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Message from Our Minister Rev. Pam Philips

This is the time of year when many of our lives shift into a different gear. As the school year winds down, students and teachers finish up their final projects and exams and look ahead toward rituals like proms and graduations. This is the time of year when we acknowledge and celebrate important people in our lives—Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Father’s Day.

So, too, in the life of this congregation, as the “church” year winds down, we have rituals and celebrations. The Stewardship Committee wraps up the pledge drive, the Board and the Finance Committee put the finishing touches on the next year’s budget, the Leadership Development Committee puts forward a slate of officers in preparation of the Annual Meeting (**May 31**). In worship services, we acknowledge and celebrate the transitions of our youth—the Coming of Age youth (8th graders) move up into YRUU (Young Religious UUs), and the seniors are welcomed by the Young Adults—in our Bridging Service (**May 17**). And we celebrate our religious community in an annual Flower Communion—everyone bringing flowers to create a beautiful communal bouquet and taking another flower home symbolizing how we all contribute and benefit from coming together.



This is the time of year for transitions, for crossing thresholds. And yet, this year we find ourselves looking across the threshold into an unknown future. Many of the usual celebrations we’ve come to cherish won’t happen or will have to happen in very different ways. This month, as we consider what it means to be a people of **Thresholds**, we are challenged to create new ways of acknowledging and celebrating. While we cannot have new members sign the membership book, if you have found a spiritual home at UUC and want to formally join, contact [Rev. Pam](#) to “sign” virtually (by the 17th if you want to vote in the Annual Meeting). The youth of YRUU are hard at work planning an inspiring and engaging Bridging Service, using the new opportunities virtual worship affords. You won’t want to miss it. The Worship Team is likewise planning for our Flower Communion (**May 31**) and needs your help. **Please email me photographs of you and your family with flowers by May 29.** Together we’ll create a bouquet of smiles and beauty, symbolizing this compassionate community.

As we look across the threshold into the month of May, we are uncertain what the future holds. When and how we might gather together in physical spaces again remains a mystery. That’s the thing about crossing thresholds—we can never be certain what we’ll encounter on the other side. But we can choose what to bring with us as we venture forth. We can bring with us cherished traditions, transformed by the constraints and opportunities of our virtual gatherings. In this liminal time, between our past and our future, we can intentionally consider what to leave behind and what to take forward across the thresholds of our lives. Let us do so together.

In faith and hope,
Rev. Pam

Worship Team Members Wanted: As we explore new ways of weaving worship together, consider joining the team either as a Worship Associate (apply via this [online application](#)) who helps plan and lead services, or as a team member, (apply via this [online application](#)) who works behind the scenes. Fill out an application or contact [Rev. Pam](#) for more information.

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Staff Office Hours:

**Staff office hours are
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until the building
re-opens.**

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Contact for appointment
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up online.

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Mondays & Fridays, 1-4

Message from Our Board

Nancy Norton, Member-at-Large



Alone and Not Alone

I am one of many UUC members who live alone. The sanctuary of one's own space is often a blessing. But it can become a burden when that space becomes one's entire world. Community is one thing that need not be a victim of this time. One of the many things for which I feel daily gratitude is our UUC community. While technology fills my inbox with the latest tragic accounts of the world beyond my front door, it also extends the opportunity to grow closer to those I cherish. In March when the Board weighed the science and emerging news and made the very difficult decision to close down our building, it was impossible to imagine just how gloriously the bud of community would blossom in the coming weeks. As new bulbs, blossoms, and leaves heralded the coming of spring outdoors, the promise of community unfolded in our congregation. In those first weeks, my calendar consisted of canceled events and meetings except for that spot at 10:00 on Sunday morning. Rev. Pam and the Worship Committee responded immediately and brilliantly to the changes and challenges and held our first zUUm service (as my friend refers to it) the very next Sunday, March 15. And an unanticipated thing happened: people attended the service who had been unable to in the past, either because they were confined to their homes for reasons unrelated to the pandemic, or because they had moved away from the NRV after once being members of UUC, or they had never been in our physical presence and found a sacred space with us for the first time, a space created by the necessity of social distancing and the holy creativity of our spiritual guides. And, as blossoms give rise to fruit, this time has even given birth to a new opportunity: a Mid-Week Gathering on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

