



SUN. JANUARY 8, 2012 - 11:00 AM

"Veatch Sunday - The New Bottom Line"

George Goehl & The Veatch Board of Governors



On this morning we will welcome to our pulpit George Goehl, the Executive Director of **National People's Action**, a network dedicated to advancing economic and racial justice. George has been an organizer and strategist for 17 years, crafting city, state, and federal campaigns on issues ranging from preventing foreclosures and outlawing predatory lending to advancing immigration reform.

The UU Veatch Program at Shelter Rock invites you to a panel presentation in the Social Hall, immediately after UU Café, where George will be joined by LeeAnn Hall, Executive Director, **Alliance for a Just Society**; and Gordon Whitman, **Director of Public Policy, PICO National Network**. The topic of the day will be The New Bottom Line, a campaign designed to restructure our relationship with Wall Street and the financial sector and advance a vision of a more equitable and sustainable economy.

FRI. JANUARY 13, 2012

"Facing the Darkness"

Rev. Jennifer L. Brower

Soulful Sundown

Join us for an evening of **multi-generational fellowship** and alternative worship. Tonight's service will be led by the Rev. Jennifer L. Brower and the Gathering of Friends band.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., worship is held at 7:30 with programs to follow.

SUN. JANUARY 15, 2012 - 11:00 AM

"Awakening to our Dreams"

Rev. Catherine Torpey

Martin Luther King famously had a dream. Do our dreams spur us to mature action, or keep us in a paralyzed state of wishing and wanting? How do we balance our dreams and visions with the harsh realities we face?

Rev. Catherine Torpey has been the minister of the South Nassau UU Congregation in Freeport, NY, since 2005. Her visit with us, while Rev. Jennifer Brower is on sabbatical, is part of the sabbatical sharing agreement among Long Island UU congregations and ministers

TOUCHSTONES

Rev. Jennifer L. Brower



As one chapter in the book of life comes to an end and we mark our entry into a new year, I share with you the meditation, **Blessings at the Year's End** by Howard Thurman.

I remember with gratitude the fruits of the labors of others, which I have shared as a part of the normal experience of daily living.

I remember the beautiful things that I have seen, heard and felt – some as a result of a definite seeking on my part and many that came unheralded into my path, warming my heart and rejoicing my spirit.

I remember the moments of distress that proved to be groundless and those that taught me profoundly about the evilness of evil and the goodness of good.

I remember the new people I have met, from whom I have caught glimpses of the meaning of my own life and the true character of human dignity.

I remember the dreams that haunted me during the year, keeping me ever mindful of goals and hopes which I did not realize but

from which I drew inspiration to sustain my life and keep steady my purposes.

I remember the awareness of the spirit of God that sought me out in my aloneness and gave me a sense of assurance that undercut my despair and confirmed my life with new courage and abiding hope.

Whether reflecting upon the year just ended or seeking inspiration for how to face the twelve months ahead, I hope that Thurman's words will be of value in framing your thoughts about your life.

Whatever comes in 2012, I hope that you will know many blessings, and experience that which gives you "a sense of assurance that undercuts despair and confirms your life with new courage and abiding hope." Until we see each other again...

Yours in Faith,
Jennifer

Note: The Rev. Jennifer L. Brower will begin a sabbatical leave on January 15th. She will return to her ministry with us in mid-June.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Childcare for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers is available every Sunday during the worship service in Rooms 1 and 2 in the RE Wing.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

RE Staff/Family Breakfast. We begin the new year with an RE Staff/Family Breakfast and Worship with Rev. Margaret Corletti at 9:00 a.m. in Room 15 of the RE. Wing.

This is Veatch Sunday. A multigenerational service will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Worship Room. Families are invited to sit together for the beginning elements of the service. All RE participants will then go to their classes.

The Young People's Choir rehearses at 10 a.m. in the Music Rehearsal Room.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Religious Education Classes begin at 11:00 a.m.

Children's Worship for grades 1-3 begins at 11:05 in the Chapel with Susan Antelis Nykolak.

Grade 1 Parent Orientation is being held in Room 10 from 12:30 to 2:30 with lunch provided. Childcare and lunch are available for first graders and siblings in Room 7. Please RSVP to Barbara Singer – bsinger@uucsr.org or ext. 115 with the names and ages of children who will be in our care.

