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The Foreword



The Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AT 10:30 AM

Sundays in February

The Soul Matters theme this month is Resilience. This quality and life skill makes it possible for us to bounce back after disappointment and to weather the constantly shifting winds of change.

2/2 A Journey of the Spirit Kristina Church

For the past three years, our ministerial intern, Kristina Church, has been a student at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Join us as she shares her experiences of the mysterious processes of ministerial formation: a call to ministry; the UU seminary experience; and anything else you ever wanted to know about how UU ministers are trained, certified, and ordained.

2/9 You Gotta Have F.A.I.T.H. Rev. Michelle

Do you have F.A.I.T.H.? If not, would you like some? When F.A.I.T.H. is found in Freedom, Alignment, Interdependence, Trust, and Harnessing Hope, there is plenty to go around. Come and get yours!

2/16 Building Resilience in Dystopian Times Rev. Michelle

This Presidents' Weekend, let's discover ways to cope and thrive in Dystopian times.

2/23 Luminescence: Celebrating the Light of UU

Rev. Michelle & Friends

On the 4th Sunday of most months, we strive to create meaningful worship for all ages and stages of life. We call this worship multigenerational. As we explore our core UU values, may this worship also become "next-generational."

UUCA Covenant

*Together we promise:
To gather in compassionate
community,
To celebrate diversity of thought and
unity of spirit;
And to seek wholeness for ourselves,
our children, and our world.*



MINISTER'S CORNER

How resilient are you? Are you able to process hard life lessons and come out on the other side? Resilience is that, and more. It is more than simply surviving. Resilience is not the brick house we build out of our hard won experiences - it's not meant to be an ending, a monument to suffering. Resilience is the fragile sapling we plant and tend that becomes the willow - able to bend without breaking, growing firm, not hard, under which we can find rest and restoration.

It is the resilience we've been planting as a congregation, as we've learned to adapt to change and celebrate creative ideas that take us out of our comfort zones, that is making it possible for us to imagine revitalizing our presence in the community with our facilities, our grounds, and our programming. It is this resilience that allows us to bend and stretch and open our hearts and minds in new ways. Each time we are able to transform our "No" into a "Let me think about that," resilience is nurtured and given the space to grow. May we continue to cultivate with care and compassion and grow our capacity for resilience and creativity.

Faithfully,
Rev. Michelle

NOTES & REMINDERS

It's Not Too Late

It's not too late to get on board to take part in the Preaching by Parishioners process to prepare a worship service for this summer. Led by Rev. Michelle, sessions are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (thru May 6) and take participants through a step-by-step process to create a compelling sermon and a meaningful worship service. If we have more people than summer service slots, there is the possibility of offering a service during the regular program year. Interested? Contact minister@uuamherst.org for information. Deadline 2/4/20.

What's Going On with the Rummage Sale?

In January we announced that this spring will be our last rummage sale. It's been a great community builder and fundraiser for FIFTY YEARS, so let's go out in style! Late in the fall, Rev. Michelle met with the Kent families, who have been at the helm of this enormous undertaking from the very beginning. After some conversation about the dawning realities (aging volunteers and sore backs, year-round drop-offs and storage issues, and an increasing amount of broken and unsellable items), the group decided that the time was right to put our creativity to good use and find other ways to raise funds and be in relationship with the community. If you are interested in being part of the creative brainstorming group, fill in and drop off a ballot on any Sunday morning in February, or contact minister@uuamherst.org.

Crafts with the Minister

The next session will be Saturday, Feb. 29, 9:30-10:45am. We'll try some crochet/knitting as we engage in good conversation. Contact Rev. Michelle if you want the pattern ahead of time.

New Procedure for Events

Do you have an idea for an event or a fundraiser? We are developing a process for selecting events that support our mission, keep the calendar streamlined, and honor the worth and dignity of volunteers! Simply fill out a short proposal (paper copies in lobby or do online) and submit it to the Ministry Council for review. If the proposal is approved, it goes on the calendar. Easy! See Rev. Michelle with any questions.

MINISTERIAL INTERN NOTES



Environmental Justice, Unitarian Universalism, and You

Happy February! As I write I'm sitting in the library of Meadville Lombard Theological School, looking out at the awesome beauty of Lake Michigan. It's so huge and overwhelming, it's hard to take it all in. Through the mid-morning fog, it almost looks like *nothing*, instead of an enormous *something*.

