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Message from Our Minister Rev. Pam Philips

What does it mean to be people of **renewal**? In our Worship Team's discussion of the theme for this month, somebody noted that the answer to this question would have been very different had it been September 2019. This year, as we face the challenges of living in a COVID world, it's particularly important for us to attend to renewal.

This time of year is especially auspicious for renewal, as it marks the beginning of a new school year, a new church year. As a student and later a teacher, I relished the annual opportunity for renewal—a chance to begin again. Each new school year was a fresh start. I could forget about the mistakes from the past, lose the old habits, and commit to doing better *this* year. After a summer away, students and teachers alike were ready to begin again with renewed enthusiasm and optimism.



The same is true in the life of a congregation. We've taken a break from some of our usual activities and are ready to begin anew. But this year, we'll begin again in *unusual* ways. Our children will gather for religious education before the Sunday service, using an innovative curriculum that will engage them with ideas and each other. I marvel at the creativity and commitment of DLFD Karen Hager, Rachel Craine, and our RE volunteers as they reimagine how to deliver (literally, with packets of materials) opportunities for our children to learn and grow. Likewise, the middle and high school youth will begin a new year of meetings, mostly online but with possible outdoor, socially-distant gatherings.

While many groups have met throughout the summer, this month we'll form new **Soul Matters Covenant Groups** (see page 3 for more info and how to sign up). These are excellent opportunities for renewing deeper connections to oneself and others in the congregation. As one past participant wrote, "The group was a safe harbor in a stormy world, and I looked forward to our meetings each month."

Another source of connection and spiritual renewal are the **Mid-Week Gatherings** each Wednesday at 5:30 PM. If you find inspiration and solace from music, readings, and reflection, consider attending or even offering to lead one of these services (see page 4 for more info and the Zoom link).

While we've continued our Sunday morning services through the summer, the Worship Services Team has begun exploring new ways to increase the sense of connection and deepen the spiritual experience, taking advantage of gathering online. Celebrating our Water Service from the sanctuary—lighting our UUC chalice and Candles of Hope and Remembrance—was a wonderful way of renewing our worship life together. The Board has charged a committee to explore and assess the need for different kinds of resources for worship—if you have expertise or ideas, please share them with me.

Yes, this year is different from all others, but we can still experience a fresh start as individuals and as a congregation. The constraints of living in a COVID world require extra creativity and commitment to find ways to maintain our connections and fulfill our mission and vision. UUC's staff, Board, committees, and volunteers are working hard to help us truly be **people of renewal**. As you read through the different opportunities in this month's newsletter, I encourage you to consider ways *you* might renew your connections and commitment to this congregation.

In faith,
Rev. Pam



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Message from Our Board

Wayne Neu, Board President



Wow, what a time we are having! The big highlight of our recent Board meeting, of course, was our decision to reopen our building for limited use. At the time, the seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County was much lower and dropping. Not unexpectedly, however, we are now seeing a surge in new cases as the Virginia Tech and Radford University students have come back into town. It is likely that by the time you read this, we will have decided to reclose the building. (Update—the building is now **CLOSED**.)

The Board holds a retreat each August, in addition to its regular monthly meeting, to set the stage for the coming year's work. This is usually a several-hour affair, but this year we have split it into two 2-hour sessions. The first was held on August 15 with most of us spread throughout the shelter at Nellie's Cave Park – wearing masks, by the way – on a rainy Saturday morning. It was great to see each other in person, even if at a distance after being restricted to Zoom meetings for so long. The second session is scheduled for Sunday August 30, again outside, at UUC. When we meet, we will discuss and maybe walk back our recent reopening decision until this current surge subsides. In the newspaper, I noticed that Dr. Noelle Bissell, director of the New River Health District, says that we should be paying more attention to the number of hospitalizations rather than the number of new cases. That may be worth some discussion too. In the end, nobody has been in this situation before, and we are all just trying to make the best judgment we can without really knowing the "right" answer. Maybe there is no right answer.

