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**Editor: Mary Holdampf**

**March 6, 10:30 a.m.**

**Tricia Larkin**

**March 20, 10:30 a.m**

**Des Shaw**

**Theme Service No. 5**

**Birmingham: Before and After**

**Buddhism and Unitarian Universalism**

Buddhism and Unitarian Universalism both honor the beliefs people hold based on their own experiences and understandings. In neither tradition will anyone tell you what you ought to believe. Come and join in the discussion!

**Coordinator: Laurie Young**

Birmingham, Alabama, is a city that has never known slavery, having been founded six years after the Civil War ended. So why was it that Dr. Martin Luther King chose to make a stand against racism there? And what did he achieve: what has happened to Birmingham in the 50 years since his stand was made? Finally, what have we learned about racism in our own time since Rev. Bailey raised our consciousness on the subject? Maybe Des will be able to answer these questions!

Pledge Drive Kickoff/Potluck

**Coordinator: Luis Torres**

**March 13, 10:30 a.m.**

**Rev. Chris Antal**

**March 27, 10:30 a.m.**

**Joseph Boyd**

**Towards Nuclear Abolition:**

**A Conversation**

How we interpret the past impacts our decisions in the present. What does a free and responsible search for truth about the American bombing of Japan in 1945 reveal, and why does it matter for the world to come? This service is a followup to Rev. Antal's November service. There will be time for discussion!

**Coordinator: Mike Steger**

**Is Good Friday Over?**

Good Friday is the day of Jesus' crucifixion and death, two days before Easter, the promise of new life. How do we reconcile the joy of new life with the inevitable suffering and disappointment of everyday living? This Easter Sunday, we will engage this question.

**Coordinator: Dan Hanchrow & Terri Pahucki**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I experience the month of March as a paradox. It is a time when the season has become tedious and dreary, and I begin to yearn for more sunlight and budding trees. Although it has been a mild winter, we can still look for signs of spring outside, as well as within our religious exploration, as we celebrate fresh knowledge, insight, and questions together.

This month we will begin a series of Earth-centered activities. All ages are invited to celebrate the Spring Equinox on March 19 and to join together for the Easter Sunday intergenerational service on March 27. Throughout the spring our children will have additional opportunities for hands-on “earth-learning” on Sunday mornings and beyond. Look for more information to come!

On Easter Sunday we will celebrate with our annual “Can Hunt”. We will be collecting cans of cat food and dog food, to be donated to the Hi-Tor Animal Shelter, throughout the month of March. Donations can be placed in the collection box near the greeters’ table in the entryway.

Thank you to all who have signed up to teach and assist in the classroom this year! We always welcome additional assistants who might be available to fill in once or twice during the year and give our regularly scheduled teachers a break. This is a great chance to get to know our children and youth, and experience the curriculum a bit. Please contact me if you are able to help out.

## March Schedule

March	6	RE classes, Children’s Worship Service
	13	RE classes
	20	RE classes
	27	Intergenerational Service <i>Easter Sunday</i>

Terri Pahucki  
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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our two newest members, Carl Camenisch and Christine Knorr, who joined UUCR on February 20<sup>th</sup>. We wish you a most successful spiritual journey!

### *Carl Camenisch*

Carl Camenisch was born in Madison, IN and raised in the Presbyterian church. His father was very active in that organization. The story of Carl's spiritual journey through life has been something of an exploration of all world religions. After graduation from Rochester Institute of Technology, he move to California and left organized religion.

While in the SF Bay Area, he became a student and then teacher of the meditation techniques known as TM. He then found the Unity Church (a blend of Eastern and Western religions) and was well on the way to becoming a teacher in that organization until he moved to Rockland County in 2000 and became a father. Going back to his traditions, he was ordained as an Elder in the local Presbyterian Church here where his daughter Angela was baptized. As she became older and the family split up, they went to the Unity Church in Teaneck, NJ. Then a year ago, Carl remarried and wanting to be part of a congregation closer to home in geography and spirit, he and his family found a new home at UCCR

### *Christine Knorr*

Christine Knorr came to the UUCR because she was looking for a religious community in which to raise her daughter and facilitate spiritual growth for herself. As a former Catholic and current Agnostic, she felt she would never fit in anywhere. Christine found that the UU's principles matched her own and was especially interested in opportunities to seek social justice and grow intellectually. As the mother of a girl, she was also seeking a religious community where women are welcomed and treated as equals. She is looking forward to becoming involved in the life of the congregation.

**APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
MARCH 20, 6 PM**

## GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Is there an issue you would like to discuss or a topic you would like to explore with the Congregation? The Board of Worship welcomes members and friends to present a service in the coming months. Contact Mike Steger or Tricia Larkin for more information

## SHAKESPEARE PLAY READING CIRCLE

Join our free monthly Shakespeare play readings with Dan Hanchrow, Director with Children's Shakespeare Theatre and The Strange Bedfellows. Come out and speak the words of the Bard with good company in a relaxed and non-judgmental group. We will begin Saturday March 13 with *Macbeth* (or the Scottish Play if you fear 'the Curse'), and on April 16 we will shift gears with the delightful comedy *Twelfth Night*. Bring a nosh to share and maybe a libation. We will get together at 6:30 at UUCR, talk a little about the play, and then dive in!