Environmental and climate justice are like that. Hard to see all at once. Hard to take in. Hard to get our minds around. It's tempting to ignore something so nebulous and ever-present, and yet our faith is calling us to action...even if we're not sure just *how* to respond.

For inspiration, I've been reviewing the Statements of Conscience from our yearly gathering, General Assembly, and the ways that we as a faith movement have sought to address the reality of environmental injustice.

What exactly is a Unitarian Universalist Statement of Conscience? It's a broad statement of goals and values around a particular topic of concern. Statements of Conscience are adopted using a democratic process:

- A Congregational Study/Action Issue is proposed by a congregation or group
- GA delegates may officially vote to adopt it as a study issue
- After *three years* of intensive study in congregations, a quorum of GA delegates may vote to adopt a Statement of Conscience

I've selected five Statements of Conscience from the past that relate most directly to environmental and climate justice. I'll be discussing each one individually in the next few months.

The first is from 2000, entitled ***ECONOMIC INJUSTICE, POVERTY, AND RACISM: WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

This short Statement of Conscience can be found online in its entirety here: <https://www.uua.org/action/statements/economic-injustice-poverty-and-racism-we-can-make-difference>

This Statement rededicates UU's to the work of economic justice, recognizing that racism is a major contributor toward economic inequality. It asks UU's to look both inward and outward in working for more inclusive and diverse congregations, and a more just economic community. Some of the explicit aspects of economic justice it names are

- access to adequate housing, child care, education, health care, and transportation
- the removal of environmental and occupational hazards that disproportionately affect marginalized people
- respect for treaty rights of Native American peoples
- government/corporate policies that promote investment in urban core and rural communities

This statement uses an economic lens, but makes the connections among racism, classism, poverty, and environmental injustices. It explicitly invokes our Second Principle: Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

How are we doing in our work towards economic justice in our community, our nation, and our world? How are we doing in our work for more inclusive, diverse, and welcoming congregation? While Statements of Conscience don't offer precise roadmaps to the steps we must take to get there, they can help us point a big arrow in the direction our values lead. The work of making their sweeping vision into reality is up to us, as a people of faith and conscience, whose actions will formulate our future.

See you at church!

Kristina

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

This year in Faith Development, our FD Team decided on a schedule designed with the intention of bringing all ages together within our UUCA community. We will continue with the cycle of First Sundays: All FD Activities, second and third Sundays: Youth Group and Spirit Play instruction, and fourth Sundays Worship for All Ages. Exceptions do arise for holidays and months with five Sundays. In continuing through the entire cycle of the church year in this pattern, we will be able to see more clearly how we can improve it moving forward. Perhaps the program year always has a cycle, much like the seasons, and we can decide what season should be heavy with activities, what season should concentrate on in-class learning, and what season should be an outpouring of service to others.

In the beginning of the program year, a [rolling calendar](#) was created for FD and community events, with the hope that in viewing relevant events alongside our own programming, we could see with clearer vision where UUCA can touch the wider community. Please help us become more aware by participating in this initiative to calendar events. Email suggested events to dre@uuamherst.org. This will be ongoing.

In Youth Group, *Our Place in the Web of Life* will be wrapping up at the end of this month. We are exploring options for the rest of our instructional Sundays. Our All FD Activities will include weaving talking pieces on February 2. We look forward to learning more about their use in Circles within Restorative Practice with the help of FD Team member Kim Connolly. Dates for this programming will be identified soon. On March 1st we will be reprising our Coming of Age Soup Sale Fundraiser, in an effort to be in service to those who will participate in this valuable program in the future.

Thank you so much for your support of Faith Development at UUCA, and thank you for putting your faith in me by honoring me with the position of Director of Faith Development.

Truly yours,
Angela Warren

Lending Library

UUCA has a glass cabinet (between the rear windows) in the Emerson Room filled with books on religious and spiritual themes that you may borrow on the Honor System. Sign out fiction, nonfiction, memoir, or even a children's book. There are a few digital items available, too. No due dates; please estimate in the spiral notebook how long you plan to keep it.



Some recent additions: *Buddha* by Karen Armstrong, *Intro to Buddha* by Jane Hope (illustrated, and suitable for young adult readers); *The Sacred Writings of the World's Great Religions* edited by S.E. Frost, Jr.; *Ethics for the New Millennium* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama; *Islam and the Future of Tolerance*, a dialogue between Sam Harris and Maajid Nawaz; *As a Man Thinketh*, by James Allen; *All are Chosen: Stories of Lay Ministry and Leadership* edited by Beard and Comstock; *God is Not Great, How Religion Poisons Everything* by Christopher Hitchens; *When God Was a Woman* by Merlin Stone; *Forbidden Knowledge: From Prometheus to Pornography* by Roger Shattuck; *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong; and *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy & Politics in the Book of Revelation* and *The Gnostic Gospels*, both by Elaine Pagels.