In other Board news, we are grateful to Joe Powers and the Finance Committee for securing a lower interest rate on our mortgage. This will save us a significant amount of money each year for many years to come. The Board approved a new policy pertaining to bringing animals into the building that closely follows the Americans with Disabilities Act and Virginia law. While we will allow people with disabilities who need the assistance of service dogs trained to perform a needed service to bring their dogs into the building with them, we will not permit other animals in the building. There is the caveat that the person with a service dog may be asked to accommodate congregants with health or emotional problems being around dogs.

Rev. Pam's third and final assessment as she progresses through her Preliminary Fellowship in the UUA is on tap for September. Both the Board and the Worship Committee will be completing evaluations which will be submitted to the UUA. If she is successful in this last round of evaluation, she will have completed her ministerial credentialing process and will be awarded Full Fellowship by the UUA. I have no doubt that this process will be successful and look forward to her recognition at General Assembly next year.

I'd like to add one more call for those who have not done it yet to please fill out the Strategic Planning Committee's survey. This will be very helpful in defining future directions for the Congregation. We need to hear your voice too! The link to the survey is [here](#).

September and October may bring a few changes in our online worship services. We have formed a small committee of people who know of such things to inform our future (and present) technology needs. With their help, we may be able to set up a system capable of broadcasting our services from the sanctuary. They may also have suggestions for how we can bring new features to our worship that have not been possible to this point. If you feel that you may have knowledge that could contribute to defining our technology needs, please contact Rev. Pam or myself.

So here we are, going into September. Soon it will be fall, and we continue to adapt to the "new normal" with no return to the old one yet in sight. I hope everyone is taking the precautions needed to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe. I have been seeking healthy outdoor activities whenever possible, and I find that helps in some small way to offset the lack of being able to travel and visit friends and relatives. I appreciate being able to see familiar faces each Sunday on Zoom during our services. I do hope that you are each coping in your own healthy ways.

Upcoming Events

Sign up NOW to Participate in a Soul Matters Covenant Group

The Fall season has often had the feel of fresh beginnings. Remember the smell of that brand-new box of crayons? A teacher who wasn't familiar but had clearly prepared the classroom with new decorations and books? Possibility was in the very air.



Consider this your invitation to participate in a **Soul Matters Covenant Group** starting up with new monthly themes--such as *Renewal, Healing, Stillness* and *Play*, to name a few of the ten--beginning in September. You will find these themes presented by Rev. Pam from the pulpit each Sunday as well, but the depth of your experience depends upon the provided materials which are intended to draw you deeply into thought about and experience with the themes. Being part of a Soul Matters Covenant Group is an opportunity to learn more about yourself *and* to form deeper relationships with others in the congregation.

Meetings are once a month, with 6-9 participants, and last two hours. Learn more about the Soul Matters materials and the meetings on our [Small Group Ministries website page](#). We ask that if you wish to sign up, to please honor the commitment you are making. This fosters respect for the volunteer facilitator and your fellow travelers for the year.

Those who are returning participants from this past year's groups are asked to sign up again.

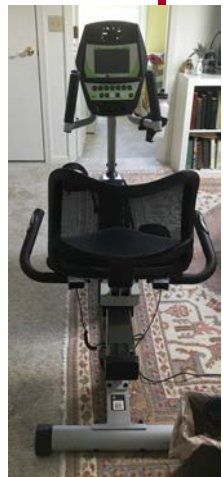
The word "meeting" in this time of pandemic requires flexibility and will likely be via Zoom for a while longer. Anyone who wishes assistance with the mechanics of the Zoom meeting process will receive it. Even if you don't have the expertise, or even the proper equipment, please sign up, and in all likelihood, you will be able to participate.

Sign up [here](#) by **September 11** or contact [Marilyn DuPont](#) or [Rev. Pam](#) with questions or concerns.