Please sign up by emailing Dan at [danbhan@gmail.com](mailto:danbhan@gmail.com) by 3/6 for *Macbeth*, and 4/9 for *Twelfth Night*. Future readings will be announced in April.

*All are welcome!*



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

On Feb. 11, former member and continually vocal justice activist Frances Cott turned 92. She is living with one granddaughter in Ulster County and attends the UUC Rock Tavern. She sounds as vital as ever.  
- Emily Kratzer

## TREASURER'S NEWS

This month UUCR sent \$175 to Guest at Your Table for the UU Service Comm. Many thanks to all who contributed. Remember, March is the end of our third fiscal quarter. Please update your pledges. If current information is needed on your status, contact me at [845-429-0506](tel:845-429-0506). Thank You, Barbara Francis

## SPECIAL ART EXHIBITION

### A Retrospective of Allan F. Avery

**Ridgewood Art Institute: March 5 – March 20**  
**Opening reception: March 6, 2-4 pm**

Allan was a long-time active member of UUCR, and loved the "Church in the Woods". One of his paintings is on display at the Church. Janet and family hope to see UUCR members at the Reception on Sunday March 6. Exhibition starts Saturday March 5 and runs through Sunday March 20. Gallery Hours are posted below and are available on the RAI website:

#### Ridgewood Art Institute Gallery Hours:

**Mon. - Thurs.** 9:30 am - 5:30 pm & 7:30 -9:30 pm  
**Fri. - Sat.** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Sun.** 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[www.ridgewoodartinstitute.org](http://www.ridgewoodartinstitute.org)

## MARCH GREETERS

- March 6: Denise Waite and Emily Kratzer
- March 13: Roberta Chang and Sally Andriette
- March 20: Susan Brunelli and Elaine Aldrich
- March 27: Seamus Gallaher and Alex Finger

## MARCH COFFEE MAVEN *Elaine Aldrich*

*Many thanks, Elaine*

*Treats are always welcome  
at the service!*



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

# CELEBRATE SPRING at the UUCR!

## Let's Be Ready to Hire a Minister!

The annual stewardship campaign is almost here. This is the time of year when we ask you to consider your role as stewards to our religious home. The theme for our annual reflection is "Let's Be Ready to Hire a Minister". Gordon has moved on to warmer pastures, and we are searching for a new half-time minister. What changes need to be made to make ourselves more attractive to prospective candidates? What would make us more welcoming to a new minister, financially, spiritually, and structurally?

Our hardworking treasurer, Barbara Francis, is leading the planning of the new budget. We will be getting input from the various committees, as well as from our splendid administrator Mary Holdampf and inspiring DRE Terri Pahucki.

During this spring campaign, the Board of Trustees wants your input too. Then, beginning March 20<sup>th</sup>, we will ask for financial commitments that will allow us to reach our shared vision.

The Stewardship Campaign will be carried out in two ways:

1. Pledge Drive Kickoff/Pot Luck Lunch on March 20<sup>th</sup> after the service. Membership, led by Geraldine Shaw, will organize the pot luck lunch as usual. The Board of Trustees will organize entertainment. There will be a brief description of the goals of the stewardship campaign, opportunities for your input, and pledge cards to be filled out.
2. Canvassers will schedule individual appointments with all those who cannot attend the Kickoff Lunch.

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Join us for a special Spring Equinox event on Saturday, March 19, from 5:30-7:30. This is a family-friendly event. Adults will begin with a 20-30 minute meditation led by Jane Cowan while the children participate in a Spring Equinox story and craft. Then children will join the adults for a short ritual celebration, followed by a drum circle led by Dan Hanchrow. We'll finish with a potluck meal, and we encourage people to bring spring-themed foods to share: asparagus, greens, peas, radishes, eggs, etc. We hope to provide a babysitter for infants and toddlers.

## MARCH SCHEDULE

- March 5: Yoga, 6 – 7:30 pm (see below)  
March 6: RE Meeting, 9:15 am  
March 12: Yoga with Jane, 10:30 am  
Play Reading w/Dan Hanchrow  
6:30 – 9:30 pm  
March 19: Spring Equinox Celebration,  
5:30-7:30 pm  
March 20: Pledge Drive Kickoff/Potluck  
BOT Meeting, noon  
BOW Meeting, noon  
Newsletter deadline  
March 26: Yoga with Jane, 10:30 am

Al-Anon: Mon. at 9:30 am/ Thurs. at 7:30 pm

## YOGA

DJ GINA TURNER HOUSE MUSIC YOGA Is a fast moving Yoga class suitable for all levels set to a soulful house soundtrack led by DJ Turner herself. Please bring your own mat. A unique experience at a very special place.

- Time: 6 to 7:30pm, March 5, 2016
- Price: \$20
- @Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockland  
130 Concklin Rd, Pomona NY

Get your tickets now! We expect this event to sell out! Tickets are only available through brown paper tickets. See link. More details available at below website.

<http://djginauuyoga.bpt.me>

## HAPPY EASTER