In the Living Room (where the comfy couches are), there are Nature and Social Justice selections on the bookshelves in the corner. No sign-out sheet there, but please return borrowed items promptly. Contact Marie Evans if you have questions.

CERSI (CENTRAL EAST REGION SUMMER INSTITUTE) INFORMATION

Scholarship Information

Are you interested in attending CERSI but don't have the finances to make it happen? The scholarship fund is 100% raised by CERSI attendees, and there is a limited amount of funds from year to year. A completed application is not a guarantee for financial assistance. If you are able to contribute even a small amount of funds towards attending CERSI, please state this in your application. Applications open on March 1st. Both applications and forms of support must be completed by May 15th. For any previous applicants, please note that the application window is shorter this year, and the deadline is firm! Please see Scholarship Info at <http://www.cersiuu.org/scholarships/scholarship-info> for more information on applying.



Spend a week with UUs from the Central East Region (CER) at Summer Institute!

<https://forms.gle/vW4WvY4AC1WQXZpZ6>

Bringing together 500+ Unitarian Universalists from NYC to Toledo and all of West Virginia is quite an undertaking, and you can be part of making the "SI Magic" by working to offset some of the cost of attending. There are many jobs with varying levels of experience needed (golf cart driver, bookstore manager, religious education teachers and helpers, and more). Interested? Service applications are being accepted until January 31. Download from the following: <https://forms.gle/vW4WvY4AC1WQXZpZ6>. A link to a description of all the open positions can be found in the same document. Questions: contact susanroscigno@gmail.com

Work at CERSI!

<https://forms.gle/vW4WvY4AC1WQXZpZ6>

Why would someone "work" at CERSI (Summer Institute)? Folks apply for service positions/jobs for many reasons. Some enjoy the work itself, whether driving a golf cart, managing the bookstore or being part of the religious education program. Some find that the campership (financial assistance) that comes along with a service position helps make SI more affordable. Some find that they enjoy themselves more when they have a "job" to do. And some want to do their part to make the SI magic happen for others. Service applications are being accepted until January 31. A link to a description of all the open positions can be found in the same document. Questions: contact susanroscigno@gmail.com.

T-Shirts Designs Needed

Calling all designers! We are looking for designs for the CERSI 2020 t-shirt! The theme for CERSI 2020 is "Questioning the Unquestionable, Answering the Unanswerable."

What do you get for designing the t-shirt? You will receive TWO free t-shirts. You could get one t-shirt for you and one for a friend, or two for you – one colored, and one white for tie-dye! (Or you could give BOTH of them away – it's entirely up to you what you want to do with them.) More importantly, you will have the pleasure of seeing your artwork on everyone's backs while at SI 2020 (and, knowing us, years to come).

Submission guidelines: Artwork should be at least 300 DPI. PDF, TIFF, or PNG formats accepted. If saving in PDF, please ensure fonts are either included or outlined. T-shirts are printed using a traditional screen-printing process. While artwork with multiple colors (up to 14 colors, though fewer colors would be better) are accepted and encouraged, full-color images will NOT be considered as they cannot be screen-printed.

This is important: if you aren't sure what any of the above means means, you MAY still submit a design! However, a design that fails to follow the artwork requirements may be altered significantly in order to make it print-ready.

Please send all submissions and questions to kebrannan@gmail.com by March 1st, 2019. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

GREEN SANCTUARY/CLIMATE JUSTICE

Phew! We have been having quite a bit of Green and Eco projects going in church the past few months:

Our Advent Recycling in December, Personal survey and the Eco Challenge running through February 9th. All of these projects are part of our Application for renewal of our Green Sanctuary certification. Also included in that application was the Facility review and action plan currently in progress by the Board of Trustees as well as the Planet Tuesday programs and Youth Group's *Our Place in the Web of Life*. So, we are well on our way!