UUC's Fundraiser 2020 (formerly known as the Auction)



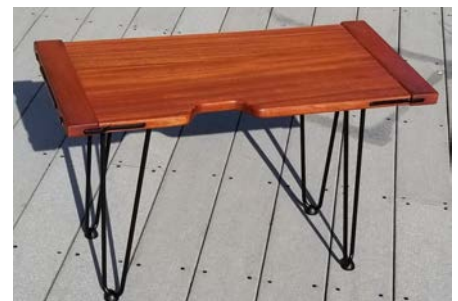
Our auction date is set for **October 24** but holding it in-person is very questionable right now. However, we have our [auction website](#), using Auctria software, up and running which allows us to post your fabulous donations of items and events immediately, and enables bidder registration, bidding, and buying to take place NOW! It's easy to donate items by contacting the Auction Committee with the details of your offer along with a picture of the item. Items in the online auction may vary from month to month, with some items having a limited offer time - so check the site often.



The website allows bidders to register a credit card and easily check your balance and items you have won. It also lets you know if you have been outbid and allows you to set a proxy amount for rebidding.

We have some exciting items ready for your bids: a chance to win a quilt made by UUC's *Piecemakers*, a treadmill, stationary bike, free popcorn for life at the Lyric, books, artwork, assorted yummy food dishes, electronics, plus many more with wonderful, creative ideas yet to come!

For donating items, please contact: [Irene Peterson](#) or [Molly McClintock](#). **Donation ideas: Could you host a social distance outdoor party? Offer food delivery or an artistic creation? Provide a needed service for someone or need a chore done yourself? Be creative!**



Women's Breakfast

All women are invited to meet for breakfast, coffee and conversation at 7 AM each Monday via this [Zoom link](#) until we can once again gather at Panera. If 7 AM is too early, join when able.

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to enjoy breakfast, coffee and conversation each Monday morning at 7 AM at the UUC picnic area or under the eaves if raining. Bring your own coffee and nourishment.

Women's Lunch

All women are welcome to join together for lunch **every** Friday at noon on our UUC grounds to picnic together at a distance. Bring your own lunch and please wear a mask when not eating. If raining, we'll meet via Zoom at this [link](#). Contact [Cynthia Luke](#) for more info.

Sages

Join us each Tuesday at 2 PM for stimulating conversation via this [Zoom link](#). Focus on topics facing older adults as well as general conversation.

Mid-Week Worship Gatherings

Since March congregants have been gathering each Wednesday evening at 5:30 PM via this [Zoom link](#) for an opportunity to pause our busy weeks and full lives in a worshipful space. Worship themes are topical and have included such inquiries as: "Considering Emerson", "gifts of the natural world", and "meritocracy". The 30-minute gatherings include inspirational words and music as well as an opportunity for everyone to share. Watch for the email announcement each Wednesday for the topic and facilitator.

Yoga

Join us for Yoga outdoors on UUC's grounds each Wednesday at 5:30 PM. To participate in our weekly Yoga gatherings, meet near the UUC entrance. We'll walk as a (distanced) group to our chosen spot for those unfamiliar with the grounds. Bring your own mat and whatever else you will need. All are welcome to this free class.



Monthly Support Groups at UUC

Parent Bereavement

We are a community-wide support group for bereaved parents and grandparents who have lost an adult or adolescent child. We come together once a month on 2nd Mondays from 6-7 PM to help one another on our journeys. The next meeting is on Monday, **September 14**. Join the group via Zoom. For more info and the Zoom link, contact [Katherine](#) or [Lisa](#).

Mental Illness Peer Support

If you've been missing the NAMI NRV peer support group, or had difficulty getting there, we offer a temporary alternative. If you are someone who has experienced mental illness and would appreciate the support of peers, join our online meetings on the 3rd Mondays of each month at 6 PM with the next meeting on Monday, **September 21**. Contact [Kimberley](#) for the Zoom link or for more info.

Transgender Support

NRV Trans* Support is a peer-led organization whose mission is to offer support, resources, and social activities to all transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in the New River Valley in a safe, anonymous and affirming environment. To learn more about NRV Trans* Support, visit their [website](#).

