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UUC 2014 Service Auction & FUNdraiser

Join us on **November 8 promptly at 5:30 PM for the 2014 Service Auction, Getting to Know YoUU!** We'll bid and buy during both Silent and Live Auctions while making new friends and enjoying tasty goodies. Don't miss UUC's major FUNdraising event of the year!

Things you need to know about the 2014 Service Auction (some of which are different from previous years):

- ◆ The printed auction catalog will be available after the service on **November 2** and at the auction. You can also browse all catalog items on line either as a list or by category at <http://togetherauction.com/uucnrva>.
- ◆ **Auction items can be dropped off at UUC on Friday, November 7 from 4-8 PM and on Saturday, November 8 from 10 AM-noon. Be sure to attach the item's catalog number, e.g. A1, to it before you drop it off.**
- ◆ Dress to express! Favorite dress-up, slogan t-shirt, outrageous hat, golf attire???
- ◆ When you arrive at the auction, **register to bid and pick up a bidding number**. Remember to **bring your checkbook** so that you can **check out and pick up the items you have won before leaving**.
- ◆ Children who have been registered for the Harry Potter Party should be dropped off downstairs. Children 3 and under will be in the room off the nursery.
- ◆ The Silent Auction begins at 5:30 PM and will be closed in stages by category – see the printed catalog for details. The food and bar will be available at 5:30 PM and during breaks between Live Auction segments.
- ◆ The Live Auction will begin around 6:30 PM and will proceed in three segments with *Getting to Know YoUU* activities (with prizes!) at the beginning of each segment. You can raise your Silent Auction bids at any time until the category closes.
- ◆ 50/50 raffle tickets (\$1 each and 6 for \$5, **cash only**) will be available until the beginning of the third (and final) Live Auction segment. The winner will be selected during this auction period.
- ◆ **Can't come due to a conflict? Bummer! You will miss so much fun, but all is not lost. Send a friend with a bidding list and ask them to get a bidding number and bid for you – the higher, the better!!!**
- ◆ Our monetary fundraising goal is \$15,000. Our community-based FUNraising goal is to have members and friends engaged in auction-related activities together throughout the coming year so we can get to know each other better.
- ◆ Need more information? Contact [Don and Susan Blanchard](#) or [Linda Powers](#).



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Message from Our President

Margo Walter



The Christmas decorations are being sold in stores, Thanksgiving turkeys are running around our hay field, and rumor has it that Halloween is going to have nice weather. However, the most important event is the UUC Auction, **Getting to Know YoUU** on **November 8** at 5:30 PM. The evening is going to be the best auction ever, but we do need YoUU to make it happen. Come and purchase all your Christmas gifts and bid on amazing offerings, including those special dinners. The children are having their own party that evening which makes Auction night truly a family affair.

Now a word about communication. Your Board members had an extremely lively discussion at the October Board Meeting. It seems that we have successfully agreed to disagree on topics from communication to Board objectives. This is great news. We can all disagree but not be disagreeable.



During the past several months, we have had the opportunity to be good listeners, better communicators, and to gain respect for those that might disagree with our opinions and concerns. The Social Justice Steering Committee recruited congregants to listen to anyone who wanted to be heard. The questions were simple and designed to promote conversation. As a participant as both listener and speaker, I learned a great deal about "What matters in our congregation?" and "What are some of the personal histories of our congregants?" Our Board is listening to the pulse of the congregation and finding out what matters to its members through our governance model. Committee work works! Our committees sometime get a bum rap. There are lots of humorous quotes about committees, and I am reminded of one by Milton Berle - "A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours." However, it is true that two heads are better than one. We are different ages, look quite different, are educated differently, live in different places, and our values and beliefs differ among us. Acceptance is the key. If we embrace our differences, coexist in spite of our varied backgrounds, and are truly a "welcoming congregation," the results will continue to build UUC and help us become the faith community of which we are proud. It does take many different voices being heard and everyone being seen. Effective communication is not only important for your Board, but it is vital in order to remain accountable and transparent.

