

UUCY MONTHLY NEWS

June, 2021

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

June 6 - Honoring the Heroes of Peace

On this 67th anniversary of the Normandy landings in France in 1944, Rev. Terry will reflect on the lives of men and women who have worked for peace down the ages. What we can do in our everyday lives to work for peace and avoid the horrors of ever more numerous and deadly conflicts.

June 13 - The Transgender Hero's Journey

State legislatures around the country are adopting laws to restrict the rights of transgender individuals to live their lives as their authentic selves. Rev. Terry and Tesla Taliaferro will lead our service today and will share some of their journeys, as well as their pride, as the maelstrom of transphobia swirls around us.

June 20 - A Midsummer Night's Dream

Our service will be our last service of the church year, and we will celebrate it in style with an in-person gathering and our choir in attendance. Due to easing of COVID 19 requirements there will be room in the sanctuary for more people than our most recent in-person gathering. Join Rev. Terry to celebrate the solstice, Father's Day, and more.

June 27 - Closing Service

The closing service from the annual Unitarian Universalist General Assembly will be live streamed. Please watch for more details.

Zoom doors open at 9:30 AM. Services begin at 10 AM.

Monthly Newsletter

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.

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Meet Our New Board

At the May 23 Congregational Meeting, a **new slate of Board of Directors was elected**. With gratitude for their willingness to serve, we are pleased to announce the members: Jenn Potts, Chair; Diane Kearney, Vice Chair; Wilma Skelton, Treasurer, Sherry Lookofsky, Secretary. At large members are George Kain, Sue Horner and Dan Fink.

Tech Help—Will Train

With joy, we are preparing for in-person Sunday services every week beginning in September. To achieve this milestone, more people are needed to help with the technology so we can have simultaneous in-person and zoom services. It would be ideal if we could have enough volunteers so we can rotate teams. You do not have to be a 'geek' to be a part of the team. You can become as involved and go as deep as you want. Processes are being documented for reference, and we are willing to help you learn. We have the summer to prepare and learn the ropes. If interested, contact [Robert Felton](#) or [Doug Hobert](#).

Late last March when the pandemic hit and we shut down the campus, we started streaming services using a simple Webcam and our current sound system through ZOOM from a laptop. As many of you will recall, while it was good being able to do this, it was not all that great. Since then, we have researched the process of streaming live services, brought in Gelnet & Associates, and jointly designed a suitable system for both Video and Sound. With the help of Jim Hershey, we had a new A-V Booth built in the back corner of the Sanctuary and culminated our work on Sunday May 16th with a successful Live Worship Service that included Live music by Gretchen and the choir singing in the Sanctuary, while ALSO broadcasting over ZOOM. The feedback was much better than we had hoped for. Thanks to all who were there Sunday, and those viewers on-line who gave us the feedback. We have learned how to successfully use the new Audio -Video equipment upgrades and now need more hands to help.

Events



Join our heartbeats together again! The monthly Drum Circle continues **7-9 pm June 11**. We'll gather around a smokeless firepit next to the Weeping Beech tree.

Yes — no more smoke as we change fuels to make us all more comfortable. So gather 'round with your drum or rattle. We require masks and safe distances. Bring a chair.

Led by [Robert Felton](#).



Consider adding your voice to the **Current Events Discussion Group** which meets on Zoom **7-8 PM Mondays**. The conversations are interesting and educational, providing a way to connect during this challenging time. Participants are invited to raise up any current event topics. Led by [Deb Gogniat](#).

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88644245872?pwd=TEtpRi9lZlRydDBxVzhnaklCM0ZKZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 4424 5872

Passcode: 1955



Future of RE Visioning Meeting

On **Sunday, June 13 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm** following the worship service, we invite all RE parents, children, youth, and small group leaders to join us for a conversation envisioning the future of RE here at UUCY. Everyone's input is extremely valuable and the more people we have participating, the richer the program we can build.

Please RSVP to our Director of Lifespan Faith Development, [Matthew Shineman](#) by **Wednesday, June 9**.

UUCY Summer Solstice Picnic & Labyrinth Walk



Sunday, June 20

3:30 pm - Labyrinth Walk

4:30 pm - Family Picnic (BYOF)

Rev. Terry plans to focus on the Solstice during Service that morning. The Congregation will gather later in the afternoon to honor the earth-based traditions, enjoy a meal, reconnect and visit. If you are interested in assisting with the planning, please contact [Deb Gogniat](#).