OTHER RE NEWS

Soulful Sundown: Friday, January 13. Come to the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. for a light supper, then attend a very different kind of worship service in the Worship Room at 7:30 p.m. (Live music, singing and dancing and some inspirational words!)

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Midnight Run needs your help!

Once again, our Senior Seminar youth group is coordinating this beloved service/outreach project to Manhattan's homeless. We need donations of clothing and toiletries (see complete list by the Midnight Run box in the lobby), adult drivers, and folks of all ages to prepare meals

and sort supplies on the evening of Friday, January 6th. For more information, contact Betty Jeanne.

Young Adult / Campus Ministry Will Continue this Spring at CW Post. Students, as well as other young adults, are welcome to attend. Contact Amanda-Beth at amanda.beth.campbell@gmail.com or 516-220-4892 for complete information. This spring's focus will include preparing for a first-ever young adult UU Heritage Trip to Boston in spring!

Interested in a Young Adult Small Group Ministry?

There is interest in a small group ministry for young adults (age 18-35) specifically to get to know and support one another. Are you, or someone you know, curious to learn more? Contact Betty Gold at elizkgold@gmail.com.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Please note that we will not be publishing the Shelter Rock Center for Spiritual Growth -Adult Programs booklet for Spring, 2012. Please refer to the Fall, 2011 booklet for the continuing programs.

CONTINUING PROGRAMS: *UU Then & Now, The Necessity of Virtue, Drum & Rhythm Circle, Group Meditation, The Historical Jesus, Finding Your Place, Dramatic Readings, Coffee and Conversation, The Emerson Circle, Spiritual Masters, Mental Health and Medication, and Immigration as a Moral Issue.*

BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE begins again, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jan. 4th to June 13th, in the Gallery (and sometimes the Social Hall and Bride's Room.) Beginners and experienced players welcome. Paul Drezner, instructor. Call Ben Bortin for details, ext. 134, or BBortin@uucsr.org.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM THEN & NOW. Saturday, Jan. 7, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Art Gallery. This presentation will deal with the historical development, principles, and mission of our religious movement and of our own congregation. Newcomers as well as long term members are invited. The Rev. Dr. Paul S. Johnson is the presenter. **PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP. IF WE DO NOT HAVE AT LEAST FOUR PEOPLE SIGNED UP BY - 01/05/12 - WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL THIS EVENT.**

THE NECESSITY OF VIRTUE. Mondays: Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Art Gallery. How do you clearly articulate your beliefs as a UU to someone completely unfamiliar with the religion? How do you determine what you ought to do? This course of 8 sessions helps us to find answers to both questions. We will view DVDs of the program on virtues presented by Rev. Dr. Galen Guengerich at GA in 2010. At the remaining five sessions, discussions after the viewings will be led by Shelter Rock members: **Jan. 9: Compassion with Ken Snyder**

DRUM AND RHYTHM CIRCLE. Series 2 will be Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14 in the Music Rehearsal Room. The instructor is Glen Fittin, professional percussionist. Participants made a donation of \$120 in advance for the six lessons. Register with Sharyn at ext. 160 or sesposito@uucsr.org.

GROUP MEDITATION. New Dates: Thursdays Jan. 12 & Feb. 9, Veatch House Terrace Room, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Group Meditation is an informal, self-led group, evolving in form and practicing different kinds of meditation. Participants are encouraged to bring spiritual and insightful readings as well as appropriate meditative music to share with the group. For more information please call facilitator Aileen Cox at 516-466-5851.

THE HISTORICAL JESUS. Continues Wednesdays Jan. 11, 18, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Art Gallery. Participants view and discuss DVD's of lectures by an expert, Bart D. Erhman, Ph.D. in which he examines the life of Jesus from a historical perspective. Discussion facilitators are the Rev. Paul Johnson and Bob Nuxoll, retired history professor and Shelter Rock member.

FINDING YOUR PLACE: AN INTRODUCTION TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM. Saturday, Jan. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Begin in the Art Gallery with a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Meet with the ministers and some of our lay leaders to learn all about our religion and the people and customs of this particular congregation. Includes lunch and a tour. Register with Ben Bortin.

DRAMATIC READINGS. Saturdays: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr.

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Our **Small Group Ministry** groups want to extend an invitation to any interested members or friends of the Congregation to join us in one of our monthly meetings.



