



April 2023

As I looked out at the sanctuary last Sunday, my heart was full because the room seemed so full. It has been such a joy to see so many faces – including those we haven't seen for some time and people joining us for the first or second time. And as I look at the calendar on the UUC website, I'm struck also by its fullness. So many things are happening in this vibrant religious community, and I want to lift them up so you can take the opportunity to attend as many as you like.



If you are relatively new or back after a long absence, please consider coming to the Newcomer's Orientation on Saturday morning, **April 22nd**. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, UUC, and the many ways you can engage. Even better is the chance to get to know members of the Connection Committee and other folks new to our community. Contact [Rev. Pam](#) to learn more.

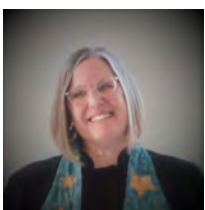
This month we'll be finishing up our **Stewardship Pledge Drive**. We're gratified by all those who have already made their pledges but mindful that we still have quite a way to go before reaching our goal of \$376,000. This is a 13% increase over last year's goal, in part because of the rising cost of living and the desire to fairly compensate our excellent staff. I encourage all to pledge (or increase your pledge) as soon as possible so that we can meet that goal. I also invite everyone to join one of the [free fun activities and events](#) organized by the Stewardship Committee. Line Dancing on **April 8th** and the rescheduled Campfire, Singing, and S'mores on the **29th** are especially fun and family-friendly events. Sign up [here](#). We'll celebrate the success of our pledge drive after the service on **April 30th**.

Another great dancing and community-building opportunity is Dance through the Decades on **April 21st**, an auction event sponsored by the UUC Board. Sign up [here](#) or pay at the door (\$10/individual or \$20/family).

For those who are more interested in social justice, we have two events sponsored by our new social justice teams. Come out on **April 14th** for a [showing of The Janes](#) (a powerful documentary about a clandestine network for women seeking abortions), sponsored by the UUC Reproductive Justice Team. On **April 20th**, the UUC Voter Rights Team is hosting a [Voter Information Forum](#) in collaboration with the NAACP and League of Women Voters. Come find out about the changes in voter districts that will affect the upcoming election in November. The Environmental Justice/Climate Change team will be collaborating with the Sunday service on **April 16th**, sharing practical ways we can live more lightly on the planet in preparation for Earth Day. The Anti-Racism group is continuing its discussion of the 1619 Project on the 2nd and 4th Sundays on Zoom, and we have one more Anti-Racism Practice session with our friends at Blacksburg Presbyterian and Blacksburg United Methodist/edges (also on Zoom, register [here](#).)

Finally, please consider joining the Committee on Ministries at one of the [Feedback Groups](#) as we embark on a new way of sharing our experiences of the different ministries here at UUC.

And then there are all the other lifespan faith development classes and on-going groups, support groups, and social groups that meet throughout the month, not to mention the 2nd Sunday Potluck (on Easter Sunday, which will also feature an Egg Hunt). As nature awakens to new life, the Grounds Ministry welcomes us all to volunteer our time and energy to maintain our beautiful space.



Yes, life is full at UUC this coming month, with a variety of ways to connect and serve. I encourage you to find the ones that will help renew your spirit and your commitment to this community.

In faith,

Rev. Pam

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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

As a new (at-large) member of the board, I have appreciated the chance to see a different aspect of the church than what I've been accustomed to – differences like policies, procedures, stewardship. This work of the Board reminds me of how we often see infrastructure: mundane, hidden, easily overlooked - and perhaps much of it is. However, we recently finalized and approved the wording and policy for the new *Isabel Berney Award for Exceptional Service*. It states: *The Isabel Berney Award recognizes a member or friend of the congregation for extraordinary service and work in one or more areas of the life of the congregation over a period of several years, as embodied by Isabel Berney.*



I really valued the opportunity to weigh in on this policy. It feels so important to make space for recognition of our volunteers. Thinking about this policy reminded me of the many ways that the church's presence, and all of us who invest in it with our time and treasure, has supported me and my family. I am grateful for this support and grateful for the chance to invest my own resources into the church community.

As we look ahead to all the [Stewardship Campaign events](#) this month, I hope memories of the UU and ways you are grateful for this community flow easily to mind and inspire you to engage. We encourage everyone to participate and support, where and in whatever way they can. We each are part of this legacy that is the UUC.

