



# NEWSLETTER

## September 2021

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### Message from Our Minister

Rev. Pam Philips

I write exhilarated and exhausted from our first dual-platform worship service. It was amazing to have people join the service both in the sanctuary and on-line, in almost equal numbers (Isabel counted 55 people in the room, and Zoom recorded 63 computers). We had a few technical challenges, but every glitch helps us understand what we can change to make the experience more engaging and meaningful to everyone participating. I'm so grateful to all who made it possible – not just the committees and individuals who worked hard this past month and Sunday morning, but the whole congregation who supported their work, financially and otherwise.



Throughout the past 18 months, we have all been challenged in so many ways, as a congregation and as individuals, that have helped us see that more is possible than we might have ever imagined. Who knew it was possible to welcome to worship people who lived far away—old friends and new? Who knew it was possible to welcome new members who had never set foot in the meeting house? Who knew it was possible not only to meet but exceed our stewardship pledge drive goal? Who knew it was possible to offer religious education to our children and youth online? Who knew it was possible to have television screens in the sanctuary? (Okay, that last one was always a hope, but now it is a reality.)

The pandemic forced us -- allowed us -- to see new possibilities. With vaccinations, even more possibilities opened. With the Delta variant, even more challenges and uncertainty. But as Margaret Drabble said, "When nothing is sure, everything is possible."

Our theme this month encourages us to explore **Embracing Possibility**, which the beginning of the church year offers many opportunities to practice. All that we've accomplished through the pandemic was the result of members of our community being willing to try new ways to connect and serve. As we face an unsure future, we can all practice embracing even more new possibilities.

- Perhaps you're ready to join a [Soul Matters group](#), exploring themes through spiritual exercises, questions, and other resources.
- Perhaps you're ready to join a newly forming [audiovisual tech team](#), ensuring that the technology runs smoothly so that everyone can experience worship.
- Perhaps you're ready to enroll in a Lifespan Faith Development class, come to one of the many [spiritual](#) and [social groups](#) that meet regularly, join one of the many committees that do the work of the church or work of justice on the community.
- Perhaps you're ready to participate in a new program called *Growth Through Service* being initiated by the Leadership Development Committee to help everyone in the congregation find ways to connect and serve.
- Perhaps you're ready to take a leadership role in helping our congregation to get to work on the [Strategic Plan](#) and live into our [Mission and Vision](#).

Read through the newsletter to find more information about these and other opportunities to connect and serve this year. The possibilities are nearly endless. Let us embrace them!

In faith and with hope,

Rev. Pam



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## Message from Our Board

Brandie Lemmon, Member-at-large



As I sent my two young children off to school a couple of weeks ago, it was with mixed emotions. There was so much joy in watching them embark on what should be such a "normal" step along their journey, but I have to admit my underlying trepidation...my concern for their welfare, both physical and emotional. It's the same concern I carry with me in so many facets of life these days. Appreciation and apprehension.

As I start my second year on the Board, I'm reminded of the commitment I made to this congregation. With every bit of data analyzed, congregant input taken under advisement, and decision made, we, as a Board, reaffirm that commitment.

We are excited (and hopeful) about resuming services in-person with a flexible model for all of our members. A lot of hard work has gone into making a dual-platform service possible. We have the technology and are very fortunate to have dedicated and skilled people to implement it. We know (because we feel it too) how much we miss seeing each other and how different UUC feels when only attended from afar. That said, the Delta variant is proving to be a challenge nationwide, and our corner of the world is not exempt. We will continue to monitor the situation in our community and take great care in our decisions. As we all know by this point, the data is a moving target, and our response to it must remain fluid. If these last 18+ months have taught us anything, it's the importance of adaptability.

We will continue to live by our mission statement and create a place of respect and kindness, wherever we may be.

## Building & Grounds Use

**UUC is now open for Sunday services in a dual-platform format** with those attending in person required to wear masks, encouragement to attend only if vaccinated, and social distancing measures in place. The Board will reassess this decision weekly.