You can help! Read the newsletter, check out the bi-weekly announcements, do not miss the LFD bulletin, click on the monthly Board agenda, look at the bulletin boards in Elarth Hall, attend the Sunday service, and accept the importance of your voice being heard.

This sounds a little like a lecture, but that is not the intent. I am merely sharing observations of our life at UUC and suggesting we continue to listen. As we move into this very busy holiday season, we need to remember our commitment to each other and to practice compassionate communication.

Upcoming Events

Second-Sunday Potluck—With a Temporary Twist!

Everyone is invited to enjoy lunch together following the service on **November 9** with a slightly different format – bring finger foods! While there will be some tables and chairs available for sitting, **there won't be the usual number due to post-Service Auction activities.** This month, if your last name begins with **Lit-Mh**, bring a beverage; **A-Lam**, bring a main dish type of finger food (e.g. chicken wings, hot dogs cut in half, small sandwiches, etc.); **Lan-Lis or Mi-Z**, bring a side dish (e.g. cheese and crackers, deviled eggs, veggies and dip) or dessert (e.g. brownies, cookies, cupcakes). **Don't forget to bring your list of the ingredients for your dish to assist those with food allergies.** We will be using paper plates so that you can wander (and purchase!) any Service Auction items that are still for sale.

Thanksgiving Potluck at UUC

Each year at UUC, we hold a Thanksgiving Potluck for those wanting to join with other UUs for a wonderful community dinner. All are welcome whether you are alone or bringing along family members, both local and visiting. [Carol King](#) is coordinating the dinner to insure that the traditional dishes are covered.

Contact her if you would like to participate. Include the number in your group and what you would like to bring. Carol will provide a turkey.



Women's Lunch Group

All women of UUC are warmly invited to meet together for lunch on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. **This is a "come as you are able"** informal time for conversation and a nice break **from one's routine.** No reservations are required. On Friday **November 7** we will meet at *Zeppoli's* for their good Italian menu. *Zeppoli's* is located on University City Blvd set back from the street in the general area of Firehouse Subs. On **November 21** we will warm up with Thai food again at *Café de Bangkok*, 104 Jackson St. in downtown Blacksburg. A suggestion has been made that we carpool and make a trip to the restaurant at Draper Mercantile in Draper. If you are interested in a lunch venue which will take longer than usual, please contact [Marilyn DuPont](#).

An Evening of Classical Music

On **November 15** at 7 PM, UUC member Leon Kok, violin; Bonnie Deeds, violin; Nicole Paglialonga, violin; and Lisa Liske-Doorandish, cello will perform in our sanctuary. The program will feature works of Bach for solo violin, Dvorak's *Terzetto*, and Beethoven's last string quartet, *Op.135*. The event is free and open to the public.

EarthSpirit Sisters Samhain Celebration

EarthSpirit Sisters are celebrating Samhain on **November 1 at Darla Bray's home (169 Indian Valley Rd NW, Radford).** Gather at 6 PM for a hot bowl of soup; 7 PM for the ritual; 8:15 PM for socializing. All women are invited to join together in joyful celebration of the seasons of our lives in an earth-based spiritual tradition. As we enter the end of harvest, shortening days and longer nights, we celebrate what we have accomplished over the past year, release past failures and disappointments, prepare ourselves for the silent season of winter, and remember and honor our loved ones who have died. Come in festive dress or costume. Bring a folding chair or blanket for outdoor seating, a flashlight, and a snack or dish to share afterwards. Dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes.

EarthSpirit Sisters Full Moon Ritual

On Thursday, **November 6**, all women are invited to the monthly Full Moon Ritual in Elarth Hall. Social time begins at 6:30 PM with the ritual at 7:00. This is the celebration of the Mourning Moon, also called the Frosty Moon. Join us as we release the past and turn inward to begin planning for the coming year. For more info, contact [Jan Allnutt](#).