-Angela Parrish, Board Member At Large

Staff Office Hours

Minister:
Tues-Thurs 9:00-1:00pm by appointment

Administrator:
Sundays 10:00-Noon
Other times by appt.

DLFD:
Hours by appt.
If you need access to the building please give 24 hours notice by emailing [Ericka](#)

March Board Meeting Highlights

- Approved final policy for the *Isabel Berney Award for Exceptional Service*.
- Approved final revisions for Fiscal Matters policy.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 13** 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@uucnrv.org.

Events & Community News

Newcomers' Orientation

New or not so new to UUC and interested in learning more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism in general? Want to meet other newcomers? Come to our Newcomers' Orientation on Saturday, **April 22** and get your questions answered. Gather at 9:30 AM for conversation, coffee and refreshments followed by the orientation from 10 AM – 12.

Members of our Connections Committee and Rev. Pam will be there with information and fun activities. If unable to attend in person, we will have a Zoom option. Email [Pauletta Copenheaver](#) by **April 20** if you can attend in person or via Zoom. Need childcare – let Pauletta know by **April 15**.

March ½-Plate Donations

Thanks to your generosity, UUC continued its practice of helping others in both our community and beyond.

March 5: Meals on Main, \$267.62

March 12: Planned Parenthood, \$118.33

March 19: WVTF, \$435.13

March 26: UU Women's Federation, TBD

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

Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickup

The UUC Community Service Team will have their Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup on Saturday, **April 8**, starting at 9 in the Lowes parking lot.



We do this 3-4 times a year, with usually about 15 participants. We would appreciate new volunteers joining our group. You can come as an individual or as a group/family. The more the easier the cleanup will be! We meet at the Lowes parking lot at 9, socialize with donuts, etc, and then prepare for the pickup.

Safety vest and orange trash bags are provided. Bring a mechanical picker upper if so desired. We divide into four teams, each with a section to work. Usually we are finished before 10:30. If you are interested or would like more information, contact [Bob Stimson](#). Come join our UUC Community Service Team activity. It is rewarding!

April 9 at 11:30 AM

Second Sunday Potluck

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a potluck after the Easter service on Sunday April 9th. Bring your family and friends, and a dish to share (enough for eight), to enjoy a delicious meal together. Please include a small card with the ingredients for those with allergies



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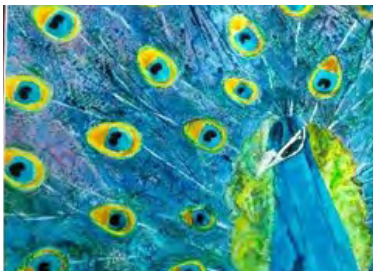


Mary Ratliff Will Be the Next Artist in the UUC Art Gallery

I became a member at UUC many years ago when we were in the house next door. I think of this congregation as my second family and am honored to share my art with you all. I'm currently painting with watercolors and acrylics. Nature and art are my passions. Birds, flowers and insects are some of my favorite subjects. Finding beauty in outdoor spaces is addictive.

Almost stepping on a lacey-skirted stinkhorn mushroom on a forest ridge or a tiny crimson sundew in a bog invites me to try and capture their essence on paper. Thank you for supporting your local nature artist.

-Mary



April Food Pantry Donations

UUC's Community Service Team's April suggested food donations for the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry to include the following items: peanut butter and jelly.



Winners at this year's Chili Cookoff



"Best Chili" honors at this year's Cookoff were won by Velma Cochran with her "Rockabilly Chili." Other winners included "Best Vegetarian Chili" – Josh Dugan; "Best Spicy Chili" – Bonnie Moreno; "Rootin' Tootin' Award" (4-way tie) – Ashley Dugan, Frank Mathews, Diane Pfeiffer and Fred Piercy; and "Best Cornbread" – Rude Graves.

A hungry crowd came out on St. Patrick's Day to enjoy great fun, food, and fellowship. Thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to make this annual event a great success, and a special thanks to Franklyn Moreno and the Potluck Crew.

Help Spread the Word About UUC through **WVTF**

The on-air portion of the WVTF Spring Fund Drive is over, but there is still time to contribute to help sponsor UU announcements.

Go to our UUC [Give webpage](#) for options. Please contribute by **April 12**. Thanks!





