been appointed to the Board of Trustees and will participate on Skype during those periods when she is traveling. We thank Twila Smith for completing two full terms – six years in all!

Brett Bauman, whose shop is in nearby Campbell Hall, will be making the chalice emblem to hang above our entry and at last fulfill the wish of Anne Beck, our late member and benefactor. Brett is a soft-spoken young blacksmith, comfortable with the heat, hammer and anvil needed to turn stiff and resistant iron into graceful works of art. His mother-in-law, Mary Mulrooney, an

old friend and former UUCRT member, gave us his contact info. We’re grateful that we have such friends and artisans to draw on for this important project. We hope to mount the new chalice this July.

Our thoughts are with David Bell whose sister Cathy passed away in early May in Alaska where she was working for the National Parks Service. On June 23, a memorial service was held for Cathy, organized by David and his family at the Masonic Lodge in Tenafly, NJ. Terri Pahucki officiated the service and several UUCRT members attended including Verne Bell, Barbara Hultgren, Laura Bair, Diane Diachishin and Linda Mangelsdorf.

We’re glad to report that Jeanette Lamb and her daughter Tessa have stepped forward to take on the Free Trade Coffee concession, which was so ably begun by Rev. Chris’s children.

Several fresh faces are showing up regularly at Sunday Services including Jonathan Beckenstein, Amy Kaufman, Nora Howard-Gallardo, and Karen Hintze. Jonathan, Amy and Nora have also joined the Social Action Ministry.

Any organization like ours depends on its members to pitch in with all sorts of tasks in order to thrive. In fact, the more service you provide, the more fun you can have. Coffee hour is a time when we all need to enjoy the tasks of setting up and putting away in order to get the most out of building our essential and blessed community.

Thanks for doing your part!

Mike Landrum

Writing for the Board of Trustees

## **From our Ministries**

### **Religious Exploration**

#### **Religious Exploration, Ministry to Our Children**

A new year begins each September!

With that in mind, it is time to begin planning for the upcoming 2018-2019 Religious Exploration experience at the UUCRT. Once again, we would like to offer RE classes to ages seven and up on the first, second, and third Sundays of each month from September through the end of May. To do this, we need volunteers to teach one of the designated Sundays each month and

those who could serve as an occasional substitute teacher.

The work is not hard. In fact it is quite enjoyable. It is an opportunity to meet the young people who come through our doors, and to encourage them to live lives centered on our seven principles. Lessons and any needed materials will be given to volunteers ahead of time so other than reviewing the lesson, no labored preparation will be necessary.

By beginning RE right just as the school year begins we hope to appeal to parents who are often looking for this important learning experience in the lives of their children. If you are interested, or even if you think you might be interested, please call me at 845-542-4881 or send me an email, lagbair@aol.com. I would love to hear your ideas as well.

Positions are also open for babysitters for children from newborn to age 6 to watch over small children during the service. This can be a paid position. Please contact me for this important ministry as well.

Thank you,  
Laura Bair

He drew a circle that shut me out-  
Heretic , rebel, a thing to flout.  
But love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle and took him in !  
From the poem " Outwitted"— Edwin  
Markham

## Social Action

### Drone Warfare Film, Discussion Saturday, July 21 at the UUCRT

The Social Action Ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern will host a film screening --



“Drone Warfare: Awareness and Action” – on Saturday, July 21, from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the UUCRT. The screening will be followed by a discussion facilitated by the

Rev. Chris J. Antal, UUCRT minister and nationally recognized authority on drone warfare and moral injury.

Refreshments will be served. There is an optional donation of \$5 - \$10.

This event is hosted by the UUCRT Social Action Ministry, in partnership with the Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare.

### Social Action Meeting on July 8

The Social Action meeting for July 1st has been postponed until July 8th around 12:30. To those who have signed up for this or who are interested in it, do come to this meeting!

There's lots for us to consider. (You do not have to be a member!) To begin with, by email we have decided to take advantage of a streaming of two 30-minute videos on drone warfare in July and together need to work out details. In addition we need to look ahead to future actions -Verne Bell

## NEWS

On Sunday, June 24, Jen French brought a message of adult responsibility



### Gun Sense and Safety

On Sunday, June 24, Jen French brought a message of adult responsibility for the safety of our children to a group at the UUCRT. Many unintentional (no longer referred to as 'accidental') injuries and deaths — including suicides — can be prevented by taking simple precautions with firearms in homes and vehicles. School employees in the audience expressed interest in bringing the program to PTAs and to teachers. Jen is a member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. [www.MomsDemandAction.org](http://www.MomsDemandAction.org).



### ***Out of War, Ministry***

The Rev. Bob LaVallee (right) was welcomed into Preliminary Fellowship as a Unitarian Universalist minister during the Service of the Living Tradition Thursday evening, June 21, at General Assembly in Kansas City. Bob LaVallee met then Army Chaplain Chris Antal in Afghanistan in 2102 and he discerned his call to ministry in the UU fellowship started by Chaplain Antal in Kandahar.

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