Our annual stewardship campaign also flowered in the weeks to follow. Members and friends opened their virtual wallets and put their pledges of financial support where their hearts already dwelled. And, as the Board and Finance Committee met together just two weeks ago to consider how to reconcile the difference between the projected 2020-21 UUC budget and the pledges in hand, the adjustments and decisions were made with hope in the continued generosity of a community that manifests caring by giving. Our 1/2-plate collections are going, as they always have, to organizations that do the work of caring in our larger community. As economic stimulus checks find their way into our bank accounts, I want to highlight a new opportunity announced by our Board President and President-elect: giving all or a portion of that check to UUC to shore up our financial security in these uncertain times. And I invite you to email [Wayne Neu](#) to join a discussion of creative ways to use all or a portion of those checks to further support those in need in our community

After that first week, my calendar began to fill again, this time with virtual gatherings. Many of them allowed me to meet up with friends in the weekly Conversations on Our Faith discussion group, the twice-monthly Women's Lunch, and the continuation of the Soul Matters gatherings. And we have now held our second virtual UUC Board meeting. Being an introvert, I've never been a coffee-hour person, but the breakout rooms following each service are just the right size to check in with old friends and make new ones. And in the coming week, I plan to "drop in" on some UUC gatherings I've never experienced before...because I CAN. And, as some of us find many items on our To Do lists given a "grace" period (grace being an especially salient concept at this time), we have an unprecedented opportunity to "attend" GA virtually, either as a registered participant or as a guest in those worship services made

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Upcoming Events

Many committees, groups, and activities are taking place via Zoom during this time of isolating from one another. See below for some of our current Zoom meetings with links. LFD groups meeting via Zoom can be found on page 5. Be sure to continually check the [online calendar](#) and [website](#) for updates about activities as well as our twice-weekly email announcements. If your group's Zoom link is not included, please contact [Lisa](#) to get it on our calendar and publicized to the congregation.

Women's Breakfast

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

Men's Breakfast

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

Women's Lunch

All women are welcome to join the Women's Lunch Bunch via this Zoom [link](#) on Friday, **May 1** (May Day) at noon. Consider buying your lunch at curbside to support your favorite place. On Friday, **May 15** at noon, we'll gather on our UUC grounds to picnic together at a distance. Bring your own. Cynthia Luke will bring a dessert to share. Contact [Cynthia](#) for more info.

Mid-Week Gatherings

Join us each Wednesday at 5:30 PM for an opportunity to share some words, music, and conversation via this Zoom [link](#). Gather together for a while and then go to small breakout groups for further conversation.

Sages Meeting Weekly

Join us each Tuesday at 2 PM for stimulating conversation via this Zoom [link](#). This group focuses on topics facing older adults, but all are welcome.

Virtual Informational & Annual Meetings

All members are asked to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, **May 31** at 11:30 AM where we will be electing new officers to the Board and voting on our budget for the next fiscal year.

Slate of officers:

President-elect: Bob Stimson

Treasurer: Meredith Hundley

Members-at-Large: Brandie Lemmon

Co-Member-at-Large: Paul & Mindy Quigley sharing 1 position

All are welcome to participate in the Informational Meeting on Sunday, **May 17** at 11:30 AM to learn more and to get your questions answered.

Watch for more information on both meetings including information on the budget, the Zoom link, and how we will vote from home.

Reminder that only members of UUC can vote at the Annual Meeting although everyone is welcome to attend. If you are interested in membership at this time, see Rev. Pam's message on becoming a member virtually on page 1.

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available to all: the general sessions, the Service of the Living Tradition, the multigenerational Synergy Bridging Worship, and Sunday Morning Worship. Check <https://www.uua.org/ga> as the week of **June 24-28** approaches for specific dates and times.

Gifts arrive in our lives all the time, including in this time of uncertainty. In closing, I invite you to share a gift that found me and is source of inspiration, a daily meditation from Rev. Galen Guengerich of All Souls UUC Congregation in New York City. To receive these meditations in your inbox, email rachel@allsoulsnyc.org with "Daily Meditation" in the subject line.

Lifespan Faith Development

May 2020

LFD Volunteers

Fall and Summer Volunteers Needed!

We are currently recruiting for fall and summer volunteer positions within RE. Fall teachers serve on a 4 or 6-teacher team, leading 4 Sundays and assisting 4 Sundays, for a total 8-Sunday commitment. Summer RE adult supervisors can volunteer for as little as 1 Sunday in either the K-5 room or in the PreK room. If you've thought that you'd like to become part of RE, now is the time! We need your help!

To learn more, contact [Rachel Craine](#).



YRUU/COA Bridging Service May 17

MSYG

Fridays, May 8 & 22, 7-8:30 PM

Middle School Youth Group meets twice this month via Zoom for games and conversation.

STORY TIME: For pre-K through 5th grade.

Wednesdays at 10 AM with Rev. Pam at this [link](#).

Fridays at 3 PM with Rachel Craine at this [link](#).