EarthSpirit Sisters are a spirit-filled community of sisters, supporting each other with love and respect; creating safe, sacred spaces in which to share rituals and celebrate milestones.

Lifespan Faith Development

November 2014

Dumbledore's Army

~ Our weapon is love

Dumbledore's Army (DA) begins the fight against the Poverty Horcrux this month, and they want you to join the fight!

Bring in new mittens, gloves, scarves or hats for all ages, or new or gently used children's coats any time between now and Sunday, **November 23**. New items may also be brought in on Sunday, **December 7** for our annual Mitten Tree.

All items will be donated to the Montgomery County Christmas Store which provides low-income families a shopping experience during the holiday season characterized by choice and dignity.

Please support this very worthwhile cause, and together we can fight the Poverty Horcrux!



"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided." ~ Albus Dumbledore

DA fights The Hunger Horcrux in October
\$3070 in groceries and cash donated to IFP!

MSYG

Friday, November 14 6:30-8:30 PM

Middle School Youth Group meets at UUC for a directed game night and pizza dome. **Don't miss this fun evening!**

MSYG meets the 2nd Friday of the month and is open to youth in grades 6-8. For more information, contact msyg_advisor@uucnr.org.

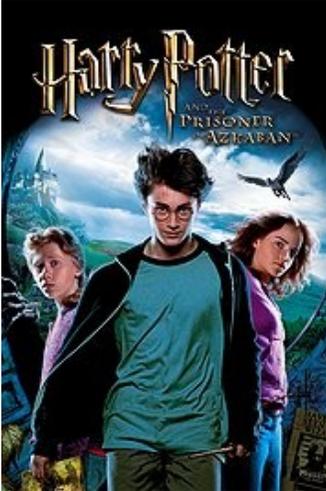
YRUU

Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 PM

Our high school youth group, YRUU, is open to all teens in grades 9-12. YRUU meets on Sunday evenings with some meetings held offsite.

Don't miss the YRUU service on November 23! For more information, contact yruu_advisor@uucnr.org.

Harry Potter Movie Night



Friday, November 21 6:30-8:30 PM

Harry Potter Movie Night continues with a showing of the 3rd movie in the franchise, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. It's Harry's third year at Hogwarts; not only does he have a new "Defense Against the Dark Arts" teacher, but there is also trouble brewing. Convicted murderer Sirius Black has escaped the Wizards' Prison and is coming after Harry.

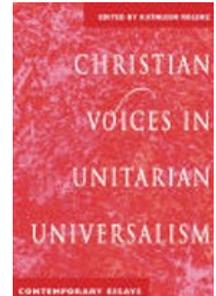
Order pizza when you arrive (optional), and you can enjoy dinner with your movie. We supply the popcorn and drinks!

Parents are encouraged to visit the IMDb Parent Advisory on this movie at http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0304141/parentalguide?ref=tt_stry_pg to determine if it is suitable for their child. This is an intergenerational showing—children and adults are welcome to bring friends!

Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism

November 5, 12, 19, December 3 7:00-9:00 PM

The class will explore fifteen personal stories from laity and clergy alike that show what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist Christian today. These men and women arrive at their faith by many paths--influenced by *the Bible*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and even the *Bernstein Mass*. Here is a fresh and much-needed look at UU Christians, who, for decades, have kept the work and spirit of Christianity alive in our liberal religion. Meets for 4 sessions. Registration is required.



Adult OWL

November 9 & 23 2:00-4:00 PM

Using values, communication skills and spirituality as starting points, this program explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages. Adult OWL builds an understanding of healthy sexual relationships, affirms diversity and helps participants accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives. Registration is required.

The Artist's Way

November 6 & 20 7:00-8:30 PM

Class concludes this month. Contact facilitator [Nancy Norton](#) for more information.