Each family needs to bring their own meal, chairs and/or blanket. Beverages and a special dessert treat will be provided.

Mask Guidelines: Except when eating with family members, masks are mandatory for the unvaccinated (ages 12 and up); children under the age of 12 will not be required to wear a mask outdoors.

Picnic Rain Date: June 27, 2021

Fellowship



Even Hemingway had a writer's group! Our **Writers Group** meets **7-9 pm, June 22** on zoom. The group offers support for cultivating a regular writing practice and honing skills. No experience required. For more details, contact [Pamela Moore](#).

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88543509027?pwd=VTdiTnYvRDNOMzgwREdSWkVYVYy93QT09>

Meeting ID: 885 4350 9027
Passcode: 1955

The Women's Perspective Group meets Saturday **June 12** from **8:30-10 am** on zoom.

June 12 "Where are we now and where are we going." It will be an open discussion regarding the Covid virus and immunizations and how it impacts our lives now and in the future.

June 26 Saturday meeting is cancelled. **We will go forth with just a 2nd Saturday meeting on zoom through the summer.** Then, in September, we will consider meeting in person either outdoors (weather permitting) or indoors. This will be discussed in the upcoming meetings this summer.

Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85632933549?pwd=YUwyQ1I5QkZEQWRkdElyZHNIRORPZz09>

Meeting ID: 873 0267 2519
Passcode: 1955



The **Knitting Group** is a long standing UUCY group offering a community of knitting, crocheting and friendship. It meets **every Tuesday from 10-11:30 am**

Newcomers & beginners welcome. We meet in-person at our UUCY campus, and gather around outside of the carriage house.

For more details contact [Anne-Marie](#).



Remembering Our Beloved Members

We have the chance to come together to mourn and celebrate the beloved members of our community who died during the pandemic. **A memorial service will be held on June 5** at 11 am on the labyrinth to remember Bryan Stevens, Wally Lamb, Brett Majorowicz and Bob Riese. In the event of rain we will meet in the sanctuary.

Four individual speakers will share the recollections of these dear friends, provided in advance by the UUCY community. If you have a brief remembrance you would like to have included, please email it to [Joan Fulton](#). There will also be the opportunity to informally share your memories at a light lunch following the service. We look forward to seeing you there.



Fellowship

Interested in exploring or deepening your spiritual practices? Come and join the **Mindfulness Exploration Study Group** on the second and fourth Sunday evening of the month from **7-8 pm** as we nourish our capacity to keep an open heart and mind, lean into discomfort, and strengthen our own flourishing in this world. Feel free to attend when the spirit calls you.

June 13 - Namaste: Seeing the Truth of Who We Are – Tara Brach
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOUYa73jEVw>

June 27- Three Dimensions of Conscious Prayer – Tara Brach
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B--vKwCoeg>

Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83952727948?pwd=M2lrTWRI53FtbU85MHh0N1ZpRHlvQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 8772 5194
Passcode: 1955



Boys and girls in UUCY's Scout **BSA Troop #37** now continues to meet in person every Wednesday from **7-8:30 pm**. The troop generally meets at the UUCY campfire circle near the Beech tree. If the weather is inclement, the troop meets in the sanctuary.

For more information about UUCY's Scout troop, contact Scoutmaster [George Kain](#).



The **Men's Group** meets **8-9:30 am June 5** and **June 19** on zoom. You need not be a member of UUCY to join this very special on-going group. Meeting topics focus on problem solving, rich experiences, worthy adventures/memories and more. A typical meeting is called by the song of a bowl with a "check-in" to share important events and life passages. Subjects for the discussions are chosen by a meeting leader. To learn more, contact current admin [Russ McKnight](#).

Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83952727948?pwd=M2lrTWRI53FtbU85MHh0N1ZpRHlvQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 5272 7948
Passcode: 364801

UUCY Bocce Ball



Well, we can't travel to Italy right now but we can bring a taste of Italy to UUCY with a weekly game of Bocce. Also known as Lawn Bowling, Bocce is an ancient game using wooden balls, coconuts or melons where two teams compete with the goal of rolling their balls as close to the pallina (target ball) as skill allows.

Currently UUCY Bocce games are scheduled on Wednesday mornings. To join the fun contact [Steve Snell](#) to be added to the Bocce email list.

Share the Plate



Educating, advocating, ensuring access to justice.