YRUU

Sundays, May 3, 10 & 17, 7-8 PM

Our high school youth group, YRUU, meets on Sunday evenings September-May, with some meetings held offsite. Teens participate in fundraisers, fun activities, social action, and conferences, while forming bonds with other teens.

YRUU will be meeting online at this Zoom [link](#).

Last day of Children's RE: May 17
Summer RE begins June 7

On-Going Adult RE Programs

Spiritual Aging

*Meets the first Sunday of the month (**May 3**), 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. Meeting virtually at this Zoom [link](#).



Anti-Racism Discussion Group

Meets the second and fourth Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM

All are welcome to join our ongoing discussion group on white privilege and racism. Topics are announced via email. Meeting virtually at 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. Meeting virtually at this Zoom [link](#).



Conversations on Our Faith

Meets Wednesdays, 12-1 PM

Bring a brown bag lunch and join our conversation as we read the book, *The Lost Art of Scripture*, 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](#). Meeting virtually at this Zoom [link](#).



Join our conversation on Sunday, May 24!

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. Meeting virtually at this Zoom [link](#).

Join us **May 24** at 11:30 AM for our conversation on **Freedom**. Freedom is a key concept in America's founding documents. We are proud to be a free people. This said, there are legitimate differing interpretations of what freedom means. "Live and let live" is great until the freedom to use my property as I see fit interferes with your property. Or when someone's speech harms another person's freedoms. Is it ever good for the government to limit an assembly of citizens? How do we celebrate our freedom and care for it so that it reflects our highest values? This conversation asks key questions and invites you to explore the many facets of freedom. Led by [Rev. Jamie McReynolds](#)

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 April recipients were:

April 12: United Way's Covid-19 Impact Fund, \$250

April 19: MCEAP, \$272

April 26: Meals on Main, TBA

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

E-giving Via Text & Mobile App

In addition to our [online giving option](#), we now have a **mobile app** (Give Plus+ in Google Play Store and Give+ in Apple Store) for easy donating. Simply download the free app, select UUC as the recipient and create an account (account not needed for one-time donation).

And...

We also offer off the very easy option of using **Text to Give** for your donation to UUC. Text "Fund" to 844-909-2617. You will be asked to fill in your information the first time the service is used. After that, when you text "Fund", the list of funds will appear in the response. Simply enter the dollar amount your wish to donate (without a \$), a space, and the fund you are donating to as written in the list texted back to you. If you receive a response asking you to text "repeat" or "refund", do not reply unless you wish it to be a repeating donation.

Questions on any of these options?
Email administrator@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!

◆ April Board Mtg. Highlights

- ◆ The Board gratefully accepted a monetary gift from Melanie Bussard.
- ◆ UUC submitted an application for a Payroll Protection Program loan through our local bank, the National Bank of Blacksburg, on April 7. The loan was approved the following week for \$34,800 and must be used for payroll (75% of loan), mortgage interest, health insurance, and utilities over a 2 month period. If conditions are met, the loan will be forgiven (see page 9).
- ◆ A virtual book signing for new members will be held at the service on **May 17**.
- ◆ The informational meeting will be held via Zoom on **May 17** and the annual meeting via Zoom on **May 31** (see page 3 for more info).
- ◆ Jamie McReynolds, George Lally, Helen Renqvist, and Wayne Neu were approved as delegates to General Assembly.

The next Board meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, **May 14** at 7 PM. The [minutes and reports](#) of meetings for the past two calendar years are available.

Questions, Ideas, Complaints for the Board:
Simply send an email to addresstheBoard@uucnr.org.

Need Help and/or Volunteer to Help

Use our online Google form at [UUC Volunteer and Assistance Request Signup](#) whereby one can volunteer to serve as a chat or video buddy, to provide meals, to pick up and deliver meds or non-Kroger groceries, provide technical support, be an online game buddy, etc. plus info on how to get home delivery or store pickup (now FREE) via Kroger for your groceries and prescriptions from CVS. There is also a place to request help with these same activities plus a space for other. Please volunteer to help others in our congregation AND don't hesitate to request help as you need it. We are here to help!

Round the Grounds by Susan Baker

THE BEES HAVE ARRIVED! Building the fenced-in area to house our new beehives was done in the past few weeks, and the "bee palace" was ready for occupants. Beekeeper, Richard Reid, delivered the 3 hives in late April. It was amazing to watch the honeybees from these hives slowly make their way out, hover in the hives' opening and then gradually begin swarming to orient themselves to their new location.