Sunday Circle

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 8:30-9:30 AM

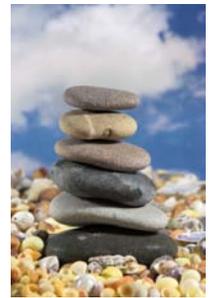
November 2: UUC member, Dean Mook, will discuss science and religion.

November 16: UUC member, Pauletta Copenheaver, will lead a discussion on the topic "Does Charity Harm or Help Its Recipients?", based upon the book *Toxic Charity* by Robert D. Lupton, and the sermon "Why Servanthood is Bad" given by Rev. Marti Keller.

Meditation Group

Meets every Tuesday 7:00-8:00 PM

Our meditation group meets on Tuesday evenings for those interested in starting or deepening their meditation practice. Our format is drop-in, so you need not attend all sessions. We open with centering words and basic instruction followed by sitting practice. Non-experienced and experienced meditators from all traditions are welcome.



A Course in Miracles

Monday, November 10 & 24, 7:30-9:30 PM

A Course In Miracles (ACIM) allows one to reconnect with God without a religious doctrine. Inner peace is achieved through an understanding of the meaning of the world and through the collective practice of forgiveness, gratitude, asking for what is wanted and communion with the divinity that dwells within. New members are always welcome! Contact [Dick Kates](#) for more information.

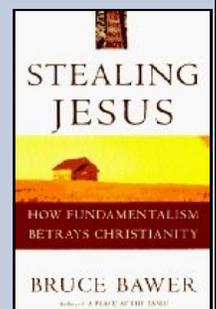
Conversations on Our Faith

Meets Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 PM

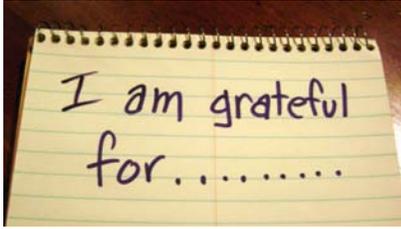
Bring a brown bag lunch and join our conversation as we discuss a new book, *Waking Up: A Guide to Spirituality Without Religion*, by Sam Harris. All are welcome, even if you have not read the chapters of the book being discussed. Group members share their insights and personal experiences, and all thoughts and opinions are welcome. For more information, contact [Cynthia Luke](#).

Library Committee Recommends . . .

Stealing Jesus: How Fundamentalism Betrays Christianity by Bruce Bawer. Denominational labels no longer provide an accurate reflection of Christian America's religious beliefs and practices. On one side is the fundamentalist right which worships a God of wrath and judgment; on the other are more mainstream Christians who view all humankind as children of a loving God who calls them to break down barriers of hate, prejudice, and distrust.



YRUU Service



Sunday, November 23

Gratitude

The YRUU Annual Service is a highlight for many each year. Planned and conducted by the teens in our YRUU high school youth group, the service provides music and reflection on a topic important to our teens.

This year, the teens will speak about **Gratitude**. It's important for each of us to stop and ponder what we have in our lives that we are grateful for. Come hear what provokes gratefulness in our teens. You may well find that they are grateful for you and for your support.

Don't miss this special service that will give you more insight into our wonderful YRUU teens!

The Buddy Project

Begins Sunday, November 2!

Attention all Buddies! The Buddy Project kicks off Sunday, **November 2** to give you a chance to make a new buddy!

Buddies have been matched and assigned a number, but no names have been exchanged . . . yet!

Between now and **December 14**, Buddies will leave each other notes and/or low, or no-cost gifts in the specially designated Buddy Mailbox area in Elarth Hall. You and your Buddy leave each other clues, but keep your secret identity!

On Sunday, **December 14**, Buddies meet!

Buddy Project drop-offs will be held on the following 6 Sundays: **November 2, 9, 16, 23 and December 7, 14**. Can't attend on a Sunday? No problem. Send your Buddy an email at buddyproject@uucnrva.org, and we'll make sure it gets delivered on Sunday. Emails must be received no later than 9:00 AM Sunday.