SGM is a great way to deepen your relationships with other members of our community and explore spiritual topics in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect. Groups meet monthly on the following schedule:

- 1st Friday: 7:30-9:30 p.m.**
- 2nd Sunday: 1:00-3:00 p.m.**
- 2nd Monday: 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- 2nd Wednesday: 1:00-3:00 p.m.**
- 2nd Thursday: 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- 4th Tuesday: 7:30-9:30 p.m. (Fully enrolled)**

Recent topics have included "Personal Heroes and Heroines" (November) and "The Gift of Friendship" (December).

Join us and see what we will discuss this month! Contact SGM Chair Kate Goss or the Minister's Assistant Linda Katsoulos for more information or to register.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

CALLING MUSICIANS OF ALL AGES!



Need some motivation to pick up your instrument? Then participate in the new, intergenerational music mentoring program sponsored by the **Religious Education and Music Committees**.

We are pairing youth and adult musicians who play the same instrument. Once paired, you can pick a duet, set up a time to play, and even perform during a Sunday service.

If you would like to participate, send an e-mail to Lesley Broder at LLBroder@aol.com stating your name, instrument, and whether you are an adult or are registering a youth. We will add you to our list of musicians and let you know when a match is available.

- Lesley Broder for the Music Committee

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012 - JUNE 20-24, PHOENIX, AZ: will be a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations.

-Latifa Woodhouse, Chair of DAC

ADULT PROGRAMS

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14, May 5, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., Art Gallery. The play for Jan. 14 is *House of Blue Leaves* facilitated by Shelter Rock member Mary Lardner. Suggested donation if you bring a food item to share for dinner is \$5.00 or \$10.00 if you don't bring a food item. Please call or email your reservation to Sharyn Esposito.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION. Continues on Sunday, Jan.15, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Staff Lunchroom.

THE EMERSON CIRCLE AT SHELTER ROCK. January's Emerson Circle is **cancelled** due to the Martin Luther King Holiday and other Adult Program conflicts. Next session will be **Feb. 13th** with Sandra Frank Facilitating – the reading will be Emerson's essay *Over Soul*. Next date: **Mar. 12** and once monthly through June, 2012. This is a group devoted to Emerson, his writings, and his relationships and relevance to other thinkers, writers, poets, and scientists of the 19th and 20th Century. The group is self-led, with active participants taking turns choosing topics and facilitating the sessions. See the booklet for more information, or speak to Herb Klitzner at 718-830-056.

SPIRITUAL MASTERS, MENTAL HEALTH AND MEDICATION. Continues Mondays, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in RE Room 18. Learn what the spiritual masters (the Buddha, Jesus, Emerson, et al.) have taught about anxiety and depression. We combine their concepts of the cause and amelioration of mental suffering with our biological knowledge. The facilitator is Shelter Rock member Arthur Rifkin, MD.

IMMIGRATION AS A MORAL ISSUE. Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Art Gallery: Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 27, Apr. 24. Session 3 on Jan. 31: **Economics of (Im)migration**. Session 4 on Feb. 28: **Security, Enforcement and Human Rights**. This six-session study is co-facilitated by Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche and UUCSR Member, Carol McHugh who recently visited the US-Mexican border.

NEW PROGRAMS: that have been added for the Spring are listed below, please refer to future Quests for descriptions of programs and dates: *Multigenerational Class on Wisdom for the Hebrew Scriptures with Marge Corletti & Dana Gumb*, *Book Discussion with Dan McKanan*, *History of the English Language with Barry Nobel*, *Jesus Seminar with Martha & Vince Chimienti*, *Great Conversations 5 with Paul Johnson*, *Book Discussion "How God Changes Your Brain" with Paul Johnson*, *Living - "Simply, Thriftily, and Greenly" with Paul Johnson*, and *Tai Chi Beginners & Intermediate with Fern Cameron*.

GREAT BOOKS – GREAT CONVERSATIONS 5. Books are available in the office for \$27.00, call Sharyn, ext. 160, to arrange pick-up. The first reading, for the February 12th session, will be *Hekabe*.