**GREEN
SANCTUARY**

But, we need to finish strong! I strongly request that if you are interested in the Environment and Social Justice that you look into attending the remaining Planet Tuesday sessions especially first and third Tuesdays (2/4 & 2/18, 3/3) from 6:00-7:30 pm. This is when we, as a group, will have Ethical Reflections on *Our Place in the Web of Life* and how we can make a difference in Environmental Justice in our local world. Working on an Environmental Justice project, in collaboration with other local groups, will be the final project for our Green Sanctuary re-certification

Devon Southall

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Friends of the Night People is a non-profit organization that provides food, clothes, and medical help, free, to anyone that needs help. The UUCA church team serves food once a month on the fourth Sunday from 4:15 pm to 7:00pm.

We each wear an apron, a cap, and plastic gloves as we stand to serve the cafeteria style line. The experience is a wonderful community service for needy folks who so appreciate our service. We need your help and are looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact any one of us so we can schedule you at your convenience. Thanks so much for your attention and consideration. UUCA Team: Carol Wells, Pat Burke, Anne Gayley, Eileen McCallister, Ellen Doyno, Marilyn Carmichael, and others as they are able.



UUCA THEATER LOVERS

Jewish Repertory Theatre's season continues February 6 to March 1, with *What I Thought I Knew* by Alice Eve Cohen. UUCA members and friends can purchase discount tickets (\$25 each) for weekend performances, using the form from the folder at the bottom of the Church Life bulletin board, on the left as you move toward the chapel from the rear lobby. Directed by: Saul Elkin Starring: Josie DiVincenzo.



Synopsis: Alice, an infertile Jewish woman in her forties, discovers a hard lump in her abdomen. After months of visiting expensive specialists, all of whom have different medical theories, a CT scan finally reveals that she is pregnant. Based upon true events and the book hailed by Oprah as "darkly hilarious... an unexpected bundle of joy," this heartfelt journey through a high-risk pregnancy and the American healthcare system is told with the intimacy of a diary and the suspense of a thriller.

Our group outing will be Sunday, February 16, for the 2:00pm matinee, followed by dinner together at Lebro's Italian restaurant (pay your own way). Purchase your tickets by mail from Sophia Veffler before February 8 (*checks must be received at least 8 days prior to the performance you'll attend*), then let me know by noon on Friday, February 14 if you want to be included in the dinner reservation. Marie Evans, 636-5770, or evans.marie@gmail.com. Visit JRT's website for further details: jewishrepertorytheatre.com.

UUCA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Now Accepting Nominations

Beloved Community,

- Do you **care deeply** about whether our church thrives?
- Are you an **active participant** in the life of the church who attends Sunday services or other programming on a regular basis?
- Do you enjoy brainstorming and **problem-solving**?
- Are you a **team player** who is willing to consider others' opinions, and yet also speak your own truth?
- Are you **curious** to develop a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism, while at the same time honing your **leadership skills**?
- Are you a **member in good standing** (i.e., have signed the book and made a financial pledge) since at least June 2019?

If so, please complete a nomination form to serve on the Board of Trustees. Serving on the Board is a very rewarding experience! The document is available online at <http://www.uuamherst.org/nominations-board-of-trustees/>

+ It can also be accessed from the church website www.uuamherst.org via the FORMS tab on the left side near the bottom of the Home page.

+ Paper applications are also available on the sign-up table in the lobby (next to the glass block wall) and may be returned in the Nominating Committee mailbox, in the front hall next to the Living Room at the bottom of the stairs to Faith Development, or to the church office.

We need two (2) candidates for three-year terms, beginning at the Annual Meeting in June 2020. In addition, we would like to have an alternate available in case a Board member needs to step down for any reason.

Applications are due by Sunday, February 9th.

UUCA bylaws state "Any voting member of the corporation may send suggestions for nominations to the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee." Nominate yourself or someone else (with their knowledge and permission).

Thank you for considering this important service, which is vital to the future of our self-governing church. Applicants will be invited to a conversation about Board service in March. In the meantime, please approach any member of our committee with questions.

UU AND YOU

Join us for an exploration of your personal UU journey, a brief overview of UU history and a conversation about what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, February 15, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Specific questions you may have about the UU Amherst and becoming more connected within UU Amherst community will also be answered. Planned activity will be available for children/youth. Light refreshments served. RSVP by February 9 to Lauraine Marcus, 716-725-8819.



MUSIC CELEBRATION TEAM

A Music Celebration Team Meeting/Lunch will take place February 2, 12:00 pm.

Join us for a brain-storming session will at a restaurant close to church. Informal singing practice is the intended starting point, this meeting is not for that purpose. Come share ideas! Restaurant to be announced. For details or contact Wendy Scott at scottw@buffalostate.edu or Kylie Keshav at kyl24ny@gmail.com.