Don't forget your Buddy on Sundays! Your Buddy is waiting to hear from you!



No RE Sunday, November 30

UUC Community News

Community Service Team (CST) Updates

Fourth Sunday Collection: At our collection in September, we raised \$1,064 for *Plenty!*, the food program in Floyd spearheaded by Rev. Karen Day and her husband, McCabe Coolidge. This is an amazing show of support for this increasingly well-known and successful grass roots effort to provide healthy food for individuals in this community. Many, many thanks! Our collection on Sunday, **November 23** will be for *To Our House*, the program for homeless men in the New River Valley, co-sponsored by Community Action and many area churches. UUC has provided meals and evening activities for men in the host churches since the program's beginning five years ago. Please contribute as generously as you are able. Contact [Polly Stimson](#) for more info.

Crop Walk Update: On Sunday, October 19, a Dumbledor's Army representative and the UUC and Friends CROP Walk Team enjoyed walking on a beautiful day in Blacksburg. The 2-mile walk on the Huckleberry Trail, with the falling autumn leaves, was a lovely setting for a walk and talk. Thank you to the walkers, both two-legged and four-legged, the donors and the supporters. The Blacksburg CROP Walk is held annually on the 3rd Sunday of October. Please consider participating in the walk in 2015.

November Community Service Team (CST) Meeting: The CST will meet on Sunday, **November 9** at 11:45 AM in our library. Topics on the agenda will include plans for UUC's involvement in *To Our House*, our participation in the 2014 *Montgomery County Christmas Store*, and other activities. Everyone is welcome. For additional information contact [Alison Armstrong](#) or [Pauletta Copenheaver](#).

Montgomery County Christmas Store: Since 1982, this very successful, all volunteer, non-profit organization has welcomed low income families of Montgomery County to "shop" for clothing and other items. In the past, UUC congregants have been very generous with donations and time. The Community Service Team will be accepting new and clean, gently used children's winter coats and new children's underwear. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, **December 7**. Donations of homemade holiday cookies will also be accepted on that date. The cookies will be delivered to the Christmas Store Café to provide snacks for the many volunteers working at the store.

Sign-up at the CST table in Elarth Hall during coffee time to volunteer at the Christmas Store and have an amazing holiday experience.

UU World Magazine

One of the benefits of membership at UUC is that you receive the quarterly magazine of the UUA, *UU World*. The magazine features stories of UUs making a difference around the world. Past editions carried stories about Rev. Dara & Pete Olandt's innovative *Beloved Café*, and our own Nancy Norton was featured along with a photo of her stained glass piece, *Nautilus*. Not a member - simply go online to <http://www.uuworld.org/> and read each edition. Past editions are also available.



Note that if you do receive *UU World* in the mail but prefer to go green and read the online version, simply contact [Lisa](#) to be removed from the mailing list. Lastly, you can sign up from the magazine's homepage to receive weekly email updates with more news of events and issues within the UU world.

Updated Directory of Members & Friends Available

The updated [UUC Directory of Members & Friends](#) is available from the [member area](#) of our website along with the updated "Who are your UUC neighbors" file. This file can be used to find those among us who live nearby. Contact Lisa at administrator@uucnrv.org for the login info for the member area. As always, let Lisa know of any changes or additions to your information or to send a photo to be included in the next update.

ESS? CUUPs? What Are They?

Two earth-based spirituality groups exist within the framework of our church community here at UUC. Perhaps you have wondered, "Are we, as members of UUC, invited to participate in the functions of these two groups? Do we have to know anything special, or believe anything in particular, or dress or act a certain way if we want to participate?" The history of the two groups and their "arrival" in our congregation is quite different. This is the second in a series of three articles. Last month we talked about ESS, this month, CUUPs.

From the results of a survey of the congregation in the fall of 2011, it was determined that there was interest in creating a CUUPs chapter at the UUC. After several meetings, the official steps were taken (which included applying to the International CUUPs organization as well as our Board for chapter recognition), a mission statement was created, and the chapter was born.