Our **Share the Plate** is the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC) for the month of June. PIRC is a non-profit organization which provides free, legal aid to detainees at York County and Berks Family Detention Center. PIRC is working with UUCY to support a detainee released under our sponsorship due to the COVID19. PIRC also serves immigrants in PA who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other violent crimes; and provides assistance with the naturalization process in order to become U.S. citizens.

Website: <http://www.pirclaw.org>

[UUJusticePA](#) (formerly UUPLAN) will be the July and August Share the Plate partner.

Future Share the Plate Suggestions

Do you have an idea about future Share the Plate partners? Our Social Justice Committee (SJC) is looking for suggestions for the upcoming year. We know many of you support wonderful organizations that work to better our community and our world. The SJC Committee values your input and invites you to make suggestions using the link below to access the Suggestion Form. Later this year the SJC Committee will review the submissions and select organizations that are in alignment with our UU Principles, our Congregational Covenant, and our Social Justice goals. Please click here to fill out the [Suggestion Form](#).

Social Justice News



The first ever [York County Pride](#) will be held online **11 am June 5** presented by Wellspan Health. York County Pride celebrates the full inclusion of ALL wonderfully diverse citizens in ALL aspects of civic life; regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, mental or physical ability, social status, or economic status.

The event, held virtually features speakers, music, dance, theater, poetry, spoken word, and performance art, retail vendors, history, and education. UUCY is a sponsor level supporter!

Social Justice News Continued...

Our Racial Justice team, along with the whole UUCY, is partnering with the YWCA in hosting the **Courageous Conversations event on June 15, 2021**. This event will explore white fragility, specifically how do we approach the underlying fears that white people have regarding racial equity. The discussion will touch upon the fear of giving up control, the fear of 'saying the wrong thing, and the fear of giving up / losing what we have (i.e. having a smaller piece of the pie). We will also be discussion how do we as white individuals move past this fear into courage so that we can move to allyship with people of color to transform our community by building coalitions for change.

[Anne-Marie](#) and [Doug Hober](#) also have five copies of the book "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" by Emmanuel Acho. This engaging book seeks to open up a dialogue about systemic racism. If you're interested in reading it, please reach out to the Hobers.



In Good Government last month, members of UUCY joined other community advocates in a Community Billboarding activity to pressure Rep. Seth Grove and other state legislators to end legalized bribery in state government.

And on Primary Day, five UUCY members (Mike Robinson, Deb Gogniat, Charles and Donna Alcorn, and Steve Snell) worked at the largest precinct in Seth Grove's district handing out gift ban literature. Grove is chair of the House Local Government Committee which will soon present an "election reform package" and March on Harrisburg is trying to get the gift ban incorporated in that package.

The Social Justice team is looking for a new team leader for the Economic Security (food/housing)! Corlyn Griggs has served as the team leader for over a year and would like to refocus to the UUCY's commitment to Our Daily Bread and the casseroles we provide every other month. Please reach out to [Tesla Taliaferro](#) with questions and to express interest in leading this effort.

Our next meeting is on June 16, at 6:30 pm. If you have ideas, questions, or want to get engaged, please always feel free to email the Social Justice Committee at socialjustice@uucy.org.

Speaker Series Update

Thank you to the 34 people who responded to the proposed Speaker Series survey. Because the response was quite favorable, a group of interested UUCY members are now brainstorming a path forward with the idea of holding our first Speaker Series event in September. It is our hope the Speaker Series will lift our spirits, inspire and expand our awareness and perhaps provide funds for UUCY. If you have ideas or want more details, please contact [Mike Robinson](#).

General Assembly

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) **General Assembly will be held June 23-27.**

Originally to be held in Milwaukee WI, the event will be held virtually again this year. The UUA states "General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. That remains true even when we cannot gather physically.

Rev. Terry - Reflections



Dear ones, it is time for me to say farewell. If you had told me a month ago that I would be leaving you this summer, I would have said you were crazy.

But a month can be a long time in ministry. I am deeply grateful to those of you, staff and members, who have generously supported my ministry in York these past two years. You know who you are. And I wish my successor, whoever she, he, or they might be, a long and successful ministry in York. It is my hope that the church leadership will heed my advice,

and do the work that the congregation needs to do before another settled minister is called.

Remember that when a lay leader puts their arm over the shoulder of the minister, and lets them know they are doing a great job and that they have the support of the leadership, that can have a much greater impact than any words of "constructive" criticism or advice. Learn to carry your minister on your shoulders.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you these past two years.

With love and appreciation.

And in faith, Rev. Terry Cummings



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