**Groups outside of Sunday services can meet inside the building** in designated meeting rooms within the COVID capacity for that room, as determined by staff. All in the building are strongly encouraged to meet with masks and social distancing. Groups in the building are encouraged to take time to listen deeply to one another's concerns and fears before making decisions about masks and distancing, even if everyone is vaccinated.

**Outside gatherings** of any size are permitted at UUC. Non-vaccinated people are strongly encouraged to wear masks and/or social distance.

To schedule an event indoors or outdoors, contact our [Administrator](#).



# Upcoming Events/Community News

## Soul Matters Covenant Group Invitation



The Soul Matters covenant group program provides an opportunity to both reach into ourselves and to form close connections with others. In groups of 6-8 people meeting once a month, starting this month of September, participants discuss themes supported by provided materials and the Sunday morning sermons. This year's themes are intended to "get at some of the central work and spiritual practices needed during this period of radical change, challenge, crisis and opportunity" (Rev. Scott Tayler). The themes are *Embracing Possibility, Cultivating Relationship, Holding History, Opening to Joy, Living with Intention, Renewing Faith, Awakening, Nurturing Beauty, and Celebrating Blessings*.

Groups meet monthly in the afternoon or evening for 1½ to 2 hours. Location of meetings will be affected by Covid concerns; they may be online, in person, or dual platform. As you consider this invitation, please take into account that this program thrives on steady commitment to be as prepared as possible for the meetings and to attend the meetings consistently.

You may [sign up online](#) or at a table after the service on **September 5**. If you have questions, please contact [Marilyn DuPont](#) or [Rev. Pam](#).

## Parent Covenant Group

A monthly support group for UUC parents with younger kids (younger than teen). Enjoy a potluck dinner followed by playtime for kids and support group discussion for parents. We also have social gatherings throughout the year. If you're wanting a friendly group of like-minded parents, contact [Deb Dickerson](#).

The group usually meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month (next gathering on **September 11**) at 5 PM in our picnic area or Elarth Hall.

## UUC Artists Exploring the Outdoors

We will be having an art show at UUC featuring our congregants' artistic works depicting nature/ outdoors — no nudity or pornography please — sizes 9" x 12" up to 3' x 4', any medium.

Submitted works MUST be ready to hang (framed and wired). If you would like to display some of your work, contact [Jae](#) for the full list of requirements or for more info.

The show will run Sunday, **October 17 through January**. Sally Mook and Jae will be at UUC on Thursday and Friday, **October 14 & 15**, by appointment, to receive, review and hang pieces.



## Weekly Gatherings

### Women's & Men's Breakfasts

All women and men are invited for coffee, breakfast, and conversation (bring your own) from 7-9 AM each Monday at UUC. The men gather in the picnic area or under the crescent garden overhang. The women gather indoors. Join in when you are able.

### Women's Lunch

All women are welcome to join together for lunch every Friday at noon in our picnic area or indoors depending on the weather. Contact [Cynthia](#) for more info.

### Sages

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 2 PM for stimulating conversation on topics that affect older adults. If you choose not to meet in person, you can still join us on Zoom via this [link](#). All ages welcome.

### Yoga

Join this free group outdoors on the UUC grounds or indoors depending on the weather on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. To get on the email list for the weekly status of class, contact [Lori](#).



## Monthly Support Groups at UUC

### Parent Bereavement Support

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 (**September 13**) from 6-7 PM to help one another on our journeys. For more info and the Zoom link, contact [Katherine](#) or [Lisa](#).

### NAMI Support Groups

**Connections Support:** Persons living with a mental illness are welcome to join this NAMI support group on the 3rd Monday of each month (**September 20**) from 6-7:30 PM. Contact [Kimberley](#) for the Zoom link or for more info.

**Family Support:** Family and friends of persons living with a mental illness are welcome to join this NAMI support group on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (**September 15**) from 6-7:30 PM. Contact [Kristine](#) for the Zoom link or for more info.

### Caregivers Support

UUC hosts a monthly support group for caregivers to share their experiences and challenges. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of each month (**September 14**) from 7-8:30 PM. Join us via this [Zoom link](#). Questions or concerns - contact [Rev. Pam](#).