MULTIGENERATIONAL CLASS ON WISDOM FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES. Starts in January. Sundays, 1:00 -2:00 p.m. in RE Room 15: Jan. 22, Feb. 19, Mar. 11 & Apr. 15 Sessions will be facilitated by the Rev. Margaret Corletti and Dana Gumb. This program offers multigenerational workshops based on stories from the Hebrew Scriptures. Some have been told to children in Sunday school classes and Hebrew school for generations; others will be unknown even to some adults. Some of those narratives fit well with contemporary UU values and others are more challenging in both the theology and the values expressed. All of these stories offer wisdom that can help people of all ages grow in spiritual depth and understanding.

HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. in RE Room 15: Jan. 24, Feb. 21 & Mar. 20. Sessions will be facilitated by congregant Barry Noble who has a degree linguistics. This program offers three sessions as follows: Session I: **Indo-European roots through Old English**. Session II: **Middle English**. Session III: **Modern English**.

Save the Date:
VEATCH SUNDAY 2012

THE NEW BOTTOM LINE

fairness • economic security • democracy • people

Sunday, January 8, 2012

11:00 AM – Worship

1:00 PM – Panel

Featuring Veatch Program grantees:

*National People's Action Alliance for a Just Society
PICO National Network*

CARING COMMITTEE



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Our committee tries to coordinate Caring within our religious institution -- we send cards, flowers, visit the sick, provide food. Our goal is to touch any member who needs a helping hand or, perhaps, just a reminder that he or she is part of a larger community who cares about them. But we can't do this without you -- (yes, you!). If you know of someone who needs a loving touch, let us know. It may be someone who is ill, suffered a loss, or perhaps someone who can't get out of the house and would like to talk to someone. We have several members who have volunteered to simply call someone on the telephone -- and what a difference that can make to a person who is alone.

So let us know what you know...you can e-mail caring@uucsr.org or call Betty Gold at 718.805.6929. Yes, we are a Caring Community -- but it only happens if we work at it!

ATTENTION RE PARENTS: A new monthly **Spirituality Circle** will be forming in January 2012. This circle will provide a safe and sacred place for people to discover, explore and deepen their spirituality. More details to come! - *Caring Committee*

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MILESTONES

We extend well wishes to... Bonnie Mykel, Director of RE. Feel better and wishing you a speedy recovery. Hope to see you back at UUCSR soon!

The resident's of Hadley House would like to thank the Caring Committee for the delicious cookies that we received. They were the perfect touch for our tree trimming event and were greatly appreciated. -*Janet Goodman, Chair, Resident's Council.*

A special thank you to the musicians at the **Men's Group Holiday Sing-Along**, which happened to be the largest turn out yet. Richard Bock on piano, Naomi Loewy on violin and Don Monaco on Saxophone. I understand that they led the group in a wonderful, fun, successful Sing-Along, I am sorry I had to miss this event. Also, a big thank you to both Craig Jennings

UU VEATCH PROGRAM AT SHELTER ROCK

As I recall, the Veatch Program sponsors a special "Veatch Sunday" presentation every January? Is that happening again this year? If so, what's the theme and who's coming to Shelter Rock?



We're all in for a treat on **January 8**, the date of this year's **Veatch Sunday**. The timing couldn't be better to hear from three social change activist leaders about their work for economic justice.

First of all, public attention is focused on Washington, DC, as Congress decides the fate of both unemployment benefits and the payroll tax surcharge. And in addition, Occupy Wall Street has made all Americans ask how citizens can hold banks and other financial institutions accountable for the financial mess we're in. These are precisely the issues our visiting grantees are tackling through a campaign called The New Bottom Line.

In 2010, leaders from three Veatch grantees--**National People's Action, PICO National Network** and **Alliance for a Just Society**—launched this campaign to achieve three big goals:

- *Restructure Wall Street* so that families can build wealth, income and wealth gaps can close, and structural wealth disparities along racial lines can end;
- Reclaim and shift the nation's politics towards a serious conversation about what it will take to *restore economic opportunity for all*; and
- Advance an alternate vision of how the *economy can serve the many rather than the few*.

Three leaders of The New Bottom Line campaign will join us on January 8. **George Goehl** will deliver the sermon during the 11:00 AM worship service. He will be joined by **LeeAnn Hall** and **Gordon Whitman** for a panel at 1:00 PM.