Anti-Racism Group is Continuing Our Discussion of the *1619 Project*:

The Anti-Racism Group is discussing the award-winning book, *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, edited by Nikole Hannah-Jones, Caitlin Roper, Ilena Silverman, and Jake Silverstein, which is about the inheritance of race, caste, and hierarchy that defines America. We meet on the second and fourth Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 2:00 PM via [Zoom](#).

We take one chapter at a time, so that we have a chance to read, think about, feel deeply, and share with one another these invaluable history lessons that resonate in all our lives today. So far, we have read the chapters entitled (1) Democracy, (2) Race, (3) Sugar, (4) Fear, (5) Dispossession, (6) Capitalism, and (7) Politics.

Learning about our nation's history from the perspective of racial oppression, resistance, and strength is equipping us with more informed ways of showing up for local and national dialogues and activism regarding race and caste. Our April conversations will be co-facilitated by Katherine Allen and Annette Burr. All are welcome to attend! Please join us, even if you haven't had a chance to read the chapters. We are learning from each other.

Social Justice at UUC

The **UUC Reproductive Justice Team** invites you to view and discuss the 2022 HBO documentary, *The Janes*, at UUC on **Friday, April 14**, at 6:30 PM. This film tells the story of a group of women in Chicago who in 1969, in the pre-Roe v Wade era, created an underground service for women seeking safe, affordable abortions at a time when abortions were illegal. After the film, join us as we share ideas about ways that together we can work for reproductive justice, defined by SisterSong as "the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities." The event is open to the public.

On Thursday, **April 20**, 5-6:30 PM the **UUC Voting Rights Team** will host a voter information forum focusing on what's new in 2023 for voting in Virginia. Due to redistricting, there are new Virginia Senate and House of Delegates voting districts. Also, all 140 seats in the Virginia General Assembly, as well as numerous local offices are up for election in November of 2023. This **strictly non-partisan forum** will provide information to facilitate participation in the upcoming June primaries and November election. The program will include Q&A. Voter registration and assistance determining your new voting districts will be available following the forum. In addition to UUC NRV, co-sponsors and panelists for the forum are the Montgomery-Radford-Floyd Branch of the NAACP and the Montgomery County League of Women Voters. The event is open to the public.



WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Women's Lunch

All women are welcome to join together for lunch on Fridays at 11:30 AM at local restaurants or noon at UUC. Check [online calendar](#) for locations and times for the following weeks.

UUYAs

If you're between the ages of 18 and 25, the UUYAs (Unitarian Universalist Young Adults) meet every Tuesday in Elarth Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 PM to play games, engage with the community, and support our congregation. Once a month they hope to have an event away from UUC. For more information, contact uuya@uucnrv.org.

Women's & Men's Breakfasts

All are invited to attend the group to which they identify on Mondays at UUC for coffee, breakfast (bring your own), and conversation with the men gathering from 7-9 AM and women from 7:30-9:30 AM. The two groups meet separately. Join in when you are able.

UUC Choir

UUC Choir: All are welcome to join every Wednesday in the sanctuary from 7 to 8:30 pm. No experience is necessary. Please contact Jennifer Thomas to RSVP or to find out more.

Sages

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 2 PM at UUC for stimulating conversation on topics that affect older adults and more. All ages welcome.

Yoga

Join this free weekly group at UUC on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Bring a mat if you have one. To get on the email list for the weekly status of class, contact [Lori](#).

The Community Service Team is looking for Volunteers!



If interested please see more information [here](#) about upcoming events and please continue to check the "Wider Community Doings" section in the weekly announcements.

Below: UUC's Alison and Mike Armstrong and Hannah Schetselaar representing the Community Service Team at a recent Habitat for Humanity build in Floyd.



STEWARDSHIP: REALIZING OUR VALUES

I was 17 when my parents took me to the New York World's Fair. I remember my father starting a conversation with a little man sweeping up trash near us.

"How's it going? Lots of work for ya, huh?"

The man looked up and said, "You talkin' to me? I can't believe you talkin' to me. A million people go by me every day. You the first one that's talked to me."

He and my father talked for quite a while. Perhaps because of my dad's polio, he wasn't quick to walk away. But mostly, my dad was good at seeing people others didn't usually see.