The Adult Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month (**September 10 & 24**) via Zoom from 6:30-8 PM and welcomes all adults who identify under the trans umbrella or are questioning their gender. Contact nrvtrans@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Caregivers

UUC hosts a monthly support group for caregivers to share their experiences and challenges. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month—next meeting **September 8** at 7-8:30 PM. Join us via this [Zoom link](#). Questions or concerns - contact [Rev. Pam](#).

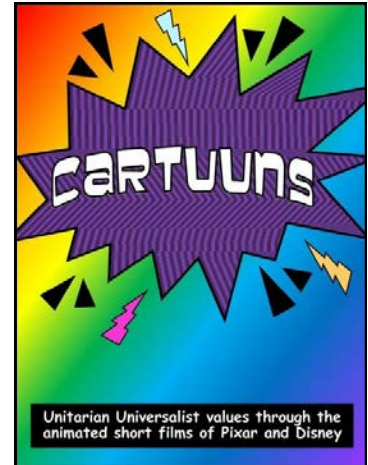
Lifespan Faith Development

Children's RE—begins Sept. 13

CARTUUNS—Grades K-5—9:30-10 AM

Unitarian Universalist values through the animated short films of Pixar and Disney. Available as an online class on Zoom or as a homeschool class. Award-winning short films, great discussion, and a wide variety of activities combine to make this a fun class for kids! Supply bags are delivered monthly. Children must be registered to participate. [Register](#).

Date	Class
Sept 13	<i>Mike's New Car</i>
Sept 20	<i>Lou</i>
Sept 27	<i>La Luna</i>



Sunday Funday—PreK—9:00-9:20 AM

Story time, coloring and crafts, available as an online class on Zoom or as a homeschool class. Supply bags are delivered monthly. Children must be registered to participate. [Register](#).

Date	Class
Sept 13	<i>Llama Llama Misses Mama</i>
Sept 20	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</i>
Sept 27	<i>There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves!</i>



Story Time with Rev. Pam

Wednesdays at 3 PM

[Zoom link](#)



Youth Programs—begin Sept. 13

MSYG

Sunday evenings 6-7 PM

Middle school youth meet monthly, alternating RE classes with Middle School Youth Group (MSYG). RE class will cover the original *D'Oh, God!* curriculum which uses episodes of *The Simpsons* as the basis for in-depth discussions of a wide variety of religious topics. MSYG will meet for socialization—the emphasis is on fun, with social activities and social action projects that encourage bonding among participants. Youth must be registered to participate.

[Register.](#)


YRUU

Sunday evenings 7-8 PM

Our high school youth group, YRUU, kicks off this month to plan this year's program. YRUU meets weekly for check-ins, games, and more. Youth will determine the meeting content. As safety allows, YRUU may also meet outside in person, following UUC safety guidelines.

YRUU is open to youth in grades 9-12 and meets on Sunday evenings. Teens participate in conferences, fundraisers, and fun activities while forming bonds with other teens. Youth must be registered to participate.

[Register.](#)




Family Activity

Explore the UUC grounds to find clues in our scavenger hunt and collect a prize!

Hunt during daylight hours this month; please social distance from other groups. Prizes for children and youth only please.

Here's your first clue.



Join our conversation on Sunday, September 27!

Bridging Conversations are a conversational bridge across issues that divide and separate us. They provide an easy structure for engaging in friendly yet meaningful conversation with those with whom we may not agree. These conversations increase understanding, reveal common ground, and sometimes even allow us to discuss possible solutions.

Join us **September 27** online for our conversation on ***Listening Courageously***. In our mission statement we aspire to "Transform our community and the world through courageous love." "Courage is the most important of all virtues, because without courage you cannot practice any of the other virtues consistently," Dr. Maya Angelou said. When you think of being courageous, you might think of facing a common fear like the fear of heights or public speaking. Facing fears like these involves discomfort and uncertainty. We might wonder if the potential benefits will outweigh the potential risks. But why might it take courage to listen? How might listening to different points of view make us feel vulnerable or at risk? And what are the possible benefits? The conversation starts at 11:30 AM online via this [Zoom link](#) and is led by [Rev. Jamie McReynolds](#).