George Goehl is Executive Director of **National People's Action (NPA)**, an organizing network that includes more than 200 organizers and staff representing racially, ethnically, and religiously diverse metropolitan, regional and statewide power structures across the country. LeeAnn Hall is Executive Director of the **Alliance for a Just Society (AJS)**, a network committed to altering the distribution of power in our society by helping develop grassroots leadership and strengthen community organizing. Gordon Whitman is Director of **Public Policy for PICO National Network (PICO)**, a national network of 50 congregation-based community organizations in 150 cities and towns and 17 states fighting for vibrant communities and sustainable, shared prosperity for all.

We hope everyone will join us for the service and panel at this year's Veatch Sunday, January 8.

The UUCSR Veatch Program provides support for efforts within the religious and spiritual mission of the Congregation where their purposes are best served by outside agencies acting under the Supervision of the Veatch Program and the Congregation.

THANK YOU'S

and Robert Swiatko who facilitated the event. Without them we wouldn't have had what has become a Men's Group annual event for the congregation and their friends. Thank you to all who participated! We hope to see everyone next year! -*John Zimmermann, Chair, Men's Group*

Thank you to all of those who volunteered to help at the **Holiday Decorations Party**. The event was a great success due to your hard work. -*Barbara Dilsner, RE Volunteer Coordinator*

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THANK YOU'S

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On December 4 the special collection totaled \$1,649.31. This will be sent to the **UU Association of Uganda**. We received the following words of appreciation from Rev. Mark Kiyimba, minister of the only UU Congregation in Uganda: *"It was another moment of truth for me to be part of the UU Congregation of Shelter Rock. I enjoyed working with Rev. Jennifer Brower and with Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche. I send special thanks to my host family, Colin and Latifa Woodhouse. To all the Shelter Rock Congregation members, thanks for your support. I look forward to a strong partnership in the future."*

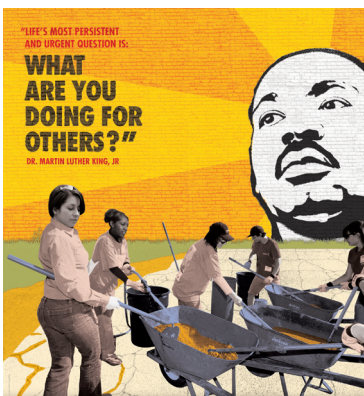
Our **holiday food drives** this year were very successful. For Thanksgiving we collected \$2,419 which provided 200 turkeys shared by the North Shore INN Soup Kitchen at Glen Cove and the AIDS Center of Queens County. During December we collected \$1,300 which provided roasting chickens for 200 families served by the INN at Glen Cove. Thanks to everyone who participated. Your generosity is so appreciated!

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thirty Days of Love: From January 16, Martin Luther King Day to February 14, Valentine's Day, we will join other Unitarian Universalists in observing **"Standing on the Side of Love: 30 Days of Love"**.

We will begin our observance with a service project on the weekend of the Martin Luther King Holiday, when millions of people across the country will be taking time to help others. Join UUCSR members and friends in a project to aid guests at the soup kitchen run by the UU Congregation in Queens.

The Social Justice Committee invites all ages—children accompanied by parent(s), youth, and adults to join in a UUCSR service project to commemorate the birthday of this great civil rights leader and kick off our 30 Days of Love.



On Friday, January 13 after Soulful Sundown join them in the main kitchen to cook a meal for the soup kitchen run by the UU Congregation of Queens. On Saturday, January 14 join them in delivering and serving the meal at UUCQ (10:30 am – 2 pm).

No registration is required for the Friday service project.

For further information, contact Social Justice Coordinator Claire Deroche at 516-627-6560, ext. 177 or cderoche@uucsr.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR Claire Deroche

Are You the Person of the Year?

By now you probably know that *Time* magazine chose The Protester as its 2011 Person of the Year. Frankly, I can't think of a better choice.



Mannoubia Bouazizi, Tunisia The rage against authoritarian rulers, rampant unemployment, and a future of no possibilities ignited protests in other Mid-East countries: Syria, Bahrain, Yemen, Algeria, and Libya. Finally, in Russia, Greece and the USA, through the "Occupy Wall Street" movement, millions more joined the groundswell that has come to involve countries whose populations total at least 3 billion people, almost half of the total population of the world! *Time* magazine sums it up well: "Two decades after the final failure and abandonment of communism, they [the protesters] believe they're experiencing the failure of hell-bent megascaled crony hypercapitalism and pine for some third way, a new social contract."