Bees are crucial for our food supply since many of the foods we eat rely on pollination. The lifespan of the queen (each hive has a queen, sometimes 2 if the swarm is huge) is 3-5 years. The other bees in the hive have a lifespan of 3-4 weeks, and during that lifespan, they graduate to different jobs with the ultimate job being defending the entry of the hive from bee invaders. The bees work so hard during their short lifespan that the hairy stripes on their bodies "fade" due to the loss of hairs. Their wings also become tattered. Richard will be monitoring his loaned hives.



Richard Reid looking over the newly-installed bee hives.

The fence around the hives has an electric wire at its top and bottom with a small solar panel providing the electricity. This is to protect the hives from bears, but the fence is also a deterrent for people failing to be respectful of our resident bees. Observing the behavior of the bees from a distance is fascinating. The hives are located in the Peacock Meadow and are accessible when walking on the Meditation Path.

All **13 new trees** are in the ground and starting to leaf out. Thanks to the additional tree sponsors, Sharon Day and Dan Brown, and co-sponsor, Dale Norton, we have been able to get closure on digging holes for trees and hauling mulch to protect tree roots. The trees have been staked, and some landscaping elements added. Additionally, several congregants have generously donated plant divisions, and these have been transplanted to various spots around the grounds.

Over the years I've learned some gardening tips that are worth sharing:

- 1) Save eggshells, bake them in the oven till the edges are brown (baking sterilizes the shells.). When cooled, break the shells into tiny pieces and generously use the pieces around seedlings susceptible to slugs and cut worm.
- 2) My favorite slow-release fertilizer is Osmocote. The fertilizer gives plants a push in the spring. During the growing season, potted plants in particular need some extra nutrients to get through the summer unscathed. Osmocote is available at Walmart, Lowes, and Home Depot. It has a long shelf life, so if you anticipate using a lot, getting the 8 lb. bag is cheaper per ounce than smaller quantities.
- 3) Avoid using systemic pesticides (e.g. the 3-in-1 rose treatment). Two of the 3 chemicals make their way to the flowers and affect the health of bees gathering pollen.

Grounds Ministry has a wish list for the following:

- ◆ people who will do weekly watering of the outdoor potted plants on Mondays or Wednesdays (we can work with volunteers who also have travel plans)
- ◆ plastic pails (5-gallon pails are best, with or without lids; smaller pails are okay, too). Please leave pails on the side of the building where the gardening tools are stored.



We are thankful to the many people who volunteer for the work of maintaining and improving our grounds. Applause!!

Nancy Bodenhorn and Jeff Legge smelling the lilacs.

Thanks to Jill Kiecolt and Rich Gandour for staining this picnic table. Volunteers are needed to stain 3 additional tables. Contact [Susan](#) to help.



Take a Hike

Seriously, a walk on the 5+ acres of UUC's grounds is an ideal way to weather the "virus blues". This being springtime, there are daily, visible changes in colors, smells and plant/tree growth making each day magical. Strategically located benches for rest and observation are waiting to be occupied. Walking the labyrinth brings a sense of contentment.

Member Di Ross had this to say about visiting UUC's grounds for connection, exercise, and a spiritual uplift: "I recently moved from San Antonio back to Blacksburg and now live a block from the UUC campus. My daily walks almost always include strolling the beautiful church grounds which are made better every day due to rain, sun, and members' work. Walking the labyrinth is a favorite (hats off to the EarthSpirit Sisters for this magical place). In the absence of church services, coffees, and choir rehearsals, I found this daily visit quickly reconnected me to our church community. I turned in my pledge, citing as my inspiration the UUC principles, people, minister, music and grounds. Thanks to all who have contributed to making these days so much better."



Relax and enjoy the beauty with a meditative stroll through our labyrinth.



Monthly Support Groups at UUC

Parent Bereavement via Zoom

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, **May 11**. Join the group via Zoom. For more info and the Zoom link, contact [Katherine](#) or [Lisa](#).

Caregivers via Zoom

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 **May 12** at 7-8:30 PM. Join us via this [Zoom link](#). Questions or concerns - contact [Rev. Pam](#).

NAMI Mental Health Groups

Unfortunately, the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) NRV Support groups have not been able to gather in person during this time of physical distancing. However, they are working with the Richmond NAMI VA office to establish an online support group to serve our area. They hope to announce something later in May. Everyone is invited to visit the national [NAMI website](#) which has many good resources. NAMI VA and affiliate-sponsored online events are open to anyone in VA. Here is the [current list](#) which NAMI VA will continue to add to. NAMI's national helpline is 800-950-NAMI. In a crisis, text "NAMI" to 741741.

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 (**May 14 & 28**) 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.



Unitarian Universalist Congregation Sunday Services May 2020

Once our building re-opens:

Services at 10:00 AM in our Sanctuary
Religious Education Classes and Nursery Care

All are invited to share coffee & conversation following the service.

