

**The UUF Blast**  
**Live our UU Principles**  
**A weekly reminder of Fellowship & related activities – issue 9/13/18**

**Annual Theme: Radical Acceptance**  
**Monthly Theme: Identity**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
**Service Begins at 10:30am**

**So Who Are We Really?**  
**Rev. Walter LeFlore**

**REFLECTIONS**

*September 16, 2018*

Are you ready for S'more Spirit Play and Compass Points?

We are excited to begin RE this Sunday, September 16th.

The LFD is planning a get together for RE parents, children, and any other interested folks on **Sunday, September 16th**, after our 3rd Sunday lunch.

Please RSVP to Lara Weisman [CREC@UUPOK.ORG](mailto:CREC@UUPOK.ORG) as soon as possible if you will be attending. Registration forms will be available for your convenience at this event, and also the first few Sundays in September, starting September 9th.

And as always, it looks like we have an exciting year ahead, and we can't wait to share it with you!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

The Fifth Sunday collection will be taken on **Sunday, September 30** to benefit Hope on a Mission, a street ministry serving homeless, addicted women of Poughkeepsie. Every Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. they give away food, clothing and personal items at the corner of South Clinton Street & Main Street in Poughkeepsie. Some of our Fellowship members have volunteered with them. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/hoampk/about/>

Coming Home 4 begins **Tuesday, October 16**. We are currently recruiting mentors and volunteers to help with meals. You can help prepare and serve, or simply volunteer to assist the meal preparers by setting the tables and cleaning up afterward. See Nick Garin if you are interested in helping in any way to bring this worthwhile project to fruition, or if you know someone who might be.

**Protest Government's Treatment of Immigrants:** A group of people has begun protesting the government's separation of families and mass deportations every Thursday. They meet in front of the Bardavon at noon and march through the streets of Poughkeepsie carrying signs.  
Contact Pat Lamanna for more information.

**Peace, Justice and Sustainability Movie Series:** The Social Justice Committee has been sponsoring screenings of movies related to peace, justice, and sustainability every third Friday in even-numbered months. We will not be showing a movie in August; however, our October movie will be "White Right: Meeting the Enemy." Deeyah Khan, a Muslim filmmaker, sits face-to-face with fascists, racists and the proponents of the "alt-right" ideologies that have propelled Donald Trump to the presidency. From Breitbart's darling, Richard Spencer to Jeff Schoep, leader of American's largest neo-Nazi organisation, Deeyah's need to find the deeper human causes of horrific social forces opens a different possibility

for connection and solutions. Rather than dismiss these men as monsters, she's determined to discover the men behind the masks.

More information at <http://fuuse.net/white-right-meeting-the-enemy-fuuse-film-deeyah-khan/>. Mark your calendar for **Monday, October 22** at 7:00pm, to see this remarkable and unforgettable film.

### **THE ANNUAL UUPF RETREAT IS ALMOST HERE!**

Have you registered yet? Wouldn't you like to spend some time in nature while also taking part in a variety of spirit-enriching activities? Here's what we've got already: Mindfulness; Energy & Chakras; Theatre Games for Growth; Yoga; Drawing from Nature; A Crash Course in UU History; Creating a New YoUU(FP); Rise Up Singing; Buddhist Meditation....plus live music, campfires, sing-alongs, nature walks, pickleball and boating! Please register AND then, let Ministerial Intern Leonisa know if you'd like to offer a workshop or small group activity. The schedule of events is almost ready, just a few spots left, so please share your gifts with us! Email [leonisa@uupok.org](mailto:leonisa@uupok.org)

### **UUPF ANNUAL RETREAT**

Refresh, Recharge, Renew

**Sept 21-23**, Friday 5pm - Sunday 12 pm

Sharpe Reservation – Camp Mariah, 436 Van Wyck Rd, Fishkill NY, 12524

*Camp Ground and Recreational Area*

Escape into the woods and welcome the turn of the season at the tranquil Sharpe Reservation. Enjoy mountain vistas, swim or paddle a canoe across Beaver Lake, wander along winding mountain trails.

Play sports and join the campfire circle in the evening for a lively singalong. Take part in workshops exploring individual identity, and current societal issues. Or just bask in the peace and quiet, and drink in Nature's serenity. We hope you will join us!

To register: Sunday mornings after 10:30am Service, or by emailing the person of contact below, with "2018 UU Retreat" in the subject line.

Fri-Sun: \$130/adult, \$70/5-13 yr old, 2nd child free, \$300 family cap

Sat-Sun: \$90/adult, \$50/5-13 yr old, 2nd child free, \$250 family cap

Saturday Only (2 meals): \$50/adult, \$20/5-13 yr old, 2nd child free, \$120 family cap

Additional Meals: \$10 /each (Breakfast or Lunch Sat, Breakfast Sun) or \$15 (Dinner, Sat)

Linens (Optional): \$10 /each

All Fees Due first day of the Retreat. Fees are not required for registration.

Contact: Merrill Sunderland, [merrillsunderland2@gmail.com](mailto:merrillsunderland2@gmail.com)

### **SPEAKING OF BOOKS**

A non-fiction book group

**Monday, October 1 7PM:** The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

### **TAG SALE TRIFECTA**

Maggie Thakkar (914-456-7058), Eleanor Harmantas (845-235-2631) and Davyd Bullock (845-418-1253) are the favorites in the UUPOK Tag Sale Races at Randolph Downs on **10/19 & 10/20**. Gates open both days 9:00am - 3:00 pm. These three jockeys are looking to attract the largest attendance ever in track history!