Reading the *Time's* article caused me to ask: what have I protested in 2011? Did I protest the unjust and often unconstitutional treatment of persons in this country without documents by joining others to call attention to this crisis? Did I protest the bloated military budget that takes up 60 % of our country's annual spending by calling and writing to my elected officials? Did I protest the criminal actions of the big banks by moving my own accounts to a credit union or neighborhood bank? What will I protest in the new year that is upon us?

What did you protest in 2011? What will you protest in 2012? What values and principles will you stand up for in the coming year? What action on behalf of justice will you commit to in 2012?

As Dorothy Day once said, "No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There's too much work to do." I think that's what the 2011 Person of the Year is telling us. Each one of us is that Person. Let's get out there, protest, and bring about a more just society for all!

CARING COMMITTEE

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Helping India. Rotary of Locust Valley is collecting walkers, wheelchairs, canes, and crutches to send to India, where people are still suffering from polio.

Bring your cast-off durable goods between **January 8th and 15th**, and store them in the Recovery Room (downstairs in the Veatch House).

This is a wonderful opportunity to help people—thanks to member Janis Schoen who is working with Rotary!

Winter Birthdays. The Caring Committee will be celebrating all Winter Birthdays on Sunday, January 8th!

WOMEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

You-Knew-It-All-the-Time News! Science Journal Reports NO BIOLOGICAL REASON for GENDER GAP in MATH & SCIENCE. The Science journal Pharyngula reports that research scientists Mertz and Kane found that test scores of children from the poorest countries were affected by poverty, but that after that GENDER EQUITY is positively correlated with improved test scores for girls and boys. The most important factor contributing to academic performance is CULTURAL, not biological. "It's very reproducible from exam to exam," Mertz says. "If we were willing to speculate, one thing the U.S. might do to improve math performance by women would be to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution." Our attitudes and how we perceive the roles of women and men need to change to reflect the reality of scientific research. Just 27% of math Ph.D.'s go to women. 27% of people who have careers in science, technology, math and engineering are women; and 30% are college professors. Looking forward to a big jump in these statistics in 2012 when women storm the fields of math and science! – *Pat Luciano, Women's Issues Chair of UUCSR Women's Group*

WOMEN'S GROUP BOOK SERIES. - *Pink Brain, Blue Brain* by Lise Eliot. Lise Eliot takes the challenge of addressing the difference between little boys and little girls, to explain how modest differences at birth between the brains of boys and girls are amplified by social factors that in turn produce anatomical changes in the brain to give rise to the greater differences evident in the actions of brains of mature men and women. Using language that is clear to all of us, she brings this theme into the 21st century by showing us how we can help to initiate and maintain intellectual and social equality for both the pink and blue babies of the future as they mature. Join discussion leader, Pat Luciano, in the Veatch House Library, on **Jan. 20th** at 7:30 as we discuss this book.

WOMEN'S GROUP – T.G.I.F. SAVE THE DATE: Women in the Arts – January 6th, at 7:00 p.m. See ad on pg. 8 for more information.

WOMEN TALK DAYTIME – Wed., January 4- 12 Noon in the Art Gallery. Please join us for a stimulating discussion of National and World news and your predictions for the New Year. **Wed., January 18** - 12 Noon in the Art Gallery. "Things I am learning as I'm growing older" will be the topic of our discussion group. Bring lunch - Beverage & Cookies provided. - *Annette McMahon & Doris Miller, co-chairs*

MEN'S GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S GROUP POKER & PIZZA NIGHT – Wednesday, January, 4 – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Oval Room. Open to all Adult UUCSR Members & their guests. Attendance capped at 8. **YOU MUST RSVP** with Sharyn at ext. 160

ALL BLUEBIRD CAFÉ – SONG CIRCLES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR HAVE BEEN Postponed indefinitely – due to lack of participation.

COME TO THE MEN'S GROUP PLANNING MEETING – Be a part of the planning committee for the rest of the year's Men's Group events. Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22 in the Veatch Conference Room at 12:30 – Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Sharyn at ext. 160.