I think that a lot of folks at UUC are good at this, too, that's one of the things I love about our community, we advocate for people who commonly feel unseen. I also love that people say that UUC feels like home. Beyond community, we are committed to courageous love, to make the world a better, more loving, more inclusive place.

The theme for Stewardship this year is **Legacy**, honoring those that have come before us, and envisioning the legacy we can be for those who come after us. Yeah, there is the money thing, too but money helps us realize our values. Our values are what come first.

As of March 31, we have had 71 pledges that total \$204,823, which is 54% of our goal of \$376,000. Our goal is 13% greater than last year's goal, so it is a big ask, but so important. Your pledge will support, among other things, fortifying programs for our members across the lifespan faith community, leaving our mark on the community through outreach and social justice, supporting our own physical, mental, and spiritual growth, and investing in our staff as we co-create our legacy. So, if you haven't pledged yet, I hope you will soon. Please also join us in our free, fun community [Stewardship events](#) to get to know each other better.

Finally, I'm reminded of what Anne Frank said many years ago: "No one has ever become poor by giving." Thank you for your pledge to sustain and grow our precious community.

- Fred Piercy, Stewardship Committee and President-Elect, UUC



UUC Stewardship 2022

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 (**April 10**) from 6-7 PM to help one another on our journeys. For more info and the Zoom link, contact [Katherine](#) or [Lisa](#).

Parent Support Group

Parent support group will meet every 4th Sunday (April 23) from 11:30-1:00PM. Please contact [Rachel Craine](#) for more information.

Surviving Spouses Support Group

Surviving Spouses will meet at 2:00 pm in the UUC Library on the 2nd (**April 11**) & 4th Tuesday (**April 25**) of the Month. If you have lost a spouse or partner and would appreciate a group with whom you can share and learn, please join us.

Caregivers Support

UUC hosts a monthly support group for caregivers to share their experiences and challenges. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (**April 11**) from 7-8:30 PM via this [Zoom link](#). Questions or concerns - contact [Rev. Pam](#).

NAMI Support

Connections Support: Persons living with a mental illness are welcome to join this NAMI support group on the 1st (**April 3**) and 3rd Monday (**April 17**) of each month 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 (**April 19**) from 6-7:30 PM. Contact [Kristine](#) for the Zoom link or for more info.



The Committee on Ministries Wants to Hear From You!

Inspired by Rev. David McMahill's [Completing the Circle](#), which outlines a process for practicing constructive communication and gathering feedback in congregations, the COM has decided to lead a series of feedback sessions on UUC's **worship ministry**. These groups are open to anyone with something to share - and they begin this week! COM members will facilitate conversation about the value of worship in our lives, elements of the service that speak to us (or don't), and much more. Let's learn from each other and build an even stronger congregation together! The first session is this **Sunday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m.** You can find a time that works for you and [sign up using this form](#).

Hope to see you there!
-Ashley

Lifespan Faith Development

Family Fun and Movie Night

Friday, April 28, 6-9pm

“Remy, a resident of Paris, appreciates good food and has quite a sophisticated palate. He would love to become a chef so he can create and enjoy culinary masterpieces to his heart's delight. The only problem is, Remy is a rat. When he winds up in the sewer beneath one of Paris' finest restaurants, the rodent gourmet finds himself ideally placed to realize his dream.”

The fun starts at 6pm with homemade ratatouille, crafts and games. The movie and popcorn start at 7pm. Fun for all ages.



Children's RE continues to meet for children in preschool through middle school. Children spend the first 15 minutes in the service and then are sung down to their classes.

[Register Here](#)

There will be no children's RE classes or YRUU on April 9

Easter Service and Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9

Once again, our Easter Egg Hunt is going to the dogs—literally! Join the hunt for treat-filled eggs and other items for our furry friends. Donations will be distributed to the Cats of the Humane Society of Montgomery County and the Dogs of the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center. This event is a congregational favorite, with all the fun of an egg hunt wrapped up in a social action project!



The Egg Hunt will take place after a special, multigenerational Easter service on Sunday, April 9. Don't miss this fun and worthy event—awarded two paws up by the dogs and cats of Montgomery County!

Bring your donations of dog and cat supplies to the UUC by Sunday, April 9.