Caring for One Another

Christine Boczarska and Faith Pham are sisters and dedicated members of our Caring For One Another group. They provide occasional meals to church members on an as-needed basis. With the meal they generally include a “goodie bag” and a card on behalf of the Caring Group. They often submit healthy recipes for the monthly *Foreword*. The recipes are easy and usually use fresh vegetables. In the past these have included vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and ethnic recipes. Many members have expressed their appreciation both for the meals and the recipes they have provided.

Here are two recipes that are gluten free, vegetarian and can be vegan as well. Western New York is a rich growing area and resource for local fruits, vegetables, dairy products and meats. So, remember to shop local for your groceries!

Baked Potatoes

This is a twist on the usual baked potato. Set oven at 450 degrees.

2 lbs of smaller regular potatoes, about fist size. Figure about 3 to 4 per person
1 stick of butter or butter substitute

Wash the potatoes. Cut each potato in half. Score the cut half deeply in parallel cuts but not through the skin. Push thin slices of butter into each cut, lightly salt and place cut side down on a parchment paper covered baking pan.

Place in oven and roast until the tops are browned. The result is a potato that has the characteristics of both a baked potato and French fries.



Ginger Turmeric Chickpeas with Roasted Cherry Tomatoes

Adapted from Joe Yonan About 35 minutes

1 pint cherry tomatoes
3 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
1 tsp kosher salt, or more if needed
1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper
1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced
2 (15 oz) cans no salt added chickpeas drained and rinsed, or 3 cups of cooked dried chickpeas
1 (2 inch) piece of ginger, chopped (about 1 Tbsp)
1 tsp ground turmeric
1 tsp ground cumin
1/4 to 1/2 cup water
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/2 cup fresh cilantro or parsley for garnish

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees with the rack in the middle. Line a baking pan with parchment paper. Place the tomatoes on the baking pan, drizzle with one Tbsp of olive oil, 1/2 tsp salt and pepper and roast for 15 to 20 minutes, until the tomatoes start to collapse. Set aside. Set aside about 1/4 cup onion for garnish.

In a large skillet over medium high heat pour in the remaining 2 Tbsps of olive oil. Once it simmers, stir in the rest of the onion and cook, stirring, until the onion begins to brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Lower the heat to medium and stir in the chickpeas and ginger. Cook, stirring, until ginger is fragrant. Stir in the turmeric, cumin and water, reduce heat to low, cover and cook until the flavors have combined, about 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in the remaining salt, the roasted tomatoes, the raisins and 1/4 cup of water if the mixture is too dry. Garnish with the reserved onion and cilantro and serve over rice or with flatbread. Serves 4 as a main dish.



AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY UPDATE

We heard from a man who was coming to the Pantry for a family in need. He said they are Syrian refugees who have settled in Cheektowaga and the father and one daughter are handicapped. He also said the family was most grateful for the food and toothpaste, and he thanked our church for the work we do.

We have seen a greatly increased need from Thanksgiving to the present, and our shelves need restocking of the basics: cereal, tuna, canned fruit and fruit cups, canned or boxed soup, juice/milk drink boxes, pasta (including lasagna), pasta sauce, toilet paper and deodorant. Non-perishables only and no glass. Please remember to bring even a few items when you are here for service or a meeting.

We are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with no questions asked. You don't have to wait to get help. All are welcome.

The Little Free Pantry Team meets the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. (February 2nd this month). For questions or comments please contact Maria Ceraulo. at amherstlittlefreepantry@uuamherst.org.

Like us on Facebook: [amherstlittlefreepantry](https://www.facebook.com/amherstlittlefreepantry)

Don't forget to call your minister!

With health privacy laws, hospitals no longer call churches to let us know when someone has been hospitalized – so it is up to you to contact us if you or someone you know is experiencing health challenges and may want a visit. When in doubt, call!



Welcome Visitors!

Please leave the parking spaces on the right in front of the sidewalk leading into daycare open for our first time visitors! It's just a simple way to let them know they are valued!

Thank you.

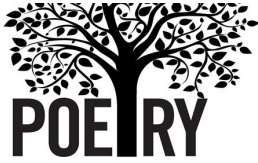
Connections and Welcome



UUCA Rental Space

Various rooms at UUCA are available to rent for private events, weddings, memorial and naming services, instruction, group meetings, and community use. The building includes a well-equipped kitchen and banquet room that seats 96 with audio/video capability. For rental information, email administrator@uuamherst.org or call the Church Office, 634-3030 x100.