On-Going Adult RE Programs

Spiritual Aging

Meets the first Sunday of each month, 3-5 PM

Join Rev. Pam for a workshop that intentionally explores the process of aging. While aging can provide us with free time and the ability to focus on what is important, it can also present us with challenges and losses. Perfect for those who consider themselves spiritual but not religious and are looking to delve deeper into these real human challenges. Join the conversation via this [Zoom link](#).



Sunday Circle

Meets first and third Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM

September 20: Molly McClintock will illustrate the complex and confusing U.S. immigration system through the stories of four recent immigrants. Their journeys to the New River Valley, and their experiences since arriving, are varied and show both the hope and horror of a new life in America. Come listen to their stories and share your own views on immigration. It is sure to be a hot topic in the upcoming election. Join the conversation via this [Zoom link](#).

Anti-Racism Discussion Group

Meets second and fourth Sundays, 1-2 PM

All are welcome to join our ongoing discussion group on white privilege and racism. Topics are announced via email. [Email Karen Hager](#) to join the listserv to receive links to the discussion articles. Join the conversation via this [Zoom link](#).

Meditation Group

Meets Tuesdays, 5-6 PM

Our meditation group meets weekly for those interested in starting or deepening their meditation practice. Our format is drop-in, so you need not attend all sessions. Open with centering words and basic instruction, followed by sitting practice. Meditators from all traditions and all levels of experience are welcome. Join via this [Zoom link](#).



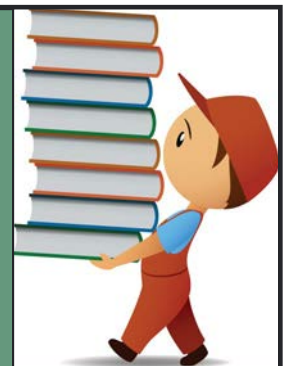
Conversations on Our Faith

Meets Wednesdays, 12-1 PM

Join our weekly conversation as we read the book, *A Hidden Wholeness*, by Parker Palmer. All are welcome, even if you have not read the chapters of the book under discussion. To learn more, contact [Tim Pickering](#). Join the conversation via this [Zoom link](#).

News from the UUC Library

LFD now offers home library delivery from both the Children's and Adult UUC Libraries to Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Radford (current RE delivery areas only). See our books at <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/uucnr/library> and email [Karen](#) or [Rachel](#) to check out a book. Books will be delivered during monthly RE supply bag delivery times. If a book is already checked out, your name will be put on a waiting list.



UUC Community News

Update on ½-Plate Donations

Thanks to your generosity (see next article on how to donate), UUC continued its practice of helping others in both our community and beyond. The August recipients were:

August 2: NRCA Swift Start Program, \$224

August 9: June Bug Center for the Arts, \$100

August 16: Interfaith Food Pantry, \$285

August 23: To Our House, \$186

August 30: UUA Disaster Relief Fund, TBA

Watch the weekly announcements and website for the coming weeks' ½-plate recipients. Have a suggestion—email [Lisa](#).

Check out our [Give webpage](#) for information on donating options.

Community Service Team (CST) News

UUC's CST is resuming the collection of food donations for the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (IFP). Labeled donation bins are now located outside of our UUC building with two near the accessible entrance and one near the front door. Two bins have lids, and one does not.

The IFP directors recently emailed a list of urgent needs which are as follows: diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, chicken helper, tuna helper, instant potatoes, pancake mix/syrup, brownie mix, mac and cheese, ketchup, mayonnaise, and ground coffee.

If you are able to donate any of the above items, your generosity will be much appreciated. Please feel free to donate any other unopened and unexpired foods that are listed on the food pantry [website](#).

Our UUC donations will be collected and delivered to the IFP twice a week. Contact [Crosby Houston](#) or [Pauletta Copenheaver](#) with questions.

2021 Calendars Needed

Before Covid-19, CST members led bingo games each month for the residents of Fairview Home in Fairlawn with picturesque calendars as prizes. CST is again collecting attractive 2021 calendars that will be mailed to the home in November. If you have calendars to donate, please bring to UUC and place in the tan plastic file box near the accessible entrance.