Social Justice Film Series

Friday, April 14—The Janes
6:30pm

The UUC Reproductive Justice Team invites you to view and discuss the 2022 HBO documentary, *The Janes*. This film tells the story of a group of women in Chicago who in 1969, in the pre-Roe v Wade era, created an underground service for women seeking safe, affordable abortions at a time when abortions were illegal. After the film, join us as we share ideas about ways that together we can work for reproductive justice, defined by SisterSong as “the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children



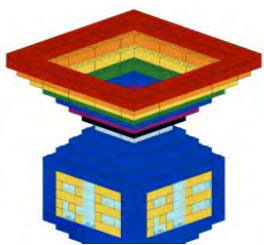
Help Wanted: The Sunday Circle Program is looking for a new coordinator for the 2023-24 year. Interested? Contact Rachel Craine at dlfd@uucnr.org

Religious Education (RE) Teachers Wanted!

No Experience Necessary!

We need YOU to help make our programming successful! Now recruiting teachers for Summer and Fall of 2023.

Summer RE: Have you ever thought about teaching RE but weren't sure? Summer is a great time to try it out! Commit to as many or few Sundays as you like. Our preschool summer program involves a story, coloring sheet and free play. For the older kids, we combine grades K-5. This summer their program will be Lego UU Sources.



[Sign up Here](#) for Summer



Fall RE: Teachers commit to a semester of teaching as part of a 4-teacher team. Each teacher leads 4 classes and assists with 4 classes each semester. All curriculum and nearly all prep is provided, so you spend your time doing what is most meaningful. This is only an 8 Sunday commitment! [To Volunteer for Fall Click Here](#) For more info contact [Rachel](#).

Fall 2023 Curriculum

PreK—Chalice Children

Grades 2-3—Books and Cooks

Middle School—Building Bridges

Grades K-1—Picture Book World Religions

Grades 4-5—Holidays and Holy Days

Middle School Youth Group (Friday nights, monthly)

On-Going Adult RE Programs

Sunday Circle

Meets Sunday 8:30-9:30 AM. In Library and on [Zoom](#)

April 2: Decoding your cat's behavior

Carol Kern, a veterinarian in Radford, will discuss common cat behaviors and suggestions for helping with unwanted behavior issues. Please send Carol cmhkern@gmail.com pictures or videos of your cat, especially cat to cat interactions.

April 16: Being Good Neighbors: Energy Infrastructure and Environmental Justice in EastMont Emily Satterwhite, Director of Appalachian Studies at Virginia Tech, and Crystal Mello, Community Organizer, POWHR (Protect Our Water, Heritage, Rights)

From railroad pollution to a solar farm controversy to a potential compressor station for the Mountain Valley Pipeline and more, infrastructure burdens are concentrated in one of the poorest parts of Montgomery County. This talk will focus on issues of energy democracy and environmental justice and how county residents can show up for one another.

Anti-Racism Discussion Groups

Meets the second and fourth Sunday 1:00-2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join our ongoing discussion group on white privilege and racism. Topics are announced via email. Email dlfd@uucnrv.org to join the listserv to receive links to the discussion articles. [Zoom link](#).

Meditation Group

Meets Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM

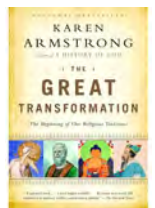
Our meditation group meets weekly for those interested in starting or deepening their meditation practice. Our format is drop-in, so you need not attend all sessions. Open with centering words and basic instruction, followed by sitting practice. Meditators from all traditions and all levels of experience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



Conversations on Our Faith

Meets Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Join our conversation as we read the book, *The Great Transformation* by Karen Armstrong. All are welcome, even if you have not read the chapters of the book under discussion. To learn more, contact [Tim Pickering](#).



Spiritual Practices

Meets April 16 from 1:00-2:00pm in the Library

This month, join Mary Ratliff to explore Journalling as a Spiritual Practice. [Sign up here](#)

What Moves Us

Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom

Continuing this month: *What Moves Us* is a course in both Unitarian Universalist history and theology, exploring the voices and spiritual experiences of historical and contemporary UU theologians, and how their experiences resonate within our own lives and theological understandings. [Sign up here](#)

'Round the Grounds...

Announcing the New Grounds Pop-Up Event Email List

The Grounds ministry had our first pop-up grounds event in March. George Lally, Steve Keighton, and Denise Martin showed up to muck out the pond. As you can see, Denise did an excellent job of supervising George and Steve.