Here is the vision statement of the international organization: The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPs) was chartered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) at the General Assembly in 1987 for purposes of enabling

- ◆ networking among Pagan Identified UUs; providing outreach of UUism to the broader Pagan community continentally.
- ◆ providing educational materials on Paganism for UU congregations and the general public.
- ◆ promoting Pagan - Jewish & Christian dialogue; encouraging the development of theological and liturgical materials based on earth and nature-centered religious and spiritual perspectives.
- ◆ encouraging greater use of music, dance, visual arts, poetry, story, and creative ritual in UU worship and celebration.
- ◆ providing support for Pagan-identified UU religious professionals and ministerial students; and fostering healing relationships with our mother the Earth and all her children.

More information about CUUPs and how chapters relate to their congregations is found at

www.cuups.org as well as on the UUA site.

Here is the vision statement for the CUUPs chapter at UUC (also known as the Grail Mountain Seekers): To provide education about earth-based spiritual traditions, to offer regular celebrations of the cycles of nature, to seek the profound in the mundane, and to commune with the sacred.

CUUPs draws on the heritage of worship styles in Paganism and UUism, often creating new styles of worship. Worship services, often in the form of rituals or ceremonies, can be traditional, modern, or a blend of both. Chapters may offer worship services, discussion groups, book studies, workshops, film series, field trips, and other activities with a Pagan focus.

Grail Mountain Seekers is offering a series of Sunday programs from 12-1:30 PM focusing on various aspects of pagan life. Mark your calendars and join in!

Nov. 16 – A Very Pagan Christmas: Looking at the pagan roots of Christian traditions and incorporating earth-based traditions in holiday celebrations

Jan. 18 – Politely Pagan: How to attend pagan events with courtesy and behavioral "quirks" sometimes seen in ritual

Feb. 15 – Pagans and the Legal System: How the law and religion (especially pagan religions) have worked together and have been at odds

March 15 – Ritual Working: The basics of putting together a ritual for a group or an individual

April 19 – Pagan Family: How to incorporate pagan life into family life, creating family traditions

Feel free to contact [Darla Bray](#), [Susan Coleman](#), [Laureen Blakemore](#), [Diane Jackson](#) and [Kerry Sangster](#). Seek them out for further conversation, attend a ritual or meeting, and learn more about celebrating our 7th UU Principle: *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*



Our Mission

We are a caring and diverse community bringing spirit, love, justice, learning, and reason to our Congregation and to the larger world.

The Laramie Project Ten Years Later

The play at VT consists of interviews with locals then and ten years later following the killing of **Matthew Shepard, a gay man.** "Their stories are interwoven to find some illustrative truth about the roots of the animosity that spawned the hate crime in this idyllic mid-western town." The play is presented by the School of Performing Arts at VT in Squires **November 2-19.** Check out this [link](#) for more info.

Questions & Ideas for UUC Board

Do you have a question, suggestion, complaint, or comment for our Board members and don't know what to do with it? Just send an email to addressstheBoard@uucnrv.org.



Board Meeting Highlights

- ◆ The charge to the Governance Committee was approved.
- ◆ The Space Cadets presented their initial report regarding space issues in the building.
- ◆ We have a new webhost (UUism Networks) and new system for email lists which will hopefully decrease spam.
- ◆ We will pay back a \$5000 member loan.
- ◆ The Board accepted the anonymous donation of funds to pay for a soon-to-be installed water feature on our property.
- ◆ The Board approved members-at-large serving 2 years as liaison to the same council. The liaison job description was also approved.
- ◆ The Board approved the Council Chair job description.

The next Board meeting will be held on **November 11** at 6:30 PM. The [agenda](#) can be accessed through our web calendar prior to the meeting, and the [minutes and reports](#) are available for the current meeting and the past two calendar years. Contact our [administrator](#) for login info. All are welcome to attend.