### 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 NRV in a safe, anonymous and affirming environment. Contact [Hayden](#) for more info.

**The NRV Trans group** welcomes all adults who identify under the trans umbrella or are questioning their gender. The group meets 1st Thursdays (**September 2**) from 7-8:30 PM and 3rd Saturdays (**September 18**) from 1-2:30 PM. For more info and the location, contact [transsupportinfo@uucnrv.org](mailto:transsupportinfo@uucnrv.org).

The **Youth & Families Group** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (**September 28**) at 6:30 PM and is for anyone under 18 that falls under the trans umbrella, whether they have started their transition or are just questioning their gender. The group provides resources, advice, and support. Parents are welcome with or without their children. Contact [secretary@heshezewe.org](mailto:secretary@heshezewe.org) for location/info.

## UUC Community News

### August Board Mtg. Highlights

- ◆ Based on recommendations from several sources, the Board approved our opening for Sunday services in a dual-platform format beginning on August 29 with masks, encouragement to attend only if vaccinated, and social distancing measures in place. The Board will reassess this decision weekly based on new data.
- ◆ The Board approved that groups/committees can meet inside the building in designated meeting rooms within the COVID capacity for that room, as determined by the staff. People in the building are strongly encouraged to meet with masks and social distancing.
- ◆ The Board approved conditions for the Choir's rehearsing and recording. (Note that they will not sing live at services.)
- ◆ The Board accepted Gene Gardner's \$3500 donation to our Technology Fund to help pay for the new TVs in the sanctuary and an anonymous donation of \$18,000 to pay off our outstanding member loans.
- ◆ Sally Pfeiffer was approved to serve on the Memorial Committee. The newly updated policy description of the committee was also approved.
- ◆ Work will be done to determine the best way to add air conditioning to the library.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, **September 9** 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 [addresstheBoard@uucnrv.org](mailto:addresstheBoard@uucnrv.org).

### UUC Directory of Members & Friends Update

We will be updating our member/friend directory in the next month or so. If your information has changed and/or you wish to provide a photo or updated photo of you and your family, please send to [administrator@uucnrv.org](mailto:administrator@uucnrv.org).

## Update on ½-Plate Donations

Thanks to your generosity, UUC continued its practice of helping others in both our community and beyond. The August recipients were:

**August 1:** New River Agency on Aging, \$182

**August 8:** Georgia Mountain UU Church, \$94

**August 15:** NRV Bike Kitchen, \$128

**August 22:** UUSC Emergency Relief Fund/Haiti, \$177

**August 29:** Blacksburg Refugee Partnership for Afghan Refugee Resettlement, \$531

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.

## September Food Pantry Donations



Our Community Service Team is collecting food in the bins located near the accessible entrance to UUC. Suggested donations for September are canned fruit, tuna, and brownie mix. Thanks for helping to feed the hungry in our area.

## Join Our UUC Facebook Group

To facilitate more conversation among us, join our private Facebook group - **UUC New River Valley**. To make this a positive experience, we ask that you honor our Congregational Covenant. Ask to join the [group](#) today!

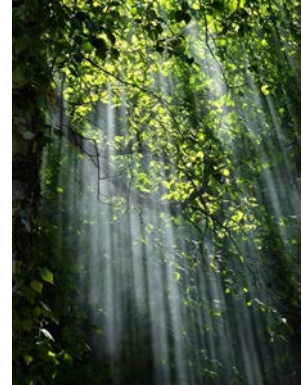
We also have a public Facebook page — **Unitarian Universalist Congregation New River Valley** which can be found at this [link](#). Information on upcoming services, events, articles from the UUA, and more can be found here. Check it out.

## An Invitation from UUC's Hiking Group

### Forest Bathing at Magic Tree Sanctuary

Come experience the healing power of nature in Magic Tree Sanctuary's (SW of Floyd) old growth forest on Sunday, **October 17** from 1-3 PM.