You might be wondering, what a "Pop-up Grounds Event" is and how you can get in on the fun? As you are aware, a lot of work goes into maintaining our beautiful grounds, and in the spirit of: many hands make light work, Susan Baker and I have initiated the idea of having small Pop-up Grounds events. We are creating an email list of people who are interested in working on the grounds on an "as needed" basis. When we have a project that needs additional volunteers, we'll send out an email to the pop-up list members. If you're interested and available, you can respond to the email and be a part of the fun.

Not available? No problem, we'll catch you next time we have a pop-up event. Please email me, [Denise Martin](#), if you'd like to be added to the Grounds Pop-up email list. If you're interested in helping on the grounds on a **regular** basis, please contact [Susan Baker](#). Examples of regular tasks are watering potted plants, pruning, raking, and mowing. Some tasks can be done once a week; others once a month or as needed.

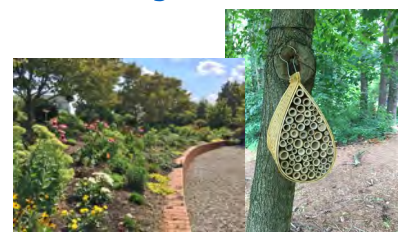
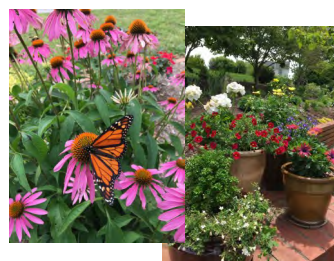
Gardens Are Integral to the UUC Grounds

The UUC gardens are waking up from the cold winter. Watching plants pop up through the soil is always magical for me. That must be why spring is my favorite season – a season of refreshment, expectation, and surprises.

The largest garden at UUC is the crescent garden, located near the side entrance to the church. It is a garden of on-going color, largely planted with contrasting perennials. Many of the plantings have been donated by UUC members, friends, and neighbors. I think of the crescent garden as a kinship garden because of its early history of having been lovingly planted by long-time UUC members. Over the years the crescent garden has evolved, depending on the vision of who the garden caretaker was. I've had the privilege of "playing in the dirt" of the crescent garden for the past 10 years.

There are smaller gardens scattered throughout the almost 6 acres of the UUC grounds – all are intentionally planted with materials that will attract bees, butterflies, and birds, as well as provide habitat for small critters. My two favorite smaller gardens are The Woodland Garden which features a variety of ferns and woodland plants. And The Sculpture Garden, so named because of the wood, metal, and stone sculptures that anchor this island garden of serviceberry trees, shrubs, and perennials.

The UUC gardens are always in transition. I encourage you to take a walk on the grounds and discover the diversity of trees, shrubs, flowers, colors, and textures. Follow the meditation path (marked by white embedded bricks and wood chip pathways) to experience what our "outdoor church" has been blessed with. Of course, garden helpers, experienced, and non-experienced, are ALWAYS welcome! Shoot me an email @ mtnwoman3@gmail.com to offer one-time help or on-going assistance.



Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Sunday Services

April 2023

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

April 2: How is Resistance Religious? Rev. Pam and Worship Associate, Heather Nicholson. We'll begin our month-long exploration of the Path of Resistance by considering how it might fit into our spiritual lives. Brian Peters will be our guest musician.

April 9: Exploring Easter: Rev. Pam, DLFD, Rachel Craine, & Worship Associate, Earle Irwin. Everyone is welcome to this multigenerational service exploring how the story and message of Easter resonates with us as Unitarian Universalists. The UUC Choir will sing and the children will have an Easter egg hunt after the service.



April 16: Resisting Despair: Rev. Pam and Worship Associate, Cynthia Baute. What can we do— as individuals and as a congregation— to resist giving in to feelings of despair and hopelessness in the face of the climate crisis? Members of the UUC Environmental Justice / Climate Change group will share practical actions we can take to give us hope. Ash Devine will be our guest musician.

April 23: Resistance: Rev. Kirk Ballin and Worship Associate, Ellen Plummer. Rev. Kirk Ballin, the emeritus minister at the UUC in Roanoke, will share his ideas about Resistance. The UUC Choir will sing.

April 30: Resisting with Restoration and Joy: Rev. Pam and Worship Associate, Denise Martin. While resistance conjures images of the determined fighting of oppressive forces, might we also imagine it as rest- and joy-full endeavor?



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.