SUPERBOWL PARTY – Sunday, Feb. 5 – 5:30 p.m. – Social Hall. Come watch the game on the HUGE HD 25' x 25' screen. Hot food, salads, sandwiches, snacks, desserts and beverages. \$15.00 for Members and \$20.00 for Non-Members. Raffles & Prizes. Proceeds after expenses will benefit United Veterans Beacon House. Open to all UUCSR members and their guests. RSVP to Sharyn at ext. 160.

The Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees invite you to a presentation on

THE TRUTH ABOUT FRACKING IN NEW YORK

Thursday, January 26, 2012

7:30-9:30 p.m. Art Gallery

Guest Speaker:

Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director
Citizens Campaign for the Environment

GREEN SANCTUARY

Jim Peters

Here Comes the Sun

The controversy about hydro-fracking overlooks an obvious alternative: solar. In constant dollars, the cost of solar (photovoltaic) panels has decreased by approximately 7 % per year. In a very few years, it will be cheaper to generate electric power this way than using natural gas. Solar is already cheaper than nuclear.

Home owners on Long Island are taking advantage of LIPA rebates and tax credits to install solar panels. Companies are springing up across the Island to do installations so this means jobs. Installing panels on a home, business or religious institute also appeals to a sense of independence or self-reliance. It is good to be off the grid.

Aside from solar panels, there are several technologies that involve parabolic reflecting mirrors. The mirrors concentrate sunlight to produce heat. In turn, this heat goes to a turbine or engine which generates electricity. This is large scale solar and has the advantage that power is still generated after the Sun sets. One such tower, under construction in the Mohave Desert, will supply 400 megawatts of electricity. This is comparable to the power output of a nuclear power plant.

It is time to transition from fossil fuel to alternative non-polluting sources. Tell your senators to do so.

Men's Group Presents

Super Bowl Sunday Feast

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

5:30 p.m. Social Hall

Watch the game on the HUGE HD 25' x 25' screen.

\$15.00 for Members /\$20.00 for Non-Members.

Raffles & Prizes.

Proceeds after expenses will benefit United Veterans Beacon House.
RSVP to Sharyn at ext. 160.

BI-WEEKLY PLANNER

Tuesday, January 03, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:30 AM Memory Training
 7:30 PM Senior Housing Board Task Group
 7:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting
 7:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting
 7:30 PM RE Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 04, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 10:00 AM Religious Educator's Cluster Meeting
 10:15 AM Beginning Bridge Class
 12:00 PM Women Talk Daytime
 6:30 PM Pizza & Poker

Thursday, January 05, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:30 AM INN Cooking
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 06, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 1:00 PM Bridge
 4:00 PM Midnight Run
 7:00 PM T.G.I.F. - Women in the Arts
 7:30 PM Small Group Ministry Session

Saturday, January 07, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:00 AM UU Then & Now
 9:00 AM Quilting
 11:00 AM Yoga
 6:00 PM Veatch Dinner

Sunday, January 08, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:00 AM RE Staff/Family Breakfast
 9:00 AM Women's Group Board Meeting
 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast
 11:00 AM Veatch Sunday Worship-

11:20 AM Multigenerational Service 11-11:20am
 12:00 PM RE classes
 12:00 PM UU Cafe
 12:45 PM Music Committee Meeting
 12:45 PM Veatch Sunday Workshop
 1:00 PM Small Group Ministry Session
 1:00 PM LI Soldier's Project Meeting

Monday, January 09, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 12:00 PM Memory Training
 6:00 PM Small Group Ministry Session
 7:30 PM Virtues Course
 7:30 PM Program Council Meeting
 7:30 PM Social Justice Committee

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:30 AM Memory Training
 10:00 AM UUMA - LI Cluster
 3:30 PM Adult Programs Meeting
 7:30 PM BOT- Agenda Planning Meeting
 7:30 PM FPNC Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 10:15 AM Beginning Bridge Class
 12:30 PM Reach Out America
 1:00 PM Small Group Ministry Session
 7:30 PM The Historical Jesus
 7:30 PM DAC Meeting
 7:30 PM SRI Committee Meeting
 8:00 PM Monthly Spirituality Circle

Thursday, January 12, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 6:00 PM Small Group Ministry Session
 6:30 PM Caring Committee Meeting
 7:00 PM Group Meditation
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 13, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:00 AM Artist - Hanging
 6:30 PM Souful Sundown