Inspired by the Japanese practice of shinrin-yoku, forest bathing is an evidence-based wellness practice with the proven health benefits of reduced stress, lowered heart rate, boosted immune system, and improved mood.



In this immersive experience, your certified forest therapy guide, Julie Sczerbinski, will lead you on a mindful walk designed to slow down, awaken your senses, and deepen your relationship with the natural world. You'll discover a new way to be in nature and leave feeling relaxed and renewed.

No actual bathing is required. Walking distance is less than a mile. Participants should be able to walk comfortably on uneven trail terrain.

This event is free but pre-registration is required and limited to 10 people. Use this [link](#) for more info about Julie and the Magic Tree Sanctuary. Email [Jae](#) to register or for more info. Once registered, Julie will contact you with details and exact location.

## AmazonSmile

Sign up for this easy way to earn money for UUC when shopping at Amazon. Simply register via <https://smile.amazon.com/> using your Amazon.com account info and select "Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the New River Valley" as the organization to receive donations from your eligible purchases. The AmazonSmile Foundation will then donate 0.5% of the purchase price to UUC. Your choice will be remembered for future visits to the site. Eligible products are marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.



## Round the Grounds by Susan Baker, co-chair



We hope the COVID pandemic will eventually be history, but “The COVID Troll” is lurking in the fern garden that is located along the meditation path, between the upper lawn and the peacock meadow. If you don’t know where that is, just walk the whole meditation path (enjoy being outdoors), and you will eventually find this unwanted troll. Donald and Joanna donated the log for the troll’s body, and Denise and Susan had a lot of fun transforming the log into “The COVID Troll”.

Many of our neighbors walk on UUC’s grounds with their children (or dogs), and we have gotten to know many of them. They are very appreciative of the grounds being open to them. Some of the visiting children have placed small rocks or other small objects in “hiding places”. To have some fun with the children’s creativity, we put together a rock-painting party. The children gathered in the picnic area with parents and painted smooth rocks that were then placed on our grounds or taken home. The painted rocks left on our grounds can be rehidden by the children when they revisit the grounds. The grounds workers take pleasure in finding the hidden rocks and objects. Be on the lookout for these rocks when walking the grounds. Valerie Bidwell donated the river rocks, and Gene Gardner donated some of the paints (a team effort!).



The cleome flowers are going to seed. The deer dislike the flowers, and, unfortunately the bees and butterflies don’t seem to be attracted to them. Nevertheless, they are beautiful when blooming and are prolific self-seeders. If you would like some of the seeds, contact [Susan](#).



UUC has an outdoor memorial for our beloved pets. The memorial is a tall post located in the peacock meadow, close to the beehives. Purchase a plaque (\$25), choose the inscription, and we’ll post it on the memorial. If you have your dog or cat’s identification tag, we can screw it to one side of the post. You are also welcome to scatter your pet’s ashes near the memorial. If you have a special memory of your pet, this is a way to honor that memory. Contact [George Lally](#) to purchase a plaque.



Susan Baker would love to hear from you about how this column impacts you. Send comments to [her](#).

“The early bird gets the reward” (paraphrased). Join us for the **“put it to bed” work party** on Saturday, **October 23**. 9:30-noon. There are big jobs and little jobs – something for everyone! In early October we’ll have a Sign-Up Genius link, so be on the look out and be an early bird volunteer.



Some lovely views of the grounds—  
take a walk and see for yourself.

Some of the 10 awesome volunteers  
who repainted the areas around the  
entries to Rev. Pam’s and Karen Hager’s  
offices on August 14.

# Lifespan Faith Development

## Children's RE

### Begins September 12 - in person!

We haven't been together in person for 18 months, so our main goal this fall is to have FUN while we let our kids rebuild their peer communities.

Classes will be meeting outdoors, weather permitting; and indoors with mitigation. Masking and distancing are required. Parents should stop at the sign-in table (located by the playground or in the downstairs lobby) between 9:45-10 AM to sign in children for class.



### PreK

Our preschool friends will enjoy a story and playtime together. Coloring sheets, activity pages and simple crafts will also be available for creative times.