August Board Mtg. Highlights

- ◆ The Board voted to open Elarth Hall for use by groups of 10 or less with a [list of protocols](#) that must be followed by anyone using the space or the bathrooms. (Note that due to the recent rise in Covid cases, the building is now **CLOSED**.)
- ◆ The Board voted to allow up to 20 people at an outdoor gathering provided safe distancing is maintained and guidelines followed.
- ◆ The Board approved the charge to a new ad hoc committee that will assess and recommend technology needed for worship services to be broadcast from the Sanctuary along with other activities.
- ◆ The Board voted to adopt a [policy on animals in the building](#).
- ◆ The Board voted to renew two sponsored groups: the Transgender Support Group and the 50+ Singles' Group.
- ◆ The Board voted to authorize the Treasurer to proceed with signing paperwork to authorize a rate reduction for our mortgage to 3.98% and to pay the \$500 fee to National Bank of Blacksburg.

The next Board meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, **September 10** at 7 PM. The [minutes and reports](#) of meetings for the past two calendar years are available.

Questions, Ideas, Complaints for the Board:
Send an email to adresstheBoard@uucnr.org.

Join Our UUC Facebook Group

To facilitate more conversation among us, we have set up a Facebook group -- **UUC New River Valley** -- where everyone can post. To make this a positive experience, we'll continue to honor our Congregational Covenant. This is a private group (only members can see who's in the group and what they post) but it is visible (anyone can find the group). Ask to join the [group](#) today!

Round the Grounds

WHY? Why do we spend time and funds on UUC's almost 6 acres of grounds? The short answer is, "It's the right thing to do." Caring for the natural world is part of our [UU Seven Principles](#). Respecting our UUC grounds as an integral part of the natural world, enhancing habitat, and providing space for solace, meditation, and recreation are what the grounds' workers do. The church grounds are a welcoming and safe place for congregants, friends, and neighbors.

The three beehives on our property are doing very well, reports beekeeper, Richard Reid. To accommodate the increased number of bees, he has added an additional box on two of the three hives. The bees have enough pollen to make honey, which is remarkable considering the wet weather in May and June.

Work is being done to put shelving in the anonymously donated shed, and a ramp is being constructed to make access easier to the interior. Able construction workers, George Lally, Bob Stimson and Darrel Clowes have contributed time and muscle power to make the shed functional. The shed enables us to consolidate tools, equipment, and supplies. The smaller metal shed, currently at the far end of the parking lot, will be moved to a remote location.

All the potted flowers are kept looking fresh with the assistance of our faithful "water maids", Jane Mahone, Alyssa Short, and Denise Martin. They are a huge and appreciated help.

Grounds' Ministry is in need of rags of any size. Have some to donate – please leave at the accessible entrance at the back of the building. Thank you.



An erosion control measure to hold mulch in place on a slope



An erosion control measure to slow water flow from one of the parking lots and to keep mulch in place

Dreamer's Wish for our Grounds

It's a dreamer's list and you can help make it materialize. There is a heavily shaded area above the two large parking lots and along the Meditation Path that we would like to make more appealing for wildlife and insects, while at the same time being attractive to people walking the Meditation Path. The area will not be mulched. Shade tolerant and low-maintenance plant material is needed. Following is the dreamer's wish list for plants:

- *Ferns (any type, but especially Christmas/Boston ferns)
- *astilbe
- *lungwort (pulmonaria)
- *wild ginger
- *ajuga (bugleweed)

Get out your shovel! If you provide us clumps of any of these plants, we'll get them in the ground, chant over them for a good life, and keep them healthy. Please leave your offerings near the accessible entrance at the rear of the building.

Questions? Contact [Susan Baker](#).



The area where the new plant material will go



Christmas Fern



Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Sunday Services

September 2020

Virtual Services at 10:00 AM via [Zoom](#)
Religious Education Classes via Zoom
All are invited to share conversation in small groups following the service by staying on the Zoom link.

September Theme: **Renewal**

Join us at 10 AM each Sunday at this Zoom [link](#).