UU MEMBERS GET-TOGETHER THIS MONTH



Poetry as Practice, Reeb Room

Sun, Feb. 9, 12:00 pm

Dorothy Reade will present poems on "resilience." Questions? Contact Diane Bofinger, dbofinger@buffalo.edu or 716-689-8954.



Caring for One Another, Dining Room

Tues, Feb. 18, 1:30 pm

Volunteer group to help members in need: sick visits, ride to church, sending cards, etc. For information, contact Ron Palmere at caring@uuamherst.org.



Support for Loss & Change, Living Room

Thurs, Feb. 20, 3:00 pm

All are welcome as we gather to support each other through life's difficult experiences.



UUCA Book Club, Dining Room

Sun, Feb. 23, 12:00 pm

Meets monthly to discuss books we've read on selected topics.



Young Adult Meet-up,

Whitney Young Room

Sundays, Noon-1:30 pm

Come to the coffee hour in the Emerson Room for snacks and conversation. For information, or to be added to the email or text lists, contact Diane Bofinger at youngadults@uuamherst.org or 716-418-3272.

Helpful Reminders

Be A Coffee Hero!

Sign up to help with coffee hour after services. Put your name on the sheet by the coffee pot on Sundays or contact Margot Shoemaker.

Sense-itivity Helps

We have many friends who have chemical sensitivities, whether due to asthma or allergies. We can be more welcoming and inclusive by refraining from wearing scents at church.



Just a reminder to save your Dash's receipts and put them in the collection box in the Donation Center in lobby. Proceeds from collecting these go to the Global African Village. More at globalafricanvillage.org.

IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD

WOMEN HAVE AGENCY OVER THEIR BODIES

UUCA FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Blue Mountain Meditation, every Tues. 7:00 pm (Reeb).
Planet Tuesday, every Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 pm.

Sun, Feb 2

9:15 am Connections Café
10:30 am Church Service
12:00 pm Young Adult Meet-up (WYR)
12:00 pm Little Free Pantry (LR)
12:00 pm Music Celebration Team Meeting (off site)

Mon, Feb 3 Office Closed

Tue, Feb 4

1:30 pm Women's Afternoon Study Group (LR)

Wed, Feb 5

7:00 pm Preaching by Parishioners (Fahs)

Thr, Feb 6

12:00 pm ROMEO'S Lunch, Buffalo Brew Pub

Fri, Feb 7

7:00 pm Cocktails & Conversation

Sun, Feb 9

10:30 am Church Service
11:45 am Young Adult Meet-up (WYR)
12:00 pm Equal Exchange Coffee (Em)
12:00 pm General Assembly Q&A (LR)
12:00 pm Poetry as Practice (Reeb)

Mon, Feb 10 Office Closed

Tues, Feb 11

12:30 pm Current Events Lunch (Em)
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting (Fahs)

Wed, Feb 12

7:00 pm Ministry Council (Fahs)

Sat, Feb 15

9:30 am UU and You (Em)

Sun, Feb 16

9:15 am Connections Café
10:30 am Church Service
11:45 am Young Adult Meet-up (WYR)
12:00 pm Lobby Task Force (DR)

Mon, Feb 17 Office Closed

Tue, Feb 18

12:30 pm Women's Lunch (Em)
1:30 pm Caring for One Another (Em)
5:00 pm Finance Meeting (Em)

Wed, Feb 19

1:30 pm Social Justice Meeting (LR)
7:00 pm Preaching by Parishioners (Fahs)

Thr, Feb 20

3:00 pm Support for Loss & Change (LR)

Sat, Feb 22

9:00 am Website Task Force (Em)

Sun, Feb 23

10:30 am Church Service
11:45 am Young Adult Meet-up (WYR)
12:00 pm UUCA Book Club (DR)

Mon, Feb 24 Office Closed

Tue, Feb 25

1:30 pm Women's Afternoon Study Group (LR)

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Thursday
Fridays, sermon writing @home
Monday: Rev. Michelle's day off

MORE PROGRAMS ONLINE

UUCA hosts a number of community groups each month as well as private services for a variety of occasions. See the complete calendar online at uamherst.org/calendar.

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Email: administrator@uamherst.org
For Newsletter: by 10:00 am on the 16th
For Order of Service: by 10:00 am Wed prior
For Website: two weeks prior to event
For all church list serve: daily during the week.
For What's Up Wednesday: Tuesdays by 11:00 am



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