Saturday, January 14, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 8:30 AM Orientation "Finding Your Place"
 9:00 AM Quilting
 11:00 AM Yoga
 5:00 PM Dramatic Readings

Sunday, January 15, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation
 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM Bagel Breakfast
 11:00 AM RE Classes
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:00 PM UU Cafe
 12:30 PM Grade 1 Parent Orientation
 1:00 PM Artist - Reception

Monday, January 16, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

12:00 AM INN Toy Sorting
 9:30 AM Memory Training
 7:00 PM Board of Governors Meeting
 7:30 PM Housing Board Meeting

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

The building will be closed on **Monday, January 2** in observance of New Year's and on **Monday, January 16** for Martin Luther King Day.

MEMBERSHIP JOTTINGS

Ben Bortin

Chinese New Year, Persian New Year, and Jewish New Year notwithstanding – all of which commemorated in recent times at UUCSR, January 1st comes as close as there is to a global holiday. It's part of our rendering unto Caesar. January 1st, the marking of the new year started with the Julian calendar, and we've maintained that starting point for a little over 2000 years. The word "January," by the way, is for the Roman god Janis, looking backward and forward at the same time. So a healthy, restorative, and rejuvenating New Year to you all!

An event a little under two weeks from now that I want to highlight is the **UUCSR Orientation**. It's **Saturday, January 14th**, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Continental breakfast and lunch are included).

The Orientation is particularly valuable for newcomers and newer members – but highly worthwhile for all. I've been in college class sessions that were nowhere as informative and interesting as Rev. Paul Johnson's hour-history of the liberal way in religion.

(By the way, you may know of two scientists, important in the making of Unitarianism... Michael Servetus, a doctor, and one of the first publically to challenge the doctrine of the trinity, and also perhaps the first to discover pulmonary circulation of blood, and Joseph Priestley, discoverer of oxygen, and with it, seltzer, and the founder of the first Unitarian congregation on these shores, in Pennsylvania.)

This program is, as well, an opportunity to share religious journeys, and to learn about the workings of this marvelous democratic religious community, the UU Congregation of Shelter Rock. RSVP with me by Wednesday, Jan. 11th, at ext. 134.

Wishing you well, Ben

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

Don Giovanni. There may be a few tickets still available for the expedition to the Metropolitan Opera performance of Don Giovanni, March 10th. Contact Ben Bortin for details, ext. 134, BBortin@uucsr.org.)



Finding Your Place - An Orientation to Unitarian Universalism & to the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock.

January 14, 8:30-2:00 p.m. This program is a helpful introduction to the unique Unitarian Universalist way of being

religious and to some of the people and customs of this particular congregation.

UU history, theology and polity will be discussed, as well as expectations of members of this congregation. Participants will have a chance to talk with the ministers, meet some of the key lay leaders of the congregation and learn about the breadth of programs here at UUCSR.

Shelter Rock Singles features Lilyan Strassman, Friday, Jan. 20th, 7:30 p.m. in the Veatch House, with the topic, "Retaining the Self in a Relationship. \$10/ person. Call Ben Bortin for details, ext. 134.

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THE WOMEN'S GROUP PRESENTS

Women in the Arts

JANUARY 6, 2012

7:30 p.m. - Social Hall

Please join us for an evening of celebration and exploration with local women artists!

You will enjoy learning how they began their creative journey why and how they continue to create despite ever increasing demands on time and resources.

Come and share their joy as they demonstrate their art. Featuring dancers, painters and fiber artists to just to name a few!

With Light Refreshments



From JANUARY 16 Martin Luther King Day to
FEBRUARY 14 Valentine's Day

Join us in observing

"STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE: 30 DAYS OF LOVE"



We will begin our observance with a service project on the weekend of the Martin Luther King Holiday, when millions of people across the country will be taking time to help others. Join UUCSR members and friends in a project to aid guests at the soup kitchen run by the UU Congregation in Queens.

The Social Justice Committee invites all ages—children accompanied by parent(s), youth, and adults to join in a UUCSR service project to commemorate the birthday of this great civil rights leader and kick off our 30 Days of Love.

On Friday, January 13 after Soulful Sundown join them in the main kitchen to cook a meal for the soup kitchen run by the UU Congregation of Queens. On Saturday, January 14 join them in delivering and serving the meal at UUCQ (10:30 am – 2 pm).