September 6: *Exercising Renewal*. Join Rev. Pam Philips and Worship Associate Ellen Plummer. As we renew our consideration of monthly themes, we'll explore how we can deepen our spiritual experiences and relationships throughout the month, not just on Sunday mornings.

September 13: *Finding Renewal*, Rev. Pam Philips and Worship Associate Hayden Catlett. At times, we can find ourselves feeling worn out, run down, even broken—whether we realize it or not. How do we know when we need renewal or repair and where might we find it?

September 20: *Renewing Our Commitments*, Rev. Pam Philips and Worship Associate Stephen Henninger. As we continue gathering as a virtual community, how might we renew our commitments to each other and to the world?

September 27: *Renewing Faith and Hope*, Rev. Pam Philips and Worship Associate Earle Irwin. In a world that can often feel so broken, how might we renew our faith and hope in the possibilities for transformation?



Our Mission

Inspire. Create. Transform.

Inspire spiritual and ethical growth. **Create** compassionate community.
Transform our community and the world through courageous love.

Our Vision

UUC will be a beacon of liberal religion in the New River Valley. We will join with other organizations and faiths to work for just causes.

We will practice generosity and radical hospitality. We will be known as a place of beauty, welcome, joy, and celebration.

Update on Building & Grounds Use

Due to the recent rise in Covid cases in Montgomery County, in person gatherings will once again **NOT** be permitted in Elarth Hall. However, up to 20 people are still permitted to gather together in our outdoor space, but the 6-foot distance between people must be maintained. Bathroom room use allowed only if the need is urgent. Worship services and many groups and committees continue to meet via Zoom. Check the website and calendar for information on events and the Zoom links and updates to this information. Be sure to contact [Lisa](#) to schedule an event on our grounds or via Zoom.



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All times are PM unless noted otherwise

⌘ indicates that there is a write-up in the newsletter

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(All Sundays) 10:00 AM Worship Service. On September 13, Children's RE begins via Zoom See page 5 for times. ⌘ September 13, 20, 27 6:00 Middle School RE/Youth Group ⌘ September 13, 20, 27 7:00 YRUU	(All Mondays) ⌘ 7:00 AM Women's Breakfast ⌘ 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast (UUC picnic area — weather permitting)	(All Tuesdays) ⌘ 2:00 Sages ⌘ 5:00 Meditation	(All Wednesdays) ⌘ Noon Conversations on Our Faith ⌘ 3:00 PM Story Time with Rev. Pam ⌘ 5:30 Mid-week Gathering ⌘ 5:30 Yoga (UUC grounds)		(All Fridays) ⌘ Noon Women's Lunch Bunch (UUC picnic area — weather permitting)	
		1	2 6:15 Connection Committee meeting	3 2:00 Auction Committee meeting	4	5
6 11:30 AM Men's Group ⌘ 3:00 Spiritual Aging	7	8 4:00 Committee on Ministries ⌘ 7:00 Caregivers' Support Group	9 5:45 Finance Committee 7:00 Worship Team	10 ⌘ 6:30 Transgender Support Group 7:00 Board Meeting	11	12
13 ⌘ 1:00 Anti-Racism Discussion Group	14 ⌘ 6:00 Parent Bereavement Support Group	15	16	17	18	19
20 ⌘ 8:30 AM Sunday Circle 11:30 Men's Group	21 ⌘ 6:00 Mental Illness Peer Support Group	22	23	24 ⌘ 6:30 Transgender Support Group 9:00 October Newsletter Deadline	25	26
27 ⌘ 11:30 Bridging Conversations: <i>Living Courageously</i> ⌘ 1:00 Anti-Racism Discussion Group	28	29	30			

NOTE: The building remains closed for in-person gatherings. See page 10 for details. To schedule an event, [contact administrator](#) Events listed above will be held via ZOOM unless otherwise noted. See the write-ups in the pages above for more information. For ZOOM gatherings, the [Online Calendar](#) will have the ZOOM url. That calendar will be updated as conditions change.