### Grades K-5

Our elementary children will be grouped into two classes: K-2 and grades 3-5. Both groups will work on the same theme, with age-appropriate activities. Our first theme: *Fairy Gardens and Gnome Homes*. Families are invited to join the fun by searching around your homes for items suitable for building.

### Grades 6-8

Our middle school class will be operated more similarly to Middle School Youth Group with game playing and socialization, plus opportunities for social action and creativity. If safety permits – and contingent upon parents volunteering to chaperone – we may also try to hold offsite fun activities during other hours, such as a visit to Sinkland Farms.

**Please note that children do NOT go into the sanctuary first on Sunday mornings**

## YRUU

### Sunday evenings 7-8:30 PM. Begins September 12

Our high school youth group, YRUU, is open to youth in grades 9-12 and meets weekly for check-ins, games, and more. Youth will determine the meeting content and must be registered to participate. [Register.](#)

YRUU follows UUC COVID guidelines for adult meetings and mitigation. At this time, we are meeting outdoors, weather permitting; and indoors, with mitigation. [Learn more.](#)



## On-Going Adult RE Programs

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### Sunday Circle

*Meets first and third Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM. NOW ALSO MEETING IN THE SANCTUARY.*

**Sept 19:** TBD. [Zoom link.](#)

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### Anti-Racism Group

*Meets second and fourth Sundays, 1-2 PM*

All are welcome to join our ongoing group addressing white privilege and racism via this [Zoom link](#). Contact [Barbara Taylor](#) for meeting topics. Contact [Karen Hager](#) to join the listserv for group announcements.

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### 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. [Zoom link.](#)



### Conversations on Our Faith

*Meets Wednesdays, 12-1 PM*

Join our conversation as we read the book, *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness* (Newly Expanded Edition) – May 1, 1998. All are welcome, even if you have not read the chapters of the [book under discussion](#). Join via this [Zoom link](#). To learn more, contact [Tim Pickering](#).

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### Community Conversations

*Sunday, September 26, 11:30-1 PM*

Join us for a conversation on the topic *Politics in Faith Communities*. The First Amendment of our Constitution states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." Under the Internal Revenue Code, 501(c)(3) organizations are prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. In light of this amendment and regulation, and in the context of the political division in our country, how do we conduct ourselves as people of faith who are also responsible citizens? [Zoom link.](#)



# Host the UUC Gnome

Meet Jerome, our UUC garden gnome. Jerome and his brothers look forward to playing Roaming Gnomes with our youth groups, but, due to COVID, they haven't been able to play together in over 2 years! This seems to be hitting Jerome particularly hard, something we learned when we recently caught him binge-watching episodes of *The Amazing Race* that featured the Travelocity Gnome. It seems that Jerome loves to travel, and he loves to meet new people, so we thought he might be able to come meet some of you!

How would your family like to host Jerome in your own home for a week? He's very well-behaved and doesn't eat much, plus he's great with both kids and pets. (Warning: he will win ALL staring contests with pets!)

If you would like to host Jerome, sign up at <https://forms.gle/J8i3ZJq7Cm4RbrmEA>,

and we'll set a date to drop him at your home for a week of fun-filled adventures with your family. Then, take photos of Jerome's adventures, and we'll post them on our Facebook page for the entire congregation to enjoy.



Make a gnome happy! Let Jerome come visit you this fall!

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## Registration—all ages

**Children's RE classes and YRUU meetings begin September 12 - all children and youth MUST be registered to assist us with COVID tracing, should it ever be necessary.**

If you have not already done so, register children and youth online for Children's RE classes; middle school classes / youth group,; and YRUU, our high school youth group. [Register online.](#)

Currently, we are planning to meet outdoors, weather permitting; and indoors, with mitigation. [Learn more about mitigation efforts.](#)

**Please note:** We regret that we will not be able to open our Nursery this fall with paid childcare due to this age group not being able to mask or distance. Parents are invited to bring their littles to the service or the Cuddle Room. The Nursery will be open to parents who would like to bring those under 3 years old with them to play, while they listen to the service, which will be broadcast in this room.