Worship Theme for May: Thresholds

Join us at 10 AM each Sunday at this Zoom [link](#). Why not bookmark it?

May 3: Rev. Pam Philips, *Living in the Liminal*: We'll begin our exploration of what it means to be a people of thresholds by considering what this time is teaching us about not moving past a threshold but staying in it.

May 10: Rev. Pam Philips, *Personal Thresholds*: Our limits are often not discovered until they are crossed. How might we use this time of enforced isolation to explore and define our boundaries—as individuals and in community?

May 17: Members of YRUU (Young Religious UUs), *Crossing Life Thresholds*: Each year, the youth of UUC lead a service to mark transitions--the Coming of Age youth move into YRUU and the high school seniors move into young adulthood. Come celebrate our youth!

Virtual Informational Meeting follows the service. Watch for more info.

May 24: Rev. Pam Philips with Rev. Mary Katherine Morn and Rev. Laura Randall via video, *Crossing Thresholds for Justice*: We'll celebrate UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) Sunday, learning about how our religious tradition works for justice and exploring ways we can continue that practice into the future.

May 31: Rev. Pam Philips, *Blossoming Anew*: This year, we're re-imagining this quintessential UU ritual—the Flower Communion. Help co-create our new virtual ritual by [emailing](#) photographs of you and your family with flowers—all colors, shapes, and sizes—to celebrate our beloved UUC community.

Virtual Annual Meeting follows the service. Watch for more info.



Good Financial News from the Board

We are extremely delighted to share good news on two fronts. First, the Payroll Protection Program loan that we applied for has been approved. We have received \$34,800 that we expect will be largely forgiven according to the provisions of this federal program. Second, our request for donations of money from your federal relief checks has produced a very generous response. To date we have received 12 donations that go beyond the amounts those kind folks had pledged with more likely to come in. While these events together do not fully cover the working capital we used this year and the budget shortfall for next year, we are now much better able to cover our current expenses. We continue to be grateful for the amazingly generous congregation that we have. You give us the confidence that, one way or another, we will always receive what we need.

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: May 2020

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DLFD: On sabbatical leave through June 2020

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 ⌘ 7:00 YRUU (through May 17)	(All Mondays) ⌘ 7:00 AM Women's Breakfast & Men's Breakfast	(All Tuesdays) ⌘ 2:00 Sages ⌘ 5:00 Meditation	(All Wednesdays) ⌘ 10:00 Children's Story Time with Rev. Pam ⌘ Noon Conversations on Our Faith ⌘ 5:30 Mid-week Congregational Gathering		1 ⌘ Noon Women's Virtual Lunch ⌘ 3:00 Children's Story Time with Rachel Craine	2
3 11:40 AM Men's Group ⌘ 3:00 Spiritual Aging	4	5 6:00 Greeters Potluck	6 6:00 Connection Committee	7	8 ⌘ 3:00 Children's Story Time with Rachel Craine 7:00 Middle-School Youth Group	9
10 ⌘ 8:30 AM Anti-Racism discussion group 5:00 YAC`	11 ⌘ 6:00 Parent Bereavement Support Group	12 4:00 Committee on Ministries ⌘ 7:00 Caregivers' Support Group	13 5:45 Finance Committee 7:00 Worship Team	14 ⌘ 6:30 Transgender Support Group 7:00 Board Meeting	15 ⌘ Noon Women's Lunch at UUC Picnic Area ⌘ 3:00 Children's Story Time with Rachel Craine	186
17 ⌘ YRUU/COA Bridging Ceremonies will be during the 10:00 service ⌘ 11:30 AM Informational Meeting 11:40 Men's Group	18	19	20	21 5:30 Leadership Development Meeting	22 ⌘ 3:00 Children's Story Time with Rachel Craine 7:00 Middle-School Youth Group	23
24 ⌘ 8:30 AM Anti-Racism discussion group ⌘ 11:30 Bridging Conversations: Freedom	25	26	27	28 ⌘ 6:30 Transgender Support Group 9:00 June Newsletter Deadline	29 ⌘ 3:00 Children's Story Time with Rachel Craine	30
31 ⌘ 11:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting						

NOTE: As a result of the March 30 Governor *Stay-At-Home Executive Order*, the UUC Meeting House is closed until June 10. Events listed above will be held via ZOOM. See the May UUC newsletter (this file) for details. For virtual/ZOOM gatherings, the [Online Calendar](#) will have the ZOOM url. The calendar will be updated as conditions change.

Last day of children's RE is May 17; **First day of Summer RE** is June 8