To make that happen, the ComUUnity Team Leaders are seeking all the helpers that make a race track run smoothly. So mount up - walk a category horse through its paces. Kathy Boone has the Race Listings Sheet. You can place your bet(s) by putting your name on your favorite nag (housewares, home decor, fashions, cafe, electronics, sports, pets & more) any Sunday.

Race week preparations begin Sunday October 14th. Nourishment will accompany the buzz of daily activities Monday - Thursday leading up to Opening Days on Friday & Saturday. Excitement builds when you are part of making success happen!

### **JOYFUL SERVICE**

Tag Sale

The Tag Sale Team is now actively seeking folks to join in making this fall production an enjoyable FUNdraising event. What areas provide your talent(s) pleasure: UniCafe? Fashion-off-the-Rack? The Kitchen Collection? Decor-on-a-Dime? Pet-a-Rama? Sports Central? YesterYear Finds? Green Thumb Acres? SOOO many choices!

See Cori with the clipboard or Kathy and her giant signup board to reserve your desired spot. Do you enjoy working with a certain friend? Ask them to reserve a space with you.

**MANY HANDS MAKE A ROCKIN' TAG SALE!**

### **WELCOME BACK SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TEAMS!**

Because of you, the congregation beams!  
For two months of Sundays, each team treats friends and members to drink and eats.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Look below  
for the team to which you'll go.

If your name's not on the list  
It may be 'cause it is your wish.  
But if you think you're on the brink  
of signing up, then here's a link

[anniel@hvc.rr.com](mailto:anniel@hvc.rr.com)

We will find a team for you  
Nothing else you'll have to do  
'Cept be there for some kitchen fun.  
One for all and all for one!

Team I: September/February

Team leader: Anne Lancellotti

Roseanne Ashby, Tim Chamberlain, Ellen Waggener, Paul Hirsch, Carol Miyake, Karl Volk  
Jon Hodos, Kristine Welch, Fran Sunderland

Find YOUR team, by following this link: <http://uupok.org/#/welcome/newsletters>

### **DO YOU SING? COME JOIN THE HELEN BALDWIN CHOIR.**

The choir meets at 9 or 9:30 most Sundays and we sing at the Service twice a month. It's a nice group of people who will welcome you and we sing some very good songs.

If you want to join, e-mail me at [maosgood41@gmail.com](mailto:maosgood41@gmail.com)

### **NEW ARTWORK AT THE UU FELLOWSHIP**

There are 20 paintings by Alvin S Chiappolini  
They are simply-made with spray paint and a few hand touches.  
The Titles are what somehow make them/one could say more, but why say it?  
-Karl J Volk

### **PAT LAMANNA SIGHTING**

**Sunday, September 23** at 2 p.m., Cuneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar Street, Poughkeepsie: The Hudson Valley Folk Guild presents "Beyond a Simple Folk Song," a very special concert, with Herstorians Pat Lamanna and Sharleen Leahey; Neil Okeson; Kevin Becker; and Helen Avakian. Advance tickets are \$8; \$10 at the door. Call 845-229-0170 to reserve tickets, or see Pat Lamanna for more information.

### **HUDSON VALLEY BLUEGRASS CONCERT**

**Fri Sep 28th 7:30pm**

Unitarian Fellowship, 67 S Randolph Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY  
\$15 at the Door

The Bluegrass Characters deliver straight-ahead traditional mountain-style Bluegrass with soaring vocals and hard-driving instrumentals, following the recipe laid down by Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, The Stanley Brothers, and other pioneers of the genre. Longtime veterans of the New England Bluegrass music scene Phil Zimmerman (mandolin), Andy Bromage (guitar), and Pete Kelly (bass) form the core of The Bluegrass Characters. For this performance, they'll be joined by HVBA stalwart Jerry Oland on banjo and rising star Sofia Chiarandini on fiddle.

The Bluegrass Characters were assembled in 2007 by the legendary Grammy-winning fiddler and Dobroist Stacy Phillips, and led by him until his untimely death in 2018. They continue to champion Stacy's mission of bringing authentic Bluegrass music to Northern urban audiences.

### **MIRAGE THEATRE COMPANY**

Mirage Theatre Company will present a staged reading performance of the play THE KOMAGATA MARU INCIDENT featuring local actors on **Saturday, September 29th** at 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie. Admission is free to the public. A Q&A will follow the performance.

For more information, contact June Prager: [juneprager.mirage@gmail.com](mailto:juneprager.mirage@gmail.com); 347-668-7666

### **UPCOMING DUTCHESS COUNTY INTERFAITH COUNCIL EVENTS**

**(9/13)** Faith Build Breakfast: Clergy Call to Action

**(9/14)** Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden Caravan

## **DCIC FIRST ANNUAL GALA AWARD DINNER—TICKETS ARE ON SALE!**

DCIC is gearing up for its first Annual Gala Award Dinner on **Wednesday, October 24** starting at 6:00 p.m. at The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at [www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org](http://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org) or via check made payable to “Dutchess County Interfaith Council” and mailed to us at 9 Vassar Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

This year, our Gala will feature renowned author, The Reverend Dr. Bruce Chilton, as our guest speaker, and we will be awarding the first Rabbi Erwin Zimet Humanitarian Award. Rabbi Zimet was a founding member of DCIC, the longtime Rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Poughkeepsie, and a powerful force for bringing people together to address community issues of justice and faith. We are thrilled that the first recipients of the Award will be The Reverend Dr. Kennon and Mrs. Mary Moody, both of whom have been stalwarts in efforts to alleviate poverty, hunger and suffering in our community and beyond.

If you have any questions about the event, DCIC, or how else you might support the event and DCIC, please contact us at [office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org](mailto:office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org) or call (845) 471-7333.

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