## Unitarian Universalist Congregation Sunday Services September 2021

Services are now in person at UUC and virtual via [Zoom](#) at 10 AM.  
We welcome you to join us.

### September's Theme: **Embracing Possibility!**

**Join us for our dual-platform service each Sunday at 10 AM - both in person at UUC or via this [Zoom link](#).**

Welcome to the month of  
Embracing Possibility!



**September 5:** *Embracing Possibilities*, Rev. Pam Philips with Worship Associate Kimberley Homer. We'll begin our exploration of what it means to embrace possibilities, especially those in our personal lives and relationships. How might we wholeheartedly accept and even nurture change, especially those which are unexpected?

**September 12:** *Embracing Unitarian Universalist Possibilities*, General Assembly Delegates Stephen Henninger, Rev. Jamie McReynolds, Ellen Plummer, and Bob Stimson. UUC delegates to the UUA General Assembly this past June will share their experiences and what they learned from gathering with UUs from across the continent, highlighting possibilities that we might embrace as a congregation.

**September 19:** *The Power and Possibility of Community*, Rev. Pam Philips with Worship Associate Victoria Taylor and members of the Strategic Planning Committee. Margaret Wheatley writes, "There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Ask 'What's possible?' not 'What's wrong?' Keep asking." We'll share what the Strategic Planning Committee discovered when they asked.

Get to Know UUC: Stay following the service to gather with Board members and Rev. Pam to learn more about our congregation.

**September 26:** *The Impossible Becomes Possible*, Rev. Pam Philips with Worship Associate Tommy Iafrate. Considering the ills of the world can be overwhelming—the problems seem too big to solve. But our responses to the pandemic and the results – think clearer skies from less pollution and vaccines – have taught us that we are capable of more than we might have imagined. How can those lessons inform our work to "transform the world through courageous love"?



#### **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.

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## CALENDAR: September 2021

**Staff Office Hours: See below**

All times are PM unless noted otherwise

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>(All Sundays)</b> x 10:00 AM Worship Service (UUC and Zoom) <b>(September 12, 19, 26)</b> x 10:00 AM Religious Education classes (UUC) x 7:00 YRUU (UUC)	<b>(All Mondays)</b> x 7:00 AM Women's Breakfast (UUC) x 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast (UUC) 7:30 "All we can save" Circle/book discussion	<b>(All Tuesdays)</b> x 5:00 Meditation	<b>(All Wednesdays)</b> x Noon Conversations on Our Faith x 5:30 Yoga (UUC)		<b>(All Fridays)</b> x Noon Women's Lunch Bunch (UUC)	
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 Piecemakers (UUC) x 7:00 Transgender Support Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Celebration of the Life of Nancy Gardner (UUC)	<b>7</b> x 2:00 Sages	<b>8</b> 6:00 Finance Committee 7:00 Worship Team	<b>9</b> x 7:00 Board Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> x 5:00 Parents' Covenant Group (UUC)
<b>12</b> x 1:00 Anti-Racism Group	<b>13</b> x 6:00 Parent Bereavement Support Group	<b>14</b> x 7:00 Caregivers' Support Group	<b>15</b> x 6:00 NAMI Family Support Group	<b>16</b> 6:30 Piecemakers (UUC)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> x 1:00 Transgender Support Group
<b>19</b> 8:30 AM Sunday Circle (UUC and Zoom) 11:15 Get to Know UUC 11:30 Stewardship Committee 1:00 Celebration of the Life of Susan Piercy	<b>20</b> x 6:00 NAMI Connections Support Group	<b>21</b> x 2:00 Sages	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 October Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> x 11:30 AM Community Conversations x 1:00 Anti-Racism Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> x 6:30 Trans Support Group for Youth & Families	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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](#) has the Zoom URLs. That calendar will be updated as conditions change. Page 2 has the Covid rules (at the present time) for Building & Grounds Use.

**UUC Staff office hours:** Minister: [Contact for appointment](#) Administrator: [Contact for appointment](#) DLFD: [Contact for appointment](#)