New Procedure for Kroger Rewards to UUC: Visit the Scrip table in Elarth Hall after services to learn how to sign up so that UUC receives 5% cash back on your Kroger purchases at no charge to you. Gift cards for Food Lion will continue to be sold as usual.



Leaving Building at Night

Are you aware that there is a timer on the wall to the right of the double doors that can be set as you are leaving the building at night? Simply turn it to 5, 10 or 15 minutes – the parking lot lights will come on enabling you to get to your car with better visibility. The lights will go out at the end of the set time.

Benefit UUC When Ordering Via Amazon

Simply go to our website's [fundraising page](#). The Amazon link takes you to the usual Amazon homepage (can be bookmarked). Then just shop as usual, and UUC receives up to 10% of the purchase price. However, you must purchase by **entering Amazon through UUC's link every time** you shop! Please do not use this link if you are purchasing free e-books.

Note\$ from Our Treasurer

Linda Powers

Our fiscal year is continuing to go well.

The percentages are of the total budget. (YTD = year to date)

Financial Summary
September 30, 2014 (YTD)
25% of the year

	<u>Current FY</u>	<u>Prior FY</u>
Pledges Paid YTD	\$100,141 (36.8%)	\$79,609 (29.2%)
Total Income YTD	\$106,111 (32.7%)	\$87,769 (27%)
Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD	\$81,546 (25.1%)	\$74,726 (23%)
Income – Expense	+\$24,565	+\$13,043

Current overall financial picture is GOOD 👍

An updated and detailed financial report is available via the members' area of our [website](#). Contact administrator@uucnr.org for login info.

Committee on Ministries

What does the Committee on Ministries (COM) do? What happens while Rev. Dara is on maternity leave? If you are wondering about these questions, the COM wants it known that it is keeping with the spirit of **shared ministry, the congregation's leadership and the COM** are prepared to carry on while Rev. Dara welcomes her child into the world.

The COM acts as the ears of the congregation. Its members are alert to the potential and present needs **of our members and friends. During Rev. Dara's leave, the COM will be especially vigilant to see that people** can be directed to the proper channels for help, support and communication. Members of the COM will be working within the plan established by Rev. Dara and the Board to ensure messages get to the individuals who have agreed to step in for Dara. Our robust Lay Pastoral Care Committee (LPCM) is ready to field calls. If ministerial pastoral care is needed, [Lisa Evanylo](#), Administrator, will contact Rev. Karen Day, the minister on call. In case of a dire emergency or death, Dara will be consulted.

It may be easier for folks to contact a member of the COM who can help direct people to the designated source. Committee members are:

John Kelso, co-chair, john@kelso.net

Jane Keppel-Benson, co-chair, jkeppelbenson@gmail.com

Isabel Berney, iberney@verizon.net

Dick Luke, dluke1940@gmail.com

Eric Thomas, themountainsurfer@gmail.com

Here are some things on the COM's horizon: We are moving to Wednesday as the preferred meeting day for most committees of the congregation as Rev. Dara helps us transition to a program congregation and will begin looking at the work of vision, mission, and covenant. You will be hearing more about these items from our leadership.

If you have concerns or positive feedback, please let a COM member know. That helps us all to be part of our shared ministry.





Unitarian Universalist Congregation Sunday Services November 2014

Services at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Hall
Religious Education Classes and Nursery Care
All are invited to share coffee & conversation following the service.

Each month, our services focus on a particular theme.
This month the theme is **GRATITUDE.**



November 2: Members of EarthSpirit Sisters and CUUPs (Covenant of UU Pagans), *Samhain Celebration: Honoring Our Beloved Dead:* Join our two earth-based spirituality groups as we honor and remember those who are no longer with us. The UUC Choir will sing at the service.

November 9: Rev. Christine Brownlie, Minister Emerita of UUC with Worship Associate Jane Mahone, *Who Taught You How to Knit?* A few months ago as I was waiting for a flight that had been delayed due to weather, I pulled out my knitting bag and began to create a little hat for the newest member of my family. A young woman sat down across from me and asked, "Who taught you how to knit?" and suddenly I felt a presence. "Bubbie" I answered. Today we recall and honor those people who shared their talents and skills, giving us a special gift that shaped our lives.

All are invited to stay for the Second Sunday Potluck following the service. Note that the potluck will have a "twist" this month—please read the article on page 3 for more information.

November 16: Rev. Karen Day with Worship Associate Tommy Iafrate, *No Thanks:* How does gratitude or a lack of it affect your sense of generosity? When is it difficult to give, and what do we do when it is hard to give thanks? The UUC Choir and Children's Choir will sing at the service.

November 23: Members of YRUU, our High School Youth Group, *Gratitude: It's important for each of us* to stop and ponder what we have in our lives that we are grateful for. Come hear what provokes gratefulness in our teens. YRUU members lead two services a year.

The Fourth Sunday Collection will be donated to *To Our House.* See page 8 for more details.

November 30: Rev. Dara Olandt returns from maternity leave. Topic TBA. Watch for more information.

***Information for November's Sunday Circles
can be found on page 6.***





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CALENDAR: November 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(All Sundays) 10:00 AM Worship Service & Children's RE ✕ 6:00 YRUU ++++++ 2 ✕ 8:30 AM Sunday Circle 11:30 Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Green Sanctuary Team 11:30 Men's Group 11:30 Two OWL Info Meetings: k-1 and 4-5 <hr/> 9 ✕ 11:15 AM Second-Sunday Potluck — Fingerfoods only 11:30 Children's Choir Rehearsal ✕ 11:45 Community Service Team Noon People's Fellowship ✕ 2:00 Adult OWL	(All Mondays) 7:00 AM Women's Breakfast 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Both at <i>Panera Bread</i> (Bburg) ++++++ 3 7:00 PFLAG <hr/> 10 7:00 Connection Committee ✕ 7:30 <i>A Course in Miracles</i>	(All Tuesdays) ✕ 7:00 Meditation Group ++++++ 4 2:00 Sages 6:30 Children's RE Committee 7:00 Connection Committee	(All Wednesdays) ✕ Noon Conversations on Our Faith 5:30 Yoga ++++++ 5 5:45 Finance Committee ✕ 7:00 Christian Voices in UUism	(All Thursdays Except Thanksgiving) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal ++++++ 6 ✕ 6:30 ESS Full Moon Ritual ✕ 7:00 The Artist's Way 7:30 Strategic Planning	<hr/> 7 ✕ Noon Women's lunch bunch <i>Zeppoli's</i> (Bburg)	1 5:00 Parents' Covenant Group ✕ 6:00 ESS Samhaim Celebration (offsite) <hr/> 8 ✕ 5:30 UUC Auction
16 8:30 AM Sunday Circle 11:20 Get-to-know UUC 11:30 Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Men's Group 11:30 Stewardship Committee Noon CUUPs 5:00 YAC	17	18 2:00 Sages 7:00 Lay Pastoral-Care Ministries	19 5:30 Committee on Ministries ✕ 7:00 Christian Voices in UUism	20 5:30 Worship Services Committee ✕ 7:00 The Artist's Way 7:00 Leadership Development Committee	21 ✕ Noon Women's lunch bunch <i>Café de Bangkok</i> (Bburg) ✕ 6:30 Harry Potter Movie Night	22 7:30 Dances of Universal Peace
23 11:30 People's Fellowship ✕ 2:00 Adult OWL	24 ✕ 7:30 <i>A Course in Miracles</i>	25 Noon Adult RE Committee	26	27 ✕ 2:00 Thanksgiving Potluck 9:00 December Newsletter Deadline	28	29
30 No Children's RE	All times are PM unless noted otherwise. ✕ indicates that there is a write-up in the newsletter.					